



Republic of South Sudan

Ministry of Petroleum & Mining

June 19, 2013

Ministerial Order No: RSS/MPM/J/OM/08/2013 for the cessation and curbing of all illegal mining activities in the Republic of South Sudan.

Pursuant to the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan 2011, **Articles 171 (4), 177 (2a & 2m)**, read together with Schedules **A (17)**); in accordance with **Sections 2, 4 and 8** of the Mining Act 2012; and following many continuing reports on illegal mining going on in various areas of the Republic of South Sudan, **I, Stephen Dhieu Dau, the Minister of Petroleum & Mining** is issuing the following order:

1. The immediate cessation of all illegal and unauthorized mining activities as decreed by the Mining Act, 2012.
2. All licenses issued prior to the enactment and coming into force of this Act and whose Title Holders have not applied to the Ministry of Petroleum and Mining for renewal as a priority within the 60 days of the coming into effect of the Act are hereby revoked pursuant to section 2 (2)(b) of the Mining Act, 2012.
3. A Holder of a revoked license shall pursuant to the provisions of the Mining Act 2012, immediately cease mining activities and deliver to the Director General of Minerals Development, Ministry of petroleum and Mining, all reports and records that the Title Holder is obliged under the provisions of the Act to submit, all plans or maps of the area covered by the Mineral Title prepared by the Title Holder or at its instructions; and such other documents relating to the Mineral Title as the Director General may direct.
4. Any currently illegal mining operation should report through its responsible person or its owner to the Director General of Mineral Development and apply for the relevant Licence(s).
5. Any person in possession of Gold or any other mineral product mined under an illegal license or for which royalty due to the Government has not been paid must immediately hand over such gold or mineral product to the Ministry within 5 days of this order.

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6. Any person in possession of Gold or any mineral product procured illegally, shall pay to the Ministry of Petroleum and Mining the price of mined out mineral and in case the mineral is disposed of, its royalty and rent or taxes, as may be payable for the mineral mined illegally from an area.
7. All metal detectors seized or still in possession by individuals be surrendered to Ministry of Petroleum and Mining for legal registration purposes. Failing will result to the Seizure of illegally mined products and any tools, boats and conveyances used in mining such products by the Police and the marking and reporting of such seized mineral products to the Ministry.

This Ministerial Order is effective today, Wednesday, June 19, 2013.



Hon. Stephen Dhieu Dau
Minister, Petroleum and Mining, RSS, Juba

