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Mantra Tanzania Limited, the country's first uranium and the most developed project in the district, has pledged to support the district's development through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities during the Namtumbo Kihenge forum that took place on the 21st & 22nd of September 2023 at the Namtumbo District of Ruvuma Region.

During the first day of the forum that was championed by the Namtumbo District Commissioner Hon. Ngollo Ng'waniduhu Malenya as a guest of honour, Hon. Ngollo stated that the forum is a beacon of hope and potential for the district, aims to showcase the untapped potential of the Namtumbo District which also serves as a platform for dialogue, collaboration, and the exchange of innovative ideas that can propel the district towards sustainable development.

Mantra, as a key player in the district, fully participated in the forum, shedding light on the potential benefits that the community stands to gain from the development of the Mantra project.

Expressing his gratitude to the Namtumbo District Commissioner for organizing the Namtumbo Kihenge forum for 2023, Majani Moremi Wambura Mantra's Sustainability Manager highlighted the advantages of the project, which include employment opportunities and various business prospects as a multiplier effect of the mining sector development.

"The Mantra project is not just about mining uranium," Majani explained to the delegates. "It's about creating a ripple effect of opportunities



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that will benefit the entire community. From direct employment in the project to indirect jobs created by the demand for goods and services, the project is a catalyst for economic growth."

In addition to the economic benefits, Majani also outlined Mantra's commitment to the community through its CSR activities. He shared the company's CSR strategy for 2023-2028, a comprehensive plan that focuses on education, health, environmental conservation, and community development.

"Our CSR strategy is not just about giving back to the community," Majani said. "It's about empowering the community to take charge of its development. We want to create a sustainable model of development that will continue to benefit the community long after the project is completed."

Mantra's commitment to the community extends beyond its CSR activities. The company is one of the main sponsors of the Namtumbo Kihenge forum this year, and it has pledged to continue supporting such constructive forums and programs that positively impact the district, regional, and country's economy.

"We believe in the power of collaboration and community engagement," Majani said. "By supporting forums like the Namtumbo Kihenge, we are fostering a culture of dialogue and innovation that will drive the district's development."

As Mantra Tanzania Limited continues to develop its uranium project, it remains committed to its promise of supporting the Namtumbo District through its CSR activities and support for community initiatives.

At the Namtumbo Kihenge Business Forum 2023, Mantra Tanzania Limited was awarded by the Namtumbo District Council office as a token of appreciation for their outstanding contribution to the event. The company has a long-standing commitment to community involvement, and their participation in this forum is a continuation of their efforts to boost the region's economy. This recognition serves as a testament to their dedication and hard work.

During the Kihenge Forum, Hon. Vita Rashid Kawawa, a Member of Parliament for the Namtumbo constituency, emphasized the importance of Namtumbo residents utilizing the forum to attract investors in the agriculture and mining sectors. The district has the potential to contribute to the country's economy greatly.

During a recent forum, Hon. Kwawa requested assistance from government authorities to support Mantra's uranium mining project in the district. He believes that with increased efforts from the government, the project could run for at least 15 years and contribute to 20% of Africa's uranium output and 4% of the world's production. Hon. Kwawa is confident that the government can resolve any issues that are preventing the project from commencing.

Mantra recently organized a mining tour for 150 people from the Namtumbo business forum, led by the Namtumbo DC. The tour aimed to educate people on the operations of uranium mining and showcase the safety precautions taken by Mantra during its operations. The tour took place at Mantra's uranium mining site located within the Nyerere National Park, which is approximately 54km away from the residents' houses and about 140km away from the Namtumbo Center.



The Hon. Ngollo Malenya, Namtumbo District Commissioner, addressing the Namtumbo Business Forum to promote investment opportunities in the district.

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Majani Moremi Wambura, Mantra's Sustainability Manager, addressing the audience at the Namtumbo Kihenge Forum that took place on September 21 and 22, 2023.



The Namtumbo District Commissioner, Hon. Ngollo Ng'waniduhu Malenya (Left), and the Member of Parliament of Namtumbo constituency, Hon. Vita Rashidi Kawawa (Right) attending the Namtumbo Kihenge forum in 2023.



During the 2023 Namtumbo Kihenge forum at the Mantra Mine site visit, Mantra's Maintenance Superintendent Fabian Nkokoo explains how uranium mining will take place once the mine is operational.



A picture was taken of Mantra's staff during the 2023 Namtumbo Kihenge Forum held in Namtubo. From the left is Dr. Robert Tarimo, Mantra's specialist in Occupational Health, Safety, and Radiation, Ms. Khadija Kawawa, Mantra's Public Relations Manager, and Majani Wambura, Mantra's Sustainability Manager.



Mantra staff proudly holding a crystal award they received for their support of the 2023 Namtumbo Kihenge Forum. This award is a testament to the ongoing commitment that the company has to the Namtumbo community and its efforts to promote development in the region.

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## MANTRA TANZANIA LIMITED STRENGTHENS COLLABORATION WITH EMPLOYEES OF NYERERE NATIONAL PARK IN THE LIKUYUSEKAMAGANGA ZONE

In strengthening relations with good neighborhoods, Mantra Tanzania Limited which owns the Uranium mining project in the Namtumbo district of the Ruvuma region has handed over a 22kV generator and refrigerator worth more than Tshs. 25 million to workers of the Nyerere National Park in the Likuyusekamaganga zone in the district



Speaking at the handover, the Managing Director of Mantra Tanzania, Alexander Ryabchenko said that this event is a sign of friendship and cooperation as this company does not only envisage maintaining good relations with the community surrounding the project, but also with the government and private institutions that are important stakeholders of the company and the entire district of Namtumbo.

Furthermore, Mr. Beria Vorster who is the Project Manager of the uranium project has expressed his sincere gratitude to the conservationists as they have been showing special cooperation to Mantra Tanzania and encouraged both to maintain this cooperation between the two institutions as they all have good intentions of building and contributing to the growth of the country's economy.

"This is not the end, but a good beginning of our continuous cooperation, this event is a sign of gratitude from Mantra because TANAPA through the Nyerere park has always been of great help in various fields including protection against animals when the project activities are now moving to advanced level," said Mr. Voster.

Shangwe Kakulu, on behalf of his TANAPA colleagues who are in the Nyerere National park in the Likuyusekamaganga zone, expressed his sincere thanks and emphasized that the cooperation between them and Mantra will become more sustainable because apart from work responsibilities, these institutions have become good friends together with other institutions that are stakeholders of TANAPA. Mr. Kakulu emphasized that this cooperation will be a continuous campaign for both parties so that the society can benefit from the presence of the conservation institution and Mantra project.

Mantra Tanzania's Sustainability Manager Ms. Khadija Kawawa has said that apart from the Corporate Social Responsibilities that Mantra regularly engages in, the company is looking forward to developing cooperation with its close and important stakeholders as it did for the Nyerere National Park workers in the Likuyusekamaganga zone. "This is a sign not only of cooperation but also of the love that Mantra has for all development stakeholders in Namtumbo districts and Ruvuma in general.

Likewise, employees from the Nyerere park in the Likuyusekamaganga zone, have thanked Mantra for being a good development partner and promised to maintain it as they keep performing their basic duties to serve and protect the nation.



Mr. Shangwe Kakulu speaking on behalf of Nyerere Park staff of Likuyusekamaganga zone in receiving a refrigerator and generator as a sign of cooperation between the conservationists and Mantra Tanzania

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Mantra's Managing Director Alexander Ryabchenko speaking during the generator and refrigerator handover to the Nyerere National Park – Likuyusekamaganga zone employees



Mr. Shangwe Kalulu showing the Mantra delegation the area where they will store the 22kV generator handed over by the company



The Managing Director of Mantra Alexander Ryabchenko being shown the area where the refrigerator will be placed to serve the staff of the park



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#### **CSR NEWS**

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The Project Manager of Mantra Tanzania Limited, Mr. Beria Voster speaking to express his gratitude to the staff of the Nyerere National park – Likuyusekamaganga zone for the cooperation they show as the project continues



Mantra's and Park Staffs Group photo during Generator handing over.



Ms. Khadija Kawawa, Mantra's Public Relations Manager, Explaining the matter during handing over the Generator.

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#### **MANTRA TEAM BUILDING NEWS**

#### MANTRA TANZANIA LIMITED'S INAUGURAL TEAM BUILDING EVENT: UNITING FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



This October, Mantra Tanzania Limited celebrated its first-ever team building event - an initiative that brought together a diverse and dedicated workforce from the heart of our operations in Tanzania. This meeting of minds and hearts took place at our Mkuju River Project site on the 18th and 19th of October, 2023.

Mantra team, hailing from the Dar Es Salaam,Office Namtumbo Office, and our site-based employees, participated in a series of activities designed not only to foster individual growth but also to strengthen collective commitment to Mantra Tanzania's mission and vision. The event was more than just a gathering; it was a testament to the unity, dedication, and camarity that form the core of Mantra Tanzania Limited's culture.

Over the two days, Mantra team members engaged in a variety of exciting activities and workshops that promoted teamwork, leadership, and creative problem solving. These activities ranged from intellectually stimulating problem-solving tasks to exhilarating physical challenges, all designed to bring out the best in each participant while fostering a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect.

Yet, the event was not solely focused on internal development. In an exciting turn of events, the entire Mantra team was invited to meet the Namtumbo District Commissioner, Hon. Ngollo Malenya. The District Commissioner expressed her gratitude to Mantra for our unwavering commitment and dedication to the development of the Namtumbo community.

She also shared her eagerness to see Mantra's operations commence, expecting significant contributions to the Namtumbo and the national economy.

Indeed, our operations in Tanzania, particularly the Mkuju River Project, are set to provide substantial economic benefits to the region and the country. As one of the most significant uranium projects globally, the Mkuju River Project is expected to contribute significantly to Tanzania's GDP and create numerous job opportunities, leading to improved living standards for the local population.

Furthermore, Mantra Tanzania Limited's commitment to sustainable mining practices ensures that our operations will not only bring economic prosperity but also contribute to the environmental and social well-being of the communities we operate in. "We are committed to making a positive impact on the lives of our employees, their families, and the wider community." Said Aleksandr Ryabchenko, Mantra's Managing Director at a courtesy meeting with the Namtumbo District Commissioner on that day.

After the event on the 19th of October, Mantra HR recognized the individual efforts and outstanding performances of staff with certificates of appreciation. Additionally, awards were given to the winners of the various competitions that took place during the team-building days. These awards served to acknowledge not only the winners' skills and talents but also their dedication to teamwork and collaborative effort.

The inaugural team-building event marked a significant milestone in our journey. It was an opportunity for us to celebrate our collective achievements, reflect on our journey, and recommit to Mantra's mission of contributing to Tanzania's growth story. The event has left Mantra employees more united, more committed, and more determined to achieve our goals.

"We thank all our team members for their participation and dedication, and we look forward to seeing the positive impacts of this event in our future endeavors." Said the Thank you for your continued support and interest in Mantra Tanzania Limited. We are excited about what the future holds and are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way.

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# MANTRA NEWS MINISTRY OF SPORTS MANTRA TANZANIA LIMITED: A BEACON OF CULTURAL & SPORTING DEVELOPMENT IN TANZANIA



Mr. Saidi Yakubu (Left), the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Sports and Culture, and Mr. Aleksandr Ryabchenko, the Managing Director of Mantra Tanzania Limited, during the meeting at a Ministry's sub-office in Dar Es Salaam

In a world where corporations are increasingly recognizing the need to contribute to the societies in which they operate, Mantra Tanzania Limited stands as a sterling example. On September 14, 2023, a significant meeting took place that could shape the future of sports and culture in Tanzania. The meeting, held at a Ministry's sub-office in Dar Es Salaam, involved two individuals who are deeply committed to enhancing the Tanzanian cultural and sporting scene: Mr. Saidi Yakubu, the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Sports and Culture, and Mr. Aleksandr Ryabchenko, the Managing Director of Mantra Tanzania Limited.

Mantra Tanzania Limited, best known for its corporate social responsibilities (CSR), is championing various cultural and sporting events in Songea, Namtumbo and other districts of the southern part of Tanzania. The corporation's ethos of 'giving back' is deeply woven into its business model. In the district and region where they operate, they have developed and supported events such as the acclaimed Mantra Cup.

This sports event brings together communities within Namtumbo to participate in unearthing and nurturing the hidden talent within the region.

The Mantra Cup is more than just a sporting event; it's a celebration of unity, a testament to the spirit of competition, and a platform for young talent to step into the limelight. It's an opportunity for local athletes to prove their mettle, to rise from the shadows, and to set their sights on national and even international recognition.

Beyond sports, Mantra Tanzania Limited also actively participates in cultural events such as traditional dance festivals. Recognizing the rich and diverse cultural heritage of Tanzania, Mantra assists in showcasing to the world the unique and vibrant traditions of this East African nation. Their involvement is not merely logistical but also involves the promotion of Tanzanian culture on a global scale.

Mantra's commitment to cultural preservation and promotion is a testament to their understanding of the importance of cultural identity in a rapidly globalizing world. By supporting these festivals, they are assisting in the preservation of Tanzania's cultural heritage, while also promoting cultural exchange and understanding.

Moreover, Mantra is also looking to leverage the power of digital media to promote Tanzanian culture and sports. They plan to document and share the traditional dance festivals and the inspiring stories of young athletes from Namtumbo with a global audience, thereby putting Tanzania on the international cultural and sports map.

This partnership between the Ministry of Sports and Culture and Mantra Tanzania Limited is more than an alliance; it's a promise for a brighter future for Tanzania's sports and cultural sector. Through their combined efforts, they aim to not only uplift the sporting and cultural scene but also contribute to the socio-economic development of the region.

As Mantra continues to set the standard for corporate social responsibility in Tanzania, its commitment to cultural and sporting development serves as an inspiration for other corporations. It's a clear message that corporations can play a significant role in societal development and that their influence can extend far beyond the bounds of their business operations.

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#### **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)**

## TANZANIA'S FIRST URANIUM MINING COMPANY PRIORITIZES SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AIMING AT IMPROVING RUVUMA ECONOMY



The Namtumbo District Commissioner, Hon. Ngollo Ng'waniduhu Malenya (right), gratefully receives a state of the art chemical analyzer machine from Mantra's Managing Director,

Mr. Aleksandr Ryabchenko (left).

Mantra Tanzania Limited, the first company to be licensed to mine uranium in Tanzania, has made a significant commitment to the social accountability of its operations. The company has pledged to strengthen the Ruvuma region, particularly in the Namtumbo and Likuyu ward societies, by investing in projects that promote water accessibility and its supply chain, food and nutrition, education, healthcare, entertainment (sports and culture) and providing alternative livelihood by investing in sustainable projects that improve the socio-economic status of the region.

During a courtesy call at the Ruvuma regional and Namtumbo district offices, Mantra's Managing Director, Mr. Aleksandr Ryabchenko, emphasized the importance of prioritizing social responsibility in the company's operations. He stated that for the next five years (2023–2028), Mantra Tanzania Limited is committed to investing in projects that benefit the local communities.

The company has partnered with local organizations to provide training and employment opportunities for the residents of the Namtumbo and Likuyu wards, contributing to the region's economy and empowering the local communities.

Aleksandr explained that the Mantra team holds meetings at the district, ward, and village levels to ensure the CSR investments align with the community's needs. Specifically, on April 6, 2023, he led a meeting with villagers from the three villages they operate in, Mtonya, Likuyu Seka, and Likuyu Mandela, to determine the areas where their investment would be most beneficial, and the company has started implantation of the agreed issues from the Likuyu ward.

Speaking at the occasion, the Namtumbo District Commissioner, Hon. Ngollo Ng'waniduhu Malenya, said that despite not starting production, Mantra has annually committed over \$100,000 to Corporate social responsibility, demonstrating its dedication to ensuring that its mining activities have a positive impact on the environment and society. The company's efforts to promote sustainable development are commendable and should serve as an example for other mining companies in Tanzania and across the continent.

Mantra's Managing Director, Aleksandr Ryabchenko, also donated a Chemical Analyzer machine worth TZS 30 Million to the Namtumbo District Hospital to aid its medical team in providing quality healthcare to patients. The machine was presented to the District Commissioner during Mr. Ryabchenko's visit to the District Commissioner's office. This gesture is a commendable effort that will go a long way in improving the healthcare system in the Namtumbo District.

Mantra Tanzania Limited, a TENEX subsidiary company under the ROSATOM, is currently in the final stages of completing its construction of a pilot plant in Namtumbo and expects to commence pilot production before the end of this year. Colonel Laban Thomas, the Ruvuma Regional Commissioner, expressed his appreciation for the company's efforts in contributing to the local district and region. He eagerly anticipates the company's commencement of production shortly, which will further aid the growth of the country's economy.

Mantra Tanzania Limited was granted a Special Mining License in April 2013. Despite postponing the project implementation timeline due to the global Uranium price weakening, the company has invested over \$240,000,000 in the Mkuju River Project since discovering a significant world-class uranium deposit in 1996.



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#### **CSR & SAFETY NEWS**

TANZANIA'S FIRST URANIUM MINING COMPANY PRIORITIZES SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AIMING AT IMPROVING RUVUMA ECONOMY.........

MANTRA TANZANIA AND TANZANIA POLICE FORCE COLLABORATE TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY AND GENDER SENSITIZATION TRAINING IN NAMTUMBO DISTRICT

This deposit could keep the company running for at least 15 years, accounting for about 20% of Africa's output today, representing about 4% of the current world production.

Mantra Tanzania Limited's commitment to social responsibility and sustainable development is a testament to its dedication to the local communities and the environment. The company's investment in the Ruvuma region will undoubtedly positively impact the area and serve as an example for other mining companies looking to invest in Tanzania.



Ruvuma Regional Commissioner Colonel Laban Thomas (L) and Mantra Tanzania Managing Director Mr. Aleksandr Ryabchenko (R) pose for a photo during their courtesy call meeting in Ruvuma.



Honorable Ngollo Ng'waniduhu Malenya (L), the Namtumbo District Commissioner, was engaged in a cordial conversation with Mr. Aleksandr Ryabchenko (R), the Managing Director of Mantra Tanzania, during their courtesy call meeting in Namtumbo.



In an exceptional display of commitment to community welfare, Mantra Tanzania Limited, in collaboration with the Tanzania Police Force in Ruvuma Region and Namtumbo District, recently concluded a comprehensive road safety training program in the Namtumbo District.

This initiative, which spanned over a month, not only empowered school children with crucial road safety knowledge but also incorporated a significant focus on gender sensitization.

As the principal sponsor of these training sessions, Mantra Tanzania demonstrated its unwavering dedication to corporate social responsibility. The program aimed to equip the Namtumbo community, particularly the younger generation, with essential skills and awareness to ensure their safety on the roads. The training sessions fostered an inclusive and respectful road culture by addressing the unique challenges faced by different genders.

Majani Moremi Wambura, the Sustainability Manager at Mantra Tanzania, expressed great pride in the success of the initiative and reaffirmed the company's commitment to making road safety education an ongoing priority. "The safety of our community, especially our children, is of paramount importance to Mantra Tanzania," Wambura stated. "By integrating gender sensitization into our road safety training, we strive to create an environment where everyone feels safe, respected, and empowered on the roads.

This is an integral part of our corporate social responsibility, and we will continue to invest in initiatives that promote road safety and equality."

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## SAFETY AND GENDER SENSITIZATION NEWS MANTRA TANZANIA AND TANZANIA POLICE FORCE COLLABORATE TO PROMOTE

## ROAD SAFETY AND GENDER SENSITIZATION TRAINING IN NAMTUMBO DISTRICT.



The road safety training sessions received widespread acclaim from both the Namtumbo community and the Namtumbo District Police.

The Namtumbo District Commander, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Mwamafupa, expressed heartfelt gratitude to Mantra Tanzania for their invaluable contribution to road safety education in the district. He emphasized such initiatives' advantages and their positive impact on society.

"We extend our sincere appreciation to Mantra Tanzania for their unwavering commitment towards road safety and gender sensitization training," SSP. Mwamafupa remarked.

"These training sessions equip our community members, especially the younger generation, with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the roads safely. By addressing gender disparities and promoting respect, Mantra Tanzania has taken a commendable step towards fostering an inclusive and harmonious road community."

The integration of gender sensitization training within the road safety program has highlighted the significance of creating an equitable environment for all road users. By raising awareness about the unique challenges faced by different genders, the training sessions promote empathy, understanding, and shared responsibility. This inclusive approach ensures that all individuals, regardless of

gender, can travel safely and confidently.

Mantra Tanzania's commitment to road safety and gender sensitization training extends beyond this initiative in Namtumbo District. Majani Moremi Wambura expressed his enthusiasm for future endeavors, stating,

"This successful program in Namtumbo District is just the beginning. Mantra Tanzania is dedicated to expanding our road safety and gender sensitization training to nearby districts as part of our ongoing corporate social responsibility strategy. We strive to make a lasting impact on road safety education and contribute to the well-being of the communities we serve."



The collaboration between Mantra Tanzania Limited, the Tanzania Police Force, and the Namtumbo community has marked a significant milestone in promoting road safety and gender sensitization. The training sessions empowered school children with vital road safety knowledge while fostering an environment of equality and respect.





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#### MANTRA PARTICIPATED IN DODOMA EXHIBITIONS

Mantra Tanzania Limited in partnership with

Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission (TAEC) Takes Part in Technology Exhibitions 2023



(DODOMA) – MANTRA TANZANIA LIMITED, in collaboration with the Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission (TAEC), participated in Innovation Week, held at Jamuhuri Stadium in Dodoma from April 24th to 28th, 2023

Organized by the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, the exhibitions aimed to increase public awareness about various technological tools currently in use to improve lifestyles and ensure workplace safety. Aleksandr Ryabchenko, who serves as Managing Director of Mantra Tanzania Limited expressed his enthusiasm about participating in this year's Technology Innovation Week.

He noted the importance of showcasing the advanced inverted technologies Mantra employs to monitor radiation levels, light, sound, wind, and more, to help the public understand the safety measures taken during uranium mining.



Given the radioactive nature of minerals to be mined at the Mkuju Project, Mantra Tanzania, in partnership with TAEC, educated the public on radiation and exhibited some of the state-of-the-art equipment used to maintain safety in the workplace and surrounding communities.

Beria Vorster, Mantra's Operations Manager, stressed the importance of the event as a platform for dispelling misconceptions about radiation and promoting safe handling practices. Mantra also demonstrated and explained the use of In-situ mining technology, which will be applied at certain production stages in the future. This environmentally friendly method minimizes landscape disturbance and eliminates waste rock dumps and tailing storage, making it a preferred mining technique worldwide.



In addition, during the exhibitions, Mantra participated in TAEC's Day on April 27, 2023. A Public Lecture session was organized concurrently with Innovation Week, providing an opportunity for the public to ask questions and receive answers from Mantra and TAEC regarding radiation and related issues.



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#### **NUCKIDS PROGRAM IN RUSSIA NEWS**

#### NAMTUMBO YOUTHS TO TAKES IN 2023 NUCKIDS PROGRAM IN RUSSIA.



**RUSSIA** – Mantra Tanzania Limited conducted a talent-seeking competition in the Likuyu ward in the Namtumbo district, aiming to unveil, develop, and promote skills, creativity, and talents of youth ranging between 11 and 16 years of age.

The challenge that will allow at least two youths has kept young boys and girls mostly from the Selous Secondary School and Mary Wilson Girls Secondary School in a stiff competition where contenders emerged in large numbers seeking that glorious opportunity to participate in the fifteenth-anniversary international children's creative project "Nuclear Kids" that is scheduled to take place in July-August 2023

Aleksandr Ryabchenko, the Managing Director of Mantra Tanzania, said that the NucKids project is dedicated to promoting healthy relationships between children of nuclear enterprise employees in Russia and their peers from partner countries of State Corporation ROSATOM.

"The project is aligned with the mission of Mantra, a Russian-owned company that will soon begin mining Uranium, to stimulate children's creativity and knowledge while highlighting the advantages of nuclear energy for future generations." Stated Mr. Ryabchenko

Since 2009, the International Children's Creative Project "Nuclear Kids" has been involving the staging of musical performances, the premieres of which are held annually at

theatrical venues in the cities of nuclear power plants, closed cities, large cities of Russia, and other countries.



The Selous Secondary School's Headmaster, Mr. Essau Thobias Mahai, expressed his gratitude for the company's initiatives to ensure the community is involved in the company's activities. It is beautiful to see Mantra's dedication to unlocking the full potential of communities, particularly for the younger generation. The company has shown great support for education in the area. It has also taken proactive steps to cultivate talent through sports and cultural activities within schools and the wider community. We are grateful for their efforts." said Mr. Mahai

"Mantra is delighted to see the community positively accepting this program and explained that the next big performance of the completion would be in Dar es Salaam. In contrast, the few successful candidates will have to undergo another filtering process before being chosen to represent Mantra in the international NucKids competition that is to take place in Russia." Elaborated Ms. Khadija Pallangyo, Mantra's Sustainability Advisor



#### **CSR NEWS**

## MANTRA TANZANIA LIMITED CHAMPIONS CULTURAL PRESERVATION AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THROUGH TULIA DANCE COMPETITION



Mantra Tanzania Limited recently took a significant step in promoting cultural preservation and international relations. The company facilitated a traditional dance group from Namtumbo to participate in the renowned Tulia Dance Competition. This prestigious event took place in the Mbeya region from the 28th to the 30th of September.

This initiative is part of Mantra's comprehensive Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy for 2023-2028. The strategy is designed to make a positive impact on the communities where the company operates, with a particular focus on enhancing and preserving the rich cultural heritage of Namtumbo. This move is an additional part of the traditional CSR focus areas of health services, reliable water supply, environment, and sports, and includes the promotion of cultural activities.

Mantra's Public Relations Manager, Ms. Khadija Kawawa, led the team from Namtumbo. She expressed her excitement about the initiative, stating, "Our CSR strategy is designed to make a positive impact on the



communities where we operate. By supporting this dance group, we are not only preserving the unique cultural heritage of Namtumbo but also providing a platform for it to be showcased to the rest of Tanzania."

The Tulia Dance Competition is a significant cultural event in Tanzania. It provides a platform for traditional dance groups from different regions to showcase their talents. The inclusion of a group from Namtumbo, facilitated by Mantra, not only enriches the event but also promotes cultural diversity and unity in Tanzania.



In addition to promoting Tanzanian culture, the event also served as a platform for cultural exchange between Russia and Tanzania. The Namtumbo dance group performed a Kalinka traditional Russian dance, symbolizing the strong international relations between the two countries.

This performance was a testament to the ongoing cooperation between the Russian and Tanzanian governments, further strengthening their ties.

Mantra Tanzania Limited a subsidiary of Uranium One Group from Russia, who are also among the sponsors of this year's Tulia Trust Festival, is a key player in the Tanzanian mining sector. The company is known for its commitment to sustainable practices and community development. Its CSR strategy is a testament to this commitment, focusing on various sectors, including health, water supply, environment, sports, and now, cultural preservation.

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## MANTRA TANZANIA LIMITED DONATES TZS 36 MILLION TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF MOTHER AND CHILD UNIT IN LIKUYU WARD



Mantra Tanzania Limited has made a generous donation of TZS 36,000,000.00 to support the construction of a mother and child unit in the Likuyu ward. This donation was in response to the challenges expressed by the villagers during a meeting with Mantra Management on April 6, 2023, regarding the absence of a mother and care unit, which made it difficult during labor.

Mantra's sustainability Manger Majani Moremi Wambura revealed that the contribution would help improve the quality of healthcare services available to mothers and children in the ward and that the company takes health matters with high priority as stipulated in the company's CSR strategy for 2023-2025.

"It is a significant gesture of the company's commitment to supporting the communities in which it operates, This support will not only be for Likuyu Mandela Village, the company is now opening talks with the district and council office to initiate construction of the Likuyu health Centre so as to have quality health services provided in the area," stressed Majani.

Adding up to his explanations, he said that the mother and child unit is an essential addition to the dispensary, as it will provide specialized care to pregnant women and their newborn babies. In a ward where access to quality healthcare is limited, this unit will play a vital role in ensuring that mothers and babies receive the care they need in a safe and comfortable environment. This facility will offer top-notch medical care and will significantly reduce the risks associated with childbirth.

Mantra Tanzania Limited has a strong commitment to supporting the development of the region. The company's donation is just one example of its ongoing efforts to make a positive impact in the community. By investing in local infrastructure and healthcare, Mantra Tanzania Limited is helping to improve the lives of the people who live and

work in the area.

Representatives from TENEX attended the handover of the dummy cheque, whereas Mantra Tanzania Limited is a subsidiary, the Likuyu ward leadership, and members of the Likuyu community. The event was a celebration of the company's commitment to supporting the development of the area. "The donation will undoubtedly inspire other future companies that are planning to invest in the area in the future to follow in Mantra Tanzania Limited's footsteps and invest in the local communities, we never expected that our request could be fulfilled this quickly and we gratefully thank Mantra for the support and taking with the matter with great urgency" said the Likuyu Mandela Village chairman Mr. Chande Mpinga

Mr. Francis Hunja, the Ward Executive Officer, said that the impact of Mantra Tanzania Limited's donation cannot be overstated. It will provide much-needed support to the local community, particularly for the most vulnerable members, such as pregnant women and newborn babies. This contribution will undoubtedly go a long way in improving the healthcare system in the region and will have a lasting impact on the lives of the people who live there.

Overall, Mantra Tanzania Limited's donation is a significant step towards improving the quality of life for the people in the region. The company's commitment to investing in the community will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the lives of many, and it sets an excellent example for other businesses to follow. The mother and child unit will be a proud addition to the dispensary, and it is hoped that it will serve as a symbol of hope and progress for the community.





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# FROM: MAJANI MOREMI WAMBURA "AFRICA HAS SIGNIFICANT URANIUM RESOURCES, WHICH COULD BE USED TO MEET THE GROWING GLOBAL DEMAND FOR NUCLEAR POWER"

Tanzania is a promising location for uranium exploration and mining due to its favourable geology. As one of the largest sources of this valuable mineral, country's foray into uranium mining can greatly influence the Tanzania's economy. With rich deposits country's strategic position in the global uranium market is becoming increasingly paramount.

Majani Moremi Wambura, sustainability manager at Mantra Tanzania, considers the potential of Tanzania in the field of uranium mining and also talks about how it can affect the economy of the region.



#### What factors make Tanzania a favorable region for uranium exploration and development?

Tanzania is endowed with many uranium-bearing deposits, including the Mkuju River Project, one of the world's largest undeveloped uranium deposits. Additionally, the Tanzanian government has supported uranium exploration and development since Mantra Tanzania Limited stepped in in 2008, offering attractive mining and tax policies and a streamlined permitting process to encourage investment in the sector. Tanzania also has a well-developed infrastructure, including several ports, such as the Port of Dar es Salaam, that make transporting uranium ore and concentrating to market easier. Furthermore, Tanzania has a large and skilled labour force, with numerous universities and technical colleges offering training in various fields such as geology and mining.

#### What is an overview of current activities in the uranium sector in Tanzania?

There are final stages of developing a pilot processing plant that is anticipated to be operational by the end of

this year or early next year. The plant will initially process around 5 tonnes, which is less than 1% of the main production.

Since its discovery of a significant world-class uranium deposit in 1996, Mantra Tanzania Limited has been investing in the Mkuju River Project, which could keep the mine running for at least 15 years. With this deposit, the company accounts for about 20% of Africa's current uranium output and approximately 4% of the world's production

#### How has Mantra been involved in the local community's life and developed partnerships with them?

It's planned to invest in sustainable projects that improve the socio- economic status of the region.

There was collaboration with local organisations to provide training and employment opportunities for residents of the Namtumbo and Likuyu wards. The company aims to contribute to the growth of the region's economy while empowering local communities.

In April this year there was a meeting with villagers from the three villages where it operates: Mtonya, Likuyu Seka, and Likuyu Mandela. The company sought to determine the areas where its investment would be most beneficial, for example the implantation of the agreed-upon issues from the Likuyu ward has already started.

As for partnership with local communities, training on how to stay safe around the uranium mine was held. This training has covered topics such as the health effects of uranium exposure, how to identify and avoid uranium hazards, and what to do in the event of an accident. Work is also continuing to raise awareness of uranium in the community. This has included providing information about the health effects of uranium exposure, as well as information about the company's safety procedures.



Community member shares thoughts on Mantra Tanzania's corporate social responsibility efforts during the meeting with villagers in Likuyu ward on April 6, 2023.

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#### How does the company prioritize environmental sustainability in its uranium projects?

The Tanzanian project not also works to minimize the use of water and chemicals in the processing and treats and recycles any water used. Additionally, a comprehensive environmental monitoring program has implemented and there is a close work with local communities to ensure a positive environmental impact.

Mantra Tanzania is committed to exploring more environmentally friendly mining techniques. We are currently looking into the potential of using in-situ recovery (ISR) mining techniques and will continue to evaluate their effectiveness. Once we are satisfied with the technique, we plan to approach the government to see if we can introduce the technology in our mining activities.

#### What rules should be followed when working with uranium?

Mining uranium is like other mining activities in terms of safety protocols, but it is important to note that it requires specific measures to prevent harm. With proper safety standards, this activity can be carried out with minimum risks to both workers and communities nearby.

At all projects there was constantly investments in state-of-the-art equipment and technology that minimize the release of radioactive particles into the air and water.

A comprehensive set of safety protocols and procedures to mitigate the hazards inherent in uranium mining had implemented. These practices adhere to international standards and are strictly enforced across all of our projects, with a zero-harm target for all workers in the uranium mine and surrounding community.

#### What is Mantra's long-term vision and strategy for its uranium projects in Africa?

It is a development of a sustainable and responsible industry that benefits both the continent and the global community. This will require a focus on environmental protection, social responsibility, and economic development.

Africa has significant uranium resources, which could be

used to meet the growing global demand for nuclear power. However, the development of these resources must be done in a way that minimizes the environmental and social impacts. This will require the use of best practices in mining and processing, as well as the establishment of strong regulatory frameworks.

In addition to environmental protection, social responsibility is also essential for the long-term success of uranium mining projects in Africa. This includes ensuring that local communities are consulted and involved in the decision-making process and that they benefit from the economic benefits of mining.

Finally, economic development is also important in Africa. Such uranium projects can create jobs, boost economic growth, and improve infrastructure. However, it is important to ensure that the benefits of mining are shared equitably, and that the influx of Mantra does not damage the local economy.

By focusing on environmental protection, social responsibility, and economic development, Africa can benefit from the long-term vision for uranium mining projects. In its turn, Mantra's project can help to meet the global demand for nuclear power, while also creating jobs, boosting economic growth, and improving infrastructure.



Majani Moremi Wambura – Sustainability Manager

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# CSR & SPORTS NEWS MANTRA TANZANIA LIMITED ADVANCES LOCAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH SPORTS: A PIONEERING INITIATIVE



In a remarkable demonstration of corporate social responsibility, Mantra Tanzania Limited has significantly contributed to the local sports scene in Namtumbo District, Tanzania. The company recently donated 10 million Tanzanian shillings to fund the 2023 Namtumbo Mantra Cup, a sporting event that has taken center stage in the district from October through November.

This financial support is part of Mantra's approved five-year Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy, underscoring the company's commitment to promoting sports throughout Namtumbo District. Alongside its business objectives, Mantra is keen to foster social development and enhance the quality of life within the communities it serves.

During the closing ceremony of the Namtumbo Cup, District Commissioner Hon. Ngollo Malenya expressed her gratitude towards Mantra for their unwavering support. She praised the company for their initiative in sponsoring such an event that not only boosts the sports culture in the region but also contributes to the overall socio-economic well-being and pledged more support from the district level to their project.

Mantra's Sustainability Manager, Mr. Majani Moremi Wambura, seized this opportunity to reiterate the company's determination to broaden its support. He highlighted the vision of extending these competitions beyond the district to encompass the entire Ruvuma Region. However, he assured that Namtumbo will remain a priority, and the company's CSR activities will continue to uplift the district and the Ruvuma region.

Mr. Wambura emphasized that Mantra's commitment to supporting social causes aligns with its objective

of promoting the district and the Ruvuma region, thereby contributing to Tanzania's economy in diverse ways, including through sports.

The benefits of sports to a community like Namtumbo are multifaceted. Rashid Kilawa, a local sports analyst and enthusiast, elucidated these advantages. "Sports bring people together, fostering unity and camaraderie amongst residents," he said. "Moreover, they promote health and fitness, and provide an avenue for the youth to hone their talents and potentially build careers. In the long run, successful athletes can boost the region's national or even international visibility."

Amina Juma, a community leader in Namtumbo, added to this sentiment, praising Mantra for their proactive steps in supporting local sports. "Mantra's initiative is not just about sponsoring a sports competition; it's about investing in our youth, our health, our unity, and our future," she said. "This kind of support can truly make a difference in people's lives."

In 2023, the Mantra Cup was held in the Namtumbo region, bringing together different communities through sports like football, netball, and volleyball. Barian FC emerged as the football champions of the year, attracting significant attention in the district and the Ruvuma region. Mantra Tanzania Limited's innovative approach to CSR, which combines business success with social development, sets a powerful example for other corporations. By investing in sports, they are not only cultivating talent and promoting health in the community but also contributing to the economic growth and development of the Namtumbo district and the larger Ruvuma region. As the company expands its initiatives, we look forward to see the positive ripple effects of these endeavors in the years to come.



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#### **CSR & ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS**

## MANTRA TANZANIA LIMITED INSPIRES NEXT GENERATION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS



In an inspiring act of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Mantra Tanzania Limited continues to demonstrate its commitment to environmental preservation and education. Mantra, known for its strong focus on uranium mining exploration, has been actively involved in environmental initiatives in the Namtumbo secondary schools.

Mantra introduced a unique initiative this year, providing the winners of the Environmental Essay competition with an exclusive opportunity to visit their operations site. This innovative approach seeks to motivate students to research and write about critical environmental issues while offering them a firsthand view of practical environmental management at an industrial level.

Rabson Mshana, Mantra's Environmental Superintendent, emphasized the importance of such initiatives. "The future of our planet lies in the hands of the younger generation. Educating them about environmental issues is crucial, not just theoretically but practically. Letting them visit our uranium pilot plant shows them how industries can operate responsibly and coexist harmoniously with the environment."

In addition to the essay competition, Mantra also conducts Environmental Training and uranium/radiation awareness campaigns. These initiatives are aimed at raising students' awareness about the potential impacts of uranium mining and processing and the measures taken to mitigate environmental risks.

"Understanding the balance between industrial development and environmental conservation is crucial," Mshana explained. "Our uranium/radiation awareness campaigns aim to debunk myths about uranium and radiation.

We want to show students that with the right safety precautions and responsible management, the uranium industry can be a sustainable part of our economy without compromising the environment."

Majani Moremi Wambura, Mantra's sustainability manager, has promised continued support for the participating schools. "This is not a one-time initiative," Wambura stated. "We plan to keep the momentum going, providing more students with the opportunity to visit our site and gain practical experience."

The recent site visit was guided by Nikita, Mantra's Plant Superintendent, who explained the operation of the uranium plant to the students. He shared how Mantra's mineral processing is environmentally friendly, putting the students' theoretical knowledge into a practical context.

"It's one thing to learn about environmental management in a classroom. It's another to see it in action in the real world," said Nikita. "Our operations demonstrate how we can extract and process uranium while maintaining a minimal environmental footprint. We hope that by sharing our practices, we can inspire the next generation of environmental stewards."

Mantra's initiatives are a shining example of how companies can link their CSR activities with environmental education. By aligning their business operations with their CSR goals, Mantra Tanzania Limited is not only contributing to environmental conservation but also shaping the minds of future leaders, imparting crucial knowledge about the delicate balance between industrial development and environmental protection. It is through such initiatives that change can be initiated, and a sustainable future can be built.





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## MANTRA TANZANIA LIMITED STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH ANNUAL WARD MEETINGS



In a significant move to bolster community engagement, Mantra Tanzania Limited, a prominent player in the global energy industry, has initiated a series of ward meetings to address community concerns and foster mutual understanding directly. The first of these meetings took place at Likuyu ward in April 2023, bringing together representatives from Likuyu Mandela, Likuyuseka, and Mtonya under the watchful eyes of the Mantra's top brass.

Aleksandr Ryabchenko, the Managing Director of Mantra, expressed gratitude to the villagers who braved the inclement weather to attend the meeting. He appreciated their support and used the opportunity to bring them up to speed on the latest project developments.

"We value the support of the community, and we understand the importance of hearing your views directly," said Mr. Ryabchenko. "This meeting is not just about us presenting updates. More importantly, it's an opportunity for us to listen to you and answer your questions. We are here to address your concerns about the Mkuju Project.

"The meeting, which took place during the holy month of Ramadan, concluded with Mantra offering an evening meal after Iftar.

Mantra's Public Relations Manager, Khadija Kawawa, emphasized the importance of maintaining a strong

community relationship. "We believe that a good corporate citizen is one that listens, understands, and responds to the needs of its community. These meetings are a testament to that belief," said Kawawa.

Mantra's Sustainability Manager, Majani Moremi Wambura, echoed these sentiments, "We are committed to maintaining this dialogue and engagement. We are planning to hold meetings with each village every quarter and an annual meeting with all three villages. Our goal is to ensure that we hear from everyone, from the young to the elderly, and respond to their needs and concerns."

Francis Hunja, the Likuyu ward chair, expressed gratitude for Mantra's commitment to the ward. "We appreciate Mantra's approach to community engagement. We look forward to continuing this productive relationship."

The initiative by Mantra is an exemplary model of corporate social responsibility, demonstrating the company's commitment to maintaining a systematic and productive relationship with the local communities in its region. The approach fosters public harmony and builds a foundation for a mutually beneficial partnership with the local communities, including indigenous and small peoples.

The potential benefits of such meetings are manifold. They provide a platform for open dialogue, foster trust, and help address any misconceptions or miscommunications. Moreover, by involving the community in shaping its corporate social responsibility initiatives, Mantra ensures that its efforts are well-targeted and meaningful.

With this initiative, Mantra Tanzania Limited solidifies its position as a socially responsible company, setting a high bar for other corporations to follow.



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## MANTRA TANZANIA LIMITED STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH ANNUAL WARD MEETINGS



In a powerful display of leadership and commitment to the future of global uranium mining, Mantra Tanzania Limited, a uranium developing mine, showcased its robust capabilities and innovative strategies at the International Mining Forum 2023 held in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

The event, which brought together mining experts, investors, and stakeholders from around the world, was an opportunity for Mantra to share insights into its operations, its contributions to the Tanzanian economy, and its environmental sustainability practices.

Mantra's engagement at the forum was marked by its commitment to transparent dialogue and collaboration. Mantra attended in several panel discussions during the forum, the discussions were centred around sustainable mining operations, the importance of fair labor practices, the role of technology in mining, and the future critical minerals for the global mining industry.

The International Mining Forum, known for fostering innovation and promoting best practices in mining, was a significant platform for Mantra. The event allowed the Mantra to engage with other industry leaders, policy makers, and potential investors. It was a stage for Mantra to highlight its commitment to responsible mining, which resonates with the global push towards sustainable and ethical business practices.

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Attendance at the forum also provided Mantra with a unique opportunity to learn from other mining companies and incorporate best practices into its operations. The exchange of ideas and experiences was a critical part of the forum, and Mantra was able to leverage this knowledge to make strategic decisions about its operations and future ventures.

In a statement, the Managing Director of Mantra Tanzania Limited Mr. Aleksandr Ryabchenko expressed satisfaction with the company's participation in the forum. "The International Mining Forum 2023 has been a successful platform for us to engage with the global mining community. We are thrilled with the connections we've made and the opportunities for growth and partnership that have emerged from our participation."

Indeed, the forum reaffirmed the critical role of uranium mining in the global energy landscape and underscored the importance of companies like Mantra leading the charge. With its successful participation in the International Mining Forum 2023, Mantra Tanzania Limited has positioned itself at the forefront of the uranium mining industry, committed to sustainable practices and a prosperous future for all stakeholders.









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