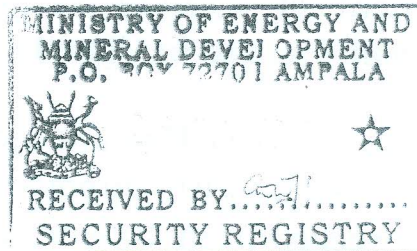
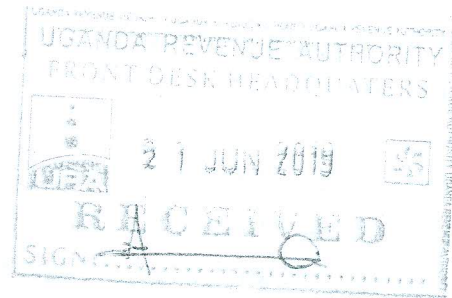


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ALLEGED GOLD SMUGGLING THROUGH ENTEBBE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN CONNIVANCE WITH UGANDA REVENUE AUTHORITY (URA) OFFICIALS AND NON PAYMENT OF ROYALTIES

The Inspectorate of Government received the complaint above in which it was alleged that gold was being smuggled through Entebbe International Airport and taken as carry-on luggage by Ugandans, Indians and Congolese in connivance with URA officials. It was specifically alleged that:-

1. Kipande Investment Limited and Treasure Highland Minerals were smuggling gold through Entebbe International Airport in connivance with Mr. Onyango Robert and Mr. Stephen Kirimani, URA Officials.
2. Mineral Impex Uganda Limited and Silver Minerals Limited did not pay royalties, closed and re-opened as Kipande Investment Limited and Treasure Highland Caves Limited, respectively.

Investigations carried out established that:

1. There was no evidence to prove the allegation that Kipande Investment Limited and Treasure Highland Caves Limited were smuggling gold through Entebbe International Airport in connivance with URA Officials **Mr. Stephen Kirimani** and **Mr. Robert Onyango**.
2. Mineral Impex Uganda Limited and Silver Minerals Uganda Limited, being holders of Mineral Dealer's Licences, were permitted by the Directorate of Geological Surveys and Mines (DGSM) to import and re-export a total of **470kgs** and **203kgs** of gold, during the period **2009** to **2013** (for Mineral Impex Uganda Limited) and **2008** to **2014**

