



**JMP 2009, Journées Minières et Pétrolières du Mali
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“Mali’s mining & petroleum industry, far more than just a golden opportunity”

The **Government of the Republic of Mali**, in the form of the **Ministry of Energy, Mines & Water** are pleased to announce the organisation of the **Journées Minières et Pétrolières du Mali (JMP 2009)** which will take place from **30 March – 2 April 2009** in Bamako, Republic of Mali. The event will be organised in collaboration with **AME Trade Ltd, United Kingdom**.

JMP 2009 will be the **third edition** of this established event, and is already well known amongst the mining and petroleum industry, as the place to meet and to discuss Mali’s significant mining and hydrocarbon potential. **JMP 2009** will be the finale of **Mali’s mining and petroleum promotional showcase**, which will be passing through the **Mines and Money event, December 1 – 3 2008, London, United Kingdom**.

JMP 2009 will consist of **four days** of plenary sessions and technical workshops, trade and poster exhibitions, technical and touristic excursions. This will allow all stakeholders in the Malian mining and petroleum sector to exchange views and find out more about the latest progress in Mali’s mineral and petroleum exploration. It will also be the perfect forum for new investors to familiarise themselves with how to do business in Mali, meet key decision makers in Mali’s extractive industries and to bring themselves up to date with the latest mining and petroleum geological data.

The **main theme** of **JMP 2009** will be **“Mining and Community Development”**. The conference will offer a platform for the public and private sector to debate and reach conclusions and recommendations on how Mali can maximise its mining wealth and at the same provide sustainable development and employment for its population.

His Excellency, Monsieur Mamadou Igor Diarra, Ministre de l’Energie, des Mines et de l’Eau, will be leading a strong delegation of Mali’s key government and private sector players in the mining and petroleum industry to **London, United Kingdom from December 1 – 3 2009**. Mali will be strongly represented at the Mines and Money event and will be making some informative presentations.

Mali is Africa's third largest gold producer with large scale exploration ongoing. Mali has been famous for its gold since the days of the great Malian empire and the pilgrimage to Mecca of the Emperor Kankou Moussa in 1324, on his caravan he carried 8 tonnes of gold! Numerous traces of ancient artisanal exploration can be found notably in Kangaba and Kalana in Southern Mali and Kenieba in the West. Mali has therefore been traditionally a mining country for over half a millennium. In today's Mali, Gold has taken over from cotton as Mali's leading export material during the last half decade. Mali is aiming for a **50 tonnes output in 2008** after production of 52.753 tonnes in 2007 and a peak figure of 63 tonnes in 2002.

Exploration is currently being carried out by several companies with clear indications of **deposits of uranium in Mali**. Uranium potential is located in the Falea area (potential of 5000 tonnes) which covers 150 km² of the Falea- North Guinea basin, a Neoproterozoic sedimentary basin marked by significant radiometric anomalies and the Kidal Project, in the north eastern part of Mali, with an area of 19,930 km², the project covers a large crystalline geological province known as L'Adrar Des Iforas. In the Gao region potential uranium in the Samit deposit is thought to be 200 tonnes. **Mali has potential to develop its diamond exploration:** in the Kayes administrative region (Mining region 1), thirty kimberlitic pipes have been discovered of which eight are show traces of diamonds.

Mali has according to estimates 1360 million tonnes of potential **iron ore reserves** located in the areas of Djidian-Kenieba (10 MT), Diamou (150 MT) and Bale (Kita)1200 MT. **Bauxite reserves** are thought to be 1200 million tonnes located in Kita, Kenieba and Bafing- Makana. Traces of manganese have been found in Bafing – Makana, Tondibi and a potential of 15 million tonnes at Tassiga. Significant deposits of **Calcium, Marble, Gypsum, Phosphate, Lead and Zinc are also present in Mali**. Indications of manganese are located in Bafing Makana (Western Mali) and Tondibi (Northern Mali) and estimated potential of 15 MT in Tassiga (Northern Mali)

Mali's hydrocarbons potential has been documented since the 1970's where sporadic seismic and drilling revealed probable indications of oil. With the increasing price of global oil and gas resources, Mali has stepped up its promotion and research for oil exploration, production and potential exports. Interest in Mali's oil and gas blocks has been very fervent, with at this time of writing only six blocks available (4 blocks amongst them), two blocks under negotiation and nineteen already licensed

by a wide array of both independent and major oil exploration companies from all corners of the world.

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