

## STORIES FROM THE FIELD

# Joint workshop for due diligence and traceability staff by ITSCI-RMB

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ITSCI supports in-country members in responsible supply chains of minerals and the practical implementation of the OECD's expectations.

On 27th August, ITSCI organised a workshop in partnership with the Rwanda Mines, Petroleum and Gas Board (RMB) to support exporters in their due diligence practice and strengthen their knowledge of ITSCI procedures, including traceability and risk management.

Among the attendees were twenty-three processors and exporters who took this opportunity to expand their knowledge and familiarise their new staff with due diligence requirements and the guideline to be followed during their visits to their suppliers. Mineral traceability procedures, data processing improvements and challenges such as cases of incidents observed at some of the processors and exporters sites were also discussed.

As the guest of honor for the workshop, the RMB mineral traceability specialist, Mr Kazindu Hyacinthe, highlighted the extent to which ITSCI provides support to companies in their due diligence practice. During his opening statement, Mr Kazindu expressed his gratitude to ITSCI Rwanda for organising the workshop. He stated that such workshop and training sessions conducted by ITSCI since its establishment make a significant contribution to Rwanda's mining sector.



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*“ Rwanda highly benefits from the ITSCI programme since its beginning in 2011 till today. We are glad to have this programme on the ground and appreciate the good cooperation between RMB and ITSCI. This kind of workshop is of great importance, and RMB is committed to putting more emphasis on due diligence. We are very proud to work with ITSCI and we assure that this good cooperation will always be bulwarked ”*

Mr Kazindu Hyacinthe, mineral traceability specialist at RMB



*“ It is a great honor for us to have had such portfolio of skills through this workshop which are needed in our daily activities. We appreciate the initiative and our thanks go to ITSCI who organised it. We recommend, where possible, organizing such a workshop for all the exporters' representatives because they need to have these skills too so that they also understand the challenges we have. We can ensure you that we are going to put in practice what we have learned today. ”*

Mr Bikorimana Andre, Responsible for traceability at Gisande Trading