

- Provide advice to small scale miners on available investment opportunities in the country and abroad
- develop marketing strategies for small scale miners to export gold to international markets
- ☛ **Initiative 5: Baseline Data**
- Development and establishment of a database to record all information on the SSM sector
- Data will be used to develop the SSM sector
- ☛ **Initiative 6: Prospecting and Establishment of Alluvial Gold Districts**
- Establishment of the value of alluvial gold reserves in placer deposit areas
- Coordination and effective use of SSM services
- Marketing purposes of alluvial gold potential in PNG
- ☛ **Initiatives 7: Gold Assaying Laboratory**
- Provision of access to better markets and fair gold price for miners
- Motivation for increasing alluvial gold production



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THE VISION

The Small Scale Mining Branch (SSMB) is established under the Regulatory Operations Division.

The SSMB's primary goal is to develop the Small Scale Mining (SSM) sector in Papua New Guinea. It aims to do this in a sustainable manner with minimum impact on the environment and alluvial mining communities.

GOALS OF THE SSMB

- Empower target groups including miners (role models) and government officers through quality training;
- Develop a standard land access and landowner participation agreement;
- Liaise with various government agencies and donor agencies to build infrastructures that can open up the resource areas;
- Lift the profile of small scale mining as a profitable business in order to obtain recognition from financial institutions;
- Provide assaying and marketing assistance for miners to sell gold at a fair price;
- Enforce compliance relating to environment and safety;
- Seek donor funding to evaluate alluvial gold resources in PNG to increase the confidence of miners;
- Promote sustainable investment using proceeds earned through SSM activities;

- Do research and provide relevant training and technical support and appropriate technologies for miners;
- Liaise with other government agencies and formulate sustainable strategies to stop illegal smuggling of gold;
- Provide network for miners and stakeholders to exchange information and form allies;
- Provide systems and incentives to encourage miners to comply with the legal requirements and best practice;
- Provide system for promoting tourist alluvial gold mines;
- Attract non-traditional landowner investors in the small scale mining sector;
- Develop mechanism for collecting data on the progress of the sector; and
- Train and develop our staff for mutual benefit and reward.



DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES TO DEVELOP THE SMALL SCALE MINING SECTOR

Initiative 1: Training & Development

- Construction of a Small Scale Mining School in Wau, Morobe Province
- Development of Small Scale Mining Curriculum
- Provincial Outreach Training Programs (OTP)

Initiative 2: Regulatory and Compliance Audits

- Ensure SSM activities comply with all legal requirements
- Regular inspections of SSM sites
- Promotion of safe and best SSM practices
- Penalties to be imposed for non-compliance with legal and safety requirements

Initiative 3: Business Development Support

- Development of a strategic plan for the development of small scale mining as a viable and sustainable business venture
- research and develop policies for business development in small scale mining impacted communities
- advice and coordinate the formation and registration of associations and corporative societies for small scale mining impacted communities
- Coordination of the establishment of micro-financial facilities for small scale miners
- identify and coordinate networking between funding and technical support organizations and small scale mining impacted communities