



*Environmental monitoring and water sampling at Simberi Gold Mine, New Ireland Province*

Apart from regulating the mining industry, MRA through the Small Scale Mining Branch promotes small scale

alluvial mining by rural communities.

The establishment of the European Union funded Small Scale Training Center in Wau in the Morobe Province is tasked with this important role.

The Small Scale Mining Branch carries out community outreach programmes in providing training to village based miners as well conducting formal trainings at the center.



## Mineral Resources Authority of Papua New Guinea

### *General Information*

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**The Regulatory Operations Division (ROD)** plays a key role in exploration and mining in Papua New Guinea.

It's primary function is to oversee the administration and enforcement of the Mining Act 1992, the Mining (Safety) Act, the Mining Development Act, the Ok Tedi Acts and Agreement, and the agreements that are scheduled to that Act, and any other legislation related to mining, management, exploitation or development of Papua New Guinea's mineral resources.

As a State entity, it is also responsible for collecting and receipting any fee, levy, rent, security, deposit, compensation, royalty, cost, penalty or other money payable under existing laws relating to exploration and mining of minerals.



**The Regulatory Operations Division has four branches**

1. Tenement Administration
2. Mines Inspectorate
3. Environmental Monitoring
4. Small Scale Mining

**The Division's Roles:**

- a. Processing applications for mineral exploration and mining tenements,
- b. Providing technical and legal advice on tenement and legal advice on tenement applications and dealings in tenements to the Mining Advisory Council (MAC),
- c. Oversees safety and health standards in the mining industry,
- d. Ensuring environmental com-



pliance,

- e. Implementation of project agreements, and
- f. Ensuring licensing compliance by lease holders
- g. Promoting alluvial mining in rural communities of the country

This division administers applications for new or renewals of exploration and mining licenses.

The issuance of licenses for exploration and mining, is the prerogative of the Mining Minister upon recommendation by the MAC.

Another important aspect of mining which the division regulates is health and safety standards applied in the mining operations in the country.

The division ensures that world class



health and safety standards are adhered to.

The division does this through regular inspections of mining projects by the Mining Inspectorate Branch.

The division also ensures that mining projects employ suitably qualified managers who can maintain world class industry safety standards and practices.

The ROD through the Registrar's Office keeps a timely maintenance of the mining and exploration tenements registers.

The Registrar's Office ensures that the registers are continually updated with relevant information on tenements including tenement holder information, equity interests in tenements, dealings in tenements and any other information that is required by the Mining Act to be registered.