



SOCIETE MINIERE DE BISUNZU

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PRESS RELEASE: AN IMPORTANT SEIZURE OF FRAUDULENT ORES IN MASISI (EASTERN DRC)

On Friday, October 26, 2018 at 4.30PM, the National Commission for the Fight Against Mining Fraud (CNLFM) returned more than 5 tons of Coltan divided in 75 packages to the Mining Company of Bisunzu (SMB).

On the night of the 16th of September, the Masisi oil and hydrocarbon police (PMH) intercepted a vehicle on the Rubaya-Matanda road with 29 Coltan packages from the SMB extraction perimeter (PE 4731). This shipment was destined for the CDMC SARL processing entity, whose investigation revealed the presence of 46 additional packages also from the SMB sites. Four agents of SAE-MAPE, which issue the traceability labels, were also arrested in this case and were investigated by the CNLFM. According to the same investigation, other protagonists directly linked to the chain of traceability of minerals could also be involved.

This incident takes place just a few weeks after the reopening of the site of the SMB, closed since May 3, 2018 for similar fraud cases involving the same CDMC SARL.

His Excellency, the provincial mines minister, announced that, as stipulated in the mining code, sanctions measures punishable by a fine up to US \$ 1,000,000 could be taken by the competent authorities against the CDMC SARL.

The SMB, for its part, remains determined to actively fight against the frauds that take place on its scope of operation and to continue to guarantee the transparency of its supply chain while respecting the due diligence.



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