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### INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND EDITION OF ECOWAS MINING & PETROLEUM FORUM (ECOMOF 2018), ABIDJAN – COTE D'IVOIRE, 09-11 OCTOBER 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the President of ECOWAS Commission, and by myself, we express the Community's profound gratitude to **His Excellency, President Alassane OUATTARA** and the Government and people of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire for accepting to host the second edition of *ECOWAS Mining & Petroleum Forum and Exhibition (ECOMOF 2018)* in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire from 09-11 October 2018, and for the courtesies extended to ECOWAS Commission towards preparing the Event.

The *main objective* of ECOWAS is to achieve regional integration and thereby ensure the political and socio-economic development of West Africa. We recall the Community's emerging status as a stable democratic and economic hub with the vast opportunities the geo-extractives sector presents for its development process. To further harness the opportunities within the mineral and the petroleum sectors and for collaboration towards continuous creation of the Sectors' required regional architecture to support its sustainable development, the ECOWAS Mining & Petroleum Forum was created by the Authority of Heads of State and Government as a platform for collaborative-dialoguing and exhibition.

It is in this regard that ECOWAS Commission is inviting and welcoming you on behalf of the Community, to be an active participant of ECOMOF 2018, to freely share your thoughts on the Community's process towards advancing the development of its geo-extractives sector. The ECOMOF events feature workshops, technical training sessions, conference and exhibition over a three (3) day period. It is also intended to be your ideal One-stop Platform to meet all the Honorable Ministers of ECOWAS Member States who are responsible for the development of the mineral and petroleum sectors.

Upon the successes of a number of mining projects and discoveries of large offshore oil and gas resources across the region, ECOMOF 2018 which is under the **Theme – Strategies to promote the development of West Africa's mining and petroleum industries** – will discuss among others, the potential for diversifying the mining industry and the scope of further onshore and offshore activities. We are confident this theme provides a suitable backdrop for fruitful discussions within the key-industry stakeholders. Please visit the Event website [www.ecomof.com](http://www.ecomof.com) or email [ecomof@ametrade.org](mailto:ecomof@ametrade.org) for further information on ECOMOF 2018.

ECOWAS Commission further joins the Government and the People of Republic of Cote d'Ivoire to invite you for an exceptional Event. While looking forward to meet you personally with your active participation for fruitful collaboration to develop the geo-extractives sector in the region, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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