



GOLD FIELDS GHANA TARKWA MINE IS 2020 MINING COMPANY OF THE YEAR

Monday, 22nd November 2021| Accra, Ghana: Gold Fields Ghana Tarkwa Mine was adjudged the 2020 Mining Company of the Year at the 7th edition of the prestigious Ghana Mining Industry Awards (GMIA) held on Friday 19th November 2021 at the Marriott's Hotel in Accra. The company's consistent performance across all the five parameters used in the 2020 GMIA assessment accounted for the win.

General Manager of Golden Star Wassa Mine, Mr. Shadrach Adjetey Sowah, won the 2020 Mining Personality of the Year Award for his proactive leadership in steering the mine to improve employee well-being and productivity. Mrs. Margaret Aniwu-Asumakah, Metallurgical Superintendent, for AngloGold Ashanti Obuasi Mine emerged winner of the 2020 Female Mining Professional of Year category.

Other winners on the night were Asanko Gold which won the Best Performer in Innovation as well as the Best Performer in Exploration (Senior) awards. Newmont Ghana Gold Ltd was the 1st Runner-up in Innovation as well as Exploration (Senior) awards. Perseus Mining Ghana Ltd was adjudged the Best Performer in Occupational Health & Safety with Asanko taking the 1st runner-up position. On the other hand, Ghana Manganese Company Ltd won the Best Performer in Local Content with Gold Fields Tarkwa taking the 1st runner-up award. Abosso Goldfields Ghana Ltd, Beniwise Ghana Ltd., Tribune Resources Ghana Ltd., Interplast Ltd., and Zen Petroleum Ltd, won the Corporate Social Investment, Contract Mining, Exploration (Junior), Local Manufacturing of mining inputs, and Mine Supplies & Services awards respectively.

The Chairman of the Adjudicating Board of the 7th GMIA congratulated all companies and individuals, including students, who had been nominated for awards. "It is important to note that being nominated is proof of your hard work. Your nomination should therefore serve as a platform to achieve greater heights and hold aloft your banner as an ambassador for responsible mining." He stated.

The President of the Chamber, Mr Eric Asubonteng, reiterated the importance of making Ghana a hub for Mine Support Services in West Africa. Mr. Asubonteng stated the theme for this year's awards night, "positioning Ghana as the mine support services hub in West Africa" is one which he identifies with.

Adding that "it (theme) is anchored on the Chamber's belief that as a country we can leverage local production of mining firms to spur industrial development. This quest is very important if we really desire to use mining as a catalyst for broad based socio-economic development."



The Guest of Honour, Hon. Samuel Abu Jinapor, Minister for Lands and Natural Resources and MP for Damongo, stated that the Government of President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo will continue to create the enabling environment for responsible mining to prosper. “Already, in partnership with the Chamber and the Ghana Police Service, we have beefed up security at all the mining sites of the members of the Chamber. We have also established a task force, chaired by the Deputy Minister responsible for Mines, Hon. George Mireku Duker, MP, with members drawn from the Chamber and the security services of our country, to see to the protection of these mines, and to respond quickly to any eventualities.” He stated.

The Minister also disclosed that the chosen theme for the 7th GMIA ceremony, “***Positioning Ghana as Mine Support Services Hub in West Africa***” fits into the broader vision of the President of the Republic of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, as he seeks to make Ghana the mining hub of Africa, where all mining and mine related activities, from exploration to refinery, from research to innovation, will thrive. He added that “This (mining) industry will be largely indigenous, with strong local content participation. That is the only path to creating a truly sustainable industry which is mutually beneficial to all parties. “

The Special Adviser to the Minister for Lands and Natural Resources and former Chief Executive Office of the Minerals Commission of Ghana, Mr. Benjamin Nii Ayi Aryee, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his invaluable contribution to the growth of mining in Ghana. For the second year running Daily Graphic’s Timothy Ngenbe won the Best Mining Reporter award for print whilst Latif Iddrisu of GTV won the Best Mining Reporter award for broadcast.

The 7th Ghana Mining Industry Awards was organised by the Ghana Chamber of Mines with support from the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, the Minerals Commission, and the Environmental Protection Agency. It was sponsored by Newmont Ghana, Gold Fields Ghana Ltd, Ghana Manganese Co. Ltd., Asanko Gold Ghana Ltd., Chirano Gold Mines, Interplast Ghana, SMT, DRA Ghana Ltd., and PwC.

The list of award winners is as follows:

MINING COMPANY OF THE YEAR:- Gold Fields Ghana Tarkwa Mine

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:- Mr Benjamin Nii Ayi Aryee, Former Chief Executive Officer, Minerals Commission



MINING PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR (THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD):- Shadrach Adjetej Sowah, General Manager, Golden Star Wassa Mine.

BEST FEMALE MINING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR –

WINNER: - Mrs. Margaret Aniwu-Asumakah of AngloGold Ashanti Obuasi Mine .

RUNNER-UP: - Mrs. Margaret Arku of AngloGold Ashanti Iduapirem Mine.

BEST MINING REPORTER –

PRINT: - Mr Timothy Ngenbe (*GHS5,000 Prize Money*)

BROADCAST: - Abul Latif (*GHS5,000 Prize Money*)

BEST PERFORMER IN CORPORATE SOCIAL INVESTMENT

WINNER: - Abosso Goldfields Ltd, Damang

RUNNER UP:- AngloGold Ashanti, Iduapirem Mine

BEST PERFORMER IN INNOVATION –

WINNER: - Asanko Gold Ghana Ltd

RUNNER-UP: - Newmont Ghana Gold Ltd

BEST PERFORMER IN LOCAL MANUFACTURING OF MINING INPUTS

WINNER: - Interplast Limited

RUNNER-UP: - Carmeuse Lime Products (Gh) Ltd.

BEST PERFORMER IN MINE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

WINNER: - Zen Petroleum

RUNNER-UP: - Golden Star Wassa / Genser

BEST PERFORMER IN LOCAL CONTENT

WINNER: - Ghana Manganese Co. Ltd

RUNNER-UP: - Gold Fields Ghana Tarkwa Mine

BEST PERFORMER IN CONTRACT MINING

WINNER: - Beniwise Ghana Ltd

RUNNER-UP - Ramoth Services Ghana Ltd

BEST PERFORMER IN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

WINNER: – Perseus Mining Ghana Ltd

RUNNER-UP - Asanko Gold Ghana Ltd.

BEST PERFORMER IN EXPLORATION (Senior)

WINNER: - Asanko Gold Ghana Ltd

RUNNER-UP:- Newmont Ghana Gold Ltd



BEST PERFORMER IN EXPLORATION (Junior)

WINNER: - Tribune Resources Ghana Limited

RUNNER-UP: - Adamus Resources Ltd

SPECIAL HONORARY AWARDS

- Mr. Kwaku Addae Antwi-Boasiako, Former CEO of the Minerals Commission
- Mr. Obiri Yeboah-Twumasi, Former Chief Inspector of Mines of the Minerals Commission
- Prof. Christopher Gordon, Senior Lecturer, University of Ghana
- Ms. Elaine Sam, Former President, Institute of Public Relations, Ghana
- Mrs. Georgette Barnes Sakyi Addo, President – Women in Mining Ghana

STUDENT AWARDS

- BEST GRADUATE RESEARCH, Jacob Atewin Abaare of UMaT (*GHS 5,000 Prize Money, Laptop donated by SMT, one year internship at SMT*)
- BEST FEMALE STUDENT (LEVEL 200) UMaT, Felisa Maame Amonoo (*GHS 3,000 Prize Money*)
- BEST MALE STUDENT (Level 200) UMaT, Abdul-Rahman Ishaak (*GHS 3,000 Prize Money*)
- WINNER: NATIONAL INTER MINES ESSAY COMPETITION – Assan Atta Mensah (*GHS 2,500 Prize Money*)
- 1ST RUNNER-UP: NATIONAL INTER MINES ESSAY COMPETITION – Andrew Ofofu (*GHS 2,000 Prize Money*)
- 2ND RUNNER-UP: NATIONAL INTER MINES ESSAY COMPETITION – Ramatu Tanko (*GHS 1,500 Prize Money*)

Editor's Note:

The Ghana Chamber of Mines is the main minerals industry association in Ghana. The Chamber advocates the collective interests of companies involved in mineral exploration, production and processing in Ghana. Its activities are entirely funded by its member companies, which produce majority of Ghana's mineral output and are the largest contributor of Ghana's share of Export Commodity in Gross Merchandise Exports as well as revenue mobilized by the Ghana Revenue Authority. The Chamber has proactively advocated the industry's interests since 1928.

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