

February 15- 03- 2016  
Dr. Toby Bradbury  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shanta Gold Ltd

Ref: HM/Monitor/012

**Re: Request for intervention regarding impacts of your operations in Mlumbi village Singida region, Tanzania**

By way of introduction, HakiMadini is a human rights organization with over 15 years experience in advocating for the rights of small-scale miners and communities impacted by mining operations, including Singida and Mbeya where your company operates.

We write to respectfully request your intervention regarding human rights concerns involving your company's operations in Mlumbi village, Ikungi district in Singida region.

During a recent field visit, landowners in Mlumbi village alleged that between 2004 -2011 Shanta Gold Ltd was granted a prospecting licence. Your Company representatives/agent drilled trenches and boreholes in 25 farms without consulting the land owners (see the attached list of the lawful landowners affected your operations and details of the destruction).

Additionally, your representatives used and still use farms belonging to Rashid Ali and Ernest Josephat to access your company's premises without consulting nor compensating them. A significant part of Rashid Ali's farm is still under armed guards acting on your instructions, who have prevented him from farming or occupying part of his land since your operations begun. This has deprived him off any means of livelihood.

Some of the land owners from Mlumbi, including Rashid Ali, Ernest, and Ibrahim have petitioned Shanta Gold officials several times, specifically the Community Relations Officer Mr. Alisante Kanuya, to compensate them for the damage on their property. They are yet to get any feedback. (Please see the attached letter requesting different actors to intervene).



The affected landowners regret that Shanta Gold did not inform and consult them or the village representatives before prospecting on their land. There has been neither any compensation of the damage any valuation of the damage occasioned on their farms nor any compensation for the destruction. Additionally, they do not have any information to date about the outcome of your prospecting activities and any future plans you have regarding your farms.

Mlumbi village community has reiterated that they are not opposed to your mining activities, but request fairness and justice in how you conduct your activities. Consequently, they demand that;

1. The 25 community landowners (list attached) are fully compensated for destruction of their land and denial of lawful access.
2. Rashid Ali and Ernest Josephat are compensated for loss of part of their pieces of land used to access Shanta Gold premises.
3. Immediate withdrawal of security guard from Rashid Ali's farm or compensate him for the loss of use of the part of his land
4. Lastly, Shanta informs and consult the local community regarding any further planned activities on their land.

The community looks forward to your prompt intervention to ensure that the matter is amicably resolved for peaceful coexistence. We know that Shanta Gold Limited is committed to responsible mining which includes protection of community rights as well as the environment. Thus relationship with local communities where operation exists should be of paramount importance to your esteemed Company.

We respectfully await your response to this request for your intervention. If you need any further information, do not hesitate to contact us.



Yours Sincerely,

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