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## Farmers of Gold Self Help Group

Ministry of East African Community, Labor and Social  
Protection Certificate Registration number: 3777882

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# Project's Profile

## PRIMARY MISSION STATEMENT:

**To create a duplicatable, economically self-sustaining Mercury Free Extraction System, as well as Safety Education and Training for the A.S.G.M. (Artisan Small Scale Gold Mining) Community that conforms or exceeds proposed Legal, Governmental, U.N.D.P., and Minamata Convention Guidelines.**

## PREAMBLE

The US Non profit DBA Farmers of Gold was setup under the parent nonprofit The Cora Blue Fund EIN #81-2693582 . specifically to support the Lolgorian, Kenya based Farmers of Gold Self Help Group Kenya license # 3777882 Both US and Kenya Farmers of Gold entities were created by Matt Hales, an American citizen who began his work in Kenya 5 years ago assisting the building and remodeling of boarding school dormitories in the area of the Maasai Mara, Narok County Kenya, for the nonprofit Cora Blue Fund, of which Matt was one of the original founding directors. 4 years ago Matt visited the local gold mines of lolgorian and decided to assist by starting his current projects Farmers Of Gold Self Help Group Kenya, and US non profit DBA Farmers of Gold.

Farmers of Gold Project saw through the formation and official registration of the Lolgorian Farmers of Gold Self Help Group, a community-based self-help group that is an umbrella cooperative for all the members of the Lolgorian mining community members. This group was founded in collaboration with the local elected board represented by the following; John Okello, the elected Chairman, Boniface Ole Kashu, the group secretary and Jeremy Ole Moonka, the Chief and Administrative Officer with tremendous support from the Chief Executive Officer, Matt Hales and his friends and partners from the US.

The executive board members above alongside other 12 board members saw the self-help group grow to be a well-established, duly registered and formalized group. The executive board led the community in acquiring all the government legal documents and licenses.

The licenses include;

- a. Self-Help Group Reg. Certificate
- b. National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) License
- c. Ministry of Petroleum and Mining, Minerals Dealers and Processing License (DPL)
- d. Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) PIN Certificate
- e. KRA Tax Compliance Certificate

Currently the executive board is working on modalities to have the self-help group get a KRA Tax Exemption Certificate, Kenya Chamber of Mines Membership Certificate and renewal of the DPL License. Below are copies of the above mentioned certificates and licenses;



Certificate No. 3777882



Republic of Kenya

MINISTRY OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY,  
LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

# Certificate of Registration of Self-help Group/Project

*This is to Certify that*

LOLGORIAN FARMERS OF GOLD SELF HELP @ GROUP

Group Name / Project

DSS/PM/KIL/shg036/2018  
Registration No.

24/08/2018  
Date of Registration  
KILGORIS

LOLGORIAN  
Sub-location / Ward

Constituency

BOYDI  
Location

IRINSARA WEST

LOLGORIAN

Sub County

Division

NAROK

County

is registered with the Department of  
Social Development Officer

KENNEDY OKONGO

Name..... Signature .....  
County Coordinator/ Sub County Social Development Officer

24/08/2018

Date of Issue

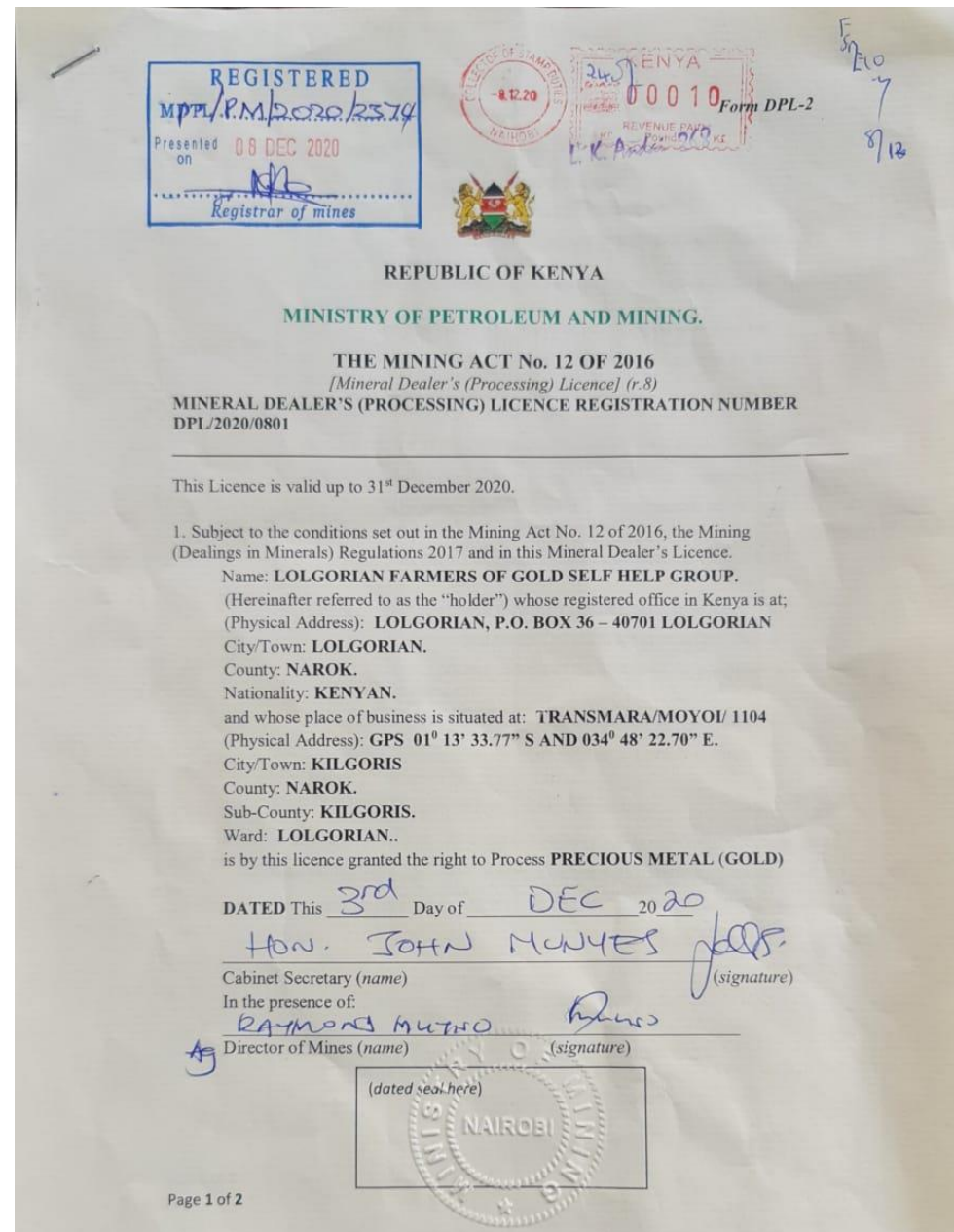


Note: The Contents of this Certificate should not be erased, altered or defaced in any way.





**The National Environmental Management Authority – NEMA License of compliance**



**Ministry of Mining Minerals Dealers & Processing License - DPL**



www.kra.go.ke

### PIN Certificate

For General Tax Questions  
Contact KRA Call Centre  
Tel: +254 (020) 4999 999  
Cell: +254(0711)999 999  
Email: callcentre@kra.go.ke

Certificate Date 09/01/2020  
Personal Identification Number  
P051870227C

This is to certify that taxpayer shown herein has been registered with Revenue Authority

#### Taxpayer Information

<b>Taxpayer Name</b>	LOLGORIAN FARMERS OF GOLD SELF HELP PROJECT
<b>Email Address</b>	FARMERSOFGOLD@GMAIL.COM

#### Registered Address

<b>L.R. Number</b> : Lolgorian Mines	<b>Building</b> Steven Land
<b>Street/Road</b> Lolgorian-Kilgoris Road	<b>City/Town</b> : Lolgorian
<b>County</b> : KISII	<b>District</b> Kisii Central District
<b>Tax Area</b> Kisii Central	<b>Station</b> Kisii
<b>P. O. Box</b> 36	<b>Postal Code</b> 40701

#### Tax Obligation(s) Registration Details

Sr. No.	Tax Obligation(s)	Effective From Date	Effective Till	Status
1	Income Tax - Company	02/01/2020	N.A.	Active

The above PIN must appear on all your tax invoices and correspondences with Revenue Authority. Your accounting end month is December unless a change has been approved by the Commissioner-Domestic Taxes Department. The status of Tax Obligation(s) with 'Dormant' status will automatically change to 'Active' on date mentioned in "Effective Till Date" or any transaction done during the period. This certificate shall remain in force till further updated.

**Disclaimer** : This is a system generated certificate and does not require signature.

**Kenya Revenue Authority PIN Certificate**



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### Tax Compliance Certificate

For General Tax Questions  
Contact KRA Call Centre  
Tel: +254 (020) 4999 999  
Cell: +254(0711)999 999  
Email: callcentre@kra.go.ke

Taxpayer PIN : P051870227C

Certificate Date: 09/01/2020

#### Name and Address :

Lolgorian Farmers Of Gold Self Help Project  
Lolgorian Mines, Steven Land, Lolgorian, Kisii Central District,  
PO Box:36,  
Postal Code:40701

#### Certificate Number:

KRAKSI1154154820



**This is to confirm that Lolgorian Farmers Of Gold Self Help Project,  
Personal Identification Number P051870227C  
has filed relevant tax returns and  
paid taxes due as provided by Law.**

**This Certificate will be valid for  
twelve (12) months up to 08/01/2021.**

**Caveat** This certificate is issued on the basis of information available with the authority as at the certificate date mentioned above. The Authority reserves the right to withdraw the

**Kenya Revenue Authority Tax Compliance Certificate - TCC**



Farmers of Gold Project Organizational Structure summarized.

**LOLGORIAN FARMERS OF GOLD SELF-HELP GROUP ORGANOGRAM – 2020 / 2021**



**MADINI KENYA**  
**MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND MINING.**  
**STATE DEPARTMENT FOR MINES**



**NAROK COUNTY GOVERNMENT**



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT**  
**AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**LOLGORIAGN F.O.G**  
**MERCURY FREE DEMO-SITE**  
**A Farmers of Gold-US & Cora Blue Fund PROJECT.**

- Mercury-FREE Gold Extraction Methods
- Safety Training, Demonstration and Providing Safety Gear
- Formalization, Organization and Legalization of all A.S.G.M members in Narok County
- Education Life-Skills & Finance Management
- Building Bridges with the International Agencies

**CHARITY**

- Scholarships for Children and orphans
- Safety Gear Subsidize
- Link to External, International Funding Agencies i.e UNDP among others.
- Grants and Donations of different areas

**INVESTORS**

- Provision of Mining Equipment
- Providing Better Gold Markets
- Investing in mining Shafts/Pits
- Partnership with miners with capital

**(L.F.O.G. Board)**  
**THE OFFICE**

- The Lolgorian mining Committee drawn from all mining sites/communities
- Responsible for oversight of all mining operations
- Link between The Demo-Site and mining community

**LOLGORIAN FARMERS OF GOLD SELF-HELP GROUP MINING COMMUNITY**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Mines/Land Owners</li> <li>*Shaft / Mining Pit – Owners</li> <li>*Shaft / Mining Pit – Diggers, Blasters &amp; Drillers</li> <li>*Washing Pond Owners</li> <li>*Washing Pond Operators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Gold Buyers Team</li> <li>*Transport and Logistics Team</li> <li>-Rocks Boda-Boda Riders</li> <li>-Tailings Truck Drivers</li> <li>-Tractors Tailings Drivers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Leaching Communities</li> <li>*Ball-Mill Crushers Owners</li> <li>* Ball-Mill Crushers Operators</li> <li>*Women and Children</li> <li>*The Committee / Board Members</li> </ul>
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## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

### **VISION:**

To raise the current standard of Africa's ASGM community by setting an example of what a self-help group is capable of. Working together, we will improve every aspect of our safety, health, environment, and community for a brighter future for our families and children. We strive to advocate more on Mercury-Free pure Maasai Mara Gold that will have a Certificate of Origin at some point in future.

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To create a DUPLICATABLE, economically self-sustaining Mercury-Free Gold recovery Systems, as well as creating and implementing Safety Education, Training, Guidelines and Regulations for the A.S.G.M. (Artisan Small Scale Gold Mining) Community that conforms or exceeds proposed Legal, Governmental and U.N. Guidelines outlined in the 2016 Mining Act and Minamata Convention that dramatically improve the health and well being of the entire ASGM community.

Farmers of Gold organization's main objective is to advocate for Mercury Free Gold Extraction through shaker-table technology and Safety Gear and Safety Training to the mining community in Lolgorian, Narok County in Kenya.

It's purpose is to create mass awareness to the mining community on the dangers of traditional gold extraction methods using mercury and to emphasize on safety precautions through training and provision of safety gear. Currently this is still an extremely overlooked humanitarian and environmental challenge that we have aggressively began to tackle with the full support and confidence of the Lolgorian local gold miners duly elected board.



*Toxic mercury amalgamation ponds in front of our mercury free demonstration site.*



*Our mercury free shaker-table*





We are currently working with the United Nations Development Programs (UNDP) Planet Gold Project, Solidaridad, The Kenya Ministry of Environment, and The Kenya Ministry of Mining, to assist in the transition of artisan mining to safer more profitable practices. Farmers of Gold is raising awareness and money from individuals and companies who have a serious interest in developing this sector. and who first and foremost care about improving the lives and health of these poverty stricken community.

Monetarily, Farmers of Gold has in the last two years through its private charity partners in the US raised an amount of Ksh. 7,000,000 all channelled to establishment of the project's objective of providing safety gear, training of the miners on safety and development and equipping of the Mercury Free Demonstration Plant. An electric Shaker-table has been installed at the Demonstration Plant and is open everyday for demonstration and mercury-free gold extraction.

We look forward to raise funds in a collaborative effort between our private sector, and potentially a percentage of grants thru the Kenyan government and United Nations Organs, specifically for the purpose to eliminate health risks of mercury poisoning from these artisan gold mining processes, of which these people do not know the risks and dangers, and sadly have no other choices of how to use it.

Farmers Of Gold intends to ensure that all proceeds realized from its Shaker Table Mercury Free Gold Extraction goes towards maintenance, subsidized safety gear, onsite safety training, and children of gold mining scholarship fund.



Meeting with Minister of Petroleum and Mining in Nairobi January 2020



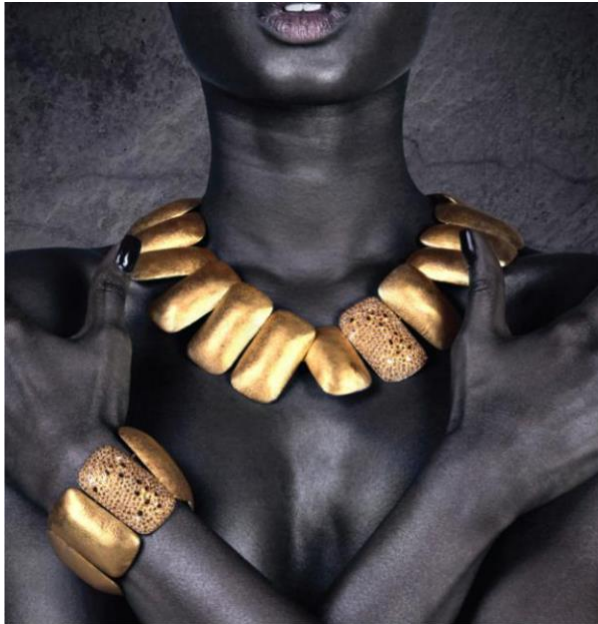
Main Demonstration Center



Sponsored Children Orphaned Victims of HIV Parents



Plans are underway for Farmers Of Gold to create gold jewelry from our “**Certified mercury free Gold**”, with a **certificate of origin**, to tell the story of how we are helping raise this economy for the Kenya people. Kenya gold for Kenyans. The high end jewelry will be targeted for the red carpet market to showcase on a global scale.



This project was launched in January 2018, after Matt visited the local artisan gold mines in Lolgorian Kenya, and saw there was a desperate need for safety assistance. Virtually no one was using any safety gear, as Matt was informed they could not afford it on such little income. In essence they are dying to survive. This is when Matt was inspired to do what he could to help this hard working mining community. After all, these were the families of the children who Cora Blue Fund was building dormitories for in the neighboring Olopidikong’oe Primary Boarding School.

Since January 2018 Matt returned with a great deal of safety gear for over 1000+ local miners, and in turn has won the trust of the people of Lolgorian, including the Member of the County Assembly (MCA). This project has even been getting attention from the national media including news stories on NTV, Citizen Tv, KTN News and articles in The Daily Nation and The Standard Newspaper, over the course of just a few months.





Farmers of Gold Self Help Group is duly registered with the government through the Ministry of East African Community, Labor and Social Protection as a Self-Help Project under the Certificate Registration number: **3777882**.



Farmers of Gold™ has acquired all the crucial documents from Kenyan authorities required for its charity work and operations in Kenya. Officials from NEMA (National Environmental Management Authority) issued us our Environmental License after assessing our main site. We have also received our Mineral Processing and Dealers Licenses from the Ministry of Petroleum and Mining. This License covers members of the ASGM community of Lolgorian region, Narok County.

The Immigration Department issued a work-visa for the founder (Matt Hales) who is working to eliminate the use of mercury in gold extraction, and influencing the entire mining community of Lolgorian to adapt safety gear, proper training, and licensing for legal, ethical, and more profitable mining practices.

We embarked on a successful process of registering as Members over 2000 ASGM community members in Lolgorian region. This process enables all members to be issued with a membership ID that allows them to work conveniently and with confidence as bona-fide members of our Self-Help Group.



## OTHER PROJECTS

1. Sponsoring education and rehabilitation for orphaned and injured children of the gold-mining community





2. Safety Gear (PPEs) subsidy / donations;



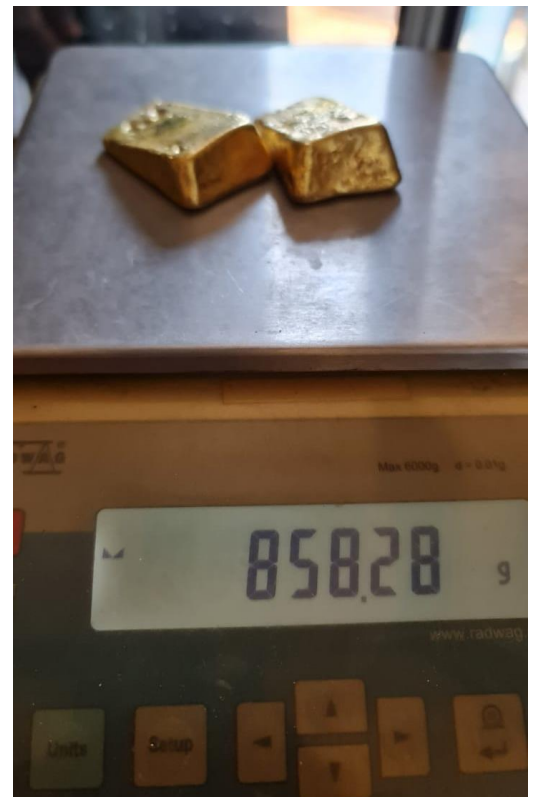




*Gumboot donations to ALL mining community women*



3. Improved mining techniques to enhance more gold production through leaching plants.





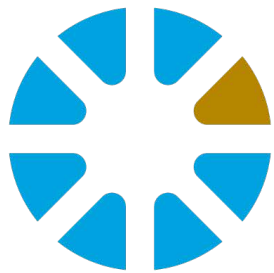
**4. Environment conservation and re-forestation of the abandoned mine-shafts. (Tree Nursery)**





5. Partnership with the National and International Organizations for progress and improvement.

- PARTNERSHIP WITH PlanetGold and UNDP, among other organizations.



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MADINI KENYA

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTRY

KENYA METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT



**Solidaridad**



6. Engaging with local groups in various community social activities...



*Donating a soccer ball to the local miners football club and joining local students-graduands at the MEC*





**7. Rescue mission to the mining community with donation of Ugali/Maize Flour bags during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown.**





## 8. Waste Management Solutions for the local area



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## 9. Local education in Alcohol and Drug rehabilitation





***The Lolgorian Farmers of Gold Board of Management celebrate the awarding of the Minerals Dealers and Processing License (DPL) from The Ministry of Petroleum and Mining.***



**Farmers of Gold Self Help Group Lolgorian, Kenya**

- Honorable Chairman - John Okello
- Board Administrator - Jeremy Ole Moonka
- Board Secretary - Boniface Cashew
- Board Treasurer - James Onkyna
- CEO - Matthew Hales

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