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Congo's Mpiana–Mwanga Hydroelectric Power Station produces renewable electricity for the first time in nearly 30 years

Katamba Mining announces completion of the recommissioning of 97-year-old hydroelectric power station

Manono, Democratic Republic of Congo, [15 December 2024] – Katamba Mining, the joint venture between Zijin Mining and Cominiere, has completed the recommissioning of the Mpiana–Mwanga Hydroelectric Power Station, with the installation of new generating facilities.

Katamba Mining has invested more than US\$80 million into the recommissioning of the dam. Over 300 people have worked over 15 months to restore the dam and its generating capacity. The ongoing operation of the dam will see the creation of 100 new local jobs.

The recommissioning project has seen Katamba Mining replace all the hydro generation equipment and metal structural equipment of the original dam. The new power station now has an installed capacity of 40 MW and an annual power output of 186 million kWh. The resulting plant has the capacity to generate 30% more electricity than the previous one decommissioned in the 1980s.

Katamba Mining started work to recommission the Hydroelectric Power Station in September 2023, and the first turbine producing electricity was activated on 15 December 2024. Mpiana–Mwanga station will help Manono Lithium provide more clean energy to the world.

Katamba Mining has also constructed a 90km road connecting the power station and the town of Manono. This infrastructure investment is set to deliver long-term economic benefits for the community, improving transportation and logistics and making travel significantly easier for the local communities.

The original power station was built by Ingenieurs in conjunction with the Belgian industrial company Geomines in 1927. The last generator unit ceased operation in October 1997 and the power generation facilities were damaged in the war.

James WANG, vice president of Zijin Mining said: "Recommissioning the Mpiana–Mwanga Hydroelectric Power Station as a brown field renewable source of energy ensures the Manono mine, its processing facilities and the local community can once again be a centre of investment and economic development. Having a reliable source of hydroelectric power will play a role in transforming this part of Congo."



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Germain Mwamba wa Ngoy, The Interim Administrator of Manono Territory said:
"The activation of the turbine at the Mpiana–Mwanga Hydroelectric Power Station sends a positive message to our community. Katamba's tireless work meets the expectations of the people of Manono."



The image of the fully recommissioned dam.



The inside of the turbine hall before recommissioning.

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The interior after the recommissioning.



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