

## PROFILE

Ron Smit Consulting provides services related to mining sector governance and mining sector development, largely in support of public sector institutions. The owner, Ronald Smit, is a professional natural scientist (*Pr.Sci.Nat.*) with qualifications in geology (*BSc Hons*), mineral economics (*MSc (Eng)(Mining)*) and business administration (*MBA*). He has more than 30 years of experience in the mining sector, including more than 15 years in projects funded by multilateral institutions.

## VALUES AND EXPERTISE

Communication and transparency, team leadership, mining sector governance and development, including: Mining policy and legislation, mineral rights management, environmental and social impact assessment, mineral production monitoring, mining taxation, mineral exploration management.

## COUNTRIES OF SIGNIFICANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Iraq (remote, desk-based work only), Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mongolia, The Netherlands, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Zambia.

## CURRENT AND RECENT PROJECTS

### **Uganda – EU Delegation and DG INTPA: Strategic Analysis, Identification and Formulation of Mining Sector and CRM-related Actions in Uganda – December 2024 – September 2025**

Production of a strategic analysis of the mining sector in Uganda, identifying opportunities for EU companies to source CRM from Uganda, advising the Delegation on potential Actions to improve mining sector governance, including compliance with the EU's ESG legislation.

### **Vietnam – Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT): Mining Law Support Project – October 2023 – June 2025**

Leadership of a team of Vietnamese and international experts, analysing the current mining legislation and support towards an updated mining law, enacted late in 2024. Ensuring coordination with other Vietnamese legislation, assessing economic, environmental and social impacts, and correlation with Australian and other international legislation and best practice. Remote and on-site work.

### **Zambia – EU Delegation and Team Europe: Support for EU Development Policy related to the Zambian Mining Sector – April – October 2024**

Identification of investment opportunities along the raw materials value chain, and support towards building a coalition of (mainly) EU actors in this. Analysis of investment opportunities, assistance with building a roadmap for investment in Zambia, and with drafting documents to set out relevant initiatives.

### **Uganda – IMF: Training for the Uganda Revenue Authority and Customs officers – July 2024**

Delivery of a workshop on topics including the mining industry structure, the mining lifecycle and value chain, mining and processing methods, and other aspects relevant to government revenue from the sector.

**Zambia – Swedish EPA: Forest-Mining Project – September 2022 – November 2023**

As part of the international Environmental Governance Programme, conducted stakeholder consultations on the interactions between large-scale mining operations, and protected forest areas in Zambia. Investigations into the various licensing and permitting processes, the underlying legislation and the implementation thereof. Desk-top research, virtual and in-person meetings with mining companies and NGO's, on-site investigations, reporting. 2024 extension included the design and implementation of a GIS to capture and hold forest location information, as well as the establishment of a Participatory Environmental Monitoring (PEM) process.

**Uzbekistan – IMF Fiscal Affairs Department: Technical Assistance on the Implementation of Subsoil Use, Rent, and Profit Taxation for Natural Resource Extraction, to the State Tax Committee – January 2023**

Support to officials of the State Tax Committee and the State Committee on Geology, development and delivery of presentations about different options for implementations of mining royalties and taxes.

**Zambia – Swedish Geological AB: Due Diligence of Environmental and Social Compliance by two mining companies - June – October 2022**

Investigations into environmental and social compliance and social licence to operate, concerning two mining operations in Zambia. Desk-top research, virtual and in-person meetings with mining companies and NGO's, on-site investigations, reporting.

**Liberia – GIZ : Support to the Ministry of Mines and Energy during drafting of the new Minerals and Mining Law of Liberia - July – September 2019**

Technical support towards the finalisation of the new Mining Law, in order to ensure relevance and a balance between governance and making the country attractive for investors. Interactions with senior officials of the Ministry of Mines and Energy, as well as with legal experts. Production of an updated draft Law.

**Zambia – EU – Adam Smith International : Mineral Production Monitoring Support Project – January 2015 – January 2019 (Team Leader)**

Capacity building for the Zambian Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development, specifically towards improved monitoring of mineral production. Setting up monitoring regimes and reporting formats, trainings (including on-the-job trainings), coaching of MMMD staff members, procurement of analytical and IT equipment and supporting infrastructure, support to the Zambian EITI, especially in connection with communication of reports.

**EARLIER / OTHER PROJECTS**

Training	Cameroon, 2021 Trainings on mineral deposits and exploration methods, to officers of the Ministry of Mines and the School of Mines, for the WB PRECASEM project.
Project evaluation	Tanzania, 2019-2021 Final evaluation of ICI projects involving the Tanzanian and Finnish Geological Surveys, for the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Mineral valuation	Mongolia, 2019 and Zambia, 2019-2021 Training to revenue and mining department officers on valuation of minerals for export, calculation of royalties and related matters, for the IGF.

Supply chain sustainability	The Netherlands, 2015 Strategic Study of the Sustainability of the Gold Supply Chain, for the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, under Profundo BV.
Mineral rights licensing	Kenya, 2014 Support to the Ministry of Mining, including drafting of new mining legislation and procurement of an online cadastre portal, under ASI's KEIDP programme, funded by DFID.
Mining governance assessment	United Kingdom, 2014 Design of an assessment tool (eventually named MinGov) to rate and compare aspects of sector governance in various countries, largely funded by the World Bank
Functional review of public sector mining institutions	Mongolia, 2013 Policy Advice to the Ministry of Mining on a Functional Review of Institutions engaged in Management and Regulation of the Mining Sector. Funded by the World Bank under the MSISTAP programme.
Strategic assessment of the mining sector	Ethiopia, 2013-2014 Strategic Assessment of the Mining Sector. Co-team leader for this project under Swedish Geological AB, funded by the World Bank.
Governance project design	Zambia, 2012 Project design for improved mining governance in Zambia, under Adam Smith International, funded by AusAID.
Scoping study for potential projects	Ghana, 2012 Scoping study to help determine potential future projects in Ghana, under Adam Smith International, funded by AusAID.
Strategic assessment of environmental impacts	Colombia, 2011-2012 Consultation with the Colombian <i>Contraloria General de la Republica</i> (Comptroller General's Office) in connection with various mining environmental impacts, on behalf of Pax.
Mining sector development study	Iraq, 2011-2012 (desktop work only) Description of the Non-Oil Minerals Sector, a component of the UNIDO Private Sector Development Project.
Assessment of e-scrap recycling opportunities	Ghana, 2010-2013 Management of the Ghana-based activities under the Energy Efficient Recycling of Electric and Electronic Scrap project. Under Raw Materials Group and SGAB, funded by the Nordic Fund.
Mineral rights cadastre	Uganda, 2009-2010 Design of a Mining Cadastre and Registry System in the Department of Geological Survey and Mines, as part of the Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources Project. Team leader on behalf of Swedish Geological AB, funded by the Nordic Fund.
Assessment of mineral investment potential	Ghana, 2009 Assessment of the geology and mineral investment potential of Ghana, under Swedish Geological, for a private sector company.
IT equipment procurement and data integration	Ghana, 2009 Integration of DAP Servers into the IMS and incorporation of Geophysical and Geological Data Project within the Minerals Commission and the Geological Survey Department. Under Spatial Dimension, funded by the European Union.

Environmental and social impact assessment	Ghana, 2005-2008 For Swedish Geological AB, National Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment Project under the Mining Sector Support Programme funded by the European Union.
Mineral exploration	Ghana and other African countries, 1991-2001 Exploration Manager for JCI Limited and its predecessor companies, targeting gold exploration and investment opportunities.



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