

Mining and Energy sectors in East Africa

Be informed on the latest news from the mining and energy sectors in East Africa! In this newsletter, we will highlight some exciting developments and opportunities that are making waves in the region.

"Powering East Africa's Green and Clean Future: A Hub of Opportunities for Investors"

The East African region is making great strides towards becoming a leader in green and clean energy in Africa. Over the past few years, we have witnessed significant infrastructure development projects in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. For instance, Kenya has taken a step further by signing an agreement with the European Union Commission to build the first-ever green mobility Nairobi core bus rapid transit (BRT), which will help to reduce emissions and ensure energy transition does not affect the environment. Tanzania is also making progress in this area, with a recent report indicating that it is a potential market for electric vehicles.

Investors looking to tap into East Africa's burgeoning market will be pleased to hear that Tanzania has signed a framework agreement worth USD 667 million with Australian companies to mine rare earth minerals and graphite that are important in electric vehicles and other renewable energy equipment. This comes after Vice President of the United States of America, Kamala Harris's first visit to Africa, where she witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of understanding between the Export-Import Bank of the United States and Tanzania to enhance trade between the two countries by supporting up to USD 500 million worth of U.S exports to Tanzania in transportation, infrastructure, digital technology, and clean energy projects.



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Uganda is also making significant strides towards achieving its 60% accessibility to electricity target by 2027 through the new electricity law that motivates investors who want stable and efficient electricity to purchase electricity directly from power generators at a tariff of USD 5 cents. The Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) is also in the process of forming regulations based on the power exchange to achieve reliability and security of power supply. Additionally, Uganda has signed a deal with China National Nuclear Cooperation to implement the exploitation and generation of electricity from nuclear power by 2031.

Kenya is already living the dream of a private-public partnership in the power industry, with its power utility and African Development Bank holding a workshop on a private-public partnership aimed at advancing the country's power industry by establishing synergies.

The East African region presents a significant opportunity for investors looking to tap into a rapidly growing market with big infrastructure projects that will fast-track the movement of goods and services. With the region's focus on green and clean energy, it is indeed an exciting time to invest in East Africa.

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