

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SIIAYA

**IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF PETITION ON SHANTA GOLD (WEST KENYA PROJECT)  
GOLD PROSPECTING AND DRILLING PROGRAMME AT RAMULA, EAST GEM WARD**

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CALL FOR MEMORANDA ON SHANTA GOLD (WEST KENYA PROJECT)  
GOLD PROSPECTING AND DRILLING AT RAMULA, GEM SUB COUNTY**

In line with Article 37 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010; the County Assembly of Siaya is in receipt of a Petition from residents of Ramula, East Gem Ward on **Shanta Gold (West Kenya project)** gold prospecting and drilling program.

The Petitioners aver **THAT**:

1. Shanta Gold proceeded with gold exploration in opaque and questionable manner to the extent of conducting biased community engagement and paying no regard to implications of their mining activities on the livelihood of Ramula community.
2. Neither Shanta Gold nor responsible government office has appraised the community of **Shanta's** exploration or mining rights and conditions attached to those rights.
3. No comprehensive public participation involving all affected stakeholders has ever been carried out by Shanta Gold and no evidence of approval by relevant authorities has ever been displayed.
4. **Shanta's** alleged approach of political maneuvering, use of threats and intimidation of community members opposed to their exploration activities has disgraced members of Ramula community.
5. There are fears of potential forced evictions, land grabbing, loss of livelihood and environmental degradation to customary land owners some of whom may not have legal title deeds.
6. Shanta Gold is utilizing prospecting and mining methods which have adverse effects on the environment and social heritage of the Ramula community.
7. That Shanta Gold is operating without proper plans for compensation of the affected communities, land use and land restoration in line with Sections 38 (2)(a) (b) and 176 of the Mining Act, 2016.

The Petitioners pray that the finding of the County Assembly on the Investigations to recommend to the State Departments of Mining and any other relevant stakeholders the following:

1. That Shanta Gold should be made to stop its exploration activities which includes taking of soil samples, biased negotiations on relocations, compensations, office establishment and related activities.
2. That a moratorium on sale of land within Ramula be imposed to protect the community from possible unethical practices by Shanta Gold, negligence on safety of community and influx of land brokers.
3. That the administrative and political leadership align their actions and statements to the needs and aspirations of the community
4. That a platform should be provided for community engagement with the mining companies on issues of land use, compensation, environmental impact, occupation health and safety, Cooperate Social Responsibility among other issues

**The findings of the Committee investigations on these prayers shall be recommended to the State department and any other relevant stakeholder for Action.**

The Petition was committed to the County Assembly Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources. Guided by the provisions of Article 196 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the Committee plans to engage relevant stakeholders in investigating the matters raised in the Petition as guided by the program drawn below:

Ward	Meeting with Miners	Site/Mine Visits	Meeting with Community
EAST GEM WARD	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> .09.2024 at 9:00AM Venue: Ramula Dispensary	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> .09.2024 at 11:00 AM	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> .09.2024 at 2:00PM Venue: Ramula Dispensary

Miners/Mining Companies, interested parties and members of the public are invited to submit any information /memorandum/petition, that may have a bearing on matters pertaining to mining within Ramula in East Gem Ward; in person to the office of the County Assembly Clerk, using the address below or through Assembly Email; [clerk@siyaassembly.go.ke](mailto:clerk@siyaassembly.go.ke) by **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at 5.00pm.**

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