

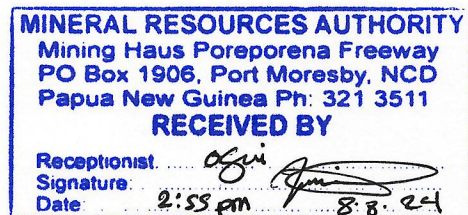


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Date: 07th August, 2024

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Attention: Warden for Mt Kare – EL 2429

SUBJECT: SERIOUS DISSATISFACTION OVER THE OUTCOME OF WARDEN'S HEARING CONDUCTED IN TARI ON 18 JULY 2024, FOR THE 1ST IN -TIME APPLICANT FOR MT. KARE EL 2429 GLOBAL MINING GROUP LIMITED

Mt. Kare Heli Landowners Association Incorporation represents the Heli Tribe, a genuine principal customary landowner of Mt. Kare Tenement EL 2429. Heli has been formally recognised as the principal landowner for Mt. Kare EL 2429 based on various consecutive landowner identification studies conducted by both the developers and Independent State of Papua New Guinea since early 1980s.

Two of the most recent independent processes that distinctively identified Heli as the principal landowner for Mt. Kare EL 2429 include Land Investigation Studies conducted by Late Anthropologist Mr Vincent Warakai and Alternative Dispute Resolution Chaired by His Honour current Deputy Chief Justice Ambeng Kandakasi. This finding forms the basis that majority of landholders of Heli will have to be continued to be engaged in any dealings in a transparent manner regarding the development of Mt. Kare EL 2429. The potential Mt. Kare Gold & Silver Project will not be developed without proper consent from Heli.

We understand that Mineral Resources Authority has accepted and registered thirteen (13) applications from different parties for New Licence Round for Mt. Kare EL 2429 after the Supreme Court upheld the decision by the Minister for Mining to refuse the Renewal of Summit Development Limited's licence (EL 1093) over Mt. Kare Project. GMG is the first in-time applicant for the new licence, EL 2429.

We also understand that MRA has already commenced the necessary procedures with the first in-time applicant, GMG in order to award the new licence for Mr. Kare EL 2429 to a suitable applicant. The warden's hearing for tenement EL 2429 held on 18th July 2024, in Tari was part of this process.

We acknowledge MRA's diligent effort and thank the State agency for prioritising and re-commencing with the new licence round for Mt. Kare EL 2429 after a long delay. It is also in our best interest to see this process taking place and we stand prepared to work with the government, MRA, developer and other stakeholders to expedite the remaining processes and see potential Mt. Kare Gold & Silver Project progressing into mining stage in the near future.

We object in strongest terms against awarding of the new licence for Mt. Kare EL 2429 to the first in-time applicant, Global Mining Group Limited unless all our serious concerns which we stated below are appropriately looked into and satisfactorily addressed.

- i. Majority of the genuine landowners particularly Heli were not present at the warden hearing and missed the opportunity to engage in any meaningful conversation with the warden, GMG and other stakeholders. Certain minority landowners were hand-picked by GMG to participate in the hearing and majority of the genuine landowners were intentionally left out. Views of the majority of the landowners from the Hela side were not gauged during the hearing. The warden hearing failed as it did not engage with the majority of the principal landowners;
- ii. The hearing was conducted improperly and in a haste manner. The first in-time applicant, GMG, did not even share information in relation its financial position and performance, technical expertise, history of conducting mining activities and etc. with the minority landowners present at the hearing. In the absence of the key information, the landowners are not able to determine whether GMG is a credible applicant and is capable to develop Mt. Kare EL 2429 in the absence of these key information. GMG failed to convince the landowners that it is worthy of the new licence EL 2429.
- iii. We expressed our deep dissatisfaction and disapproval over the manner in which GMG hand-picked selected minority landowners and hosted the warden hearing in Tari. We clearly observed that GMG's approach is not transparent and it failed to engage with the majority genuine landowners from Heli. We doubt GMG's ability to engage meaningfully and honestly in future with all the stakeholders particularly the landowners. We formed the view based on the observation that GMG is not an ethical company and cannot be trusted; and
- iv. We understand that similar and other concerns were also raised by other legitimate associations representing the views of the majority landowners of potential Mt. Kare Gold & Silver Project for the new licence round (EL 2429).

Also, we would like to bring it to the State's attention through your office that potential Mt. Kare Gold & Silver Project has not been mined after gold was first discovered about 35 plus years ago, and it is in our desire that we do not want the project to be delayed any further. We are of strongest position that no fresh exploration should be carried out on Mt. Kare EL 2429. A competent applicant in Summit Development Limited itself or whoever is awarded the new licence EL 2429 should complete the remaining phases of the exploration left incomplete under the licence EL1093 and progress it into mining stage in an expeditious manner.

Kindly, we propose to meet with yourself, warden responsible for Mt. Kare EL 2429 and other MRA officials to discuss the concerns we have raised here on Tuesday, 13th August 2024, at your office.

We thank you for your understanding and looking forward to meet with you.

Yours sincerely,
(For and on behalf of Heli Club)



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Max Awasa	Executive (D/Chairman)	Heli Aka	
Mark Tuluya	Executive (Public Officer)	Heli Haya	
Harabe Mangobe	Executive (Secretary)	Heli Aka	
Patrick Pawa	Executive (Treasurer)	Heli Haya	
Obert H. Hondole	Executive	Heli Aka	
Hipson Piwane	Member	Heli Haya	
Kalo Angai	Member	Heli Aka	
Gule Paro	Member	Heli Aka	
Tayabe Palari	Member	Heli Haya	
Gershorm Ekari	Member	Heli Haya	
Tokoya Hapokaya	Executive	Heli Haya	
Pore Malingi	Executive	Heli Aka	
Tandole Tagobe	Executive	Heli Haya	
Henry Agu	Executive	Heli Aka	
Andrew Pope	Executive	Heli Haya	
Paul Hayagu	Member	Heli Haya	
Dabuma Tandola	Member	Heli Haya	
David Tabi	Member	Heli Aka	
Thomas Akoma	Member	Heli Haya	
Ela Mai	Member	Heli Haya	
Hewabe Tawabe	Member	Heli Aka	
Tegela Puri	Member	Heli Aka	
Gini Aiyu	Member	Heli Haya	
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Topy Aliabe	Member	Heli Haya	

