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HON. SAA EMERSON LAMINA LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS 2 TABLES OVERSIGHT REPORT IN PARLIAMENT

The Chairman of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee on Mines and Mineral Resources, Hon. Emerson Lamina, on Thursday, 27th November 2025, presented his committee's oversight report to Parliament in accordance with Standing Order 18(7), which permits a Minister or Member to make a brief explanatory statement when tabling a document.

In his presentation, Hon. Lamina highlighted key gains in Sierra Leone's mining sector under the current administration, noting that the industry remains central to national economic growth. He emphasized that, under the leadership of President Julius Maada Bio and pursuant to Section 36 A–D of the Mines and Mineral Development Act (MMDA), primary host communities now receive 70% of direct benefit allocations—an increase from the previous 50% under the former administration. He went on to say the remaining benefits are shared as follows: 10% to the Paramount Chief of the host community, 10% to the constituency's Member of Parliament, and 10% to the local council.

Hon. Lamina further noted that Community Development Agreement (CDA) payment was previously discretionary, leaving host communities with little or nothing but is now mandatory. The law requires a minimum of 1% of gross profit to be allocated to mineral-hosting communities. Additionally, he

said the 2022 MMDA provides for the establishment of a Mining District Development Fund under Section 144, expanding benefits beyond direct host communities, especially the mining district.

He informed the House that his committee successfully mediated long-standing disputes between landowners in Bonthe District and Sierra Rutile Ltd. and also resolved tensions between the Paramount Chiefs of Marampa and Maforkie through a new percentage-sharing arrangement.

Hon. Lamina concluded by expressing gratitude to the Leadership of Parliament for their support, which he said was crucial to the successful conduct of oversight activities in the Second Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone.

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