

ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL SERVICES

Mining Registry- The Mining Registry maintains a database of all licensed mining and quarrying operations. It processes applications for prospecting licenses [Exclusive Prospecting Licenses (EPLs) and Special Exclusive Prospecting Licenses (SEPLs)] and Mining Leases (MLs) including Special Mining Leases (SMLs) which are granted by the Commissioner of Mines.

Library- The Mines and Geology Division Library is primarily responsible for preserving and storing geological information, mining and quarrying reports, safety reports and analytical information and making them available for current and future use.

Geological Gallery of Jamaica-The Geological Gallery of Jamaica houses a collection of mineral specimens found both locally and overseas. Unique to Jamaica, the gallery through these collection, serves both as an attraction and a reference sources for academic work.

Administration- The operations at the MGD is supported by various administrative Units namely , Human Resources Management and Administration, Office Management, Accounts , Information Technology and Information and Public Education .



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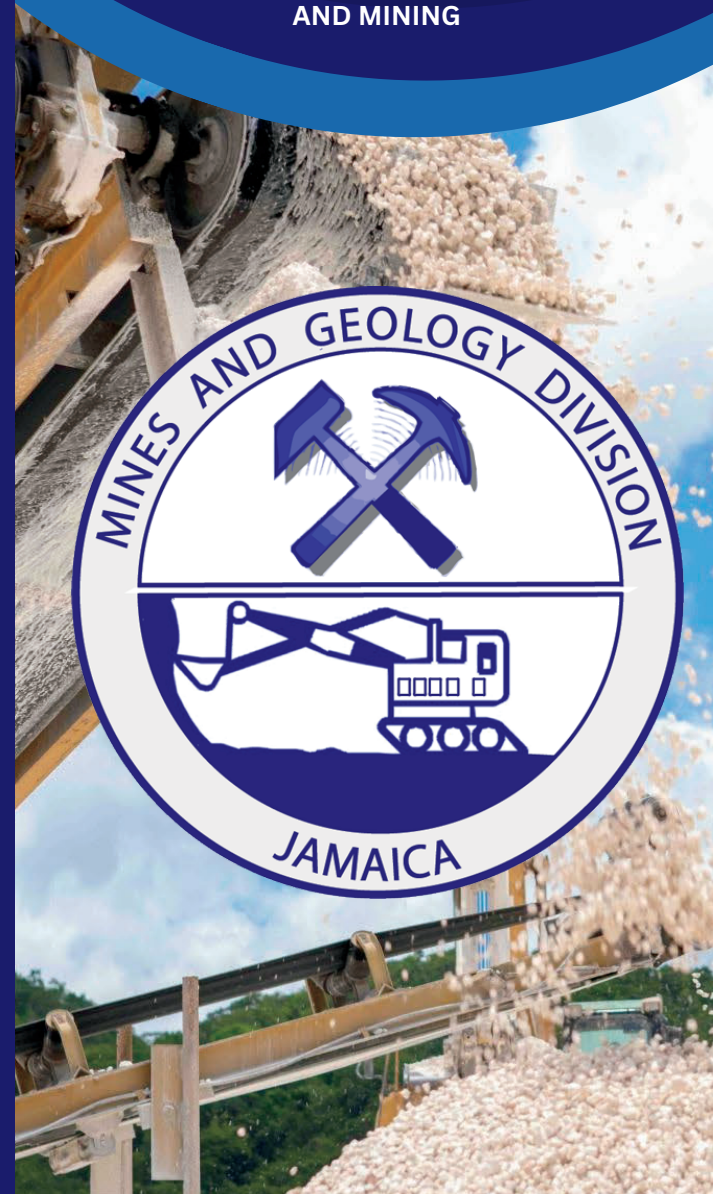
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GEOLOGY BRANCH

Research and Mapping Unit- The Research and Mapping Unit (RMU) is responsible for the collection, analysis and dissemination of geological and geo-technical information critical to economic growth and national development. Operations of this Unit are carried out through two (2) sub units: Regional Mapping and Applied Research.

Economic Minerals Unit- The Economic Minerals Unit (EMU) is responsible for the identification and evaluation of Jamaica's mineral resources as well as making recommendations for their economic exploitation. Operations of this Unit are carried out through two (2) Sub- Units: Metallic Minerals Unit and Industrial Minerals Unit.

Laboratory- The Laboratory provides a range of analytical services including engineering testing, environmental testing, geochemical as well as health related testing. These tests are provided for certification, quality appraisal, quality control, export purposes and research.



MINING BRANCH

Mining, and Quarrying Unit- The Mining, Quarrying Unit is responsible for the enforcement of the primary acts and regulations that governs the minerals sector ; these are the Mining Act (1947), the Minerals (Vesting) Act, and the Quarries (Control) Act (2015). The Unit is also responsible for general supervision of all prospecting, quarrying and mining activities. The inspectorate monitors mining operations to ensure conformity with good engineering practices and the rehabilitation of mined-out lands.

Safety and Environment Unit- This Unit has responsibility for safety, environment and health in the mining industry as stipulated by the Mining (Safety & Health) Regulations (1977). The Unit supervises all the occupational health and safety programmes of the industry which include safety and Housekeeping Inspections, Audit of Injury Statistics and Audit of Test records.

Evaluation and Revenue Unit- The Evaluation and Revenue Unit (ERU) organizes and executes quantity assessment programmes for all shipments of minerals from Jamaica. Through this unit, tonnages are verified by the displacement method of measurement and assessment made to determine the royalty on bauxite to be paid. In addition, the Evaluation and Revenue Unit assesses the quarry tax payable by all legitimate quarries.



OVERVIEW

The Mines and Geology Division (MGD) has the statutory responsibility under the Mining Act (1947) and the Quarries Control Act (2015) to exercise general supervision over all prospecting, mining and quarrying operations throughout Jamaica. The Division also manages the investigation, characterization, documentation and release information on all aspects of the geology of Jamaica.

OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE

The operational head of the Division is the Commissioner of Mines. The Commissioner is supported by two (2) Deputy Commissioners. Each Deputy Commissioner is responsible for one of the two branches of the entity, the Mining Branch and the Geology Branch. These branches are further divided into six (6) technical units