

# HOW TO OBTAIN MINERAL LICENSES

## PROSPECTING LICENSE (PL)

Granted for one year non-renewable and expires at the anniversary of grant

### Requirements for a PL

1. Individual (Must be a Ugandan)
  - a) Valid Identification e.g. Passport, Voter's Card, Driving Permit, etc
  - b) Executed Form I
  - c) Payment of 500,000/= as statutory fees
2. Company/Association
  - a) Certified copy of certificate of incorporation/Registration
  - b) Certified copy of Articles and Memorandum of Association/Constitution
  - c) Authority letter
  - d) Executed Form I
  - e) Payment of 500,000/= as statutory fees

## EXPLORATION LICENSE (EL)

Granted for a period not exceeding three (3) years, renewable for a period not exceeding two (2) years twice

### Requirements for an EL

1. Valid Prospecting License
2. Submitted PL returns
3. Map of desired area at 1:50,000 scale
4. Work Program for the exploration operations
5. Project Brief
6. Executed Form II
7. Adequate financial competence

### Fees for an EL

1. 500,000/= registration fees
2. 1,000,000/= preparation/application fees
3. 50,000/= per km<sup>2</sup> or part of a km<sup>2</sup> as mineral rent annually
4. 300,000/= for gazetting grant of EL

## RETENTION LICENSE (RL)

Granted for a period not exceeding three (3) years, renewable for a period not exceeding two (2) years once



### **Requirements for an RL**

1. Valid Exploration License
2. Feasibility study and assessments by appropriate experts or consultants acceptable to the Commissioner on
  - a) The extent and prospect for recovery and the commercial and economic significance of the mineral deposit concerned.
  - b) The impact of mining operations on the environment and ways and means of eliminating or minimising any adverse effects; and
3. Such other information as the Commissioner may reasonably require regarding the proposals of the applicant for the retention and development of the deposit

### **Fees for an RL**

1. 500,000/= registration fees
2. 500,000/= preparation/application fees
3. 50,000/= per km<sup>2</sup> or part of a km<sup>2</sup> as mineral rent annually
4. 300,000/= for gazetting grant of RL

### **LOCATION LICENSE (LL)**

Granted for a period not exceeding two (2) years to only Ugandans if an individual and if a company at least 51% shares to be held by Ugandans. Renewable for a period not exceeding two (2) years until the deposit is exhausted

### **Requirements for an LL**

1. Valid Prospecting License, Exploration License or Retention License
2. Submitted PL returns, EL reports and RL reports where necessary
3. Map of desired area at 1:50,000 scale
4. Work Program for the Location operations
5. Executed Form
6. Adequate financial competence

### **Fees for an LL**

1. 500,000/= registration fees
2. 800,000/= preparation/application fees
3. 1,000,000/= mineral rent annually
4. 300,000/= for gazetting grant of LL

### **MINING LEASE (ML)**

Granted for a period not exceeding twenty one (21) years or the life of the ore body to be mined, whichever is shorter. Renewable for a period not exceeding fifteen (15) years or the life of the deposit whichever is shorter until the deposit is exhausted.



## Requirements for an ML

1. Valid Prospecting License, Exploration License or Retention License
2. Submitted PL returns, EL reports or RL reports where necessary
3. Map of desired area at a scale of 1:50,000 and 1:10,000
4. Mine Plan and Feasibility study
5. Approved Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) by NEMA
6. Executed Form VI
7. Adequate financial competence

## Fees for an ML

1. 500,000/= registration fees
2. 5,000,000/= preparation/application fees
3. 100,000/= per hectare or part of an hectare as mineral rent annually
4. 600,000/= for gazetting; at application and grant of ML

## How to obtain a mineral trading license

### MINERAL DEALERS' LICENSE (MDL)

When granted expires on the 31<sup>st</sup> December of year of issue

### Fees and Types of MDLs

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|------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Precious Metals     | 5,000,000/= |
| 2. Precious Stones     | 6,000,000/= |
| 3. Base Metals         | 3,000,000/= |
| 4. Industrial Minerals | 2,000,000/= |
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- A. Precious metals, namely gold, silver, platinum, iridium, osmium, palladium, ruthenium, rhodium, or any other rare earth elements
  - B. Precious stones, namely agate, amber, amethyst, cat's eye, chrysolite, diamond, emerald, garnet, opal, ruby, sapphire, turquoise and all other substances of a similar nature to any of them
  - C. Base Metals include all metals except precious metals
  - D. Industrial mineral means barite, rock, clay, dolomite, feldspar, granite, gravel, gypsum, laterite, limestone, mica, magnesite, marble, phosphate rock, sand, sandstone, slate and talc, which is commercially mined by a person for use in Uganda or industrially processed into finished or semi-finished products, and includes such other minerals as the Minister may from time to time declare by notice published in the gazette, to be industrial minerals;

### Requirements for an MDL

1. Individual



- a) Valid Identification e.g. Passport, Voter's Card, Driving Permit
  - b) Bank Statement
  - c) Executed Form XIV
2. Company
- a) Certified copy of certificate of incorporation/registration
  - b) Certified copy of articles and memorandum of association
  - c) Bank Statement
  - d) Executed Form XIV

## **How to export minerals**

### **EXPORT PERMIT**

Granted per consignment

#### **Requirements for an Export Permit**

1. Valid MDL or a mineral right
2. Executed Form XIII
3. An Import Permit for minerals from out of Uganda or Proof of royalty payment for minerals from Uganda;
  - a) 5% of gross value for gold and base metals
  - b) 10% of gross value for precious stones
  - c) 10,000/= per ton for vermiculite
  - d) 5,000/= per ton for limestone, marble, granite, kaolin, chalk, gypsum, quartz, coal or peat and other dimension stones
  - e) 1,000/= per ton for pozzolanic materials
  - f) 500/= per ton for salt.

Certificate of Origin is issued at Uganda Export Promotions Board under the Ministry of Trade and Industries at Conrad Plaza, Kampala.

#### **Requirements for a certificate of Origin**

1. Valid MDL or a mineral right.
2. Valid Export Permit from Department of Geological Survey and Mines.
3. Exporter must be a member of the board and a fee for every certificate of origin issued

## **How to import minerals**

### **IMPORT PERMIT**

Granted per consignment; Application fee; 1,000,000/=

#### **Requirements for an Import Permit**

1. Valid MDL for the right group of minerals
2. Export Permit and certificate of origin from originating country



3. Formal application for an Import permit
4. Payment of import permit fees
  - a) 1% of gross value for gold and base metals

### **MOVEMENT PERMIT**

Granted per consignment

#### **Requirements for a movement permit**

1. Valid MDL or a mineral right
2. Executed Form XIII
3. Proof of royalty payment;
  - a) 5% of gross value for gold and base metals
  - b) 10% of gross value for precious stones
  - c) 10,000/= per ton for vermiculite
  - d) 5,000/= per ton for limestone, marble, granite, kaolin, chalk, gypsum, quartz, coal or peat and other dimension stones
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