



**REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**

**REPORT**

**OF THE**

**COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL ECONOMY, TRADE AND LABOUR MATTERS**

**ON THE**

**MINERALS REGULATION COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL, N.A.B. NO.  
32 OF 2026**

**FOR THE**

**FIFTH SESSION OF THE THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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## FOREWORD

Honourable Madam Speaker, the Committee on National Economy, Trade and Labour Matters has the honour to present its Report on the Minerals Regulation Commission (Amendment) Bill, N.A.B. No. 32 of 2026, for the Fifth Session of the Thirteenth National Assembly. The functions of the Committee are set out under Standing Orders 206 (j) and 207 of the National Assembly of Zambia Standing Orders, 2024.

The Committee held eight sittings to consider the Bill. In order to gain insight into the ramifications of the Bill, the Committee sought both written and oral submissions from various stakeholders. The list of the stakeholders is at Appendix II of the Report.

The Report is in three Parts. Part I contains the salient provisions of the Bill. Part II highlights concerns raised by stakeholders, while Part III contains the Committee's observations and recommendations.

The Committee wishes to pay tribute to all stakeholders who appeared before it and tendered both oral and written submissions. It further wishes to thank you, Madam Speaker, for affording it an opportunity to consider the Minerals Regulation Commission (Amendment) Bill, N.A.B. No. 32 of 2026. The Committee also appreciates the services rendered by the Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly during its deliberations.



Ms Sibeso K Sefulo, MP  
**CHAIRPERSON**

April, 2026  
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## **1.0 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee consisted of Ms Sibeso K Sefulo, MP (Chairperson); Mr Joel Chibuye, MP (Vice-Chairperson); Mr Gary Nkombo, MP; Mr Kabwe T Chewe, MP; Mr Davison Mung'andu, MP; Mr Derricky Chilundika, MP; Dr Simon Mwale, MP; Mr Simon Banda, MP; Mr Walusa Mulaliki, MP; and Mr Wesley Kolala, MP.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

The Minerals Regulation Commission (Amendment) Bill, N.A.B. No. 32 of 2026, seeks to amend the *Minerals Regulations Commission Act, No. 14 of 2024*, so as to revise the the Board of the Minerals and Regulation Commission.

## **3.0 OBJECT OF THE BILL**

The object of this Bill is to:

- a) revise the composition of the Board of the Minerals and Regulation Commission; and
- b) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

## **PART I**

### **4.0 PROVISIONS OF THE BILL**

The provisions of the Bill are as set out hereunder.

#### **Clause 1: Short Title and Commencement**

This clause provides for the short title and commencement of the Act, once enacted.

#### **Clause 2: Amendment of Section 2**

This clause seeks to amend section 2 of the principal Act by the insertion of the following new definition in the appropriate place in alphabetical order; “Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants” means the Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants continued under the Accounts Act.

#### **Clause 3: Repeal and Replacement of Section 7**

This clause seeks to amend section 7 of the principal Act by the insertion of a new subsection, so as to provide for the constitution of the Board of the Commission; and the criteria of appointments to serve on the Board.

#### **Clause 4: Amendment of Schedule**

This clause seeks to amend the Schedule of the principal Act, in paragraph 3(4), by the deletion the word “five” and the substitution therefor of the word “seven”.

## **PART II**

### **5.0 CONCERNS RAISED BY STAKEHOLDERS**

Stakeholders who appeared before the Committee supported the Bill. However, in doing so, they raised the concern outlined below.

### **Generalisation of Required Skill Set at Board Level**

Some stakeholders submitted that in view of the mandate of the Minerals Regulatory Commission, the skill set required at Board level could be more specific as opposed to being generic nature, as provided under clause 3 of the Bill.

It was, therefore, suggested that the eligibility criteria be refined to include requirements such as substantial knowledge and experience in mining engineering, geology, environment, social and governance principles, mineral marketing and investment. Recognising that mining was a highly technical and high-risk sector.

## **PART III**

### **6.0 COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

In supporting the Bill, the Committee makes the observation and recommendation outlined below.

#### **Qualifications for Appointment to the Board**

The Committee observes that, while clause 3 of the Bill provides for the constitution of the Board, the skills set required for appointment are general and may not guarantee identifying the right persons to serve on the Board.

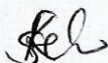
In this regard, the Committee recommends that the eligibility criterion, under section 7(1) of the principal Act be refined to include requirements such as substantial knowledge and experience in mining engineering, geology, environment, social and governance principles, mineral marketing and investment.

### **7.0 CONCLUSION**

The proposed amendments to the *Minerals Regulations Commission Act, No. 14 of 2024*, are progressive. Contemporary corporate governance focuses not only on responsible business financial sustainability practices but also on community engagement, human rights as well as environmental impact. Therefore, representation from mines, lands, environment, finance, Attorney General and the Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants will ensure that all aspects of the mining sector are taken care of by the Board.

Together, these provisions will establish a Commission that is credible, transparent, and effective, capable of managing complex issues in a way that balances economic development, environmental sustainability, legal compliance, and community welfare.

In view of the foregoing, the Committee supports the enactment of the Minerals Regulation Commission (Amendment) Bill, N.A.B. No. 32 of 2026, into law.



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## **APPENDIX I - List of National Assembly Officials**

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Mrs Racheal M Kanyumbu, Administrative Assistant  
Mr Daniel Lupiya, Senior Committee Assistant  
Mr Muyembi Kantumoya, Committee Assistant  
Ms Debora Mbewe, Intern

## **APPENDIX II - List of Witnesses**

Anti-Corruption Commission  
Bankers Association of Zambia  
Competition and Consumer Protection Commission  
Ministry of Finance and National Planning  
Ministry of Justice  
Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry  
Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development  
National Economic Advisory Council  
National Pensions Scheme Authority  
Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants  
Zambia Institute for Policy Research and Analysis  
Zambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry