PROMINES ARTISANAL MINING IN THE DRC

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Pact Inc. in the Congo

- Pact is an international NGO for development, based in Washington DC

- Started in DRC in 2003 working on livelihoods, economic development and child protection

- It was clear that the mining sector was a major force in conflict and development

- Since 2005, focused on improving community benefits from mining and reducing its negative impacts

PROMINES

- PROMINES is a technical assistance project of the World Bank, co-funded by DFID, to work with the DRC government to restructure the Congolese mining sector

- Objectives:
  - Increase the volume and value of mineral production
  - Strengthen the management capacity of the state
  - Increase the benefits of mineral exploitation into growth and development

PROMINES' Five Components

| Improve the national geological database | Strengthen government capacity to manage the sector | Improve tax trans- parency and collection | Improve mining revenue distribution | Promote sustainable develop- ment based on mining |

PROMINES Artisanal Mining Study

- □ Artisanal mining was given a special treatment
- □ Pact was contracted to carry out a consultation in Ituri, N.Kivu, S.Kivu and Katanga
- □ Workshops, interviews, visits to mine sites
- □ Recommendations were validated, analyzed, and used to create a framework
- □ Some interventions are cross-cutting: e.g. SAESSCAM
- □ Some interventions are site-specific: e.g. Traceability and Certification

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LIMITATIONS

- The sector is vast
- Potential to disrupt vested interests
- Expectations are very high and some will not be met
- Targets must be realistic level but this will not satisfy everyone

How companies and other organizations can participate

- PROMINES has DRC government mandate as the coordination mechanism for interventions in the DRC mining sector

- Projects that have common elements should share information and approaches

- PROMINES provides a framework for donors in other (non-mining) sectors to engage in ASM

How can various efforts work together and complement each other?

- Advocacy groups and implementing groups should agree on what is acceptable and realistic

- Even small steps towards progress must be recognized and reinforced

- All initiatives should carry out risk analysis to identify the potential unintended consequences of well-intentioned efforts

Summary

- PROMINES is a multi-donor, technical assistance project to restructure the DRC mining sector

- Artisanal mining is just one part of PROMINES

- The design phase has just finished and the mechanism for implementation is being developed (in three 5-year phases)

- PROMINES has the government mandate to be the coordinating body for all interventions in reform of the mining sector in the DRC