

# Montepuez Ruby Mine Resettlement Project – update

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## Background

Within Montepuez Ruby Mine's (MRM) 340sqKM concession there are five communities: Namanhumbir Sede, Nanune, Nseue, Nthoro and Mpene. A number of these villages are situated directly on productive areas of the mining concession and it was determined that involuntary resettlements would be needed in order for MRM to access the ore-body contained within key areas of the concession. Throughout 2014, under the provisions made within Mozambique law (specifically the Law for Territorial Planning (Law N° 17/2007); Regulation for Territorial Planning (Decree N° 23/2008) and Regulation for Bodies Exhumation (Decree N°42/90)), MRM undertook the development of a resettlement action plan (RAP). This RAP not only followed national law, but followed international best practice including Performance Standard 5 (Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement) of the International Financial Corporation Environmental & Social Performance Standards (IFC E&S PF), as well as meeting the principles of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC).



### Update on progress since September 2018

The resettlement project is making very good progress against projected timelines since the last statement in September 2018. The 84 hectare area that is being developed as the RAP village for habitation has been extensively cleared and all plots laid out. Of the 105 houses that are being developed, 30% have been completed, and just over 20% partially completed, with absolute numbers in the table below.

<b>STATUS OF HOUSES DEVELOPED TO DATE</b>	<b>Number</b>
Houses Completed	33
House Partially Completed (Partially completed means houses painted, roofing completed, with door and window frames installed)	25
House Outstanding (Outstanding means house with masonry, roof and floor completed but missing finishes)	47

When factoring in progress of the overall site, the project is 65% complete and 6 weeks ahead of schedule, still on track for completion by April 2020. The MRM team works closely with a government appointed committee that oversees the statutory requirements and has regularly hosted visits by this team to inspect progress. In addition, engagement with the to-be-affected community has continued. Other key details include:

- Road construction in the RAP village started on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019
- The incumbent project contractor has been retained to carry out the community and public construction phase of the RAP project
- A consultant has been awarded the work to carry out analysis of the agricultural viability of the RAP livelihoods area (a 210 hectare area of land adjacent to the RAP village). This consultant will be responsible, in partnership with MRM, to engage the Government and carry out the study to allow the implementation of the subsequent activities, such as the demarcation, allocation and preparation of lands in good time for the completion of the project. The preparation of land will be carried out before the beginning of 2019/20 agricultural year, in October 2019.