



THE CHAMBER OF MINES OF NAMIBIA

Down memory lane - History of the Chamber
of Mines, Present and future outlook

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Outline of Presentation

- 1) History, structure and membership of the Chamber
- 2) Notable achievements in the last decade
- 3) Effectiveness of a Chamber
- 4) Chamber in the context of SADC and African continent
- 5) Beyond the golden jubilee



History of the Chamber of Mines of Namibia

Established:

- 9 May, 1969 as the Association for Mining Companies of South West Africa
- By 3 founding members: Rössing Uranium, CDM (NAMDEB) and TCL (Weatherly Mining Namibia)
- Council with 6 members, Constitution and Rules adopted
- Constitution revised 10 years later & changed name to Chamber of Mines of South West Africa
- Renamed at independence in 1990 to the Chamber of Mines of Namibia



History of the CoM

- **Purpose:** To promote, encourage, protect & foster growth of the mining industry in Namibia.
- **Governed** by the Constitution and **Code of Conduct & Ethics**
- **Mission Statement:** To effectively promote, encourage, protect, foster and contribute to the growth of responsible exploration and mining in Namibia to the benefit of the country and all stakeholders.



History of the CoM

Vision:

is to be widely respected as a safe, environmentally responsible, globally competitive and meaningful contributor to the long term prosperity of Namibia

Core Values:

- Integrity
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Compliance

Three Year Strategic Plan



Governance & Committees

Council (governing body):

- Made up management of mines (All class A & B members have a seat at Council)

Committees:

- 1) Exploration Committee: – Mining Commissioner & Director of Geological Survey are members
- 2) Safety Committee: – Chief Inspector of Mines is a member
- 3) Mining Survey Committee:- Govt. Chief Mine Surveyor is a member
- 4) HR Committee
- 5) Power Committee
- 6) Mining Consultative Forum – Tripartite forum between Industry (Chamber), government & Mine Workers Union.
- 7) Tax Committee
- 8) Legislation Committee
- 9) Environmental & Social Committee



Membership Structure

- **Class A:** Large mining companies
- **Class B:** Medium mining companies
- **Class C:** Smaller mining companies
- **Class D:** Exploration companies (includes a Government Mining Company and Oil & Gas members)
- **Associate members:** Service providers
- **Honorary Life Members**



Membership & Chamber Secretariat

- Doubled membership in the last 20 years
- Chamber staff has evolved from a small secretariat to a team of 7 staff members in the last 10 years.
- Chamber has acquired own office premises, conducive working environment



Notable achievements in the last decade

- 2011: Reversal of potentially devastating tax proposals that would have crippled the industry. Government's withdrawal of the proposals was a direct outcome of successful policy engagement and intervention by the Chamber.
- Strategic Minerals Policy – rectified
- 2014, Namibia was ranked by the Fraser Institute as the most favourable investment destination in Africa (followed by Botswana) for mining and exploration.
- Over N\$40 billion in FDI have flowed into Namibia --development of three new major mines & reinvestments.



Major areas of Advocacy on policy & legislation

- NEEEF
- Mining Charter
- NIPA, 2016
- Strategic Minerals Policy
- Additional Conditions to licences
- NDP5 (Chamber contribution to Mining Chapter)
- **Visa & work permits to industry**



Effectiveness of the Chamber

- Support from Council - Council meetings well attend & decisions taken promptly, plus budgetary support
- Council decisions are binding to all
- Ensures members comply with laws of the country – Compliance is a core value.
- Council has teeth – erring members can be expelled.
- Cultivate a healthy relationship with government
- **Mining Expos & Conferences .**
- Visibility on updated website, social media, direct engagements with the media, Annual Reports and Quarterly Newsletters



50 years of dedicated service to the industry

Executive Opinion Survey

- In 2009, Old Mutual Namibia and the Namibian Stock Exchange conducted an Executive Opinion Survey, to capture and analyse the views of Namibia's top executives on a wide range of issues critical to the country's economic prosperity at that time.
- One of the areas covered in the survey was the performance of private institutions -- Chamber of Mines was rated as the **top performing organisation**.



Chamber in the context of SADC

- Member of SADC regional body, the Mining Industry Association of Southern Africa (MIASA), in last 20 years.
- Regional cooperation & exchange of notes with other Chambers under MIASA (9 members) & SADC.
- Regional mining positions at SADC level.



Chamber in the context of African Continent

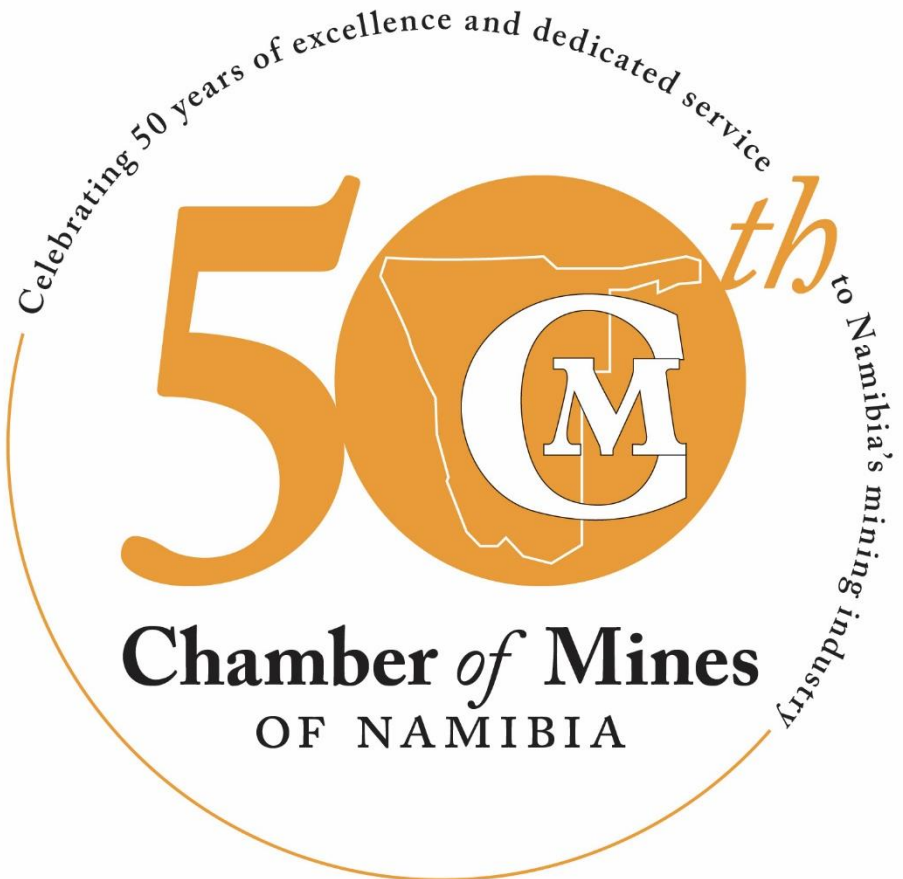
- Association of Chambers of Mines and other Mining Associations in Africa (ACMMAA) – founding member (Windhoek Declaration of 7 October, 2017).
- ACMMAA is the continental private sector advocacy body
- Primary focus is implementation of the African Mining Vision in collaboration with the African Union (AU) & develop. of RMV
- Influence on AU to support MME in revision of Minerals Policy of Namibia
- Chamber of Mines seen as role model by AU and other Chambers of Mines on African continent



Beyond the golden Jubilee

- CoM has a significant role in the growth and sustainability of the mining industry.
- Stakeholder engagements is ongoing process – ongoing debate on how Namibia is benefiting from mining
- CoM contribution to industrialisation of Namibia through upstream and downstream mining linkages
- Database of mining inputs and Services, Mineral Beneficiation strategy (NDP5).





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