WHAT IS ARTISANAL AND SMALL-SCALE GOLD MINING (ASGM)?

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- Offers tremendous opportunities for investment and SME development
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**IT’S A HUGE SECTOR**

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**IT’S AN SRI OPPORTUNITY**

While the sector faces many challenges related to environmental impact (particularly through the use of mercury), informal operations, legislation hurdles, and lack of access to formal markets, there are tremendous opportunities for investment and financing improvements.

**IT’S A SUPPLY CHAIN**

ASGM Miners, organized into small businesses and cooperatives, are interested in partnering and working within joint ventures to obtain finance and investment, access to improved mining, extraction and processing equipment, and streamlined off-take or mine-to-market access.