INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONDUCTING A BASELINE STUDY ON TRANSPARENCY AND COMPLIANCE IN EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY IN RWANDA

1. Background and context

Mining sector is the biggest source of export revenues after tourism and in NST1, Rwanda targets the mining sector to generate USD 1.5B in export revenues by 2024. This ambition goes concurrently with targets to increase jobs, certified mine sites with efficient water and wastes management system and certified mine sites with safe and secure working conditions.

While acknowledging the contribution to the national development, the mining activities often impact significantly on the environment. For instance, sand harvesting and quarrying show some significant environmental impacts, including resource depletion, energy consumption, waste generation and emissions of air pollutants. It is therefore critical that the development of mining sector should take into consideration the need for environmental protection in order to ensure that sustainable development is targeted as the ultimate goal.

In the framework of Transparency International Rwanda (TI-RW) strategic plan 2020-2024, under the strategic axis “Fostering Citizens centered governance”, environmental governance was identified as one key cluster for TI-RW intervention to increase Transparency, compliance with the existing laws and citizens’ centred environmental management”.

In this regard, Transparency International Rwanda has received support from Norwegian People’s Aid in the framework of PPIMA project to conduct a baseline study on Transparency, Compliance and impacts of the extractive industries on the direct beneficiaries (workers, land owners and extractive sites neighbors) as well as analyzing any side effects on environment.
It is in this framework that TI-Rwanda would like to recruit a consultant to conduct a situational analysis study in mining sector in Rwanda with the objectives to assess to what extent, transparency and compliance are observed in extractive industry in Rwanda.

2. Object of the Baseline study

The ultimate goal of this study is to empower citizens through raising awareness on the social and environmental problems related to mining activities, as well as increasing the roles that CSOs and Private Sector can play in promoting integrity, transparency and accountability in mining sector. More specifically, the baseline study intends to determine quantitatively and qualitatively the current situation in relation to Transparency, compliance in extractive industry in Rwanda and the level of the implementation of safeguards policies in mining sectors for ensuring sustainable development.

3. Scope of the study

The consultancy consists of conducting a baseline study in the area of Transparency and Compliance in mining sector. The consultant is required to design representative sample from the national level and determine the number of focus group discussions and interviews to be conducted. The study components will include:

- Desk review:
  ✓ Mapping all certified mines at the national level
  ✓ Assess the legislative and institutional frameworks put in place by the government of Rwanda to increase the productivity in mining sector while reducing the environmental and health effects of mining activities on the people?
- Data collection from key resource persons (mining workers, Mining sites present or formers land owners; local leaders and mining companies’ owners); The consultant will:
  ✓ Scrutinize mining companies’ compliance level with mining law and policies in Rwanda?
  ✓ Assess to what extend transparency and accountability are observed in mining services
  ✓ Examine how gender is mainstreamed in mining sector
  ✓ Assess the risk coping mechanisms in place to deal with socioeconomic and environment issues related to mining activities
  ✓ Analyze the socio-economic impact on the land owners, mining sites neighbors; workers,…
✓ Formulate recommendations to mitigate challenges related to Transparency issues, lack of Compliance and negative impacts of the extractive industries on the direct beneficiaries (workers, land owners and extractive sites neighbors) as well as on environment.

4. Duration
The study will be conducted in two phases:
Phase 1: prepare an inception report which will include detailed methodology and develop research tools subject to be validated by a technical team who will be appointed for this purpose. This assignment is expected to be concluded in seven men-days (including the validation) and has to be concluded by 20th December 2020.

Phase 2: Subject to the successful completion of Phase 1, will start in January 2021 and will include the implementation of the proposed methodology of data collection, report writing and report validation. It is assigned to this component 60 men-days. The successful individual consultant will start this assignment as soon as possible following the completion of the recruitment process and signing the contract thereof.

5. Qualifications and competences for the consultant:
It is expected that the consultant should have:

- Master degree in Mining Engineering, Geology and Exploration of Mineral Resources, Environment science and other engineering sciences related to the task;
- Have a minimum of 5 years of experience of conducting studies related to mining industry or environmental sector;
- Strong research skills and experience in both quantitative and qualitative surveys;
- Excellent command of English and outstanding written;
- Excellent analytical, interpersonal, communication and reporting skills;
- Proof of former conducted research assignments is a requirement;
6. **How to Apply**

Interested candidates are requested to read and strictly follow the detailed terms of reference and submit both the technical and financial proposals, letter of application and CVs. The application shall be submitted in sealed envelope at TI-RW Head Office, located in Remera (near Grand Legacy Hotel) **not later than 20th November 2020**, at 5:00 PM.

The best applicant will be invited to TI-RW office for face to face hearing on the technical proposal and later on, contract negotiation. For any further clarification, please contact us at amupiganyi@tirwanda.org or tel. +250788309563 during working hours.

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