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ACP-EU DEVELOPMENT MINERALS PROGRAM

LICENSING & MONITORING FRAMEWORK
FOR DEVELOPMENT MINERALS
EXTRACTION IN FIJI – GUIDING
PRINCIPLES FOR EFFICIENT & EFFECTIVE
LICENSING & MONITORING

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Licensing Authorities



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- ▶ ITLTB – for all development on itaukei lands for the purpose of sand & gravel and/or hard rock production
- ▶ Lands Dept – sand & gravel/hard rock development on State Land
- ▶ Rural Local Authority – gravels/hard rock on freehold lands

Other Approving Agencies



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- ▶ Rural Local Authority
- ▶ Ministry of Health
- ▶ Dept of Town & Country Planning

Monitoring Authorities



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- ▶ Dept of Environment – Scoping, TORs & EIAs under EMA 2005
- ▶ Lands Dept – Rivers & Streams Act/State Lands Act; site approvals and/or routine inspection in conjunction with MRD
- ▶ Mineral Resources Department (MRD) – Quarries Act, EMA 2005; site & approval of operations, routine inspections

Guiding Principles



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- ▶ Key objectives –
 - Ensure the sustainable management of the extractive industry through policies and mechanisms that can assist government in assessing, regulating and enforcing environmentally friendly practices
 - Equitable management of derived revenues from such development for the local communities
 - Strengthen the transparent and accountable management of the industry in accordance with the relevant legislations.

Some of the guiding principles include:



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- ▶ Government should take a lead role in promoting on-going discussions between government agencies, ITLTB, communities/landowners to help develop policies, practices and legal frameworks across all stages of extraction.
- ▶ Effective and efficient management of the industry to promote human development both at community and national levels.
- ▶ On-going constructive consultations between stakeholders prior to, during the course of development and post development.
- ▶ Extractive industries should be managed to maximize opportunities for employment and education



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