



MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CHROMITE AT KANG'URA IN SAMBURU COUNTY, KENYA

Project Background

The government of Kenya, through the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, has identified several minerals as Strategic Minerals. Chromite is one of the minerals categorised as Strategic. To commercialise this resource, the government intends to award the mineral rights over the area through a public tender process as guided by the Mining Act Cap 306 and the Mining (Award of Mineral Rights by Tender) Regulations, 2017.

Upon issuance of the Mineral Right (Prospecting Licence), the project proponent will be expected to adhere to the provisions of the Mining Act and its attendant regulations.

Project Overview

Samburu County lies within two principal geological domains: the Neoproterozoic Mozambique Orogenic Belt and the Cenozoic volcanic sequences associated with the Rift Valley and adjacent plateau volcanism. The Mozambique Belt is characterized by polyphase tectonism, regional metamorphism, and complex structural deformation producing a variety of high-grade metamorphic rocks and intrusions. In contrast, the younger Cenozoic volcanic formations are linked to rifting, mantle upwelling, and magmatic activity associated with the development of the Rift Valley. The metamorphic rocks in Samburu can be classified into gneisses, amphibolites, augen gneisses, granites and pegmatites. Gneisses outcrops are typically small, weathered, and constrained to luggas and water channels. Hornblende is abundant, but commonly weathers to dark brown, forming equi-granular blades within the leucocratic quartz-feldspar matrix. Amphibolite derived from the mafic igneous material is closely associated with vermiculite as an alteration product. These rocks are frequently interlayered with biotite gneiss, metaquartzite, granite gneiss, hornblende gneiss, and calc-silicate gneiss.

Sections of Baragoi within Samburu County represent a unique tectonic environment interpreted as an abduction zone, where fragments of the oceanic plate have been thrust onto the margins of continental crust. The rocks associated with this tectonic setting form the ophiolite sequence, represented by ultramafic suites, amphibolites, and hornblende-plagioclase gneisses.

The ophiolites are associated with psammites and semi-pelites metamorphosed to upper amphibolite facies conditions within the Mozambique Belt sequence.

The Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs recently concluded a nationwide airborne geophysical survey and is in custody of latest radiometric and magnetic data over the project area. The data and resultant grids form primary geophysical information for the winning bidder in undertaking detailed exploration over the area.

Project Location, Geological Setting and Estimates

Location: The project is situated Baragoi, Samburu County within the following coordinates 1° 39' 52" N, 36° 45' 00" E to 1° 33' 44" N, 36° 49' 24" E and covering an area of approximately 213.3263 km².

Geological Setting: Chromite mineralization occurs as discrete pods hosted within altered ultramafic rocks; medium-grained texture, acicular, and radiating crystals exhibiting a vitreous luster, consistent with serpentinized ultramafic assemblages. The emplacement of chromite pods appears to be structurally controlled, with mineralization localized along numerous planes of weakness interpreted as faults/shear zones. These structures are likely conduits for magmatic differentiation and remobilization, concentrating chromite within discrete zones, typically associated with dismembered ophiolitic ultramafic sequences.

Resource Estimates: Samples taken from Kangura before the initial mining by SimKan Ltd which stopped a while back indicated these assay results, MgO at 21%, 7% and 8%, Fe₂O₃ at 16%, 18% and 21% and Cr₂O₃ at 47%, 61% and 54% respectively for the three specimens. The area also has significant amount of nickel as was shown by export assay certificates.

Accessibility: The area is accessible through Nairobi- Maralal- Baragoi road. The area can also be accessed through Nairobi - Moyale road branching off at Archer's Post through Wamba - Barsalinga-Barsaloi- Baragoi Road.

Coordinates

	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)
1	1° 39' 52" N	36° 45' 00" E
2	1° 39' 52" N	36° 48' 25" E
3	1° 33' 44" N	36° 49' 24" E
4	1° 33' 41" N	36° 45' 00" E

Invitation For Expression of Interest (EOI)

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 14 (1) and 223 (2) (e) of the Mining Act, Cap 306 and 2017 Regulations; award of mineral rights by tender, the Government of Kenya is inviting expressions of interest (EOI) from suitable qualified mining operators to commercialize the Kang'ura mineral deposits.

Qualifying Criteria

Firms expressing interest will be required to possess the following key qualifications;

- Vast experience in exploration and mining for specialty minerals such as chromite in global jurisdictions;
- Verifiable financial resources to undertake detailed exploration and mine development;
- Skilled, experienced and proven technical team of experts in exploration and mining;
- Experienced management team with a track record of successfully executed similar projects
- Robust corporate governance framework;
- Portfolio of past underground and surface rock engineering expertise;
- Demonstrable execution of similar projects in fragile ecosystems
- Ability to design and commission start to end on-site processing and beneficiation plant: Ability to process the minerals locally and contribute significantly to global supply chains;
- Commitment to sustainability practices, including the adoption and use of green and renewable energy;
- Environmental Responsibility: commitment to implementing measurable interventions to minimize environmental impact, such as land rehabilitation and water management.
- Community Engagement: Working closely with local communities to ensure social and economic benefits are shared.
- Have clear understanding of Kenya laws on free carry interest, FCI and State involvement on strategic minerals.
- Membership to regional or global group organisations that encourage equitable and responsible mining.

COST OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Bidders are expected to fully acquaint themselves with the conditions, requirements and specifications of this EOI before submitting responses. Each bidder assumes all risks for resource commitment and expenses, direct or indirect, of EOI preparation and participation throughout the EOI process. The Ministry will not be responsible directly or indirectly for any costs incurred by Companies in submitting their EOI.

Additional Terms and Conditions

Any information and/or documents supplied to the Ministry, at any time before this request, shall not be considered in evaluating this proposal, and consequently, companies shall not make any reference to such information and or documents in their response to this request.

An omission to disclose material information, a factual inaccuracy, and/or a misrepresentation of fact may result in the disqualification of a response, or cancellation of any subsequent award.

Disclaimer

This EOI is an expression of interest only and not an offer document; responses arising from this EOI must not be construed as acceptance of an offer or imply the existence of a contract between the parties. By submission of the EOI, Companies shall be deemed to have satisfied themselves with, and to have accepted all Terms & Conditions of this EOI. The Ministry makes no representation, warranty, assurance, guarantee or endorsements to any bidder concerning the EOI, whether with regard to its accuracy, completeness or otherwise and the Ministry shall have no liability towards bidding companies or any other party in connection therewith.

Applicants may obtain additional information from the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, State Department for Mining through the address listed below during official working hours up to and not later than **15th April, 2026**.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the Completed Bid Document and accompanying documents must be submitted in plain sealed envelopes so as to reach the address below by close of business on **21st April, 2026 at 11 Hours Kenya local time**.

The envelopes should be marked as follows;

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CHROMITE IN KANG'URA SAMBURU COUNTY, KENYA

And be submitted in the Tender Box on the Second Floor of the address below or the Office of the Director Supply Chain Management on the same floor.

NOTE: Interested applicants are required to continually check the State Department for Mining website: www.mining.go.ke for any additional information or clarifications that may arise before submission date.

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