

GAF AG has been awarded four new contracts for mining governance consultancy services in Cameroon, Laos, Afghanistan and Sierra Leone

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GAF has been awarded four new technical assistance contracts for projects supporting mining ministries in Africa and Asia. Project activities in Afghanistan and Laos have already started, and those in Cameroon and Sierra Leone will soon follow. These projects underline the extensive and comprehensive range of services, capabilities and experience that GAF provides to institutional clients in the mineral domain around the globe – which the company has been doing with great success for many years. The company's portfolio of services includes the implementation of mining cadastres and geological information systems and the provision of support to mines inspectorates, as well as geological mapping, capacity building and know-how transfer.

The four new contracts deal specifically with:

- the design and Implementation of a Geodata Information Management Systems (GIMS) for the National Minerals Agency in Sierra Leone,
- the provision of assistance to the Ministry of Mines and Industry of the Republic of Cameroon for the implementation of a new digital mining cadastre,
- the drafting of Mines Regulations and provision of assistance regarding mines inspections for the Lao Ministry of Energy and Mines,
- the continued provision of consulting and capacity building services to the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum in Afghanistan, with a particular focus on mining regulations and contract compliance monitoring.

Funding for each project is provided by the World Bank as part of country-specific mineral resources programmes. Individual project volumes range from 0.25 - 1.0 million euros and project durations range from 6 to 24 months.

GAF receives consistently high client satisfaction feedback - most tangibly in the form of follow-on contracts. Key aspects of this success include the company's comprehensive service and consulting portfolio in mineral governance together with its technical and thematic skills and experience. GAF combines know-how in fields such as mining, geology and the environment with geo-information technologies, and is a solution-oriented company. The Mining/Geology Department consists of 25 geologists, geophysicists, mining engineers and surveyors and is complemented by GAF's multidisciplinary teams, including the GAF IT Department with its more than 40 software developers and programmers.

About GAF AG – Germany (www.gaf.de)

GAF has 180 specialised members of staff and the company has an international reputation as an experienced provider of services in the fields of geo-technologies, spatial IT-consultancy and the provision of technical assistance for private and public clients. GAF offers solutions in the sectors of mining and geology, natural resources, water and environment, security, land, agriculture, forestry and climate change. Over the past 28 years, the company has been active in more than 500 projects in over 100 countries throughout Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia. GAF is part of Telespazio, which belongs to Finmeccanica and Thales, two leading European technology groups.

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