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## **GENERATE MORE REVENUE FROM EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY- CEJ URGES GOVT**

CENTRE For Environment Justice -CEJ has urged the Government to consider domestic resource mobilization to spur growth and create jobs in the country.

CEJ Executive Director Maggie Mwape says Zambia can benefit from resources such as gold, manganese, rosewood and mukula if well harnessed.

Ms Mwape says demand is likely to outstrip supply as countries in Asia are flocking to Africa for manganese, used in electric cars.

She added that the New Dawn Government should take advantage of raising domestic resources from the natural resources in question because only Zambia and Gabon have the best manganese in Africa.

Ms Mwape states that more efforts should be placed on gold mining in various parts of the country for increased foreign reserves at the Bank of Zambia to further address the local currency fluctuations.

She has further urged the government to reorganize Mukula trading for Zambia to rip maximum benefits through domestic resource mobilization.

The CEJ Executive Director suggested that Zambia should make value addition a non- negotiable matter for investors when it comes to high value minerals and forestry resources to avoid exporting raw materials that will not benefit the country.

She also called on the Government to address the challenge of heavy goods vehicles that are using Kasempa – Mumbwa gravel Road to deliberately avoid paying toll gates as they are causing environmental damage and not helping matters regarding domestic resource mobilization.

Ms Mwape says Zambia is a rich country especially with its extractive industry which can help in job creation and ending extreme poverty.

She urges investors to strengthen the goodwill of corporate social and environmental responsibility to uplift the living conditions of the communities and promote environmental sustainability.

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