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## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT LODGED FOR TSHIMPALA PROJECT



**Figure 1:** Akatswiri's CEO Mr Hilton Banda at community consultation meetings at Maswana Village

Force Commodities (**Force** or the **Company**) (**ASX Code: 4CE**) advises that the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report (**ESIA**) for the Tshipala Project, located in the Dowa District of the Republic of Malawi, has been lodged with Malawi's Environmental Affairs Department.

The ESIA was prepared by the Company and its Malawian geological, geotechnical, mining and environmental consultants, Akatswiri Mineral Resources Limited (**Akatswiri**), who were appointed by the Company in July 2019 (refer ASX Announcement dated 18 July 2018).

Since their appointment, Akatswiri have advised and assisted the Company in the management of its environmental, social and community relations in regards to its ongoing exploration and development activities at the Tshipala Project.

Akatswiri have further managed on behalf of the Company all its community awareness consultation programs and engagements with all key stakeholders and have now completed the final reports and submissions of the ESIA.

Key stakeholder groups included the Dowa District Council, District Commissioner and Executive Committee; the Department of Mines, Environmental Affairs Department and Regional Commissioner of Lands; Traditional Authorities and Group Village Headmen and the local communities of Chimpala, Kaledza, Kasitu, Maswana and Kankhumbwa villages.



**Figure 2 and 3:** Force's executive team in Dowa meeting the representatives of the Dowa District Council

Force is the manager of the Tshipala Project and responsible for all exploration and development funding through its indirect 51% project shareholding, following the acquisition of a 64% direct interest in Switzerland-based, TerraCare AG, in July 2019.



**Figure 4 and 5:** Community meeting in Maswana Village in District of Dowa



**Figure 6, 7 and 8:** Community presentations by the Company and its consultants and government representatives

The ESIA has been carried out in accordance with the Malawi Government Environmental Impact Assessment guidelines (1997) in order to comply with regulatory requirements outlined in the Environment Management Act.

All stages of the ESIA process have been managed and overseen by Akatswiri's multi-disciplinary team and the Company's in-country management and with the involvement of key project stakeholders.

The aim of the ESIA is to identify, predict and communicate the potential positive and negative impacts of the planned development of the Tshipala Project in all of its phases – construction,

operations, closure and post-closure. The assessment is required to identify measures to mitigate and minimize potential negative environmental and social impacts of the Tshimpala Project.

The ESIA is a thorough and comprehensive document and has now been formally submitted to the Environmental Affairs Department. Reviews of the ESIA by the Environmental Affairs Department under the Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining will now proceed.

**Commenting on the completion and lodgement of the EIA report for the Tshimpala Project, Force Commodities Managing Director Jason Brewer said:**

*“Another major milestone has been achieved by the team in Malawi, with the submission of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Reports.”*

*“Our management team and the Akatswiri multi-disciplinary team, headed up by its CEO, Hilton Banda have worked very hard and closely with all the key stakeholders that will be affected and will benefit directly and indirectly from the ongoing and planned activities at the Tshimpala Project in Malawi.”*

*“The team will continue to work with all project stakeholders in Malawi as it look to advance the ongoing exploration and development activities.”*

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