MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINING DEVELOPMENT



Introduction to the Mining Cadastre Information Management System – Online Portal

BACKGROUND AND CURRENT OPERATIONAL STATUS

In its quest to improve competitiveness to attract private investments through the strengthening of governance and transparency in the administration of mining rights activities, the Government of Zimbabwe, through the Ministry of Mines and Mining Development of Zimbabwe (MMMD), embarked on a project to computerize the registry of Mining Titles through equipping a system to meet international best practices.

The objective is to transition from the current largely manual system to a computerized system of registration of mining titles

The Ministry in 2014 then went to tender, in an effort to computerize the registry of Mining Titles and outsourced an international company to implement the project.

DELIVERY PARTNERS

Spatial Dimension

GROUPVIEW TECHNOLOGIES
smarter solutions

Milestones achieved

- ✓*The project commenced with pre-cadastral work, which involved aligning mining districts to provincial boundaries and establishing a pilot phase at the Manicaland Provincial Office.*
- ✓*Development and delivery of the Solution/System*
- ✓*Successful installation of server equipment at the National Data Centre, with configuration completed and migration of the solution currently underway.*
- ✓*Receipt of all contracted hardware, software, and accessories, along with three vehicles. Procurement of additional equipment to support the Ministry's expanded operations also done and delivered.*

- *Workflow review workshops to align system processes with the Mines and Minerals Act and the Ministry's Standard Operating Procedures.*
- *Delivery of multiple training programmes for staff and stakeholders, administered through physical, virtual, and hybrid formats.*
- *Bulk data capture and upload (2021–2022), with ongoing data validation to ensure accuracy.*

Execution of system testing exercises, followed by collaboration with the consultant to implement requested amendments and refinements.

THE PORTAL

What is the Portal?

The public side of MCIMS, the Ministry's official mining titles register, now open online.

Mining Offices
Record and check

MCIMS
Official register

eGov Portal
Public window

You
Search, apply, track

No account needed

- View the titles map
- Look up any title
- See mining statistics

With an account

- Check ground before applying
- Apply online, in order received
- Track and reply to queries
- Renew, transfer and report

Free to use. Ministry application, licence and renewal fees still apply.

WHO BENEFITS

What the Portal means for you

Government

One set of mining records across government

Treasury and ZIMRA

Know who holds which title, and what is owed

Investors

See free ground first. First come, first served.

Large-scale miners

Renew and report online, with reminders

Small-scale miners

Your claim recorded and protected

Communities

See what has been pegged in your area

Provincial Mining Offices remain open to help in person.

THE SHIFT

What changes for you

01	02	03	04
TODAY	**TODAY**	**TODAY**	**TODAY**
Travel to a Mining Office to check a title	Wait while paper records are searched	No way of knowing where your application stands	Renewals and reports done on paper
WITH THE PORTAL	**WITH THE PORTAL**	**WITH THE PORTAL**	**WITH THE PORTAL**
Check any title online, from anywhere	**See held and open ground on a live map**	**Track every step and reply to queries online**	**Renew and report online, with reminders**

"The core objective of the initial rollout is to transition from paper-based registry checks to automated, spatial validation on the Landfolio platform, drastically reducing processing lead times."

Core functions at rollout will include:

- ***Online Mining Portal*** *for applications, renewals, notifications, and statutory returns for all permits.*
- ***Landfolio Back Office*** *for ministry officials to process, and approve evry entry that comes through the portal.*
- ***Interactive Cadastre Map*** *showing active titles, reserved areas, and available ground.*
- ***Digital title issuance*** *with QR-coded certificates.*
- ***Automated overlap checks*** *for submitted coordinates.*
- ***Integrated payments*** *for rentals, inspection fees, and registration costs.*

- What Is Required To Ensure Full And Successful Implementation

Geospatial Data:

- *High-accuracy **DGPS coordinate data** tied to national coordinate systems (UTM Arc1950 as determined by the Surveyor Generals office) to eliminate spatial errors. (Several notices have been flighted)*
- *Validated beacon coordinates and boundary diagrams signed by registered mine surveyors.*

Administrative Documentation:

- *Certified title records, inspection certificates, transfer approvals, and SG certificates and related dcumentation.*
- *Company documentation (CR14/CR6, tax clearance, authorized representative profiles).*
- *Proof of inspections, renewals, and statutory returns to maintain legal standing.*

IT Infrastructure:

- *High-speed internet, secure computing hardware, and training for responsible persons to navigate the portal, manage corporate profiles, and submit applications digitally.*

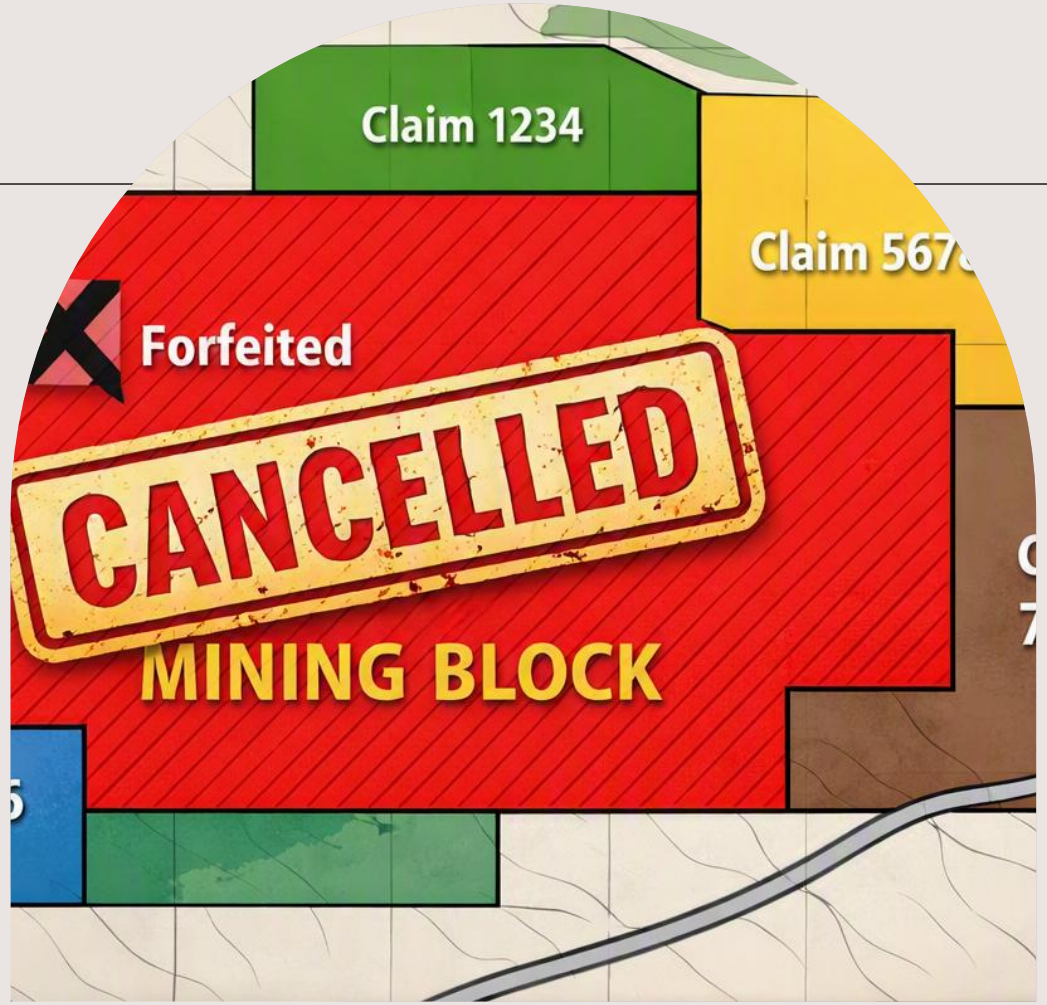
Integration:

- *Interfaces with Environmental Authorities, Surveyor General, Lands Authorities, revenue services, and courts to ensure interoperability.*

HANDLING LEGACY RECORDS & DISPUTES

To ensure a clean transition to the digital platform , the Ministry will go through the following

- ✓ ***Record Reconciliation:*** *Paper files cross-checked against GIS layers before migration.*
- ✓ ***Boundary Overlaps:*** *Resolved using* ***priority of title*** *under the Mines and Minerals Act and* ***joint ground verification*** *with DGPS surveys.*
- ✓ ***Dispute Resolution:*** *Where the DGPS coordinate system has failed to resolve overlaps, formal hearings by Provincial Mining Directors or the Mining Affairs Board will be conducted.*
- ✓ *Disputed titles will be flagged in the system to prevent transfers*



COMPLIANCE RISKS

Title forfeiture *if rentals or inspections are missed during transition.*

Loss of priority *in disputes if records are incomplete.*

Operational interruptions *if unverified titles are locked out of the portal.*

Legal exposure *from inaccurate uploads leading to boundary conflicts.*

SUPPORT & CAPACITY BUILDING

The Ministry will offer the following

1. Training workshops for mine managers, surveyors, and associations and all appointed persons who manage claims databases for mines.

2. Provincial cadastre helpdesks and online support channels.

3. SOP manuals, video tutorials, and clear fee schedules.

4. Transitional grace period to update records without immediate penalties. (The Mines and Minenrals amendment bill provides for a parallel run to align the system with the bill once it has been enacted)

Ministry of Mines and Mining Development

WHAT MINERS SHOULD EXPECT

After the full digital implementation miners should expect the following

1. ***Remote access*** *to applications, renewals, and payments.*
2. ***Faster processing*** *and reduced bureaucracy.*
3. ***Transparency*** *in title issuance and dispute resolution.*
4. ***Reduced overlaps*** *and disputes due to GIS conflict detection.*
5. ***Improved tenure security*** *and property rights.*
6. ***Ease of doing business*** *through online services.*

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Currently only the Backoffice is operational
for data capturing processes only. The public portal will be opened
once the system has been launched

- *The Ministry is actively executing spatial data capturing, vectorization, and clean-up of thousands of legacy mining claims, Special Grants (SGs), and Exclusive Prospecting Orders (EPOs) to populate the Landfolio database.*
- *Some consultants have been engaged to enhance this process in order to meet the deadline.*

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINES

Initial Contract – 4 years

With what has been achieved so far the the Ministry is now focusing on:

1. Data Capture, Clean-Up & Migration (Ongoing): *Provincial offices digitizing and validating spatial data.*

2. Title Verification & Audit : *Title holders have been requested to submit* ***DGPS coordinates*** *and updated documentation. Documents will be scanned and linked to their specific titles.*

3. *(December 2026)* ***System Go-Live & Parallel Running:*** *Online Mining Portal launched alongside manual workflows for a transitional period. This period will also be used for correction of overlaps, dispute resolution and registration of pending applications, training, internet upgrades, and stakeholder awareness campaigns.)*

4. Full Digital Enforcement: *All applications, renewals, and statutory returns to be submitted exclusively through the portal.*

YOUR TITLE

Your existing title is safe

If your title is properly registered, the Portal protects it.

Checked before it goes online
Every record is checked first

You can correct it
Time to check your record and fix mistakes

The Ministry handles disputes
The map does not decide who owns a claim

Your details are protected
Under the Cyber and Data Protection Act

Every change is recorded
No record changes without a trace

NEXT STEPS

What happens next

Miners and title holders

1. Check your record when the Ministry opens the verification window
2. Register on the Portal
3. Visit your Provincial Mining Office for help

Investors

1. Use the map and statistics to plan
2. Apply online once you are ready

Government and partners

1. Champion the Portal
2. Direct mining title enquiries to it

"Sustainable Mining: Our Legacy"

A secure mining title for every registered miner.

LIVE DEMONSTRATION