



**Office of the Executive Governor**

**PLATEAU STATE, NIGERIA**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER 001, 2023  
FOR THE PROTECTION OF MINING COMMUNITIES  
AGAINST INSECURITY AND EXPLOITATION**

**Pursuant** to Section 5 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended) His Excellency the Executive Governor of Plateau State of Nigeria hereby makes the following Executive Order:

**WHEREAS** the Government of Plateau State considers it necessary to ensure security, welfare, good governance, safety and peaceful co-existence of all mining communities in the State;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Plateau State recognizes the need for all communities endowed with mineral resources in the State to be protected, and in view of the activities of undocumented aliens mostly with atavistic propensities and capacity for mischief and criminality; and in certain cases inducing intractable tension, disputes, restiveness and disagreements between communities and individuals leading to breakdown of law and order, and the need to stop the infiltration of unidentifiable entities and individuals:

NOW THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY SECTION 5(2) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED) AND THE NIGERIAN MINERALS AND MINING ACT AND MY INHERENT POWERS AS GOVERNOR OF PLATEAU STATE OF NIGERIA, DO HEREBY ORDER as follows:

**1. COMMUNITY CONSENTS AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS TO BE VETTED AND CERTIFIED BY THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**

By this Order, all Community Consents and Development Agreements made pursuant to Section 116 of the Minerals and Mining Act, 2007 and prior to signing by authenticated Community Heads shall be forwarded to the Ministry of Justice by the Ministry in charge of Environment and Natural Resources in the State to be vetted and certified by the Office of the Attorney General of Plateau State. This is to avoid multiple issuance of Community Consents and Development Agreements to Mining entities and ensure that the community development commitments made therein are not in conflict with the overall master plan of the State. To this end, all Mining Companies along with the Host Communities are to submit all previously signed Community Agreements within 30 days of coming into effect of this Order to the Ministry of Justice through the Ministry in charge of Environment and Natural Resources of the State for vetting and certification.

**2. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SECURITY AGENCIES TO VERIFY STATUS OF ENTITIES AND MINERS WITH LEASE AND LICENSE BEFORE SETTLEMENT IN COMMUNITIES**

All mining entities arriving the State with authority of the Federal Government to carry out mining in the State must undergo checks by the Ministry responsible for Environment and Mining and other security agencies in the State to verify their legal status, citizenship and background before settlement in the communities.



**3. MINISTRY IN CHARGE OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE TO PROFILE ALL MINING ENTITIES**

Plateau State Ministry in charge of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change is hereby mandated to register and profile all Mining entities arriving and doing business in the State for the purposes of documentation and identification of their operational status for peace and security.

**4. STATE REVENUES GENERATION FROM MINING SECTOR**

The Plateau State Internal Revenue Services in conjunction with Ministry in charge of Environment and Natural Resources is hereby mandated to collect all relevant state-based taxes, levies, fees, charges, etc related to all Mining entities doing business in the State. Such revenues or accruals shall be channeled to the Central Billing System domiciled with Plateau State Internal Revenue Service.

**5. REVOCATION AND RESTRICTION ON CERTIFICATES AND RIGHTS OF OCCUPANCY**

Communities are hereby restricted from bequeathing Rights of Occupancy of lands to entities intending to carry out mining activities.

All holders of mining lease or license are restricted to the powers conferred on them by the Minerals and Mining Act, 2007 and the Land Use Act, 1978 and to ensure restoration and reparation of the integrity of the land and environment as required by the Acts.

**6. JOS METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY IN CHARGE OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO APPROVE ALL DEVELOPMENTS**

All physical developments of structures by Mining entities must be approved by the Regulatory Authority in conjunction with Ministry in charge of Environment and Natural Resources.

**7. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT**

The Ministry of Justice, Ministry in charge of Environment and Natural Resources and Climate Change, Plateau State Internal Revenue Services, Local Government Councils, Traditional institutions, Security Agencies are mandated to ensure compliance with this Executive Order and initiate investigation and prosecution of any defaulter in accordance with the Law.

**8. THE GOVERNOR'S RESULTS DELIVERY UNIT, (PMRDO) TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS OF INEFFICIENCY OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

By this Order, the Governor's Results Delivery Unit (PMRDO) must monitor and report inefficiency and lack of transparency in or by Government Agencies responsible under this Order and in line with the Plateau State Ease of Doing Business Environment policy.

**9. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDER**

This Executive Order takes effect immediately.

**Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024**

  
**BARR CALEB MANASSEH MUTFWANG**  
Governor  
Plateau State