

COVID-19: ENDEAVOUR MINING PROVIDES HEALTHCARE SUPPORT VALUED AT CFAF 800 MILLION COTE D'IVOIRE

Abjidan, June 5, 2020 – Endeavour Mining is providing continued support to the Ivorian government's COVID-19 response with a comprehensive package of healthcare measures worth CFAF 800 million. The donations were predominantly in the form of care and laboratory apparatus, protection and prevention equipment, and mobile health equipment which have been supplied to the relevant government ministries or communities near Endeavour's mines.

They include:

- › A donation of health support worth CFAF 310 million to the Ministry of Health;
- › A donation to the Ministry of Solidarity worth CFAF 200 million;
- › A donation worth CFAF 50 million to the Ministry of Mines and Geology; and
- › A donation to support the economic resilience of the communities near Endeavour's mines worth CFAF 240 million

During a ceremony held on June 5, 2020 at SODEMI in Abidjan, Endeavour presented its contribution to the Minister of Health, Aka Aouele, the Minister of Solidarity, Mariatou Kone, and the Minister of Mines and Geology, Jean-Claude Kouassi.

Since the start of the health crisis, Endeavour has ensured the protection of its employees and the communities surrounding its mines remains its primary responsibility, while also supporting Côte d'Ivoire's response to the pandemic. Endeavour has helped with the financing of several initiatives with a donation of CFAF 40 million, as part of its overall donation of CFAF 800 million. This donation helped support the broadcasting of the Ministry of Health's awareness messages on local radio stations around the mines at Agbaou and Ity, and the deployment of emergency aid and protective equipment in the Divo and Zouan Hounien areas.

"On behalf of Endeavour Mining, I would like to praise the efforts of the Ivorian government which, under the leadership of His Excellency the President of the Republic, Alassane Dramane Ouattara, has very quickly and effectively taken difficult but necessary measures to prevent the large-scale spread of this virus in Côte d'Ivoire," said Pascal Bernasconi, Executive Vice President of Security, Public Affairs and CSR at Endeavour Mining.

These donations are diverse and cover several key areas, in line with the government's COVID-19 response strategies, which have informed Endeavour's own response:

- › Provide emergency support to Ivorian health structures that are on the front line in the fight against COVID-19, at the national and local levels, with equipment that can be used both immediately and after the health crisis.
- › Helping the most vulnerable people in the communities near its mines to restart their economic activities impacted by the pandemic through micro-credit.
- › Support the efforts of the Ministry of Solidarity to help those most disadvantaged by this health crisis.
- › Strengthen the Ministry of Mines and Geology's ability to continue its activities, which are vital to the economy of Côte d'Ivoire.

"Endeavour's approach goes beyond the simple emergency humanitarian response to COVID-19. Endeavour wanted to go further by identifying donations that will be useful both in the response to COVID-19, and afterwards for Côte d'Ivoire and its health services," explained Mr Bernasconi.



Endeavour worked closely with those receiving the donations to establish what was most needed, so that the company can contribute in a sustainable way to strengthen Côte d'Ivoire's resilience both during and after the health crisis.

As soon as the first reported cases of COVID-19 were officially announced in West Africa, Endeavour established a crisis unit supported by a medical epidemiologist who has been advising the company on the best actions to take in line with the public health policies of our host countries.

Endeavour has also put in place the measures prescribed by the Government and health authorities to minimize the spread of the virus among its employees. These measures allowed the company to contain the epidemic very quickly and ensure that the three cases of COVID-19 at the Ity mine did not contaminate any other employees or neighbouring communities.

"We wanted our action to be a global and concrete support to the challenges currently facing Côte d'Ivoire. This support is also in line with the Ivorian government's response and we have ensured that it fits perfectly with existing health and solidarity policies," said Pascal Bernasconi.

Endeavour's donation has been distributed as follows:

- › A grant of CFAF 310 million to help finance the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene's priority projects, including:
 - Support to the SAMU-COVID of 4 Mobile Respirators, 4 Multi-parameter Monitors, 4 Autonomous Mucosal Aspirators, 4 Electric Syringe Pushers, 4 Defibrillators, Oxygen Cylinders with pressure regulators and bubblers.
 - Support for the COVID-19 Patient Management Centre at Treichville University Hospital, consisting of 3 ventilators, 10 multi-parameter monitors, 10 laryngoscope and BAVU, 10 Autonomous mucositis aspirators, 10 Electric syringe pushers, 10 Manual defibrillators.
 - Support to the INHP/IPCI (National Institute of Public Hygiene/Pasteur Institute of Côte d'Ivoire): divided among its surveillance and investigation projects (CFAF 12 million) and its diagnostic tests (CFAF 68 million).
- › A donation of CFAF 200 million to the Ministry of Solidarity, Social Cohesion and the Fight against Poverty for its priority projects for vulnerable communities;
- › A donation of CFAF 50 million in distancing and prevention equipment (masks, gels, gloves) to the Ministry of Mines, as well as two utility vehicles;
- › A donation of CFAF 90 million in dedicated equipment for the health centres near Endeavour's Agbaou and Ity/Daapleu mining sites and for the Man and Divo regions;
- › A financial donation of CFAF 80 million to support a microcredit program for help women in the communities near its mines, whose employment has stopped due to the COVID-19 crisis;
- › A donation of CFAF 30 million in kind and in cash to support the communities of the Man and Divo regions through the two Regional Prefects; and
- › A donation of CFAF 40 million that has already been allocated to support an awareness campaign and the purchase of hygiene materials for communities near our Ity and Agbaou mines.