

Xanana lansa atribuisaun lisensa prospeasaun no peskiza ba mineiru metáliku iha Lautem

DILI, 26-Marsu 2024 (TATOLI)-Primeiru-Ministru, Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, akompaña hosi Ministru Petróliu no Rekursu Naturál (MPRN), Fransisco Monteiro, hamutuk ho Prezidente Autoridade Munisípiu Lautém (PAM), Mélio de Jesus, tersa ne'e, lansa oficialmente emissaun lisensa ba prospeasaun no peskiza ba mineiru metáliku sira iha Munisípiu Lautem.

Tuir nota ne'ebé Agência TATOLI asesu husi média Gabinete Primeiru-Ministru katak, Iha lansamentu ne'e, Ministériu Petróliu no Rekursu Naturál (MPRM) no Autoridade Nasionál Minerál (ANM) sei koopera ho kompaña rua hanesan, Estrella Resources Limited R.P hosi Austrália no Peak Everest Mining,Lda hosi Timor-Leste maka sei hala'o servisu emissaun ba lisensa esplorasau no avaliasau ba minerál metáliku.



Kompaña rua ne'e mós hetan serifikadu emissaun ba lisensa esplorasau ne'ebé entrega direta husi Xefe Governu no Ministru Petróleu, Fransisco Monteiro hodi hahú sira nia estudu ba riku-soin Timor-Leste hanesan, fatuk magnese, mineralizasaun kobre sekundáriu, mineralizasaun kobre-zinko, anfibolito, marmore, kalkario kolderosa no limetone kalkario maubisse.

Área ka zona Lautem ne'ebé identifika sei halo peskiza maka, Postu Lautém Suku Euquisi, Daudere. Postu Luru iha Suku Afabubu no Wairoque no aldeia sira maka, Borubatu, Saquili, Dalarai, Luturo no fatin seluk tan.

Iha lansamentu ne'e, Primeiru-Ministru Xanana Gusmão ho kontente deklara lansamentu ne'e nu'udar vitória ba povu no nasaun Timor-Leste hodi hahú hakat ba dezvoltimentu hahú husi Lautem.

“Ita hahú funu hosi loromonu ba Lautem no agora tempu dezvoltimentu ita hahú fali dezvoltimentu hosi Lautem, tanba ita hakarak implementa programa rua, ida hakarak hadia povu nia moris no rua, ita hakarak desenvolve rai ne'e hahú hosi peskiza sira ne'e,” dehan PM Xanana liuhosi diskursu iha salaun GMT, Lospalos.

Xefe governu fó lembra katak, iha Planu Estratejiku Dezenvolvimentu Nasionál (PEDN) 2011-2023, identifika riku-soin rai leten iha Timor-Leste kompostu hosi fatuk, ahu, fatuk potásiu, sulfuriu, besi musan, dolemite, osan mean, osan mutin, fosfatu, masin, gás naturál, jesu, kromite, clay ceramik, maganesite, bentonite arjila, maganesa, marmore, rai henek boot, infiltrasaun mina, kobra, volastonite no rikusoin seluk ne'ebé ekipa jeolojia AMN sei sei buka nafatin iha kada munisípiu.

Atu proteje rikusoin hirak ne'e maka, governu prepara projetu lei haruka ba Parlamentu Nasionál hodi aprova ona lei kódigu mineru ne'ebé importante tanba bele asegura rikusoin sira iha rai leten no bele dada investidór sira mai iha Timor-Leste.

Xanana hatutan, iha fatin seluk ne'ebé governu indentifika ona, sei kontinua fó lisensa ba kompañia sira hodi hala'o mós pekiza no esplorasau.

“Ita fó lisensa ba sira hodi sira hahú peskiza ba ita nia rikusoin ne'e, iha ka la iha? Ita sei halo servisu uluk peskiza foin bele hatene, ita nia rikusoin barak ne'e saida de'it,” dehan PM.

Xefe Governu rekoñese ohin loron, Timor-Leste sei moris dependensia ba osan fundu minarai hosi Kampu Greater Sunrise no bainhira Timor-Leste halo esplorasau ba rikosin sira seluk iha rai maran bele ajuda ona hodi hadia no dezenvolve ekonómia Timor-Leste ba futuru.

Tanba ne'e, PM Xanana husu kolaborasau hosi autoridade, povu no lia na'in sira atu koopera bainhira kompañia sira ne'e halo peskiza kualkér fatin ne'ebé sira sei identifika.

Eis Prezidente Repúblika ne'e reforsa tan, bainhira riku-soin hirak ne'e identifika tiha, ba futuru bele faan ba merkadu internasionál hodi hatama reseita ba estadu Timor-Leste hodi hadia povu nia moris.

“Kuandu ita faan produktu hirak ne'e osan bele tama mai ita nia rain, ita sei hadia povu nia moris” dehan PM

Atu lori dezenvolvimentu too povu iha suku aldeia hotu, IX Governu mós prepara ona planu dezentralizasaun poder lokál hodi munisípiu sira idak-idak prepara sira nia planu annual orsamentu no programa no administrasau finansas hodi dezenvolve sira suku no aldeia.

Ministru Francisco agradese

Entertantu, Ministru Petróleu no Rekursu Minerál (MPRM), Francisco Monteiro, hato'o agradese ba AMN ne'ebé hatutan servisu governu nian hodi hahú lansamentu ba lisensa ne'e.



“Ami agradese ba ita nia parseiru kompañã na'in-rua nu'udar investidór boot, tanba ida-ne'e hatudu sira nia fi'ar ba governu Timor-Leste hodi fó lisensa ba kompañã internasionál sira seluk sei hakarak mai halo esplorasauñ ba iha ita nia rain, tanba ita hahú lansaa ona ohin,” nia agradese.

Ministru Francisco dehan, prosesu servisu ne'e sei lori tempu hodi halo indentifikasauñ kl'ean presiza rekursu no kompañã ninia interese hodi koopera ho governu hodi fasilita sira hala'o servisu identifikasauñ hodi atraí investidor sira seluk.

Governu tau nafatin esperansa ba autoridade suku, no povu sira inklui veteranus no lia na'in sira atu koopera hodi fó susesu ba kompañã sira hala'o servisu ho susesu.

AMN akompañã empreza to'o esplorasauñ

Alende ne'e, Prezidente Autoridade Nasionál Minerál (AMN), Rafael de Araújo, informa sira sei kontinua koopera servisu ho governu no kompañã hodi hala'o servisu too prosesu esplorasauñ.

Iha biban ne'e, Representante Kompañã Estrella Resources Limited R.P, Chris Daws, hato'o agradese ba konfiansa hosi Governu Timor-Leste hodi fó lisensa ba sira nia kompañã hamutuk holo estudu ba fatin hirak ne'ebé identifika ona.

“Ita hamutuk hasoru malu iha ne'e hodi hahú ita nia hanoin kona-ba saida maka rai ne'e iha. Iha tempu ne'eba too agora, ha'u husu boot Timor-Leste bele dezenvolve aan liu hosi lei ruma kona-ba kodiku mineral nian. Iha loron ida ne'e importante tebes hodi fó lisensa baa mi no ha'u orgullu tebes hamutuk ho kompañã parseiru atu ita komesa hala'o servisu iha kampu ida ne'e,” katak Chris Daws.

Nia sente orgullu, tanba durante vizita Timor-Leste hasoru entidade estadu Timor-Leste hanesan Prezidente República, José Ramos-Horta no governu kontinua movitiva no suporta sira nia hodi hala'o servisu esplorasauñ iha Timor-Leste.

“Ami agradese ba instituisauñ estadu nian ne'ebé bolu ami mai hodi halo esplorasauñ hanesan MPRM no AMN no institutu geologia sira no Kompana Murak Rai Timor hanesan ami nia parseiru di'ak atu servisu hamutuk,” nia agradese.

Kompañã Estrella Resources Limited R.P mós bolu ona Timoroan na'in tolu hodi hala'o servisu hamutuk no ba oin sei kontinua fó nafatin formasaun ba Timoroan sira seluk hodi kontinua halo estudu no aban bairua sira bele servisu ho di'ak.

Povu Lautém agradese Governu

Enretantu, Prezidente Autoridade Munisípiu Lautém, Mélio de Jesus hato'o benvindo ba dezenvolvimentu ne'ebé hahú lansa uluk iha Lautem bele kria investimentu boot hodi finansia ekonómia Timor-Leste no kria kampu servisu ba Timoroan sira.

“Ami hato'o obrigadu wain no agredesimentu klean ba Maromak ba grasa ka riku soin ne'ebé fo mai ami Lautém oan, agradese tebes mós ba erois da patria sira hotu ne'ebé entrega ona mai ami rai ne'e ho livre no independente ne'ebé nakonu mós grasa ho riku soin oi-oin hodi ohin ami bele sustenta nafatin estadu ho povu ida ne'e to ohin loron,” Mélio agradese.

Mélio lori populasaun no autoridade Lautem nia naran hatoo mós obrigadu wain ba konfiansa governu Timor-Leste hodi lansa emisaun ba lisensa prospeasaun no peskiza ba minerais ba oin sei redus dependensia Orsamentu Jerál Estadu hosi fundu minarai.



“Ita hotu hatene katak hodi finansia nesesidade dezvoltimentu rai laran, estadu Timor-Leste dependente makas ba setór petrolíferu. Tanba faktu hatudu katak Orsamentu Jerál Estadu kada tinan dependente maka’as kuaze 90%-resin ba reseita hosi mina no gás iha Fundu Minarai. Dependénsia ida ne’e, fó hanoin mai ita katak, ita tenke másimiza potencialidade rekursu sira seluk iha rai maran hodi aban-bainrua bele sai mós fonte alternativa ida ba ekonómia Timor-Leste, hodi sustenta nafatin nesesidade dezvoltimentu rai laran”, PAM Lautem afirma

Tanba ne’e, nia husu: “Ita hotu tenke kolabora no apoia politika IX Governu Konstituisiónal ne’ebé buka atu explora no esplora ita nia rekursu alternativa sira seluk inklui rekursu mineiru iha área rai maran atu bele sustenta mós nesesidade dezvoltimentu rai laran”.

PAM Lautem ne’e husu povu Lautem atu apoia servisu tomak ho orgullu no sempre agradece, tanba munisípiu ida ne’e alende nu’udar área ne’ebé iha potencialidade ekonómia iha setór agrikultura no turizmu, Lautem mós afinal iha potencia rekuru minarai no mineiru ne’ebé daudauk ne’e iha hela prosesu esplorasau (estudu) hosi insituisau TIMOR GAP ne’ebé halo estudu ba bloku RARAHANA no ANM ne’ebé ohin lansa atividade estudu ba bloku ne’ebé iha potencia mineiru iha Lautem.

Melio konsidera dezvoltimentu sira iha industria minarai no mineiru ne’e importante tebes, tanba alende hasa’e ekonómia nasionál, setór dezvoltimentu ida ne’e mós sei kontribui ba kresimentu ekonómia nivel lokál liu hosi implementasaun “local content”, iha ne’ebé comunidade no seiór privadu nivel lokál sira mós hola parte iha industria ne’e.

Iha âmbito desentralizasaun ne’ebé la’o daudauk, dezvoltimentu indústria mineiru importante tebes atu bele sustenta nesesidade dezvoltimentu munisípiu nian, bainhira prosesu autonomizasaun gradual ne’e tama ona ba faze poder lokál.

Tanba bazeia ba artigu 37, Lei Númeru 16/2023, kona-bá “Jestaun Finansa Munisipál”, hateten katak Munisipiu sira sei hetan transferénsia orsamentu liuhusi Fundu Poder Lokál ne’ebé munisipiu sira sei simu transferénsia orsamentu 20% hosi Rendimentu Fundu Minarai, 20% hosi Rendimentu Taxa Non Petrolíferu no mós 20% hosi rendimentu Fundu Mineiru ne’ebé rejista iha Orsamentu Jeral Estadu.

Aproveita opotunidade ida ne’e, nu’udar PAM solita ba componente hotu-hotu mak eziste iha Munisipiu Lautem atu fó apoia másimu no kolaborasaun servisu ho Governu liuhosi ANM atu sira bele hala’o sira nia atividade ho susesu, nune’e ikus mai rezultadu hosi esforsu ne’e, sei fó benefísiu direta ba populasaun no ba Timor Leste tomak.

Timor-Leste awards mineral exploration license to two companies



DILI, 26 march 2024 (TATOLI) – Prime Minister, Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, accompanied by the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Francisco da Costa Monteiro, and the President of the Lautém Municipal Authority, Melio de Jesus officially awarded mineral exploration license to two companies (Estrella Resources and Peak Everest Mining) to carry out mineral exploration in Lautém municipality.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources (MPRM) will collaborate with Estrella Resources and Peak Everest Mining to carry out the exploration of metallic ores in Lautém.

Exploration activities will be carried out in several villages, covering Euquisi, Daudere, Afabubu, Wairoque, Borubatu, Saquili, Dalarai, Luturo, and other locations.

At the launch of the licensing round for mineral exploration, Prime Minister Gusmão said it marked a significant milestone for the development of Timor-Leste's mining sector.

He said that the development of the country's mining sector will contribute to improving people's well-being and advancing development.

Gusmão urged local communities to collaborate with the companies to ensure smooth mineral exploration in the identified villages.

Minister Monteiro thanked the two companies for their trust in the government to carry out mineral exploration in the country.

He said that the government will facilitate the two companies with exploration activities to attract more international companies to invest in Timor-Leste, especially in the mining sector.

The representative of Estrella Resources, Chris Daws, thanked the government for granting his company the mineral exploration license, saying that Estrella Resources would cooperate with the government and Peak Everest Mining to carry out mineral exploration activities in Lautém.

Estrella makes history with Timor-Leste exploration grant

By Michael Philipps. Sponsored in the West Australian, 27 March 2024

Estrella Resources has officially been granted exploration tenure of more than 500 square kilometres in Timor-Leste making history as one of the first companies to receive exploration rights in the country.

The nation is looking to build its industry in this resource-rich part of the world and ASX-listed Estrella is the first through the gate.

During an issuance ceremony, the company was presented with three exploration and evaluation licences in addition to eight reconnaissance permits in areas considered prospective for manganese, copper and gold by Timor-Leste Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao.

Estrella managing director Chris Daws has spent the past 15 years cultivating relationships within Timor-Leste, which recently passed legislation aimed at enabling a new mineral exploration and development industry in the country.

The minerals tender process was a first for the fledgling nation, which only gained independence in 2002 following a previously turbulent period under Indonesian rule. Mineral titles will be awarded across the country in a bid to inspire a new exploration and mining industry aimed at improving the fortunes of the small island nation that has been long devastated by conflict.

Management says Estrella is one of only four companies awarded concessions by the government, which provides a first-mover advantage in a developing country that is starting a new resources industry.

The three exploration tenements cover an area of 121.5 sq-km with the reconnaissance permits surrounding the licences totalling 382.2 sq-km in a region which has seen no modern exploration to date.

The company says detailed mapping and sampling will aim to identify mineral occurrences on surface within the concessions and will be combined with further consultation with the local population as to the possible next stages of exploration. It will consist of airborne geophysical surveys followed by ground geophysics and eventually drilling if warranted.

Access to the concessions is 170km from the capital city of Dili by sealed, all-weather roads and then a further 10km on all-weather unsealed roads south to the towns of Baduro or Daudere. Timor-Leste has a pronounced dry season that will greatly assist land access and exploration in more remote areas.

Estrella says the nation is serviced daily with modern commercial jetliners, with just an 85-minute flight from Darwin.

From numerous trips to the country since 2009, Estrella's management have seen first-hand the mineral prospectivity and significant opportunity to add value for our shareholders. Importantly, from these trips we have identified manganese mineralisation across the recently granted Permits which have never been systematically mapped.

--Estrella Resources managing director Chris Daws

In December last year, Estrella revealed a new deal with the State-run Murak Rai Timor (MRT), which will see the creation of a joint venture (JV) to explore for valuable deposits in Timor-Leste.

According to the details of the expected JV, MRT will be free-carried at 30 per cent up to the release of a definitive feasibility study (DFS) into the mining concessions granted to Estrella. Management believes a JV is the best way forward for any potential success from mineral exploration to flow through to both shareholders and the people of Timor-Leste.

MRT was set up in September last year by the Timor-Leste Government as the “Timor-Leste National Mining Company” to be capable of participating in the mining of mineral resources on behalf of the nation.

Estrella's reconnaissance permits are 100 per cent owned by the company and are currently not part of the MRT JV which only applies to exploration licences.

The company says its in-country geological team already has boots on the ground with mapping and sampling underway.

Timor-Leste lies to the east of Indonesia, which has recently made headlines in the resources sector due to its rise in prominence in supplying nickel to the global metals market.

While it is still early days for mineral exploration in Timor-Leste, the market will be paying close attention to what Estrella can unearth in what could be described as the dawn of a new era in the country's resources history which is set amongst some of the richest deposits in the world.