



## **?GAF to implement its electronic mining cadastre framework eMC+ in the Republic of Tajikistan**

(Mynewsdesk) Modernisation of the Mining Cadastre of the Republic of Tajikistan

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GAF is pleased to announce the acquisition of a contract to design and implement a new mining title-cadastre and registry system for the Republic of Tajikistan. The client and beneficiary is the Department of Geology under the State Committee for Investments and State Property Management.

The overall project objective is improving governance in the mining sector by establishing a transparent system for granting and managing mineral permits. The efficient and reliable administration of such titles is considered to be a key factor in increasing investment and growth in the Republic of Tajikistan's mining sector.

In practical terms, the project involves implementing a rule-based, computerised management system with GIS functionality that caters for the entire life cycle of mineral titles. The system must also ensure that the title administration procedures comply with the relevant laws and regulations. The implementation will be accompanied by institutional and technical capacity building activities within the cadastral organisation. The resulting improved and transparent administration of mining titles is expected to make the mining sector more attractive to private sector investment, to exploration and mining companies.

The project has a duration of two years and is embedded in the 'Tajikistan Private Sector Competitiveness Project' funded by the World Bank/International Development Association (IDA). This was launched as a response to Tajikistan's request for assistance in developing its mineral sector. It will result in the introduction of best practices and will strengthen the contribution of Tajikistan's mining sector to economic development in the country.

The assignment is well-suited to GAF, as the company has more than 20 years of experience in the institutional and technical establishment and reorganisation of mining cadastre authorities. This includes the provision of associated consultancy services and cutting-edge software solutions. GAF's comprehensive experience and skills in the field of mining, land management and agriculture cadastres and registries is underlined by the fact that it has implemented more than 2000 cadastre-application installations in the public and private sectors. GAF's software unit consists of more than 40 software programmers, developers and testers.

### About eMC+

eMC+ is GAF's framework for providing mining cadastre authorities worldwide with a complete package of products and services. Using the eMC+ framework as a basis, GAF can create tailor-made and maintenance-friendly solutions for each individual client. As it is web-based, it works in an intranet setting as well as over the internet. The applications source code can also be made available to the client, thereby ensuring that the solution can be used sustainably beyond the lifetime of the implementation project. The system is based on FOSS (free and open-source software), which ensures that no additional costs are incurred for 3rd party licenses and their maintenance. Thus the total cost of ownership is fully transparent and there is no vendor lock-in. eMC+ increases institutional capacity and efficiency by providing a comprehensive mineral tenure management

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