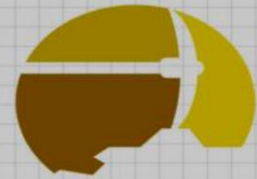


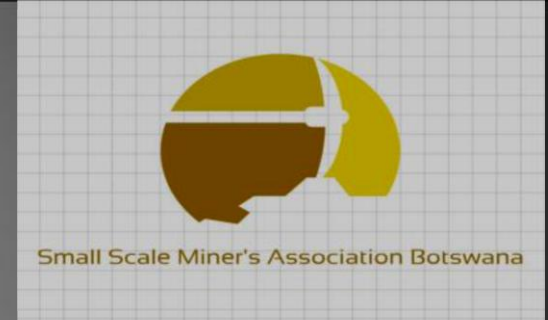
# PRESENTATION OF THE SMALL SCALE MINING ASSOCIATION OF BOTSWANA



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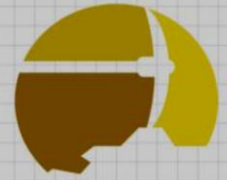
# ABOUT US



- ❖ The Small Scale Miners Association (SSMAB) has its origins in 2019. It was registered on the 03rd November 2022. The Association (SSMAB) is aimed at creating a platform for dialogue, discussion, interaction and networking among stakeholders involved or interested in the Small Scale Mining Sector.
- ❖ Our Association aims to provide a platform which brings together stakeholders working in the ASM sector to share experiences, to learn from each other and to influence policies.
- ❖ The membership of the Association is open to all individuals, and companies who share the values, principles and objectives of the association.

- ❖ It is expected that practical solutions will be developed for the numerous challenges facing the sector in Botswana through benchmarking from other African countries.
- ❖ The Association recognizes that there is a need to highlight the various challenges and opportunities involved in Small Scale Mining participation, especially for women.
- ❖ While some countries have success stories to share in terms of the formalization of the ASM sector, Botswana has lagged behind in developments in the rest of Africa with possible devastating consequences to its economy and people.

# OFFICIAL INTRODUCTION BY SMMAB



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Empowering The Small Scale Miner

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Broadly, speaking, it is difficult to make general conclusions about small-scale mining in Southern Africa. The historical, economic, developmental, geological and social backgrounds and circumstances in the countries of the region are very different in many cases.

Similarly, there are wide differences with respect to the minerals; more than 50 different minerals are exploited. Mining, processing and marketing them presents several individual problems and challenges.

Botswana is no exception as it has also been experiencing a lot of similar characteristics common to small scale mining. e.g illegal mining, Specifically, the Association seeks to expose Botswana to the successes of Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM) formalization efforts as seen in other developing countries particularly in the SADC region.



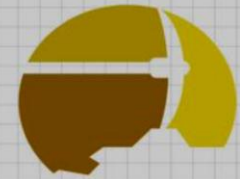
It has become crucial for Botswana to diversify and create a mining sector that harnesses the potential of ASM to advance integrated and sustainable local socio-economic development. Accordingly, it is also important for mining practitioners to use their knowledge of mining to ensure that ASM operators work safely, effectively and efficiently to ensure the future viability of the Botswana mining industry, while leveraging opportunities for local socio-economic development.

The Africa Mining Vision (AMV) as a model of natural resource management in Africa seeks to transform the continent's social and economic development path through harnessing the continent's mineral resources, and the potential of the small scale mining.

Its provision for Artisanal and Small Scale Mining (ASM) is “harnessing the potential of ASM to improve rural livelihoods, to stimulate entrepreneurship in a socially-responsible manner, to promote local and integrated national development as well as regional cooperation and international cooperation”.

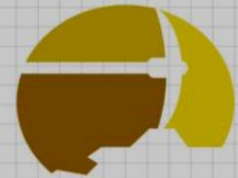
The success of Vision 2036 and the 2030 Agenda is largely dependent on natural resources, and thereby robust environmental governance and management and enabling equal participation by women and men, young and old.

# LEADERSHIP



- ❖ Our constitution requires members to vote, but after reviewing performances of the current leadership, we are looking for best ways to attract quality leadership of integrity and capabilities.
- ❖ The association leadership have agreed to relook the leadership selection process so that it is based on certain requirements in order to keep our mission and mandate alive.
- ❖ Our Association has active structural leadership in place. Founding President, Manager, Chairperson, Secretary and Deputy secretary, Treasurer,.

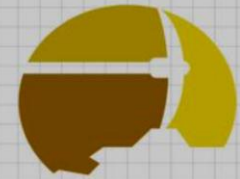
# FINANCING OF DAY TO DAY ACTIVITIES



- ❖ Since the association was established, the President, the Chairlady, and individuals who believe in us, have had to dig into their pockets to finance the activities of the association.
- ❖ The Association registration was delayed due to the covid pandemic, and had to depend on our proposed constitution to guide our daily operations.
- ❖ All our association services are offered through volunteerism.
- ❖ We have not collected membership fees since registration but will start to do so from the day of the AGM or just before.
- ❖ The Association will be carrying out its launch early in the year and as such will be inviting all relevant stakeholders to attend.



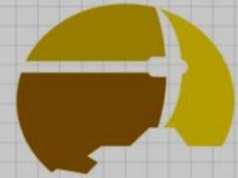
# REMUNERATION OF LEADERSHIP



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❖ There is currently no remuneration for the office bearers but plans are under way to rectify this, as it hinders progress as some members are not motivated to carryout their duties as set out in the constitution.

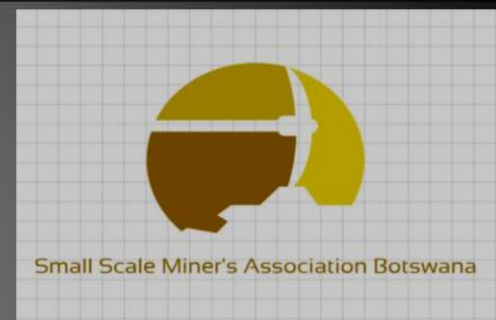
# EXPECTATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT



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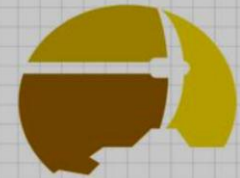
- ❖ Dialogue
- ❖ Trade
- ❖ Investment
- ❖ Exposure and partners
- ❖ Mining laws
- ❖ Subsidies
- ❖ Safety and health
- ❖ Grants

# THE OBJECTIVES & AIMS



- ❖ To promote speaking with one voice in the industry, by Small Scale Miners & Stakeholders.
- ❖ To provide a platform for Small Scale Miners & Stakeholders to discuss and present issues that diminish progress in the industry and the country as a whole.
- ❖ To influence decision making in the industry which will lead to the growth and empowerment of Botswana.
- ❖ To provide an opportunity for sharing new ideas on fighting illegal mining.

# STAKEHOLDERS



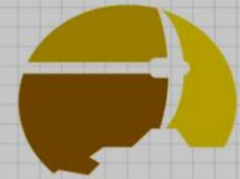
- ❖ The Ministry of Ministry of Minerals, Energy and Water Resources
- ❖ The ministry of Environmental
- ❖ Ministry of trade and industry
- ❖ All Land Boards
- ❖ Small Scale Miners Associations Across Africa
- ❖ Business Botswana
- ❖ Botswana Chamber of Mines
- ❖ International Organizations

# OUR EXPECTATIONS OF STAKEHOLDERS



- ❖ To work together to contribute to achieving our objectives & goals.
- ❖ Sponsoring and supporting of our associations activities such as venues of our meetings, introducing us to stakeholders in order to access different support opportunity programs.
- ❖ The SSMAB must serve in committees where their input will make a difference.
- ❖ Government must acknowledge us officially, so that our regional structures will be able to participate on local development on the ground, and be able to make the necessary impact that is needed.

# EXPECTATIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT

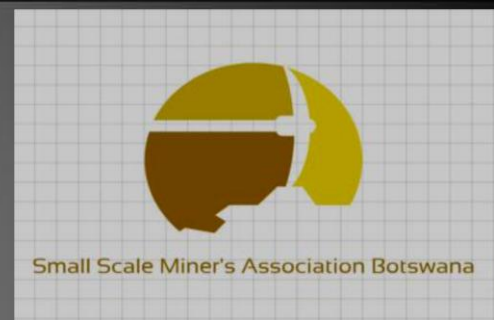


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- ❖ Full Formalization of the industry by the Ministry of Minerals, Energy and Water Resources.
- ❖ To establish a dialogue with the Ministries on issues affecting small scale miners.
- ❖ To facilitate trade & investment - exposure & partnerships
- ❖ Relationship btw large scale miners & small scale miners – to be encouraged.
- ❖ Sound mining laws applicable to small scale miners.
- ❖ Grants & Subsidies to allow more Botswana to enter and participate in the small scale mining industry.

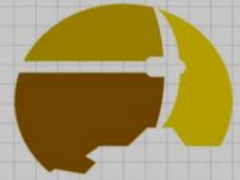


# CHALLENGES FACED BY SMALL SCALE MINERS IN BOTSWANA



- ❖ Partly Formalized Industry -There is a need to fully formalize the small scale miners activities in Botswana. Licensing is not enough, and the ministry must allow the association to play a greater role, which should be determined by (SSAMB),which includes regulating activities in the small scale mining industry.
- ❖ Unfair competition - Contractors, Council must not be awarded burrow pits, as this disadvantages the small scale miners who already have burrow pits as they have spent money preparing material testing /quantification E.I.A studies A.I.A studies e.t.c.
- ❖ Robust Legislation framework – realistic & applicable laws, sound penalties, serious reforms
- ❖ Rehabilitation Monitoring - Stakeholders like the Department of mines, Department of Environmental Affairs must be willing to work together with the association to best derive ways, activities and laws that bring about best practises in the industry.

# FOUNDING PRESIDENT



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