

## **WHY THE NEED FOR SPECIAL POOLED FUNDING FOR SMALL SCALE MINING INDUSTRIES**

We propose the establishment of a **SPECIAL POOLED FUNDING FOR SMALL SCALE MINING INDUSTRIES**. The fund shall have the purpose of aggregating funds for the development of SSMs. As noted else in this report, the SSM industry needs to attract and retain highly qualified professionals like geologists and metallurgists whose special skills can lead to the improvement of prospecting and mining management. By their unique contribution, these mining experts will propel the SSM industry to tremendous improvement as they bring to the organization improved environmental management skills. The fund shall be the principal source of remuneration for them so they stay motivated and well recompensed. It shall also help set up industrial complex at mining sites which shall service the needs of SSM industries.

In our well-considered opinion, the improvement of the operations of SSMs shall introduce a healthy and favorable competition in the mining industry and enable SSMs contribute more to the economy. By available stats, MNMCs produce only 5% to the economy and are the main extractive entities in the country. By offsetting this monopoly through logistical and operational empowerment, SSM industries can offer a viable alternative to increasing the government's revenue from mining

The proposed fund shall be resourced in part by PMMC, Government of Ghana, the minerals commission, gold merchants and jewelers, and other interested identified bodies. It will be administered by stakeholders in the SSM industry which includes the Chamber, Minerals Commission, YEA etc. The beneficiaries would be identifiable and registered SSM groups as per well designed data of each individual or persons across all the targeted mining communities in Ghana.

## **MAIN OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED**

- a) As a viable complement to Ghana or the state efforts in the past and currently controlling small scale mining and Galamsey activities.
- b) As a sustainable job creation avenue for the youth in the mining regime and communities in the country under ministerial approach.
- c) Total indigenization of Ghana's mining industry through participation of all major stake holders especially Chiefs in all mining communities, government organizations, assembly members and core cooperative groups to ensure sustainable jobs under transparent governance and accountability.
- d) Total departure from control of political class capture through the current crux of small scale mining industry.

**DETAILS OF FINANCIAL PROJECTION TO AGGREGATE OUR REQUEST  
FOR FUNDING / DONOR SUPPORT**

<b>COMPONENT</b>	<b>COST IN MILLION US DOLLARS</b>	<b>REMARKS AND NARRATIVE STATEMENT</b>
Remuneration of expected new crops of university graduates from UMaT, KNUST, Technical Universities and from others unspecified	25.00	Engagement of formal middle level man power in the SSM as specified in source document
Consultancy	5.00	Payment for additional services apart from COSSMIG own expert and engagement of others.
Protocol	10.00	Compensations and accessibilities as indicated in source document payment of traditional land owners
Massive reclamation of degraded lands and restoration of river bodies	20.00	COSSMIG's quest to restore landscape, forest areas and polluted and diverted water bodies as a result of mining activities.
Education and formation of co-operative mining and sustainable alternative livelihood groups in mining communities	15.00	Key factors in realization of a major objective of sustainable project with the introduction of co-operative innovation in small scale mining industry on best practice and environment governance
Exploration	10.00	COSSMIG's fundamental request the most important component of suitable mining, project making and investment.
Set up of industrial hub and offices as an integral part for		Office and industrial hub or complex to be establish in 8 mining regions for training,

training the unemployed youth in mining communities	10.00	place for machines and equipment for hiring, place for vendors and service to create mass employment in various sectors
Contingencies	5.00	Unexpected Expenditure
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00 Million USD</b>	<b>For Government of Ghana and Donor Support</b>

**\* The details of financial projection is for only the Eastern Region of Ghana.**