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Market Insight: The Manganese Sector in Ghana

Amila Insights market note on production, ownership and the regulatory framework governing manganese mining in Ghana.

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Ghana's position in global manganese supply, the ownership of its principal producer, the production outlook and the legal framework for mineral rights.

Market position

Manganese is a cornerstone of Ghana's mining economy. At the close of 2023, Ghana ranked as the second-largest manganese producer in Africa and the fifth-largest globally.

Production is concentrated in the Western Region around Nsuta, where the Ghana Manganese Company operates. The company is a subsidiary of Consolidated Minerals, which is backed by Ningxia Tianyuan Manganese Industry (TMI), one of the world's largest manganese producers.

Production outlook

Early projections for 2024 from the Ghana Chamber of Mines pointed to output above 5 million tonnes, which would be the highest level in three years and would reinforce Ghana's place in global supply.

Regulatory framework

Mining in Ghana is governed by the Minerals and Mining Act, 2006 (Act 703). Under Article 257(6) of the 1992 Constitution, mineral resources are vested in the President on behalf of the people of Ghana, which places their exploitation under close regulation.

The Minerals Commission is the principal regulator, responsible for overseeing the sector and ensuring compliance. Section 9 of Act 703 sets out the process for obtaining mineral rights, which may be granted only to companies incorporated under Ghana's Companies Act. Activities under a mineral right are confined to the operations it permits.

Implications

For investors and offtakers, the combination of rising production, an established anchor producer and a clear licensing framework makes Ghana a stable source of manganese supply.

Market entry requires a Ghana-incorporated vehicle, a mineral right granted through the Minerals Commission, and careful structuring of activities within the scope of that right.

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