

# **RMIF** Rwanda Mining Investment Forum

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**Dear Mr. Tyler Gillard**

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**OECD**

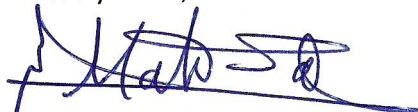
Dear Mr. Gillard,

Further to our mail message dated 29<sup>th</sup> of November, we would like to take this opportunity to express our regret that the RMIF Talking Points has evidently been interpreted to confuse the (un-intended) negative impact of the Dodd Frank Legislation in the region and the approach taken in the OECD Guidance. We would like to affirm our belief that the objective of the OECD guidelines is to encourage responsible engagement in the region.

In Rwanda, we are all fully committed to responsible sourcing in line with ICGLR RCM and OECD DDG. We would like to point out that even though Rwanda has demonstrated full commitment to responsible sourcing, the fact remains that we are still suffering from the de-facto embargo and we implore OECD to encourage all the downstream companies to accept the 3-T minerals produced in Rwanda. By doing this, the OECD will help to minimize the burdens of the artisan miners and encourage new investment and modern Industrial Mining to come to Rwanda. This will thereby further increase the efficiency of the system.

The RMIF would also encourage that the OECD review on the ground the circumstances faced by the artisan miners, and appoint an appropriate spokesman, so that the proposed Guidance can be tailored to ease their difficulties.

Truly Yours,



**Mahmoud Salem**

**Chairman**

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