

## **SESA Report:**

### **Need for Changes in Mining Legislation and Community Involvement**

**A recent Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) study, conducted in 2024 on behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources by RINA Consulting, Inc., highlights significant challenges in the mining sector. The report focuses on gold and bauxite mining and discusses areas for improvement to create a more sustainable sector.**

The SESA methodology is based on international best practices and consultations with stakeholders. The goal of this methodology is to strengthen institutional capacity and incorporate environmental and social considerations into the mining sector.

#### **Regulation and Community Involvement**

The study reveals that the responsibilities for monitoring social and environmental impacts are not clearly defined. There are insufficient resources and capacity to effectively enforce regulations. Additionally, there is no specific legal framework for the mining sector. Another issue identified is the need to develop discharge standards and an emergency response plan in Suriname. Furthermore, there is a need to make space for better informing communities about mining projects and involving them more actively in decision-making.

#### **Recommendations for Responsible Mining Development**

The report offers several recommendations to improve the mining sector, categorized by priority and timeframe. Short-term recommendations include strengthening regulatory institutions and clarifying mining laws and contracts. It is also essential to actively involve communities and other stakeholders. For the medium term, the report advises establishing environmental agencies and improving monitoring systems. There should also be more focus on preventing mining accidents and establishing clear liability regulations. Long-term recommendations include phasing out toxic substances used in mining, formalizing artisanal mining activities, and promoting a circular economy within the sector.

By implementing these recommendations, Suriname can take significant steps toward developing a sustainable and responsible mining sector, thus better protecting both the environment and local communities.

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