

FEASIBILITY STUDY

FOR

SKYSHIP INVESTMENT LIMITED

ON

**ESTABLISHING A MINERAL PROCESSING PROJECT
(NICKEL ORE)**

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Dar es Salaam

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 FMINERALword

The Tanzania Government is emphasizing p on its long – term industrial plan of strengthening the metal and engineering sub- sector in the country.

The private sector has also been paying a vital role in the development of this basic industry, mainly by establishing service- oriented engineering workshops which provide maintenance and repair services.

The National demand was established to be Nickel Ore than 400,000 tons per annum .Indications that the demand is increasing fast and is now closed to 700,000 tons per annum

One of the basic necessities for the establishment of this basic industry is the availability of an adequate local market for its output. It is rational for local Governments, to encourage and promote the growth of the local engineering sub- sector which will ultimately consume the local MINERAL products for building and construction materials etc. A recently established local firm, **MS. SKYSHIP INVESTMENT LIMITED** has realized the potential this country has in terms of construction and decide to establish a MINERAL PROCESSING plant in Dar es Salaam Region.

1.2 Objective of Study

The purpose of this feasibility study is to work out the technical and commercial details and financial viability for the establishment of mineral plant for manufacturing of materials for construction, materials for building materials and materials for other constructions sites.

1.3 Project Promoters

The proposed Mineral facility is being promoted by a locally registered company namely **MS. SKYSHIP INVESTMENT LIMITED**.

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2.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 Introduction

This study examines the possibility for the establishing a nickel ore processing facility that led to production of powder for production of other materials. Also will produce other materials such as limestone to be supplied in cements factories and other manufacturers of building materials.

2.2 Market and Marketing Aspect

The market survey carried out reveals that the demand for nickel products is raising rapidly.

The survey concludes that the proposed production of about 4,800 tons of building materials per annum will not face any market problems.

2.3 Project capacity

The proposed project will be able to produce between 8,000 -12,000 tons per day and will be using modern machines which will be imported from China and Japan. Project promoters have already identified the suppliers of the machines and plants.

2.4 Process and Technology

Nickel ore processing begins with crushing and grinding the ore, followed by a concentration step like flotation to separate nickel minerals from waste. The method then diverges based on the ore type: sulfide ores are typically roasted and smelted to create a "matte" for further refining, while laterite ores are processed using techniques like high-pressure acid leaching or a pyrometallurgical reduction. The final stages involve

purifying the nickel concentrate through chemical processes and electrolysis or further pyrometallurgical refining to produce high-purity metallic nickel.

General steps

Crushing and grinding: The mined ore is crushed into smaller pieces to expose the nickel minerals.

Concentration: A beneficiation process, most commonly flotation, separates the nickel-rich minerals from waste rock. This involves mixing the ore with reagents and air to make the nickel particles adhere to bubbles, which are then collected as a concentrate.

Processing sulfide ores

Roasting and smelting: The concentrated sulfide ore is heated to remove impurities and create a molten "matte" containing nickel and copper sulfides.

Smelting: Techniques like flash or electric smelting are used, which oxidize the iron and sulfide, yielding a concentrate of about 45% nickel. Oxygen is then injected to remove the remaining iron and sulfide.

Refining: The matte is further refined. One method is fluid bed roasting, which produces a nickel product around 95% pure.

2.5 Production Inputs

The most critical inputs in to the plant are electric power in the magnitude of 2000 KVA will be required and this amount will be required and this amount will be supplied by Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited
A considerable amount of water will be required for cooling .However, it will be recycles. Other production inputs include fuel oil, alloying elements and MINERAL powder

2.6 Location

The plant will be located at Dar es Salaam.

2.7 Manpower Requirements

The plant Management will comprise 3 people out of a total workforce of 65 people. There will be 18 operators, 4 expatriates and the rest in direct

workforce. The plant will operate on a 3-shift per day basis. The plant will be organized into three departments, namely production, , finance and Administration and technical services(repair , maintenance and quality control).

2.8 Implementation

The Major activities include registration and approval by the Tanzania Investment Centre and mobilization of funds from sponsors and banking institutions. Civil works design, tendering and construction will be carried out immediately after project is approved and would take about six months.

Technology

Machinery will be ordered from China and Japan after funds are committed. These will be fabricated shipped for activities related to machinery up to their receipt at site .

Training machinery installation and commissioning will be undertaken within another two months.

Activities related to civil works and machinery will take place simultaneously.

2.9 Project Economics

2.9.1 Capital Investment Requirements

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Land and Building	130,000
Plant & Machinery	580,000
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2.9.2 Financing Scheme

i)	Fixed Assets and Pre- Operational Costs	
		US\$
	Equity	1,000,000
	Total	1,000,000

2.10 Recommendations

The study shows that mineral production is both technically and financially feasible. Furthermore mineral , it will cut down on imports of this important product. In view of the findings the project is recommended for implementation

3.0 MARKET AND MARKETING

3.1 Product

The product which this mineral is going to produce for sale is various construction companies and building materials producers.

3.2 Demand

Demand for the proposed product has been derived on the basis of the end use method. The products are used in various ways from buildings and other civil work constructions, in manufacturing of security grills and fences and as raw materials for manufacture of industrial products and machinery parts to industries.

There is high demand for mineral products as Raw materials for manufacture of building materials and contractors. The demand for these products as raw material for analysis has revealed there is an increase which is caused by shortage of raw materials, old machineries and import of manufactured goods.

Given the current improvements in the national economy, it is expected that the average capacity utilization of the past 5 years to at least 70%. It is also expected that the average growth rate of usage of mineral raw materials will equal to the growth rate of GDP for the industrial sector, currently at 3.4 %.

3.3 Supply

There exist numerous factors which supply of mineral products is huge. The quantity has been declining over the years. The declining trend is as a result of increasing number of construction companies being opened in the country.

3.4 Promotion

Experience of selling this product prescribes that they can be easily sold through personal selling (personal solicitations of orders) to potential big customers and advertisement with emphasis on product availability quality and persuasion.

4.0 PRODUCTION PROCESS AND TECHNOLOGY

4.1 Production Processes for Steel

The method of removal of stones from their natural bed by using different operations is called MINERAL PROCESSING called as:

- a) Digging – This method is used when the MINERAL consists of small & soft pieces of stones.
- b) Heating – This method is used when the natural rock bed is horizontal and small in thickness.
- c) Wedging – This method is used when the hard rock consists of natural fissure. When natural fissures are absent then artificial fissures are prepared by drilling holes.

- d) Blasting – It is the process of removal of stones with the help of controlled explosives is filled in the holes of the stones. Line of least resistance plays very important role in the blasting process.

Following steps are used in the blasting process;

- 1) Drilling holes – Blast holes are drilled by using drilling machines.
- 2) Charging – Explosive powders are fed into the cleaned & dried blast holes.
- 3) Tamping – The remaining portion of the blast holes are filled by clay, ash, fuse & wirings.
- 4) Firing –The fuses of blasting holes are fired by using electrical power supply or match sticks.

4.2 Power Utilization

In the operation of electrical facilities, the most favorable installation for power costs is attained at preferably high utilization with preferably low power peak. This is achieved in modern medium- frequency melting by provision of constant power supply in the converters and through selective switching of power feed units.

4.3 Environment Protection

During the process of melting steel scrap there will be the emission of dust and gaseous fumes. Fumes especially are toxic and of complex composition. The most common are sulphur and nitrogen oxides (SO_x, NO_x) In the developed world where there are many steel works this is of concern, Therefore MINERAL, it is recommended to arrest this problem right from the beginning in countries entering the steel industry. In the recommended technology i.e induction furnace, the amount of hazardous gases emitted will be very small especially because only cleaned raw materials will be used. There is therefore MINERAL no environment hazardous waste expected from this project

5.0 Plant Location and Civil Works

The plant will be located in Tanzania. Production Building Required which is an open shed roofed with GCI sheets, and constructed from reinforced concrete slab in site is ideal for both the furnace and rolling mill facilities. The scrap and finished products would both be mineral in the open

6.0 Utility Services

a) Water

The site has already been supplied with water. A 3 inch diameter pipeline connects the plot to the main pipeline. The plant water requirement is basically for cooling purposes and water will be recycled. About 10,000 litres of water will be required per day. There mineral a water reservoir of capacity 30,000 litres is recommended to be constructed.

b) Electricity

The site will tap its power from substation nearby. A number of machines will be premedical operated .There will there mineral be a need to have a central compressor station which will generate the compressed air requirements .A central compressor station will be provided to provide compressed air for some of the production units.

As said elsewhere in this report, the source of energy for meeting the scrap will be electric power. Power is consumed in very large quantities and it is among the biggest cost element in this type of steel production. The demand for this plan is estimated at around 2000Kva

c) Material Handling Equipment

The plant will require the services of an overhead crane which will be employed for lifting the scrap containers for feeding the furnace as well as move the ladles with liquid steel into the casting area.

e) Workshop Facility

In order to enable the company to handle small repairs to its aassets we recommend the acquisition of a minimum number of metal working machines such as one lathe, a milling/drilling machine power hacksaw and tool kits.

7.0 MANPOWER AND ORGANISATION

The proposed copper and metal plant complex will have three Independent departments, namely administration and finance production and technical staff.

Organisation

The top people in the day- to day running of the company will be General Manager .Under the General Manager's office will e three department, namely finance/ administration production and technical services. Each department will be under a Manager and will comprise a number of sections each headed by section head such as Finance/ Personnel Department Production Department.

Each section will be manned by a number of personnel with varying education levels and work experiences. The management team will comprise the General Manager, Chief Accountant and the four expatriates who will head the different production and service department.

He will also be responsible for repair and maintenance for company assets and research and development activities.

The technical department will comprise three sections, namely:

- a) The repair and maintenance section which would be responsible for all repair works. An expatriate will be employed to train the local technician in the machinery repair works.
- b) Laboratory section which will be responsible for quality control of both the raw materials and finished goods.
- c) Research and development section.

7.1 Production Department

The production department will comprise two sections, namely steel mill and rolling mill.

Finance and Administration Department

An Administration and Finance Manager will head the department. He will be responsible for the administration of the company as well as overseeing the financial aspect of the company

7.2 Manpower Requirement

The manpower requirement for running the proposed steel and rolling mill is 65 people .The administration staff will work on one shift per Day. The production and technical departments will work on 3 shifts per Day basis.

8.0 INVESTMENT AND FINANCING

8.1 Assumptions

The financial projections to determine the viability of the Copper and metal Project is based on the following key assumptions:

- The project will operate at 50% capacity in year 1 , 60% in year 2, 70% in year 4 and thereafter
- Plant will operate on three shifts per day for 250 days per year.
- The whole project output will be sold locally

8.2 Summary of Capital Costs

The total initial investment required for undertaking the project is estimated at US\$ 2,85 million. Spread over a year as shown. The breakdown of the capital investments is presented in table below:

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8.3 Building and Civil Works Costs

The premises will be renovated e for constructions for plant installation only. These are Estimated and given under cost of machinery

8.4 Plant Machinery and Equipment Costs

The main machinery for the envisaged project will be electric furnace, steaming ladles and moulds reheating various tools, accessories etc.

8.5 Furniture and Fittings

The items to be purchased will comprise office furniture and computers for office and factory.

8.6 Vehicles

A 15 toner truck and a 5 toner truck that will be used for transportation of raw Materials and finished products and other office activities are recommended. A Bus of 45 seats will be provided for workers' transport and two saloon cars for the top management

8.7 Pre- Production Capital Expenditures

These include project development cost for feasibility study and start-up expenses

Including interest on loan taken for capital investment in the pre-production Period

8.8 Initial Working Capital

Initial Working capital requirements for the proposed project works Out at about US\$ 0.1 Million

8.9 COST OF OPERATION

The anticipated costs for operating the project are detailed in the following Sections the capacity utilization has been assumed to grow at a rate of 50% in year 1, 60% in year 2, 70% in year 3 while stabilized production is envisaged From the fourth year at 80% of rated capacity. 80% will be the sustainable Production level.

8.10 Repair and Maintenance

Annual repairs and maintenance of the machinery and equipment have been Worked out to cover all costs including spare parts.

8.11 Vehicle Running Expenses

Vehicle running expenses include fuel, lubricants, tear and wear, road licence Insurance etc, This cost item has been estimated at 35% of the original cost of the vehicle annually

8.12 Salaries and Wages

The total wage package is estimated at US\$ 0,070 million for the first two years

8.13 Administrative Overheads.

The main item in the administrative cost is insurance of fixed assets. The administrative costs are estimated at US\$0,010 million/ annum

Dividends for the first 5 years during which are company will have to meet other

Commitments like loan repayment, costs for technology training etc.

9.0 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

9.1 Income and Expenditure

9.1.1 Income

The proposed steel and copper mill project expects to earn its income through the sale of reinforcement copper and steel products mainly at sustainable level of production, the total sales are expected to stand at US\$ 1,632 million from the Fourth year of production onwards by selling a total of 4800t of final products.

9.1.2 Cash Flow Statement

The project's cash flow is impressive as the need for external assistance arises Only in the initial stages of the project investment.

10.0 Economic Benefits

The successful operation of this processing plant will contribute significant Economic benefit to Kilimanjaro region people and Tanzania as whole . In summary the benefits which will be realized are as follows:

- The execution of this project will bring about employment opportunities
- Provision of income to other services providers, thus contributing to the reduction of poverty. The income to be earned will help in

improving standard of living of the workers and other people residing in the region

- The direct income for the workers combined with help in overall efforts of alleviation of poverty in the Region
- This project will facilitate opportunities to increase mineral exchange earnings through export of some of its value products
- Project will create Government Revenue through Taxation

11.0 Conclusion

The investment and development of these products processing undertaking is in Line with the Government objective of encouraging proper development of Industries in the country. It will have a positive impact on the development of the region as, it would Generate a number of benefits and mineral positive impact on the economy of the region

This document has provided a full analysis on the financial , Techno-economic viability and have established that the proposed project is technically sound financially viable , and economically/ socially beneficial.

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PROJECT FINANCING

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FIXED ASSETS SCHEDULE

NAME OF ASSETS		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
Land and Buildings		130,000	123,500	117,000	110,500	104,000
Plant & Machines		580,000	464,000	348,000	232,000	116,000
Motor Vehicle		20,000	5,000	-10,000	-25,000	-40,000
Furniture & Fixtures		130,000	113,750	40,000	35,000	30,000
Total		860,000	706,250	495,000	352,500	210,000
Depreciation		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
Land and Buildings		6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
Plant & Machines		116,000	116,000	116,000	116,000	116,000
Motor Vehicles		15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Furniture & Fixtures		16,250	16,250	16,250	16,250	16,250
ANNUAL DEPRECIATION		153,750	153,750	153,750	153,750	153,750
CLOSING FIXED ASSETS		706,250	552,500	341,250	198,750	56,250

OTHER OPERATING COST

Other Operations Cost		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
Motor Vehicle running expens		17,000	17,400	17,800	18,200	18,600
Salaries and Wages		36,000	39,600	43,560	47,916	52,708
Administrative Overhead Costs		12,000	13,200	14,520	15,972	17,569
Utility Costs		15,000	16,500	18,150	19,965	21,962
Interest on Loan		16,000	17,600	19,360	21,296	23,426
Communication Exepnses		4,000	4,400	4,840	5,324	5,856
Total Costs		100,000	108,700	118,230	128,673	140,120

PROJECT BALANCE SHEET

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
Fixed Assets	860,000	706,250	495,000	352,500	210,000
Long term Assets					
Depreciation	153,750	153,750	153,750	153,750	153,750
Total long term assets	706,250	552,500	341,250	198,750	56,250
Current Assets					
Cash	406,100	684,700	979,050	1,292,735	1,625,723
Account Receivable	105,000	110,250	216,535	421,763	527,628
Inventory	214,710	376,383	438,469	402,292	467,493
Total Current Assets	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000
Total Assets	846,250	692,500	481,250	338,750	196,250
Curent Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	84,000	88,200	92,610	97,241	102,103
Other Current Liabilit	70,000	73,500	77,175	81,034	85,085
Subtotal Current Liabi	154,000	1,616,700	169,785	178,274	187,188
Long term Liabilities					
Long term Liabilitie	1,820,000	1,820,000	1,820,000	1,820,000	1,820.00
Total Liabilities	706,250	552,500	341,250	198,750	56,250
Net Assets	820,810	877,633	951,268	1,044,516	1,157,656
Captil and Reserves					
Owners Contribution	780,000	780,000	780,000	780,000	780,000
Retained Earning	40,810	97,633	171,268	264,516	377,656
Total Capital	846,250	692,500	481,250	338,750	196,250

PROJECTED INCOME STATEMENT

		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEARS5
Sales Revenue		330,000	396,000	475,200	570,240	684,288
Cost of Sales		66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000
Gross Profit		264,000	330,000	409,200	504,240	618,288
Operating Expenses						
Administrative Overhead						
Costs		105,000	106,050	107,111	108,182	109,263
Motor Vehicle running		5000	5,050	5,101	5,152	5,203
Expenses		8,000	8,080	8,161	8,242	8,325
Salaries and Wages		78,000	78,780	79,568	80,363	81,167
Depreciation		81,000	81,810	82,628	83,454	84,289
Marketing Costs		6,500	6,565	6,631	6,697	6,764
Utility Costs		10,500	10,605	10,711	10,818	10,926
Insurance		10,000	10,100	10,201	10,303	10,406
Interest on Loan		12,200	12,322	12,445	12,570	12,695
Communication		1,750	1,768	1,785	1,803	1,821
Total Expenses		207,950	210,030	212,130	214,251	216,394
Profit befMINERAL Tax		56,050	119,971	197,070	289,989	401,894
Tax (30%)		16,815	35,991	59,121	86,997	120,568
Profit After Tax		39,235	83,979	137,949	202,992	281,326