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30th January, 2025

His Excellency John Dramani Mahama

The Office of President

Jubilee House,

Kanda, Accra

Your Excellency,

**REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION ON ALLEGATIONS OF ILLEGAL MINING.
INVOLVEMENT BY THE MP FOR AOWIN CONSTITUENCY**

We, the Ghana Coalition Against Galamsey, made up of the undersigned organizations, write to urgently bring to your attention serious allegations regarding the involvement of the Honourable Member of Parliament for Aowin Constituency, Oscar Larbi, in illegal mining (galamsey). If substantiated, these allegations represent a profound breach of public trust and stand in direct contradiction to both Your Excellency's personal commitment and the government's ongoing efforts to combat illegal mining in Ghana. Furthermore, they undermine the pledge to ensure that individuals associated with your administration refrain from engaging in such unlawful activities.

The development is occasioned by the ongoing destruction of the Tano Anwia Forest Reserve in the Aowin Municipality, Western North Region, which is being fuelled by illegal mining activities. Reports indicate that illegal miners have overrun the reserve, causing significant forest loss. In response, the Aowin Traditional Council held a press conference on 27th January 2025, during which they accused the Member of Parliament (MP) for the Aowin Constituency of involvement in the illegal mining operations that are devastating the once-thriving forest. Details of the destruction, along with allegations against the MP and his rebuttal, are documented in published reports and are accessible at this link: <https://3news.com/news/aowin-traditional-council-accuses-mp-of-engaging-in-galamsey/> . Additionally, video coverage of the accusations has been widely broadcast by prominent media outlets, including Multimedia and Media General, on Joy News and TV3.



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It is important to afford the chiefs and the MP such an opportunity in the search for solutions to end galamsey, in keeping with Your Excellency John Dramani Mahama's commitment to this end.

Illegal mining has become an existential threat to Ghana, leading to severe environmental degradation, the destruction of critical water bodies, food insecurity, and significant health risks due to mercury and cyanide contamination.

In light of these allegations, we respectfully call on your office to:

- Direct a Full-Scale Investigation through relevant state agencies, including the Ghana Police Service, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Minerals Commission.
- Reaffirm the Government's Commitment to ending illegal mining by ensuring that no public official, regardless of position, is shielded from accountability.
- Take decisive action against any Member of Parliament or government official found culpable of engaging in galamsey.

Ghanaians expect strong leadership in the fight against illegal mining, and we trust in your commitment to upholding the rule of law. We kindly request a response outlining the actions your office will take to address this matter. Our organizations remain committed to supporting sustainable environmental governance in Ghana and will closely monitor developments on this issue.

Your Excellency, we respectfully remind you of our letter with reference number GCAG/OoP/25/020, dated 17th January 2025, on the topic "Urgent Executive Cease-And-Desist Order For Galamsey Impunity Needed." We would be grateful to receive a response from you to our request for a meeting with Your Excellency or your designated representatives to discuss the short—to medium-term critical action points.

For all correspondences in relation to this request, kindly write to the Ghana Coalition Against Galamsey via Email at ghcagalamsey@gmail.com.

We remain.

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 - BRACE
 - Kasa Initiative Ghana Stakeholder Engagement Forum
 - A Rocha Ghana
 - EcoConscious Citizens
 - Nature and Development Foundation
 - Jema Anti Galamsey Advocacy (JACA)
 - Gen. Transport, Petroleum & Chemical Workers Union
 - Peasant Farmers Associations
 - Ghana Institution of Engineering
 - Institution of Engineering and Technology, Ghana
 - Graduate Students Association of Ghana
 - New Media Association of Ghana
 - Ghana Institute of Architects
 - Institute of Public Relations
 - Ghana Institute of Foresters
 - Africa Centre for Energy Policy
 - Chamber of Agribusiness Ghana
 - Research Scientists Association – GAEC
 - Other Ghanaian Citizens of Repute
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