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ILLEGAL MINING UPDATE

On 10 October 2022, the Office of the Special Prosecutor (OSP) published that it had commenced investigation into suspected corruption and corruption-related offences in respect of illegal mining. It was stated that the investigation targeted the activities and expenditure of the dissolved Inter-Ministerial Committee on Illegal Mining (IMCIM), especially in respect of the seizure and management of excavators, machinery, road vehicles, and gold nuggets and officials of the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, the Forestry Commission and other public officials and private persons.

The OSP acknowledges the recent calls for action and investigations into these matters by the public and civil society following the publication of a report on parts of these matters authored by a former Minister for Environment, Science, Technology & Innovation and head of the dissolved IMCIM.

The OSP welcomes the calls for action and investigations and it assures the public and civil society that its investigation is ongoing and far-reaching and it also covers the matters raised in the report published by the head of the dissolved IMCIM.

The OSP will take necessary action against all persons deemed culpable of corruption and corruption-related offences in the mining sector.

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