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APIATE EXPLOSION

Pursuant to regulation 2 of the Minerals and Mining (Explosives) Regulations, 2012 (L.I. 2177), the Chief Inspector of Mines is the chief inspector of explosives, and is responsible for the supervision of the manufacture, storage, transportation, and use of explosives for mining and mine support services.

Consequently, the Hon. Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, Samuel A. Jinapor, MP, has, as at 21st January, 2022, directed the Chief Executive Officer of the Minerals Commission to interdict the Chief Inspector of Mines with immediate effect, pending the outcome of the ongoing investigation into the tragic events which took place at Apiate.

Further, the Hon. Minister has directed the Chief Executive Officer of the Minerals Commission, with immediate effect, to suspend the registration of Maxam Company Limited with the Minerals Commission, thereby precluding the company from the manufacture, transportation and/or supply of explosives for mining operations, pending the outcome of investigations into this matter.

The Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources wishes to assure the Ghanaian Public that the ongoing investigations will be thorough and comprehensive, and any public official found culpable will be made to face the full rigors of the law.

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