



Australian mining company orders to stop exploring areas in Kwale



Governor Salim Mvurya, CS Dan Kazungu and Base Titanium official Simon

Australian mining company Base Titanium has been ordered to stop exploration and wait for consent from Kwale county authorities and residents. Mining CS Dan Kazungu said they have not issued an exploration licence to the mining company,

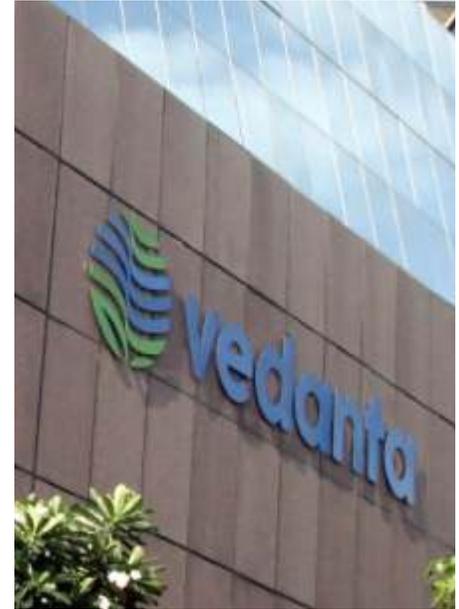
but only approved their request to explore new areas.

Kwale residents said company community relations manager Pius Kassim told them they had obtained an exploration licence. Kassim declined to comment. The company is mining zircon, ilmenite and rutile in Maumba and Nguluku.

Kazungu said, "We are waiting for them to get consent from Kwale county and communities around where they want to explore before a licence is issued or rejected." Kazungu said he will meet county leaders, Base Titanium officials and residents soon.

Governor Salim Mvurya said rumours about exploration have caused a lot of tension.

Vedanta to expand Hindustan Zinc production capacity



Vedanta would invest around USD 250 million to USD 300 million in expanding Hindustan Zinc's capacity. The company also said for other businesses the focus would be utilizing the existing facilities; instead of going for green field ones.

Tom Albanese chief executive officer of Vedanta Resources Plc said that the sector has finally bottomed out and he is optimistic about the future growth in India, which got the potential to grow faster than the international businesses.

Hindustan Zinc would expand the capacity to 1.2 million tonnes per year over the next 2 to 3 years from the current 0.90 million tonnes. Outlay for this expansion would be around USD 250 million to USD 300 million in terms of developing underground mines.

In Copper business, the company has received environment approvals to expand the capacity at Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu and now it is in the process of getting other approvals which are state related.

In aluminum, the focus would be increasing the capacity utilization from the current 900,000 tonnes per year to 3.3 million tonnes per year over the next two years.

Alba participates in 31st International Aluminium Conference



Alba, the Bahrain-based international aluminium producer was a key participant and sponsor of the 31st International Aluminium Conference, which was held from September 27 to 29, 2016 in Madrid, Spain.

The 31st International Aluminium Conference is well-known as an international platform for major players in the aluminium industry to review the current challenges as well as potential growth opportunities.

A silver sponsor of the conference, Alba's delegation was headed by Director Reduction Lines & Services Abdulla Habib and Acting Director of Administration Waleed Tamimi and included managers from key departments such as Strategic Supply and Planning,

Reduction Lines, Marketing and Maintenance Services. Commenting on Alba's presence in the 31st International Aluminium Conference, Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Tim Murray said,

"As one of the world's largest aluminium

producing companies, we constantly endeavour to participate in such global events that bring together the world aluminium community for effective networking opportunities and exchange of ideas. Alba's participation in the 31st International Aluminium Conference will enable us to gain insightful information and market data from various sectors of the industry, which is pivotal for our marketing and production strategies."

One of the premier international forums for understanding industry dynamics and uncovering market potential, this annual event attracts 500-plus key industry decision-makers from around the world, thus offering excellent opportunities for networking and deal-making.