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GGML MAINTAINS CLEFT LIP & PALATE SURGICAL MISSION SPONSORSHIP

Cleft lip and palate deformities are a worldwide problem and unfortunately are one of the major problems facing children around Lake Victoria, where Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) is located.

The exact nature of cleft occurrence is unknown, but it is believed the defects are likely the result of genetic and environmental factors.

Geita Gold Mining Limited in collaboration with Rafiki Surgical Mission from Australia are dedicated to helping children and adults in the region who suffer from unrepaired cleft lips and palates by providing free surgical treatment, so they can have new smiles and hopes.

GGML has been helping cleft lip and palate sufferers for 17 years. Sponsorship of the programme began in 2002 and more than 1717 children and adults have benefited so far, with 17 patients having successful operations in April this year as part of the first phase of the bi-annual mission.

The Second phase of the mission this year is set to start on 18th October 2019 at Geita Hospital where GGML intends to sponsor the treatment of 25 children and adults with cleft lip and palate deformities from various villages in the Geita Region. The support will include transportation as well as full accommodation and meals during the entirety of their stay at Sekou Toure Hospital in Mwanza.

Speaking about that support, GGML Acting Managing Director Mr. Brad Catto said: "GGML's sponsorship of that mission fully aligns with the company's values and commitments. Promoting health is a top priority when it comes to supporting the community that surrounds the mine,".

Mr. Brad Catto added that over the past 17 years, patients who have had successful operations as part of the GGML and Rafiki surgical missions were given a new start and their quality of life improved dramatically.

GGML has been collaborating with Geita authorities and local communities in investing in sustainable projects to support communities in the areas of health, education and infrastructure. In 2018 alone, GGML in collaboration with the Geita Authorities set a budget of TZS 9.2 billion to implement major projects in Geita region. This year again, GGML has approved the same amount to support several development projects in Geita region.

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