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PRESS RELEASE

MRA and China Geological Survey Sign MOU

The Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) and the China Geological Survey, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), to cooperate in the field of geoscience.

The MOU was signed by the Managing Director of the MRA Jerry Garry and witnessed by Dr Wang Tiangang of Nianjing Institute of Geology & Minerals of the China Geological Survey. Dr Wang's superiors have already signed the MOU on behalf of the China Geological Survey.

The MOU aims to provide a framework for the exchange of scientific and technical knowledge, and to improve the capability in geo-scientific research.

Activities under this MOU will depend on the financial capability and human resources of both parties. Exchange and cooperation may be conducted in the following forms:

1. Exchanges of scientific and technical information.
2. Exchange of research, visits and knowledge.
3. Joint project.
4. Subject study in areas of mutual interest.
5. Training for research fellows participating in joint project.
6. Joint workshop, conferences and lectures.
7. Other forms of cooperation under mutual consent.

Mr Garry said the collaboration between the two parties was important as it would allow for the exchange of expertise and new technologies available in other countries.

"I am very grateful that we have reached an understanding with the China Geological Survey which is one of the biggest institutions in China. They have a pool of expertise, they have a pool of technologies and they are constantly innovating more, to meet the challenges around them."

The MD said the current operating mines in the country would close by around 2060. He said beyond that time, the country did not have anything in its inventory to sustain the mining business in the country. The MD said collaborations such as the one with the China Geological Survey was important, as it would produce new geoscientific data that may attract new exploration and mining companies into investing in the country.

Officer-In-Charge of the MRA's Geological Survey Division Gabriel Kuna, explained that the project

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consists of two major components. These are:

1. Geoscience survey which will include geological and geochemical mapping (soil & rock sampling)
2. Capacity building for MRA's geoscientists. Geoscientists will have the opportunity to study at Chinese universities.



Photo: Mr Garry signing the MOU as Dr Wang, Mr Kuna and Nathan Mosusu MRA's Executive Manager for Corporate Services Division look on.



Photo: Mr Garry (left) and Dr Wang seal deal with a handshake after the signing of the MOU