

# Tanzanian Royalty's Subsidiary Tanzam Provides Notice of Force Majeure Under Agreement with STAMICO, Owned by the Tanzanian Treasury

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TORONTO, ONTARIO -- (Marketwired - Feb 5, 2016) - [Tanzanian Royalty Exploration Corp.](#) (TSX:TNX) (NYSE MKT:TRX) (the "Company") announces that its subsidiary Tanzam has provided notice of Force Majeure under its agreement with STAMICO (State Mining Company), owned by Tanzanian Treasury. This notice of Force Majeure is based upon the invasion and forced occupation by several hundred illegal miners of our mining properties including the South Pit and other areas within the Buckreef site, thereby endangering our team and preventing Tanzam from continuing its mining operations. This continuing intrusion into our mines now at night is well known to the government authorities, as are the active illegal mining operations taking place right on our border. We ordered our security force to stand down in order to prevent a more serious confrontation. This event, we believe, may have been incited by an energetic speech made in the local village by the Deputy Minister of Energy and Minerals stating that land would be given to the artisans for legal mining within 14 days. On the 15th day the large invasion took place. Our decision to act was to protect the assets of our stockholders and put a stop to these actions which do not respect contracts or due process of law.

Invasions are continuing by stealth and at night.

The Deputy Minister requested a meeting onsite in early January. During the meeting cell phones and note books were forbidden by the Deputy Minister's staff, but the Deputy Minister's speech was videotaped. We have the master of this videotape. This same Deputy Minister made many other requests to be accomplished within 14 days that were not contractual obligations or required by mining law. The Company was threatened with extreme sanctions without due process of law if the demands were not met.

The Company was also requested to provide an area of access for artisanal miners. We have identified three potential areas with one to be designated for true artisanal mining, meaning without the use of mechanized mining equipment. Mining would not be allowed below the water table. The Company would also require artisanal miners to operate responsibly in accordance with Tanzanian mining and environmental law, and land and water requirements.

The Deputy Minister mentioned other areas which will not be given up as they represent a material portion of the deposit according to our NI 43-101 technical reports. The Company has communicated to both the Minister and the Deputy Minister, indicating its willingness to provide an area of access to legitimate artisanal miners.

We intend to file various other legal actions with other ministries in connection with our mining and exploration equipment on the site of the Kigosi Mining License which is in good standing, including acts preventing our employees from entering the mining areas under license to us in order to take inventory of our equipment. In no case would any government official issue a letter to us concerning their verbal orders denying us access to the Kigosi site.

We have invested USD\$71,000,000 in Tanzania and been a 99% Tanzanian company since our entry. We expect to bring these matters to a successful resolution, as these developments have been initiated by the new government apparently not familiar with the international contracts that exist between companies and their country. Our first income in Tanzania just occurred by order of the Deputy Minister to smelt a modest amount of gold held in the steel wool and metals container. A separate news release on the smelting of the gold will be issued shortly.

Force Majeure is a French term literally translated as "major force"; a Force Majeure clause is included in

contracts to remove liability for natural or other catastrophes that interrupt the expected course of events and restrict participants from fulfilling obligations. Force Majeure Definition / Investopedia  
<http://www.investopedia.com/terms/f/forcemajeure.asp#ixzz3z8Ph8bxU>

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Sinclair, Chief Executive Officer

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