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Extractive Industries

In the soil of the Democratic Republic of Congo lies extensive mineral wealth. DRC is among the world's largest producers of cobalt, copper, diamonds, tantalum and tin, as well as several other [minerals](#), according to USGS.

The country holds almost half of the world's cobalt reserves and in 2012 cobalt produced in the DRC covered 55% of global production according to the same report. In 2012, 20 per cent of the world's industrial diamonds and 12% of tantalum came from the DRC.

According to the 2012 [EITI Report](#), the extractive sector accounted for 99% of total Congolese exports, 64% of the government budget, 24% of formal employment, and 13% of GDP in 2012.

Artisanal and [small-scale mining](#) (ASM) is widespread and estimates of the number of people employed by ASM vary between 500 000 and two million. Chinese trading houses buy and export the majority of the minerals artisanal miners produce, and China is DRC's number one export partner. The 2012 report showed that mineral smuggling from [artisanal mining](#) was still costing the government significant revenue. Lost revenues due to mineral smuggling were estimated at US \$8 million per year for gold alone. The export of the "conflict minerals" tantalum, tin and tungsten (the

‘3Ts’) goes largely undetected in the eastern provinces of Maniema, Nord-Kivu, and Sud-Kivu.

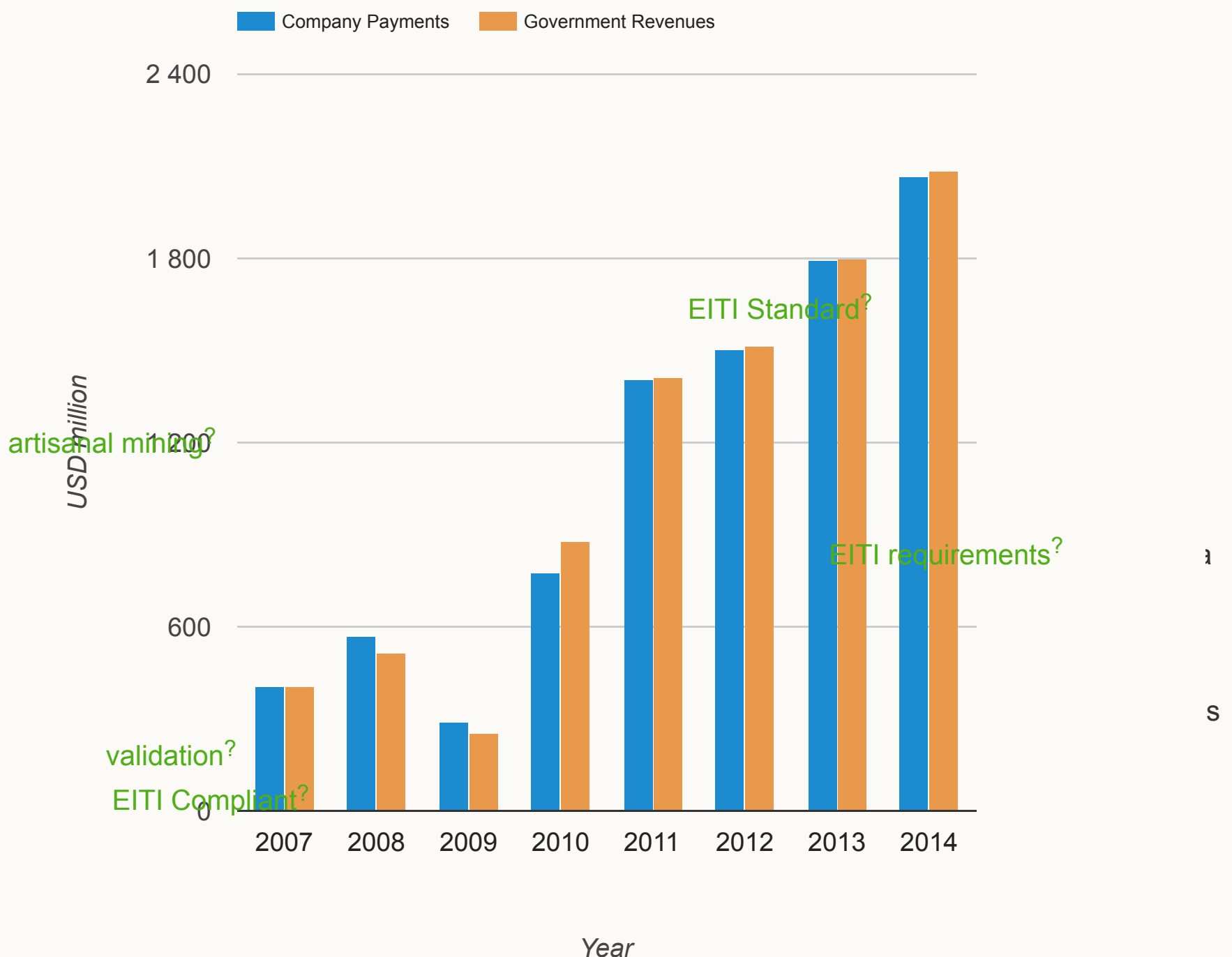
At the same time, industrial mining is increasing. The largest state-owned mining company Gécamines is attempting to increase production and has engaged in joint ventures with private companies.

Mining activities are concentrated in the eastern and south-eastern parts of the country. The security situation in these regions is unstable. Insufficient power supplies, weak infrastructure and declining world prices of certain commodities pose a challenge to the growth of the sector. However, new mines are coming into production and existing ones are increasing capacity, which will ensure rise in exports.

The government is planning to revise the mining code to gain larger revenues from the expanding mining industry.

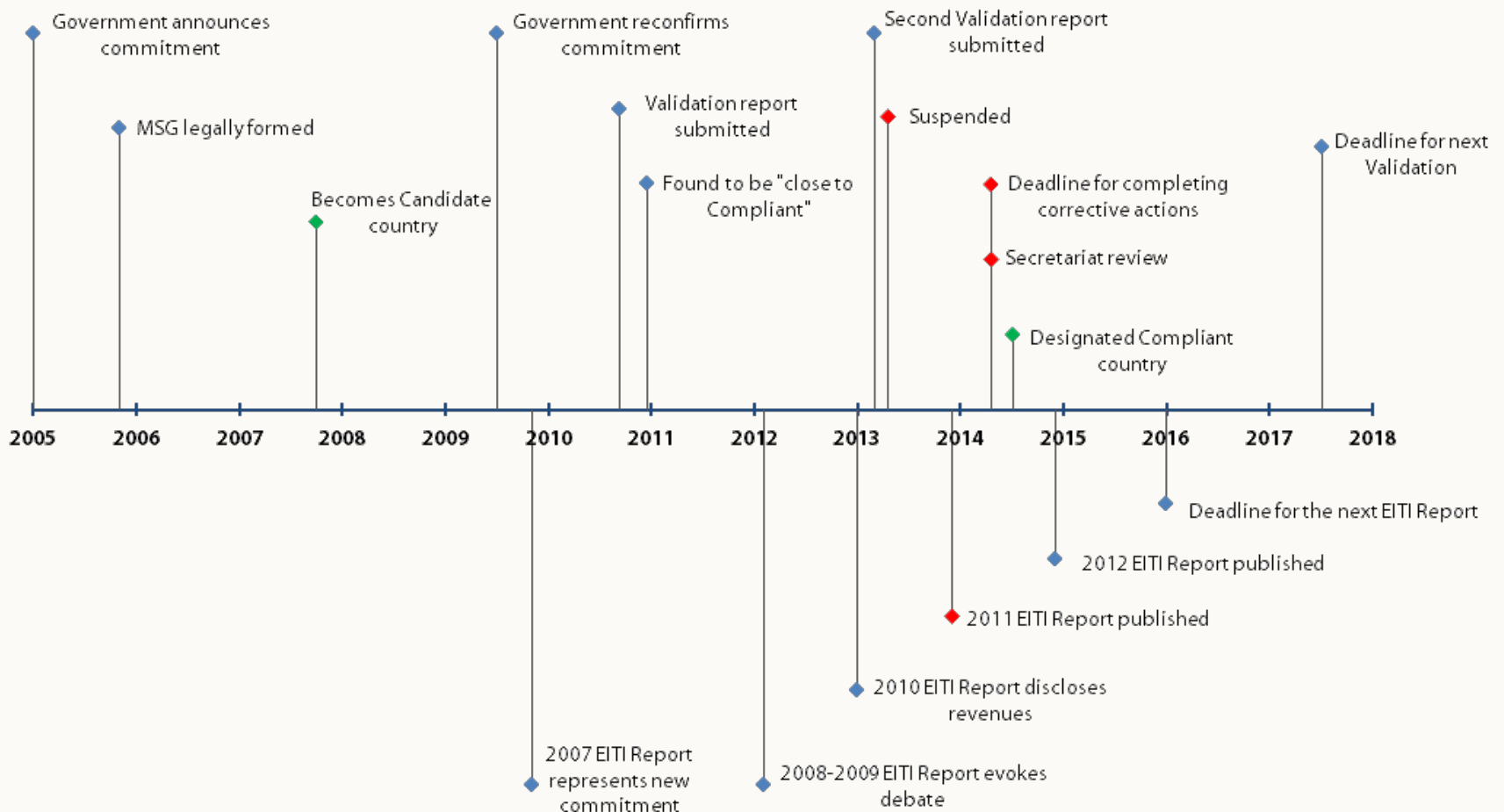
EITI Reporting

The country produces EITI Reports that disclose revenues from the extraction of its natural resources. Companies disclose what they have paid in taxes and other payments and the government discloses what it has received. These two sets of figures are compared and reconciled.



In 2013, the EITI DRC **Executive Committee** (EC), which is the **multi-stakeholder group?** (MSG?) tasked with overseeing EITI implementation in the DRC, published **three EITI reports** covering the 2011 fiscal period and subsequently invited the International Secretariat to assess whether the remaining EITI requirements have been met.

The publication of the 2010 Report triggered a debate on the lack of **accountability?** of tax collecting agencies such as DGRAD and led to a long and thorough investigation by the **auditor?** general's office (IGF) of a US\$ 88 million discrepancy identified in the 2010 Report. As part of the EITI reporting process, public accounts of government agencies collecting revenues from the oil, gas and mining sector were systematically audited and declared revenues by each government agency were fully accounted for, transaction by transaction. Revenues entering the budget at the central and local levels as well as revenues withheld by collecting agencies were also accounted for.

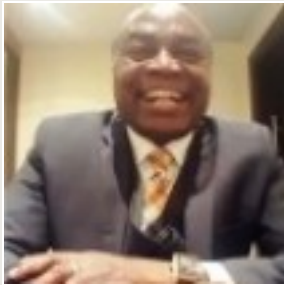


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Innovations

- 2012 Report disaggregated by company and revenue stream
- Extensive nationwide outreach activities
- Establishment of 5 regional EITI antennas (currently being opened)
- Institutional cooperation with the National Assembly (including parliamentary liaison person)
- Inclusion of social payments by companies in reporting (under discussion)
- There are plans to integrate the **artisanal mining?** and forestry sectors within the **scope?** of EITI reporting.
- Electronic data collection for the 2011 report
- Companies co-financing EITI process
- Information in EITI reports on volumes produced and exported (under discussion)
- Disclosure in EITI reports of names of **beneficial ownership?** (under discussion)
- Lobbying for general **transparency?** law (under discussion by CSOs and Parliamentarians)
- The DRC discloses beneficial owners of companies in its 2012 report. Of the 118 companies reporting to the EITI, 66 are publicly listed on stock exchanges in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong and the United States and therefore do not have to separately disclose their ownership. Of the 52 private companies, 40 disclosed and 12 did not.

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