



NATIONAL ASSETS AND GOVERNMENT'S PROPERTY COMMISSION (NAGPC)

REPORT ON DISPOSAL OF SCRAP METALS AT LEONE ROCK MINING COMPANY OPERATIONS SITE, PEPEL, KAMASONDO CHIEFDOM, PORT LOKO DISTRICT

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1. BACKGROUND

In response to prior efforts led by the Ministry of Transport and Aviation regarding the evaluation and disposal of accumulated scrap metals at the Leone Rock Mining Company operational site in Pepel, Kamasondo Chiefdom, Port Loko District, the National Assets and Government's Property Commission (NAGPC) was formally instructed by the Office of the Vice President to take full leadership and coordinate the official inspection and disposal process.

This directive aligns with the Commission's statutory mandate to regulate, monitor, and ensure proper utilization, recovery, and disposal of government-owned properties and assets across the country. Scrap metal, being a class of fixed asset residue, falls under this jurisdiction, especially when it comes to disposals.

In furtherance of this mandate, the NAGPC constituted an inspection team made up of officials from its headquarters in Freetown and the NAGPC District Office in Port Loko. The team was tasked to conduct a comprehensive on-site assessment of the scrap metals reportedly stockpiled at the Leone Rock Mining Company facility and verify the items listed. The purpose of this exercise was to verify the status, type, and volume of the scrap materials and to make practical and policy-aligned recommendations for their management, disposal, or repurposing.

Also present during the inspection were representatives from Leone Rock Mining Company, including the Consultant – Security and Community Manager, the Site Manager, and members of both the security and community relations units. Their presence facilitated access, coordination, and transparency throughout the process.

Crucially, the inspection was also observed by the local authority of the area—the Community Chief of Kamasondo Chiefdom—who welcomed the team and lent his support to the ongoing efforts aimed at responsible management of resources within his jurisdiction. His presence signified community consent and reinforced the legitimacy and openness of the process.

This collaborative inspection effort marks a key milestone in advancing national accountability in asset management and sets the stage for a structured, transparent, and government-supervised disposal or reallocation of scrap materials currently housed within private mining operations.

2. INSPECTION TRIP

The inspection exercise was conducted on **Tuesday, 8th July 2025**, in accordance with the directive issued to the National Assets and Government's Property Commission (NAGPC) by the **Office of the Vice President**. A designated delegation comprising **eight officials** from the Commission embarked on the journey from the **Sea Bird terminal at Murray Town**, traveling via sea for approximately **two hours** to reach the **Leone Rock Mining Company's operational site in Pepel**, located in **Kamasondo Chiefdom, Port Loko District**.

Upon arrival, the team was received by representatives from **Leone Rock Mining Company**, including key personnel from their **security and community relations departments**.

Significantly, the **Regent Chief of Kamasondo Chieftom, Pa Alimamy Sankoh**, was also present to observe and lend traditional oversight to the exercise. His presence once again underscored the community's alignment and interest in ensuring that all processes involving public resources are handled transparently and with due consideration to local interests.

Following the initial introductions and a safety briefing, the **Technical Committee**, as constituted by NAGPC, proceeded to commence the core inspection process. The inspection was guided by a **scrap inventory list previously submitted by Leone Rock Mining Company**, which detailed the **types, categories, and estimated quantities** of scrap items currently stockpiled at the site.

The items inspected included:

- **Decommissioned machinery and industrial equipment**
- **Out-of-use vehicles**
- **Railway scrap components**
- **Assorted metallic residues from mining operations**

(Refer to **Annex A** for a detailed inventory list submitted by Leone Rock Mining Company.)

The team conducted a physical verification of each scrap category, assessed their condition, and documented their location and accessibility for eventual removal or reallocation. Observations made during this inspection will form the basis for the Commission's technical recommendations in the subsequent sections of this report.

3. KEY FINDINGS/OBSERVATIONS

The following key findings were noted during the course of the inspection:

I. ITEM LIFESPAN:

A large portion of the machinery, vehicles, and metallic components inspected appeared to have **far exceeded their functional lifecycle**. Visible signs of deterioration, rust, and mechanical disintegration were prevalent across most categories, indicating that these assets have long ceased to be economically viable for continued use.

II. HEALTH AND SPATIAL CONCERNS:

The dump sites where the scrap items are stored may pose health risks and occupy space that could otherwise be used more productively. During the inspection, the team was consistently warned of snakes in the scrap machinery.

III. CONDITION AND COST IMPLICATIONS:

From a technical standpoint, the condition of most items suggests that any attempt to **reactivate or repurpose them** would demand substantial financial outlay in repairs, servicing, or refurbishment. Such investment may not guarantee **value for money** and could potentially divert resources from more viable alternatives.

IV. INCONSISTENCIES IN ITEM LISTINGS:

A noteworthy inconsistency was observed between the **scrap inventory list submitted by Leone Rock Mining Company** and the list originally **compiled by the Ministry of Transport and Aviation** during an earlier bid process (see **Annex B**). The divergence arises from Leone Rock Mining Company's renewed interest in specific items—**notably the Wagons**—which they argue remain operationally viable and integral to their railway and ports expansion. This interest led to the **halt of the initial disposal process**, pending clarification and resolution between the concerned parties.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the inspection findings and stakeholder consultations, the Technical Committee from the National Assets and Government's Property Commission (NAGPC) puts forward the following recommendations to guide decision-making and ensure a transparent, accountable, and legally compliant disposal process:

I. DISPOSAL OF SCRAP ITEMS:

In line with the observed physical condition, estimated value loss, and safety concerns outlined in Annex A, the team recommends that the majority of scrap items be formally declared unserviceable and subsequently disposed of in accordance with national asset disposal procedures and environmental safety standards.

II. FOLLOW-UP ON COMPANY INTEREST:

Given Leone Rock Mining Company's expressed interest in retaining the Wagon(s), the NAGPC recommends that a formal follow-up engagement be initiated. The company should be requested to:

- Provide technical evidence that the Wagon is serviceable or repairable.
- Commit to a clearly defined timeframe for rehabilitation or reintegration into productive use.
- Where the company fails to meet agreed conditions or deadlines, ownership of the Wagon shall automatically revert to the Government of Sierra Leone, and it shall be included in the scrap disposal process without further delay.

III. HARMONIZATION OF INVENTORY LISTS

The inspection revealed discrepancies between the inventory list submitted by Leone Rock Mining Company and the one prepared by the Ministry of Transport

and Aviation during the initial bid process. These inconsistencies point to weak coordination among stakeholders. It is therefore recommended that a joint reconciliation exercise be conducted between NAGPC, Leone Rock, and the Ministry of Transport to:

- Consolidate and validate a single official inventory list of all items eligible for disposal.
- Ensure all parties operate from a common data set to prevent disputes, delays, or asset misclassification.

IV. CLARIFY INTEREST OF LEONE ROCK PRIVATE

To avoid ambiguity regarding Leone Rock's interest in selected items—particularly the Wagons—the process should be formally documented and legally binding through one or all of the following instruments:

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) outlining mutual responsibilities and rights.
- A Servicing Agreement detailing timelines, technical obligations, and penalties for non-performance.
- A clause affirming that ownership remains with the Government of Sierra Leone until all conditions are satisfactorily met, thus protecting public interest and ensuring transparency.

5. ANNEXATION

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SECURITY BRIEF BEFORE THE MAIN INSPECTION



SCRAP METALS STOCKPILES

Location: CCRC YARD











Location: SCRAP YARD





Location: LV WORKSHOP





THE END.

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