

# 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 transparency and collection

Improve mining revenue distribution

Promote sustainable development 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