# ERG Africa’s Metalkol site awarded ISO 14001 and ISO 45001 Certifications, reinforcing its commitment to safety and environmental management



La Compagnie de Traitement des Rejets de Kingamyambo S.A. (Metalkol SA or Metalkol) in Africa, part of ERG International, a global metals and mining company, is pleased to announce that the Metalkol site has achieved ISO 140001:2015 and ISO 45001:2018 certifications, the internationally recognized standards for environmental management and occupational health and safety management, respectively.

Issued by ESS Holdings (Pty) Ltd, an independent ISO certification body accredited by SANAS on 27 October 2026, both certifications are valid for three years. Following an independent audit process over a rigorous 7 week period, the certifications confirm that Metalkol’s management systems meet the requirements of standards established by the International Organisation for Standardization (ISO).

The assessment also highlighted the strength of the company’s existing environmental and occupational health and safety practices, which were already closely aligned with both standards.

This achievement therefore provides independent validation of an established management framework, supported effective operational controls and a culture of continuous improvement. The certification process further strengthened Metalkol's environmental and occupational health and safety management systems, with a particular emphasis on environmental risk assessment, pollution prevention, hazard identification and critical risk controls. It also included enhanced monitoring, emergency preparedness and employee engagement to support consistent implementation across the operation.

Guided by its "Zero Harm" ambition, Metalkol continues to promote a proactive safety culture focused on protecting employees, and a safe working environment for all employees and contractors across its operation. These certifications build on Metalkol's achievement of the Veramark Assurance (formerly the Copper Mark) in February 2026 when it became the first ever tailings processing operation to receive this recognition. Veramark Assurance is a leading voluntary third-party assurance framework that verifies responsible production practices across the metals industry.

**Davron Vakhabov, CEO of ERG Africa**, commented: *"The health and safety of our employees, contractors and surrounding communities, together with environmental protection, remain key priorities for ERG Africa. Achieving both certifications reflect the progress achieved across our operations and our determination to uphold internationally recognised standards. They are also a testament to the collective efforts of our teams, and I would like to sincerely thank all our employees for their dedication and continued commitment. Our focus now is on sustaining this progress and ensuring that these standards remain firmly embedded in our daily operations."*

Through its unique approach to reprocessing historic mine tailings from the Musonoi River Basin and Kingamyambo, Metalkol recovers valuable copper and cobalt resources while supporting progressive environmental restoration and local development.

These achievements also contribute to strengthening the DRC's position in global mineral value chains, demonstrating the country's capacity to meet internationally recognised standards.