**Contemporary Sustainable Issues and Development Strategies of Mining Industry in Sierra Leone**

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**Abstract:**

The purpose of this report is to underscore the sustainability plan of contemporary issues related to the mining industry in Sierra Leone. According to World Commission on Economic Development, 1987; sustainable development is the process of understanding and meeting the needs of the current generation, without compromising the ability to meet the needs of the future generations.

Suffice to say, the economic development of any nation is heavily reliant on minerals and these are further recovered through mining activities- which involves the exploration and exploitation of our God-given natural capital, and, these are characterised by a range of variables including Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues. Therefore, as an economically fragile state, there should be a clear and sustainable roadmap to manage the impacts of these activities so we don’t transfer those intra-generational equity concerns to future generations.

To tackle those impacts emanating from mineral exploitation for economic development, there should be effective policies on community engagement, environmental management, land relinquishment, education and mineral institutional development, amongst others; consistent with international best practices bbecause they are crucial in dealing with challenges and opportunities of the 21st century and beyond.