

Stage III: Establishment of the Mine Ownership Right (Mine Concession)

Step III-1. The Head of the concerned Administrative Region issues a concession notice

The Head issues a notice proposing the concession of the area that coincides with the AME site, to the AME holder. At this stage, pursuant to Art.51 of the Mining Code as amended, the concession applicant as well as anyone invoking mining rights on the site under concession has the right to appeal within a specified timeframe. The notice is published in the Government Gazette (GG) and is notified by bailiff or by police authority to the person who applied for the concession, against receipt. The Head of the concerned Administrative Region forwards the file and all supporting documents to the Ministry (i.e., YPEN) in case no appeal has been brought against the notice.



Step III-2. Final review of the procedure

The competent Ministry (i.e., YPEN), examines whether the procedures followed in previous steps comply with the Mining Code provisions.



Step III-3. Issuance of the PD establishing the Mine Concession

The competent minister issues a PD on the Mine Concession. The Mine Ownership Right is established following publication of the PD in the GG. The title is valid for fifty (50) years with the possibility to extend its initial validity period for two additional periods of twenty-five (25) years each. The mine owner shall have the exclusive right to explore, extract and in general exploit all Metallic Minerals occurring within the boundaries of mine concession, excluding those for which this right rests with the State.