



MARAMPA MINES

# THE BLUE EDGE

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Welcome to The Blue Edge. We would like you to get you to know Marampa Mines Limited and follow our story. We cover topics ranging from our values and vision, operational milestones and news about our people, communities and more.

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## MML STATS

**>1.7B** COMPLIANT RESOURCE  
**40+** YEARS LIFE OF MINE  
**>65%FE** CONCENTRATE GRADE

**>\$40/DMT** MARAMPA 2 MDMT - MARAMPA 3.25 MDMT  
 FOB COST BEING OPTIMISED DOWNWARDS  
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## 1M WMT LOADED FOR EXPORT

## INTRODUCTION

Marampa Mines Limited, ("MML", "Marampa Mines" or "the Company") produces > 65% Fe high grade iron ore concentrate, branded Marampa Blue™, near Lunsar in the Port Loko District of Sierra Leone. MML is owned and operated by Gerald Group which has a 90% stake. The Government of Sierra Leone ("GoSL") has a 10% stake.

MML is committed to building a resilient and world class iron ore company and a premium grade Sierra Leonean iron ore concentrate brand together with the GoSL and all our stakeholders, while contributing to the country's economy.

The Company will be a stable and significant contributor to the country's revenues and economy through job creation, training and development of people and local supply chains, investments in the community - bringing economic prospects and new opportunities to Sierra Leoneans.

## OVERVIEW

**1.35 WMT** of high-grade iron ore concentrate Marampa Blue™ was exported by 31 March 2022 since shipments re-started in June 2021.

### MML is one of Sierra Leone's largest employers

- >80 Employees (May 2021)
  - >900 Employees (Dec 2021)
  - >1000 Employees (Jan 2022)
  - >2000 Employees\* (Mar 2022)
- \* direct and indirect employees.

MML is successfully ramping up production of its M3.25 million tonnes per year expansion program, which will be officially commissioned on 5 May 2022 by **H.E. Rtd. Brigadier Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone.**

New investment plans for M7 expansion is underway.



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## THE MARAMPA BLUE™ VALUE CHAIN

Focused on building a resilient, sustainable and safe mining operation



The production of >65% Fe premium grade Marampa Blue™ starts by excavating ore of circa 32% Fe content from our Marampa concessions. The ore is transported to a stockpile area and feeding points into a specially designed processing plant.



Processing involves screening to separate feed by size, **crushing and milling, upgrade by gravity via a spiral circuit, and further separation and removal of impurities through a WHIMS magnetic circuit** to increase recovery. The product is MML's premium >65% Marampa Blue™, among the highest-grade iron ore concentrate globally.



From the processing plant, **>65% iron ore concentrate is transported 40 Kms. over road to Thofeyim**

River Port Terminal (TRT), where it is stockpiled and loaded onto river coasters and transported 70 Kms. over river and sea to an offshore transshipment point at Freetown harbour for export. As the Project expands, MML will look to optimise logistics operations by switching the movement of Marampa Blue™ via rail transport to Pepel Port, greatly reducing the Project's carbon footprint.



Marampa Blue™ is transferred from the transhipper (TSV-IO) onto large Capesize or Newcastlemax Ocean Going Vessels and exported world-wide.

## GERALD GROUP JOINS RESPONSIBLE MINERALS INITIATIVE

*"The metals we trade are an essential fabric of our society, and key for advancing our economies and building a more sustainable future. As Gerald Group enters its 60th year of metals trading, we are strengthening our business practices to build better supply chains so the metals we trade are conduits to a greener, safer and more sustainable future."*

**Craig Dean, Executive Chairman and CEO, Gerald Group.**



Gerald Group has joined the Responsible Minerals Initiative ("RMI") as part of the commodity trading group's commitment to strengthen responsible sourcing along the metals supply chains that it operates in around the world. This continual process goes hand in hand with Gerald's rigorous risk management and due diligence policies, systems and initiatives. Gerald's membership of RMI supports the Group's ESG ambition, which includes delivering on a sustainability strategy, meeting stakeholders' expectations, and remaining aligned with relevant international best practices.

The metals that are mined, processed, stored, transported and delivered by Gerald Group include aluminium, copper, tin, iron ore, precious metals and related concentrates. These metals are found in millions of products and services in industries from communications, construction, farming, healthcare, transport, water and space technology. Metals are a necessary raw material for the clean energy transition taking our world towards a low carbon future and shaping lives for generations to come.

RMI is an initiative of the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA), a multi-industry initiative with over 400 member companies who contribute to development and international uptake of a range of tools and resources focused on minerals supply chain due diligence, Minerals Reporting Templates, supply chain risk assessment tools, Country of Origin data, and guidance documents on responsible sourcing. It runs regular workshops on responsible sourcing issues and contributes to policy development with civil society organisations and governments.

## MML WELCOMES GO SL DELEGATION AND PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON MINES AND MINERALS RESOURCES

**On 4th February 2022, MML hosted a GoSL delegation at the mine in Lunsar following restart of operations**

Leading the GoSL delegation were Dennis K. Vandi – Hon. Minister of Finance, Timothy Musa Kabba – Hon. Minister of Mines and Mineral Resources, Alpha Kanu – Hon. Resident Minister of the North-Western Region and Julius Mattai – Director General of the National Minerals Agency (NMA). The GoSL delegation visited the mine, processing plant and Thofeyim River port terminal (TRT). In a presentation of plans for upcoming development and expansion, MML emphasised the importance of access to rail and port infrastructure to enable the planned M7.0 expansion. Other topics discussed were operational updates and ESG initiatives, including MML's large focus on lowering and offsetting its carbon footprint, training and development for women, medical outreach into communities targeting maternal and childcare, and agricultural development to minimise our imported products and support sustainable livelihood.



**Hon. Minister Kabba:** "Today was an opportunity to meet Gerald/MML's senior management team and staff and see first-hand their impressive turnaround in the mine's operations and their expansion plan. We would like to see more companies like MML invest in our minerals sector and help make Sierra Leone one of the most attractive destinations for doing business in West Africa. The skills and experience that Sierra Leoneans will gain through employment and training at the mine will give them an important role to play in our country's development and growth."



**Hon. Minister Vandi:** "We were impressed to see that MML is building a sustainable and resilient project. Since the successful restart, Gerald is ramping up production of >65% iron ore concentrate from 2M dmtpa to 3.25M dmtpa. Looking ahead, we are pleased that Gerald is considering making further material investments of up to US\$300M in capital expenditure to fund the next stage of expansion to 7M dmtpa, which upon completion will create additional revenues for Sierra Leone and its people."



**Craig Dean, Executive Chairman and CEO, Gerald Group:** "We take this opportunity to restate our appreciation for the strong support received from His Excellency President Bio's government, during the negotiations and ratification of our Large-Scale Mining Agreement last December, and the restart of mining operations. I would like to reinforce that as our teams work on the many important priorities and objectives to create a sustainable and resilient mining operation, Sierra Leoneans will significantly benefit from MML's growth and success."

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES ENGAGES MML

The Parliamentary Committee on Mines and Mineral Resources engaged with MML management at the company's site in Lunsar, Port Loko District on Saturday 5th March 2022.

In his opening statement, **Chairman of the Mines and Mineral Committee, Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina** explained the purpose of their engagement considering their constitutional mandate and the importance of mining and economic growth. Of interest was the implementation of MML's Community Development Agreement (CDA) and action plans, job creation, compliance and related matters. While assuring MML of their support, he asked MML to follow due diligence relative to community relations and creating better environment for miners, compliance with tax obligations; and reassured parliamentarians' openness to hearing the views of mining companies in relation to enactment of new mining laws currently in Parliament. Before concluding, the Chairman reassured MML of a win-win situation and appealed to them to consider implementation of the local content policy, to improve on strong host community relations and creating opportunities for all Sierra Leoneans.

**MML's COO, Frederic Lotti**, recalled the litigation between the GoSL and SL Mining (MML's predecessor) and its eventual peaceful resolution, adding that there is now a great working relationship between the latter and the succeeding company. He assured the Committee of fruitful relationships going forward with host communities, local authorities and government. He highlighted key projects milestones since restarting operations and explained Gerald Group/MML's commitment to the government considering the payments of royalties and the Community Development Fund and other related obligations. Mr. Lotti spoke of key issues of importance to the Project's expansion and for optimising efficiencies, including access to Pepel rail and port infrastructure, implementation of MML's recently ratified Mining Lease Agreement (MLA), and building a sustainable and resilient project, amongst others. The Chairman reassured of the Committee's continuing advocacy with the GoSL to ensure that there is no monopoly over the use of the rail and port infrastructure.

According to **MML's Managing Director, Andre Strydom**, MML's current operations included mining, processing, stockpiling, loading, haulage, river

**Hussinatu Yilla, MML's Deputy Country Manager**, assured MPs of their commitment to ESG, which encompasses health and safety, reducing their carbon footprint, increasing gender parity within the workforce, education and training and community investments in and around their concessions. She added that MML staff and the mining operation pride itself in creating in-country value, which is a win-win situation.

**Professor Sheikh Umar Kamara Director of Community Relations and Development** said the company was not only committed to supporting communities but will ensure that communities are always in the driving seat in developing projects under the CDA. He presented photographic evidence of donations to people with disabilities and other recipients and spoke about the provision of water supply to host communities is part of MML's CDA Plan and assured that investing in community people is a major priority.

During the deliberation, MPs had the opportunity to probe and proffer recommendations which the company took in good faith. Prior to meeting with MML, the Committee paid a courtesy call visit to **Paramount Chief of Marampa Chiefdom, P.C. Koblo Queen** in Lunsar.

## ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG)



ENVIRONMENT



SOCIAL



GOVERNANCE

The natural resources sector in Africa and in Sierra Leone is a major contributor to national economies and despite challenging global, macro-economic conditions, is showing resilience. The global demand, particularly for metals is strong. Iron ore mining, one of the oldest industries in the world, is attracting major interest, joining other critical minerals and battery metals as part of the energy transition towards solving the climate crisis and building a sustainable future.

Gerald Group's Sustainability Strategy will embody MML's ESG Framework and include focus areas that are designed to create in-country value as we aim for sector leading local delivery, meeting of international best practices, and value creation for stakeholders. This will be central to the way MML operates going beyond our contractual or regulatory requirements.

### ESG FOCUS AREAS

#### LOCAL CONTENT:

Employs >90% Sierra Leoneans and makes local suppliers a priority for fulfilling our procurement needs. MML helps ensure local business owners are competitive and follow best business practices.

#### GENDER DIVERSITY:

Increase the ratio of women in our workforce to encourage gender diversity, drive economic development and for commercial success.

#### BUILDING GLOBAL MOBILITY:

Upskill and train our local workforce for global mobility.

#### IMPACT INVESTMENT:

Develop local supply chains that allow small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs) to flourish in the community.

#### CLIMATE CHANGE:

Improve energy efficiency and offset emissions to reduce carbon footprint.



Daniele La Porta, Global Head of ESG and Sustainability

Daniele La Porta, Global Head of ESG and Sustainability has joined the Gerald Group to lead ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) and Sustainability strategies on a global basis. Daniele has spent 18 years at World Bank in Brazil and Washington DC as a Senior Mining Specialist within their Energy and Extractives Global Practice. She founded and led the Climate-Smart Mining Initiative, and has hands on experience working in developing nations such as Sierra Leone where she first crossed paths with Gerald Group in the context of the Group's iron ore subsidiary Marampa Mines Limited. Daniele has conducted internationally recognised research focused on sustainability throughout the critical metals supply chain.



*Women must be better represented in Africa's growing extractive sector. MML actively addresses the participation of women in the workforce across all categories, following in the footsteps of Gerald Group, which is proud of its gender diverse and inclusive workforce. Currently women make up circa 17% of MML's direct employees.*

## MARAMPA MINES IMPLEMENTS RESPONSIBLE SOURCING PRACTICES

THE MINE HAS PROCURED CIRCA US\$8M FROM 85 SIERRA LEONEAN SUPPLIERS SINCE THE OPERATIONS RESTARTED IN JUNE 2021.



MML engages local suppliers, including a Lunsar-based women's vocational and artisans training school and a not-for-profit garment manufacturer that supplies all the mining company's workwear.

On 5th May 2022, **His Excellency, Rtd. Brigadier Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone** will inaugurate the site where MML is developing a 70-Hectare sustainable farm, which will feed 1,000 of MML's employees, improve living standards through sustainable farming and employment and reduce the mining operation's reliance on exports, reducing its carbon footprint. More to come on this as the development of the farm continues.



Left to Right: MML's Frederic Lotti – COO, Hawanatu Sam – Environment Superintendent and Foday Mansaray – Health & Safety Superintendent.

## INSIGHTS

### IRON ORE: STRATEGIC - MARAMPA BLUE™

As the United States and its industrialised partners lay out ambitious strategies to secure their supply chains and embark on a clean energy revolution, there is growing interest in a key component of their agendas – the so-called “strategic minerals.” These minerals which include lithium, cobalt, and rare-earth elements, are building blocks for a host of modern technologies, including computers and household appliances, as well as clean energy essentials such as batteries, electric vehicles, solar panels, and wind turbines.

Many of these minerals, which are vital to securing a nation's economic security, are found in Africa. To address this issue, the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM), the official U.S. export credit agency, recently convened its Sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committee for a public meeting.

The discussion, led by EXIM President and Board Chair Reta Jo-Lewis, focused on the importance of the sub-Saharan African market in securing U.S. supply chains and identifying pathways for the agency to support companies investing in the continent's strategic minerals industry. Importantly, EXIM leadership and industry representatives highlighted the need to expand the definition of “strategic minerals” to include base ores such as iron considering its key role in renewable energy infrastructure as developments around green steel continue to emerge.

MML embraces this broader definition of strategic minerals to reflect the importance of iron ore in the global economy and the promotion of sustainable infrastructure. Marampa Blue, with its climate-friendly, high-purity levels, plays a critical role in building a greener future. As the largest U.S.-owned investment in Sierra Leone, MML is eager to work with EXIM and other U.S. agencies to support environmentally responsible development within the country and throughout Africa.

## INSIGHTS: MML AND U.S. - AFRICA POLICY POWERING AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT

The future is green, but Africa needs natural gas. Renewables were a key theme of discussion as the conference saw strong turnout from green industry representatives. Participants widely agreed that increasing investments in renewable energy generation was vital to achieving Africa's long-term social and economic development goals. Solar and hydropower projects are expected to capture the lion's share of future renewable energy investments on the continent, but there was also enthusiasm for the potential of green hydrogen as the technology becomes more accessible over the next decade.

African delegations also shined the spotlight on a critical truth: with over a third of the continent's population still lacking access to electricity, Africa requires fossil fuels to develop. Among those sending this message was Ngozi Beckley-Lines, Project Director at Sierra Leone's Ministry of Energy, who stressed that tapping into her country's natural gas reserves and mineral resources was a non-negotiable piece of its overall growth strategy. Sierra Leone made it clear that providing millions of its citizens with reliable electricity could not wait.

The United States is ready to do business with Africa. Against the backdrop of geopolitical turbulence and African voices united for prosperity, Biden Administration officials recognised that an “honest conversation” about Africa's energy needs was long overdue. Representatives from U.S. development agencies suggested a newfound flexibility in the White House's anti-carbon strategy, becoming more favorable to investment in natural gas projects.



*The “Importance of Gas in Africa” panel on March 17. Left to right: Abdou Poulho Sow (Sales Director for West & Central Africa, Altaaq Global); Brian Herlihy (Chief Executive Officer, Endeavor Energy); Raza Hasnani (Managing Director, Head of Infrastructure Investments, Africa 50); Jeremy Hushon (Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright); Ngozi Beckley-Lines (Director of Projects, Ministry of Energy in Sierra Leone); Erik Granskog (Chief Executive Officer, Milele Energy).*

It was often repeated that the United States is “ready to do business” with Africa, leaving Sierra Leone well positioned to negotiate potential new deals. As Beckley-Lines underscored, there is considerable opportunity to expand upon the strong Washington-Freetown relationship that is focused on Sierra Leone's energy sector. Drawing from landmark achievements such as the US\$44 million Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) threshold program completed in 2021 and the Development Finance Corporation-backed financing of an 83-megawatt power plant announced the same year, Sierra Leone is aiming to take full advantage of its natural gas reserves to meet demand across all sectors, including the important mining industry. As the MCC considers supporting the West African Power Pool, Beckley-Lines was optimistic that Sierra Leone could play a key role in providing electricity to its neighbors as a regional natural gas hub.

As a strong partner of Sierra Leone, MML is pleased to see American and African officials agreeing to a common goal: generating more power through both renewables and natural gas. Because we believe that the whole world benefits from a prosperous Sierra Leone, the Company will continue to support policies that meet both pressing energy needs and long-term climate goals.

## GET TO KNOW OUR PEOPLE

AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. MARIAMA BANGURA - MARAMPA MINES' COMMUNITY DOCTOR



### **What is your role as a MML employee? How long have you been working for MML?**

I serve in the capacity of a community doctor and my role is to lead Marampa Mines' Health Outreach Programme to improve education on health issues and access to healthcare for women and children in and around the Lunsar community. I joined MML in September 2021, and the 7 months that I have been working here have flown by.

### **Please tell us about your background. How did you enter the medical field?**

I attained my Bachelors' Degree in Medicine and Surgery at the Binzhou Medical University in the PRC in 2019. Medicine has always been a childhood dream of mine. Having lost my father to an illness at a tender age motivated me to work even harder to bring my dream to fruition.

### **How are your efforts helping local communities?**

I am pleased that our efforts have been productive so far, as the women who have been my primary focus have been accommodating and very receptive to the information and the services provided. I think this is partly because they can relate to the information coming from not just a health professional but someone who understands firsthand their experiences; and is of the same race and of the same gender. Of course, there is a lot more to do.

### **You spend a lot of time educating people. What key messages are you sending to local communities?**

Our primary message is "Prevention is better than cure". While our aim is to help treat the ailments as best as we can whenever they occur, our focus just now is on prevention and ensuring we deter the occurrence of diseases which is the first step to reducing the prevalence rate of certain illnesses in the community.

### **The [MML] mobile clinic will offer testing. What will you be testing for?**

We would be providing testing for common illness such as malaria, typhoid fever, STIs, UTIs and other easily contracted but preventable diseases. We also provide regular blood pressure and blood sugar check-up for MML staff who have been diagnosed with hypertensive or diabetes.

### **What are the greatest health care challenges that local communities face?**

Among the biggest challenges that I have observed so far is lack of access to proper medical services and cost of medical care for the women in the community. I have heard some women complain of the distance to the clinic in the main town as they must sometimes walk for miles, some they would rather stay home because the journey is tedious, and others cannot afford the services even if they can make the trip.

### **Do you provide immunisations? What do you say to those people who are hesitant to receive immunisations?**

MML has been helping in the roll-out of the Government's Covid vaccine voluntary scheme for employees and their families to enforce national measures to curtail the spread of Covid-19. We also educate them on the importance of the vaccine, which is supplied by the Government. So far about 70% of our staff are vaccinated and have cards to prove this. We also draw relatable comparisons, such as the Under-5 immunisation to protect children against measles or polio and when we use this method, people are more open to being vaccinated.

### **You do a lot to help pregnant women. What are their biggest needs?**

Regular medical attention to protect both mother and their unborn or newborn babies is a huge problem mainly because of the distance to healthcare facilities. Another big problem for women in their pregnancy would be care, attention and rest needed at home. Most mothers also help to provide for their extended families and must carry on with their normal routines well into their pregnancies, which takes a severe toll on them physically and psychologically. They complain they barely get enough rest and must endure daunting tasks like farming and walking for miles during their pregnancy.

### **How big a problem is Covid-19 in the communities where you work?**

Quite frankly our communities haven't been hit as hard as the major cities, and despite a lack of testing, there aren't really any visible cases and Covid-19 is not as prevalent. Nonetheless, we have educated employees on the ease and importance of getting vaccinated. More and more have taken up the vaccination. We intend to keep sensitising staff to get vaccinated to help make their communities safer.

### **What are the challenges of being a woman in health care? Are these issues being addressed or how should they be addressed?**

One of the biggest challenges of being a woman in healthcare is the under-estimation we face. People still hold antiquated notions that only men make the best doctors. If I had a dollar for every time someone has called me 'nurse' instead of 'doctor' I'd be a millionaire. Some patients, especially men, and a few women, tacitly, and sometimes not so tacitly, express that they would rather be treated by a male doctor who they believe would be more competent. And this sometimes comes from work colleagues as well.

Thankfully a lot of gender related disparities in the medical area have been addressed. The SLMMA, Judasil and the newly formed SLMWA are supportive and continue to take active strides to ensure this, as well as satisfactory working conditions. This is not to say that these challenges are nonexistent. Every now and then we see situations where women in the medical practice are at a disadvantage. I think all medical practitioners should be treated equally irrespective of their gender, as we all perform the same duties and there should be mutual respect. I believe this will take some time, but I am hopeful that we will overcome this given the rate at which women are becoming doctors, and excellent ones too! Another issue which I hope gets addressed soon is the limited opportunities for career advancement for women.

### **What would you tell young people interested in pursuing a medical career?**

It is a fulfilling profession. Many people live their lives wondering if they've made a difference, but as a doctor I don't have that problem! Being a medical doctor is a combination of things, including a sense of purpose and passion for helping people. It may sound like a cliché, but this is fundamental, because doctors work hard and are always putting others' needs above their own. Being a doctor requires focus, discipline, commitment and post medical school study, to equip yourself for the constant flow of challenges, and the compassion and ability needed to make hard decisions in split seconds. It comes with responsibility as many people's lives are in your hands. Apart from these qualities, it is vital to take care of your own well-being, as you cannot pour from an empty cup.

### **What do you enjoy most about your work?**

In short, the sense of satisfaction and fulfillment that comes with the fact that I get by with minimum sleep, knowing that I spend my entire day doing my absolute best to save and improve lives is as indescribable as it is priceless. I also enjoy the challenges that come with my work.

### **Is there anything else that you'd like to share with our readers?**

Get vaccinated if you haven't already done so, look after yourself, because your body will only treat you as good as you treat it. Exercise and endeavour to live a healthy lifestyle. "Health is wealth" is not just a catchy saying, it is true. If you do all this, then hopefully I won't see you anytime soon.

I am also grateful for MML's focus on women in our workforce and communities.

## WHAT'S COMING UP AT MML ?



The commissioning ceremony of the Marampa 3.25 MTPA expansion project by His Excellency, Dr. Rtd. Brigadier Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone will take place on the 5th of May 2022. The event will be attended by the Minister of Mines and other high-level ministers and dignitaries, GoSL officials, community representatives, contractors and guests. MML management and staff will provide a tour of mining areas including the processing plant, mining areas and MML's large farm development.

## MML IN THE COMMUNITY

Previous initiatives	The Department of Community Relations and Development is a bridge between MML and the Marampa Community
<p><b>Supplied 3,013 x 50 Kgs bags of rice to families.</b></p> 	<p><b>Clean Drinking Water:</b> The Department of Community Relations and Development is currently working on a document that lays down the development initiatives for the community. One of the most pressing needs of the Lunsar community is potable water/clean drinking water. The department has engaged the services of a water engineering company to assess both the current plant and the source of water, and to provide the department with a quote for revamping the entire water system in Lunsar. There are other development initiatives in the areas of electricity, agriculture, and education.</p>
<p><b>Completed US \$1.1M Land Lease payments for 2020-2021.</b></p>	<p>Our mission is to build and maintain trust with our community through constant engagement, ensuring our intentions and activities are effectively communicated while the needs aspirations and concerns of the community communicated in a reciprocal way.</p>

## TOUR DE LUN SAR

Marampa Mines Limited was one of the sponsors for the 7th Science in Sport (SIS) Tour de Lunsar 2022. The event is Sierra Leone's biggest cycling race and witnessed 120 juniors, men and women cyclists from many countries. Tour de Lunsar is the lead spoke in the wheel of Sierra Leone cycling. Cycling has shown itself to be a tremendous builder of youth confidence and achievement in Sierra Leone, by creating job empowerment and a positive feeling in the community.

<https://lecol.cc/pages/tour-of-lunsar-grassroots-racing-in-sierra-leone>



## MARAMPA FOOTBALL

A thank-you football match in appreciation of MML's support for Marampa football was organised by the Marampa Football Association and the Marampa Football Stakeholders and played on Saturday, 2 April 2022 at the Lunsar football field. The thrilling match was between the Marampa Stars and Marampa Eleven teams, and the kick-off was taken by MML's CFO and football enthusiast, Gianlorenzo Capitelli.





*Marampa Mines has been providing catering training since November 2021 every Saturday at the Instituto Vocacional María Inés. "Our students and teachers are very happy with the professional training they have been receiving from MML's Camp Superintendent and Chef, Antony John Rollinson. Today has been a wonderful day for all our us and I just wanted to say THANK YOU SO MUCH for your help and support in the catering department at Vocacional María Inés," said Sister Sandra Ramos. (March 2022).*

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

Austrian national, Wolfgang Koehler, who worked for the Marampa mine from 1982-1984 as Logistics and Warehouse Manager for the Austrian company Voest (Austromineral) visited MML in February 2022. The mine which was operated by the Sierra Leone Development Company from 1933-1975 was a significant part of the Sierra Leone economy, and was briefly reopened by Austromineral, a subsidiary of Voest-Alpine, in the mid 1980s.

Following his trip, Wolfgang Koehler, said: "I was keen to see if the mine site, and various other structures, including the old school, the old complex, the Clubhouse and apartment buildings which housed management in the 1980s were still intact. Back then, I had an interesting job and was also in charge of the Pepel warehouse and harbour used for our shipments. The biggest challenge was communication as we had no landlines, cell phones, telegram or fax. Time was a precious commodity and I used the Marampa-Pepel train to visit Freetown weekly solely to communicate with overseas suppliers. Outside of work, we enjoyed playing tennis, football, golf, and in the rainy season we played squash."



***"My visit materialised in February 2022 due to the pandemic and I must thank the London management who granted access and Tony Chen, MML's Relationship Manager who showed us the plant, the mines and the shipping station. The mine is quite different and far more modern than 40 Years ago. During my visit, I was impressed with Marampa Blue >65% Fe iron ore concentrate produced in Sierra Leone. Thanks to the high global market prices, I hope that Marampa Mines has prosperity in the years to come."***  
**Mr. Koehler.**

Marampa Mines Limited wishes to thank our employees and communities for their continued support. Together we have remained committed to the long-term revival of iron ore mining at Marampa, and together we can build a healthy, safe and sustainable future for our local communities.

Our employees come first and today, as our workforce grows, we want everyone on-site to feel safe and protected. We are offering vaccinations to protect every employee, including contractual staff, temporary and contract workers, by working alongside the Port Loko District Health Authority and the Government.

COVID-19 vaccines are an important tool to help stop the pandemic and you cannot get Covid-19 simply by taking the vaccination. After vaccination, you should continue to follow MML and the Government's current guidance to protect yourself and others, including, keeping safe distances from others, avoiding crowds, following facility guidance on visitation and infection control, and cleaning hands often and wearing a mask as applicable. Once vaccinated you can still get Covid through transmission although you are likely to experience milder symptoms and not require hospitalisation. Always observe all MML's Health & Safety protocols, including washing hands often and wearing face masks as per site guidelines.

Thank you again for all you are doing to keep us all safe and healthy. We want you to feel confident in your decision to get vaccinated. For information on MML's vaccination program, contact the Health & Safety Department.

Thank you and stay safe.

MML has a website:  
[www.marampamines.com](http://www.marampamines.com)

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