

## ENDEAVOUR MINING PROVIDES BURKINA FASO WITH COVID-19 SUPPORT WORTH CFAF 880 MILLION

**Ouagadougou, May 28, 2020** - Endeavour Mining is supporting the Burkinabe government through donations worth CFAF 880 million. The donations were predominantly medical, care and laboratory equipment worth CFAF 750 million, as well as the provision of financial support for vulnerable communities worth CFAF 70 million and support for distance learning worth CFAF 60 million.

During a ceremony held on May 28, 2020 at the Ministry of Health in Ouagadougou, Endeavour donated CFAF 680 million worth of medical materials and equipment to the Minister of Health, Claudine Lougue, and the Minister of Higher Education.

This donation was in addition to the CFAF 50 million that had already been donated as part of the Chamber of Mines' support to the Burkinabe State, the CFAF 20 million donated to the country's awareness campaign, and the purchase of hygiene equipment for the communities near Endeavour's mines, namely Houndé and Ouahigouya. Overall, the donation includes:

- CFAF 82.4 million in state-of-the-art equipment for the virology laboratory in Ouagadougou;
- CFAF 67.9 million in equipment and consumables for the dialysis centre in Bobo-Dioulasso;
- CFAF 61.2 million in state-of-the-art equipment for the virology laboratory in Bobo-Dioulasso;
- CFAF 390 million in medical and laboratory equipment and materials for 18 health and social promotion centres (CSPS), Medical Centre with Surgical Antenna (CMA) and regional university hospital centres in the Hauts-Bassins and Nord regions, and construction/renovation of a CSPS; 80 million FCFA in hygiene kits (soap, gel, gloves, masks, hand-washing devices, etc.) for the North, Centre and Upper Basins regions.

The Minister of Health said she was "*pleased today to see a major mining company such as Endeavour engage with the Government of Burkina Faso in the implementation of the COVID-19 response plan*".

Adama Soro, Country Director of Endeavour for Burkina Faso, said "*The government of Burkina Faso has quickly and effectively put in place response measures that have so far limited the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. With this donation of materials and equipment for hygiene, care and laboratory research, Endeavour, a partner of the Burkinabe government, expresses its solidarity with the government and the country. Endeavour's approach goes beyond the simple emergency humanitarian response to COVID-19 or the simple financial donation by identifying donations that will be useful both immediately in the response to COVID-19, as well as being useful afterwards for the populations of the Hauts Bassins and the North.*"

Endeavour defined three areas of support during the pandemic to help the efforts of Burkina Faso's health services and to support vulnerable communities:

- › 1: Support health partners and structures in the response to the pandemic – CFAF 750 million
  - Most of this support is dedicated to the areas impacted near our mines in Karma, in Yatenga province, and Houndé, in Tuy province, but will be extended to the regions concerned in the North and the Hauts Bassins. CFAF 680 million of this donation corresponds to the value of the equipment created.
- › 2: Strengthen the economic resilience of local stakeholders in the face of the economic impacts of COVID-19 – CFAF 70 million
  - To this end, we are providing financial support to micro-credit organizations to help vulnerable people in communities near our mining sites whose activities have been heavily impacted by the pandemic.

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- › 3: Facilitating access to distance education (E-learning platforms) for pupils and students – CFAF 60 million
    - The situation facing the whole world requires innovation in many sectors, particularly in education, which is essential for Burkina Faso's development. Solutions exist, for example E-learning, and Endeavour is supporting its deployment in universities across the country, including the UGH in Ouahigouya, UCAO in Bobo-Dioulasso and the Institution of the Brothers of the Christian Schools of Saint John Baptist de La Salle in Ouagadougou, which is already a partner with Endeavour.

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 Burkina Faso's resilience both during and after the health crisis.

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 unfortunate and single case of COVID-19 at the Houndé mine did not infect any other employees or neighbouring communities.

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's goal is first and foremost to protect its employees and the communities surrounding its mines, while supporting Burkina Faso as effectively as possible in its response to the pandemic.

*"We wanted our action to be a global and concrete support to the challenges facing Burkina Faso. This support is also in line with the Burkinabe government's response and we have ensured that it fits perfectly with existing health and solidarity policies,"* said Adama Soro.