Early Warning System

DFC-2024-TRINITYMETALS

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Quick Facts

Countries	Rwanda
Specific Location	Kigali, Rutongo, Nyakabingo, Musha
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	Trinity Metals Group
Sectors	Mining, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 3.69 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 9.00 million

Project Description

As stated by the DFC, Trinity Metals is the largest mining company in Rwanda and operates three mining complexes near the city of Kigali: Rutongo Mines (tin), Nyakabingo Mine (tungsten), and Musha Mines (tin, tungsten, tantalum, and lithium). They are deeply committed to incorporating responsible mining practices.

To support that goal, the Direct Technical Assistance Grant will focus on a) identifying and assessing existing E&S impacts and historical mine legacy issues and developing management plans and programs to addresses them b) enhance skills development and meet training needs in critical areas of the operation to support mine expansion and transformation. c) will be used to accelerate the implementation of an IFC Performance Standard-compliant and ISO-standard integrated Safety Health Environment & Community (“SHEC”) Management System.

People Affected By This Project

Trinity Metals' mining operations in Rwanda have had severe environmental, social, and human rights impacts, including forced displacements, land grabs, and inadequate compensation for communities near Rutongo, Nyakabingo, and Musha mines. Water pollution, deforestation, and toxic waste dumping have degraded farmland and caused health crises, while worker exploitation, child labor, and deadly safety violations persist in its supply chain.
Nyakabingo Mine: Farmers have raised concerns over loss of agricultural land,.

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Private Actors Description

Trinity Metals is a producer of tin, tungsten and tantalum operating in Rwanda.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
TechMet Limited	Parent Company	-	owns	Trinity Metals Group	Client	Mining

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No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure [Original Source]

Campaign Documents

- The Impacts of Mining Activities on Local Community Livelihood in Rwanda “Case of Rutongo Mining Sit
- Unanswered questions Companies, conflict and the Democratic Republic of Congo

Media

- Rwandas Trinity Metals Strikes US Tin Deal as Washington Seeks to Cut Chinese Reliance