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(CRIMINAL DIVISION)
ACCRA – A.D. 2025.

DOCKET NO.: CR/0004/2025

THE REPUBLIC

VERSUS

BERNARD ANTWI BOASIAKO @ WONTUMI
KWAME ANTWI (AT LARGE)
AKONTA MINING COMPANY LIMITED

1ST ACCUSED PERSON
2ND ACCUSED PERSON
3RD ACCUSED PERSON

CHARGE SHEET

COUNT ONE

Statement of Offence:

Assignment of mineral rights without approval, contrary to Section 14(1) and Section 99(2)(b) of the Minerals and Mining Act, 2006 (Act 703) as amended by Section 3 of the Minerals and Mining (Amendment) Act, 2019 (Act 995).

Particulars of Offence:

BERNARD ANTWI BOASIAKO, alias WONTUMI, 49 years old, entrepreneur; that you, in the year 2024, in Samreboi in the Western Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, being the owner and controlling director of AKONTA MINING COMPANY LIMITED did, without first obtaining the prior written approval of the Minister, permit HENRY OKUM and MICHAEL GYEDU AYISI to undertake a mining operation within the mining concession which was granted to the said AKONTA MINING COMPANY LIMITED only.

COUNT TWO

Statement of Offence:

Assignment of mineral rights without approval, contrary to Section 14(1) and Section 99(2)(b) of the Minerals and Mining Act, 2006 (Act 703) as amended by Section 3 of the Minerals and Mining (Amendment) Act, 2019 (Act 995).

Particulars of Offence:

KWAME ANTWI, at large; that you, in the year 2024, in Samreboi in the Western Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, being a director of AKONTA MINING COMPANY LIMITED did, without first obtaining the prior written approval of the Minister, permit HENRY OKUM and MICHAEL GYEDU AYISI to undertake a mining operation within the mining concession which was granted to the said AKONTA MINING COMPANY LIMITED only.

COUNT THREE**Statement of Offence:**

Assignment of mineral rights without approval, contrary to Section 14(1) and Section 99(2)(b) of the Minerals and Mining Act, 2006 (Act 703) as amended by Section 3 of the Minerals and Mining (Amendment) Act, 2019 (Act 995).

Particulars of Offence:

AKONTA MINING COMPANY LIMITED, that you, in the year 2024, in Samreboi in the Western Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, being incorporated with the object of engaging in mining and exploration did, without first obtaining the prior written approval of the Minister, permit HENRY OKUM and MICHAEL GYEDU AYISI to undertake a mining operation within the mining concession which was granted to you only.

COUNT FOUR**Statement of Offence:**

Purposely facilitating an unlicensed mining operation, contrary to Section 99(2)(b) of the Minerals and Mining Act, 2006 (Act 703) as amended by Section 3 of the Minerals and Mining (Amendment) Act, 2019 (Act 995).

Particulars of Offence:

BERNARD ANTWI BOASIAKO, alias WONTUMI, 49 years old, entrepreneur; that you, in the year 2024, in Samreboi in the Western Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, being the owner and controlling director of AKONTA MINING COMPANY LIMITED, did purposely facilitate HENRY OKUM and MICHAEL GYEDU AYISI to, without a licence granted by the Minister, undertake a mining operation within the mining concession which was granted to the said AKONTA MINING COMPANY LIMITED only.

COUNT FIVE

Statement of Offence:

Purposely facilitating an unlicensed mining operation, contrary to Section 99(2)(b) of the Minerals and Mining Act, 2006 (Act 703) as amended by Section 3 of the Minerals and Mining (Amendment) Act, 2019 (Act 995).

Particulars of Offence:

KWAME ANTWI, at large; that you, in the year 2024, in Samreboi in the Western Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, being an owner and director of AKONTA MINING COMPANY LIMITED, did purposely facilitate HENRY OKUM and MICHAEL GYEDU AYISI to, without a licence granted by the Minister, undertake a mining operation within the mining concession which was granted to the said AKONTA MINING COMPANY LIMITED only.

COUNT SIX

Statement of Offence:

Purposely facilitating an unlicensed mining operation, contrary to Section 99(2)(b) of the Minerals and Mining Act, 2006 (Act 703) as amended by Section 3 of the Minerals and Mining (Amendment) Act, 2019 (Act 995).

Particulars of Offence:

AKONTA MINING COMPANY LIMITED, that you, in the year 2024, in Samreboi in the Western Region and within the jurisdiction of this Court, being incorporated with the object of engaging in mining and exploration, did purposely facilitate HENRY OKUM and MICHAEL GYEDU AYISI to, without a licence granted by the Minister, undertake a mining operation within the mining concession which was granted to you only.

**DATED AT THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, THE LAW HOUSE,
LIBERIA ROAD, ACCRA, THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.**


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DR DOMINIC AKURITINGA AYINE
Honourable Attorney-General

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BRIEF FACTS

1. The 1st Accused Person (**A1**), BERNARD ANTWI BOASIAKO, alia WONTUMI, a 49-year-old entrepreneur, is a native of Kuntanase in the Ashanti Region. On paper, he is one of the two shareholder and one of the two directors of AKONTA MINING COMPANY LIMITED – the 3rd Accused Person (**A3**). **A3** was incorporated on **November 5, 2010**, with “mining and exploration” as its object and principal business activities. Tarkwa is listed as its principal place of business. However, **A3** operates mainly in the Samreboi area. Tarkwa and Samreboi are in the Western Region.
2. The 2nd Accused Person (**A2**), KWAME ANTWI, is at large. He is listed as the other shareholder and other director of **A3**. When asked about the whereabouts of his co-shareholder and co-director (**A2**), **A1** states in both his police charge statement and investigative caution statement that he never saw or heard of him (**A2**) since 2010 after they both completed the company registration and other registration formalities. Investigations have, accordingly, established that **A1** alone has since exercised absolute control over **A3**’s activities. Further investigation is ongoing to establish the existence and, if so, identity of **A2**.
3. As part of the Republic’s fight against the galamsey (illegal mining) menace, the Ghana Police Service embarked on a special operation on **April 16, 2025**, in

the Samreboi area. At the end of the operation on **April 17, 2025**, the police arrested MICHAEL AYISI GYEDU, a 50-year-old native of Samreboi and 28 others within **A3**'s concession in Samreboi. During the arrest, the police retrieved the following items:

- a. Eight (8) pump action guns,
- b. One (1) single-barreled gun,
- c. Five (5) pieces of metal suspected to be gold concealed in a sachet,
- d. Four (4) machetes,
- e. Several water pumping machines,
- f. Three hundred and ten (310) AAA/BB cartridges,
- g. One (1) grease gun,
- h. Four (4) motorcycles,
- i. Two (2) vehicles,
- j. Cash amounting to One Hundred and Fifty-seven Thousand Ghana cedis only (GH 157,000.00),
- k. Twenty-five (25) serviceable excavators, and
- l. Four (4) non-serviceable excavators.

At the end of the trial, the Republic will pray the Court for a forfeiture order in respect of all items of value retrieved from the concession.

4. Upon his arrest, MICHAEL AYISI GYEDU named another – HENRY OKUM (a 44-year-old native of Krobo Odumase) – as his employer who assigned him to supervise the mining activities on the concession. Further, MICHAEL AYISI GYEDU stated that he and his fellow employees, as part of the mining activities on the concession, undertook land reclamation on parts of the concession that had been devastated whilst mining on the unmined portions of the land. HENRY OKUM was subsequently arrested and cautioned.
5. During interrogation, HENRY OKUM told police investigators under caution that sometime in September 2024, he approached and sought permission from **A1** to undertake mining operations within the concession which he (HENRY OKUM) believed belonged to **A1** at Samreboi. Investigations have established that **A1** did agree to this proposal and gave HENRY OKUM permission to carryout mining operations within the concession. Further investigations have,

however, established that **A1** allowed HENRY OKUM to carry out mining activities within **A3**'s concession without seeking or obtaining the legally mandated approval of the Minister.

6. On these facts, **A1** was charged at the Police CID headquarters on **Monday, October 6, 2025**.

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DR DOMINIC AKURITINGA AYINE
Honourable Attorney-General

**THE REGISTRAR
HIGH COURT (CRIMINAL DIVISION)
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AND TO THE ABOVE-NAMED ACCUSED PERSONS OR THEIR LAWYERS.