

Update as of 8 July 2019

Kamoto Copper Company (KCC) incident involving illegal miners

Context

KCC, a subsidiary of Glencore, has observed a growing presence of illegal miners throughout its industrial mining concessions in the Kolwezi area of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). This has led to daily intrusions onto its concession by on average 2,000 illegal miners per day. This has presented a significant risk to its employees, operating equipment and the illegal miners themselves.

Illegal and artisanal mining is a complex phenomenon influenced by a variety of factors. Socio-economic development is a key challenge, but there are other causes. We believe contributing factors could include an apparent increase in migration to DRC's Kolwezi region and a lack of economic opportunities elsewhere in the country. The establishment of illegal buying counters in the proximity of KCC operations has also contributed to increasing illegal mining activities.

Incident background

On Thursday, 27 June 2019, we were saddened to report an incident that resulted in multiple fatalities and injuries of illegal miners at our KCC industrial operations in the DRC. The illegal miners were working two galleries (underground tunnels) in benches overlooking the extraction area. Two of these galleries caved in. These incidents were not linked to KCC operations or activities.

As of 8 July 2019, KCC is aware that there have been 30 fatalities, as a result of these tragic events.

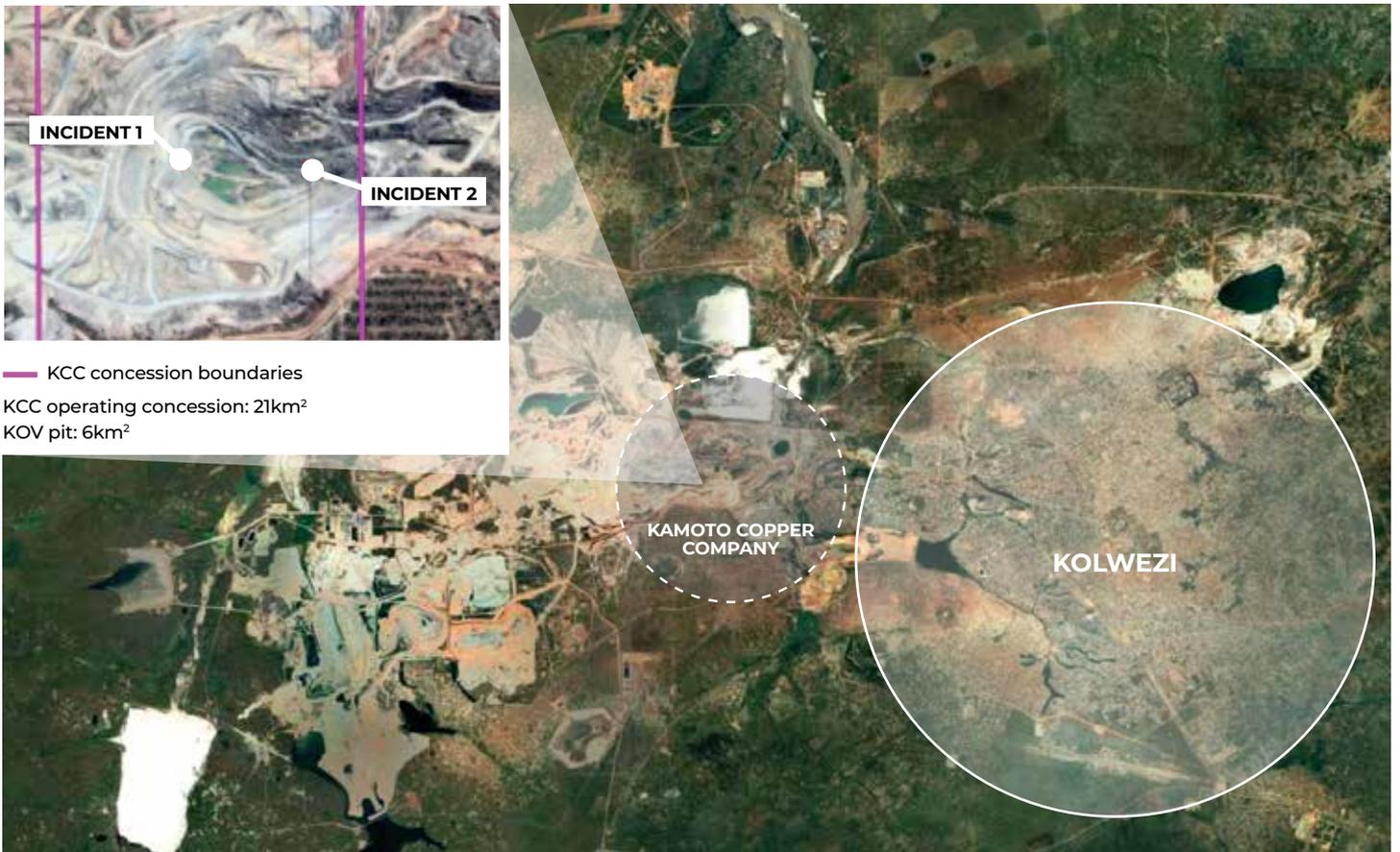
Emergency response

As an immediate response to the incident, KCC's emergency rescue team provided personnel and equipment to support the recovery of the bodies and transportation to the public morgue. Its hospital continues to treat the injured and arrange transfers to the public hospital, as required.

Incident location

The KCC operating concession is 21km² and includes multiple public access points and rights of way. The concession is also adjacent to many small, economically unsupported communities of c. 250,000 inhabitants. The incident of 27 June 2019 took place in the KOV pit, which itself is 6km².

KCC has commenced construction of T-Walls (concrete perimeter walls) around critical infrastructure and has commenced a further programme of securing workplaces and moving equipment.



Security

KCC has extensive security on the concession, which it regularly reviews to ensure the right resources are in place, including our own guards and private security providers.

The government-operated mine police are also present in the area.

In line with the Glencore Human Rights policy, KCC is committed to being a responsible operator and to upholding respect for human rights in accordance with the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights. KCC requires all its own and contracted security providers to comply with its human rights policies. In addition, KCC has a MoU with the Mine Police, which details its expectations of conduct with respect of human rights.

Where possible, KCC informs all relevant parties of its expectations and standards with respect to human rights.

KCC is taking steps to prevent further loss of life in the illegal mining areas by intentionally collapsing galleries that it has identified as being safe to access, and digging trenches to make it more difficult for illegal miners to gain access. Where accessible, KCC is adding soil and mud into known illegal mining areas within the KOV open pit to deter illegal mining operations.

Call to cease illegal mining

We continue to urge all illegal miners to cease from putting their lives at risk by trespassing on a major industrial site. KCC is actively engaging with the local communities of the dangers associated with illegal trespassing on major industrial concessions.

The safety and security of its employees, contractors and host communities is of paramount importance to KCC. KCC will take all possible measures to ensure their safety and will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders.

KCC has involved SAEMAPE (the government agency responsible for supervising and interacting with artisanal miners) to conduct awareness programmes with illegal miners and conducts consultation sessions with the local communities. This includes:

- Broadcasting messages on local radios and televisions in Kolwezi to alert people of the personal dangers of moving mining equipment and entering deep mining areas.
- Erecting barriers and signs warning of the dangers.

We will continue to engage with all the relevant stakeholders to collaborate on identifying and implementing a long-term, sustainable solution to illegal mining in the DRC.



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