

TECHNOLOGIES AND TRANSFORMATION IN DR CONGO'S ARTISANAL AND SMALL-SCALE GOLD MINING

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Abstract

We embarked on a collaborative research (part of a project funded by the Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO-EOS)) on technologies and transformation in the eastern DRC's artisanal and small-scale gold mines (ASGM). In the past decade, a rapid transformation has taken place in these gold mines where we now find air compressors, ball mills, dredges, water pumps and cyanidation plants. With a team of 14 researchers we have interviewed more than 600 workers in the region's three largest ASGM mines: Kamituga, Misisi and Shabunda. The data have fed into seven different research articles, focusing on labour relations, productivity, taxation, assembly, responsible production techniques, gender and health. The articles make up a special issue on technologies, techniques and transformation in ASGM, touching upon a broad spectrum of social, cultural, political, and economic issues.



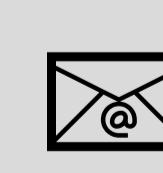
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