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ABSTRACT

The objective of the mining law revision is to ensure sustainable development of the mining industry by providing it a modern legal framework which, while based on international practices, is supposed to reflect potential mineral resources of the country, ancient traditions in the field, the level of the know-how of actors operating in the sector and the opening of our country to the outside through the simplification of procedures.

The implementation of such measures is likely attractive to improve the mining exploration and research in order to identify new deposits.

In terms of form, it was carried out the removal of some obsolete terms and legal definitions of certain terms used in the law. Some principles of the current mining regulations were renewed while adapting to the new context. Mention may be made in this regard:

- The public ownership of the mines;
- The nature of real estate, limited in time and separate from land ownership, attributed to research permits and licenses.;

In terms of background, the main innovations introduced by this project include:

- Extension of the scope of the mining legislation in other minerals for industrial use,
- The simplification of administrative procedures, eliminating the risks of exercising the discretion of the Administration,
- The introduction of the prospecting license, giving mining companies the opportunity to operate in large areas,
- The creation of an agency whose mission is to bring the development of mining and geology sector;
- The extension of the mining law to include maritime area and the protection of the environment to ensure sustainable development.