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African Union – African Minerals Development Centre hosts the 3rd African Forum on Mining

WHAT: The African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC), will convene the 3rd African Forum on Mining under the theme: ***"The Africa Mining Vision at 16: Achievements, Challenges, and Opportunities"***

WHO: The Forum will convene government representatives, Regional Economic Communities, development partners, geological survey experts, Women in Mining, Artisanal and Small-scale Mining (ASM) operators, members of the Association of Chambers of Mines, other African mining associations, stock exchange representatives, government officials, private sector leaders, academia, civil society, and key stakeholders in the African mining industry.

WHEN: 19-21 March 2025: 9AM EAT

WHERE: African Union Commission Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Background information

The Africa Mining Vision (AMV), adopted by the African Union (AU) Heads of State in 2009, serves as Africa's blueprint for resource-based industrialization and sustainable economic development. It aims to transform the continent's vast mineral wealth into a driver for inclusive growth, environmental sustainability, and economic diversification, shifting focus from raw resource extraction to value-added beneficiation and industrialization.

As 2025 marks 16 years since AMV's adoption, this milestone presents an opportunity to evaluate progress made by the African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC), the institution leading AMV implementation. The global shift towards decarbonized energy systems has increased demand for critical minerals such as lithium, cobalt, graphite, rare earth elements, and copper, presenting Africa with a strategic opportunity in the green minerals value chain. However, challenges remain in local beneficiation, economic linkages, and industrial development. The African Green Minerals Strategy (AGMS) seeks to harness green minerals to drive industrialization, job creation, and sustainable economic growth.

The African Forum on Mining (AFM) is a biannual event organized by the AMDC to facilitate dialogue, collaboration, and knowledge exchange among mining sector stakeholders. Since its inaugural edition in Accra, Ghana (2019) and the second in 2022, the forum has focused on AMV implementation, sustainable mining, and value chain opportunities. The upcoming 2025 forum will assess AMV progress, discuss

challenges, and explore emerging opportunities in green minerals and the energy transition.

Media opportunities:

- Journalists are invited to cover the official proceedings of the Forum.
- A press release summarizing key discussions and outcomes will be issued after the event.
- Exclusive interview opportunities with key officials and industry leaders will be available upon request.

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