



## SHAMVA EXPO NEWSLETTER

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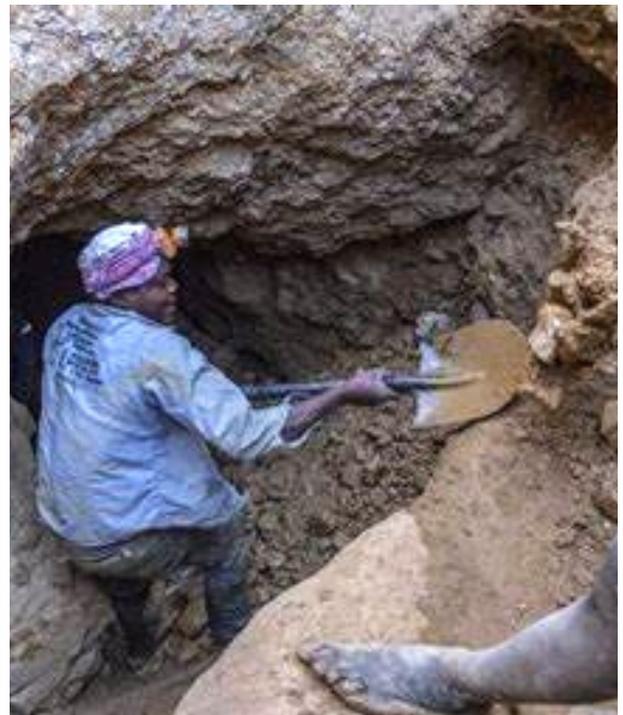
### Small scale miners' challenges being addressed

The government is working to address the challenges being faced by small scale miners. This was said by Mashonaland Central Provincial Mining Director John Makandwa on the sidelines of the Minex Conference and Exhibition held at Shamva Country Club on the 25th of November 2021.

Makandwa said the major challenges centre on funding and disputes over claims, and between farmers and miners.

“Most of the challenges miners are facing include financial challenges and there are interventions that government is making. Fidelity Printers has a gold fund and they are assisting in that regard. Small scale miners are also facing a challenge of disputes and we are also trying as a ministry to resolve the disputes on time. We are hoping that the computerized mining cadastre system will help to solve some of the disputes.

“Farmer miner conflict is also another challenge; the miner wants to mine and the farmer also wants to farm. It’s critical that the small-scale miners enhance their capacity to organize themselves so that they speak with one voice because they can easily be heard if they are united,” he said.



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# MINEX Shamva Expo in Pictures







# Miners and suppliers extoll Shamva Minex

.....“2021 was a very good year for us as miners, despite covid-19, we learnt a lot of things from different training sessions we got from both the government and other organisations.

“I would like to thank the organisers of this event for giving all miners an opportunity to learn about a lot of things to do with health and safety.

“We are hoping that as we go into 2022, the information we learnt here will be useful to our fellow miners as we rally towards the \$12 billion mining industry target by 2023,” said Chiedza Chipangura, ZMF Mashonaland West Province Chairperson.

“I learnt a lot of things from this event. I now know the importance of health and safety for miners. We are now looking forward to applying for funding from Fidelity Printers.

“We also got an opportunity to interact with our Provincial Mining Director and we expressed our

‘grievances and he promised to address some of them. To be honest I benefitted a lot from this event,” said Tinashe Dzvairo, a young miner from Shamva.

Minex was last held in Mashonaland Central in Bindura in 2017 and there have been growing calls by miners in the province for another exhibition.

Minex is a physical and virtual platform for shopping, sharing and learning about the mining sector. It is renowned for its discussion sessions and dialogue which provides answers and the missing link for small scale miners seeking a foothold to establish themselves and grow their businesses in the extractive sector.

Shamva was chosen to host the expo due to the high concentration of miners and its proximity to areas rich in gold such as Mazowe and Bindura.

The event was sponsored by Chloride Zimbabwe, Zimlabs, Performance Laboratories, Altran Security, Doves, Garmin, Kubota Engineering, Jacob Bethel Corporation, Shamva Gold Mine and Shepco Industrial Supplies.

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# EPOs open to small scale miners



The Ministry of Mines and Mining Development says Exclusive Prospecting Orders (EPOs) are also being granted to small scale miners and not limited to large scale mining companies.

Speaking to Great Dyke News 24, Midlands Provincial Mining Director Tariro Ndlovu said EPOs are issued to all eligible investing companies who are interested in undertaking exploration.

“An EPO is normally issued to an investment company interested in undertaking exploration. It is not for mining, it is for conducting exploration according to the Mines and Minerals Act Chapter 21:05.

“EPOs are not new, in fact they are the only way in which big companies can do work which will result in big projects that you will see at Unki, at Mimosa and at Murowa,” he said.

An EPO gives mining companies exclusive rights to search for minerals and peg claims. The license also protects the holder from competition by other interested parties.

Small scale miners are on record objecting to the issuance of EPOs arguing the licences are pushing them from pegging title space and being held for speculative purposes.





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**III. FABRICATIONS**

- \* Steel structures
- \* Sheet metalwork
- \* Base plates (In-bulding portable base and associated fittings i.e. benches, vices, jangles, etc.
- \* Door screens
- \* Window frames and Burglar Bars
- \* Sliding gates
- \* Fork stands
- \* Fencing
- \* Cages
- \* Baskets
- \* Helical bins (bound)
- \* Laundry lines
- \* Chains and hakes
- \* Single bases for beds
- \* Signage stands
- \* Shades, etc.

**IV. GENERAL MACHINING**

- \* Shafts, bushes, inner rods, etc.
- \* Ball joints, Thrust ends, U-bolts, hubs
- \* Bevels, dies, saw drums
- \* Tractor components
- \* Sprockets
- \* Springs
- \* Link boring

**V. WATER RETICULATION AND IRRIGATION DESIGN AND INSTALLATION**

- \* Gate valves
- \* Water pump repairs and reconditioning
- \* Sprockets and in-field equipment

**VI. FARMING EQUIPMENT**

- \* Blading, harrows, rollers, spades
- \* Mulchings
- \* Tractor hoes

**VII. PROCESS**

- \* Patient housing
- \* Canteens

**VIII. RECONSTRUCTION**

- \* Garages
- \* Dry Lines
- \* Branding electric motors
- \* Hydraulic rams

**X. LINE BORING**

- \* Water caps
- \* Pump housing
- \* Valve casing
- \* Bearing housing
- \* Gear box housing
- \* Tractor axes

**XI. MINING**

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- \* Present transmission shaft
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- \* Crank
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## Prioritise Your Health and Safety: Small Scale Miners Told

Small scale miners have been urged to prioritize their health and safety first to ensure sustainability of the mining process.

Speaking at the Minex Shamva Expo, hosted recently at Shamva Country Club, Shamva Gold Mine Safety, Health, Environment and Quality, SHEQ Manager, Rumbidzaishe Kamukazingeni said miners should invest in health and safety equipment and follow the proper procedures to avoid mining hazards.

“As small-scale miners, I urge you to invest in health and safety equipment to avoid injuries and deaths. Let’s procure protective clothing like gloves, earplugs, gumboots, respirators and other equipment so as to save lives before we start mining,” she said.

Kamukazingeni also explained the different hazards being faced by small scale miners including chemical hazards which can harm health if miners don’t wear protective clothing and take the necessary precautions.

“There are different risks or health hazards being faced by small scale miners and these include chemical hazards. The use of chemicals like mercury and cyanide without protective clothing may cause mental illness and this might also affect the health conditions of an unborn baby,” she said.

She also highlighted that the effects of mechanical hazards can take a lot of time to be felt and urged miners to procure safety equipment.

“They are also mechanical hazards faced by miners. The vibration of machinery and equipment used in mines can affect one’s health when this machinery is used without protective clothing. Most of the mechanical hazards are long term hazards which affect you after some time hence we urge all miners to procure safety wear,” she said.

Kamukazingeni warned about the fall of ground which is experienced during the rainy season as well as social hazards that mostly affect small-scale miners.

“During the rainy season, we also face fall of ground, because most of our mines are not supported. This is one of the highest causes of incidents, accidents and fatal injuries in our mines today. These falls of ground may occur as soon as the face is exposed after blasting or after machine cutting,” said the Shamva Gold Mine SHEQ Manager.

Minex is a physical and virtual platform for shopping, sharing and learning in the mining sector. It is renowned for its discussion sessions and dialogue which provides answers and the missing link for small scale miners seeking a foothold to establish themselves and grow their businesses in the extractive sector.



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