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### Cominiere's Corruption

Investors, mining companies, battery maker's and EV manufacturer's around the world know the story of AVZ Minerals and how DRC state miner Cominiere seized the Manono lithium project from Dathcom and sold it to Chinese Zijin Mining

Follow the links below to see

1. The AVZ Minerals Story
2. Cominiere being bribed by Zijin Mining
3. The IGF Report detailing the corruption
4. First ICC Rulings against Cominiere
5. Second ICC Rulings against Cominiere
6. The ICSID Interim Orders against Cominiere
7. The ICC Ruling against Jin Cheng
8. The money Cominiere owes in penalty's
9. ICC orders Cominiere to pay €39 million in penalties to AVZ

In the meantime, Cominiere continues to violate the ICC and ICSID interim orders. Follow the links below to see the evidence and read the facts 📌



#### THE AVZ MINERALS STORY

Since 2017 in the DRC, AVZ Minerals has spent over \$140 million on Acquiring Equipment for Infrastructure, Soil Sampling, Field Mapping, Consulting, Drilling, Metallurgical Testing, Completing a FEED Study, Environmental Study and Impact Assessment Reports including Groundwater Management, a 160...

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Calculates the amount of penalties the DRC has incurred since the first & 2nd violation of the ICC court ruling

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Celestin Kibeya (Managing Director of Cominiere) was recorded taking a bribe from Zijin and then illegally sold shares in Dathcom's Manono Lithium Project to Jin Cheng (Zijin) for \$120million below it's value. This sale is recorded in Jules Alingette (Inspector General of Finance) IGF Report and deprived the DRC of over \$120million. The money from the sale was shared between Celestin Kibeya and his accomplices and the rest was squandered and unaccounted for.

Since then, Celestin Kibeya and Lisette Kabanga have colluded with the DRC Mining Cadastre (CAMI) allowing Cominiere to illegally seize the Dathcom project and form a new joint venture partnership with Zijin (called Manono Lithium) on PR13359 tenement that AVZ Minerals has already developed and was ready to start construction. Cominiere and Zijin have continued to violate local and international laws and rob the population of Tanganyika of millions of dollars

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**Warning**

International miners and investors be warned before investing in the DRC Mining and Battery Minerals sectors. The DRC doesn't follow its own Mining Code and also doesn't abide by International Arbitration orders, including those by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

The DRC invites foreign companies to invest in its mining and minerals sectors and once projects have been developed by foreign miners the DRC seizes the projects and re-sells them to Chinese companies. Currently the DRC owes billions of dollars in financial penalties via the International Courts following the corrupt and illegal seizure of projects by the State.

Recently, AVZ Minerals spent \$140 million and fulfilled all mining license requirements, developing the Dathcom Manono lithium project to the Mining License and construction stage, then the DRC illegally and covertly took steps to deny AVZ and Dathcom the Mining License, seized Dathcom's project and sold it to Zijin Mining.

This was done by DRC State Mining Company Cominiere in collusion with the CAMI, Ministry of Mines and Ministry of Portfolio, all under the watchful eyes of the President. It has resulted in more than 20,000 international investors losing more than \$2 billion dollars of their investment.

The ICC and ICSID ordered Cominiere not to take steps to explore or exploit within PR13369 or PR15775, and to reestablish Dathcom as the holder of PR13359 but the DRC has continued to violate these orders.

The DRC mining sector is not only corrupt, it is broke and refusing to pay the penalties to AVZ Minerals (already over \$70 million) ordered by the ICC and ICSID in arbitration for continuing to violate its orders.

Cominiere was shown by the Inspector General of Finance to have committed fraud and its Managing Director (Celestin Kibeya) has been recorded taking a bribe from Zijin. Despite this, and further evidence of the corruption, the President of the DRC has continued to allow Cominiere's corruption to go on unabated.

Following Celestin Kibeya Kabemba being recorded taking a bribe from Chinese mining giant Zijin, Cominiere illegally sold 15% of shares in Dathcom to Jin Cheng Mining (a subsidiary of Zijin).

Kibeya Kabemba and Cominiere then illegally seized the Manono lithium project from Dathcom and sold the entire northern tenement to Zijin, including the areas where AVZ had drilled and obtained drill core assays, built a camp that housed the drill core library and accommodation for local workers, and other infrastructure.

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and Zijin's joint venture (Manono Lithium) continues to violate ICC and ICSID orders

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ICC and ICSID Findings







## Favourable Ruling in ICC Emergency Arbitration Proceedings against Cominière

**AVZ Minerals Limited** (ASX: AVZ, OTC: AZZVF) (**AVZ** or **Company**) refers to its previous announcement dated 17 April 2023 titled "New legal action to affirm interests in the Manono Project" in respect of arbitration proceedings before the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (**ICC**) against Congolaise d'Exploitation Minière (RCCM 14-B-5938) (**Cominière**) (**Cominière Arbitration Proceedings**).

As part of the Cominière Arbitration Proceedings, the Company, via its subsidiaries and Dathcom Mining SA (**Dathcom**), brought an emergency arbitration application under ICC rules, heard by an emergency arbitrator (Emergency Arbitrator) on 3 May 2023, seeking injunctive relief for the purposes of restraining Cominière from taking any actions with regards to its purported termination of the Dathcom Joint Venture Agreement (**Dathcom JVA**).

As previously disclosed, AVZ considers Cominière's purported termination of the Dathcom JVA to be unlawful as it was attempted without valid grounds and in a manner contrary to the express terms of the Dathcom JVA.

The Emergency Arbitrator concluded that she had jurisdiction to order emergency relief and has found in favour of the Company's emergency application.

The Emergency Arbitrator's order, dated 5 May 2023, provides as follows:

- Cominière is prevented from taking any action or taking any steps, that would result from the implementation of the termination of the Dathcom JVA and/or the consequences of such termination, until the final award on the merits of the broader Cominière Arbitration Proceedings is made;
- Cominière must comply with Section 11.1 of the Dathcom JVA (being the requirement to adjudicate any disputes via arbitration before the ICC) and to refrain from bringing any litigation in connection with the Dathcom JVA and/or the termination it claims to have effected, before the courts in the Democratic Republic of Congo (**DRC**), until the final award on the merits of the broader Cominière Arbitration Proceedings is made;
- any violation to the abovementioned orders, will be subject to a penalty of 50,000 Euros per day of violation and any dispute concerning the liquidation of the penalty, shall be reserved for the arbitral tribunal as part of the Cominière Arbitration Proceedings, which will rule on the issue of the validity of the termination of the JVA;

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- Cominière must pay the costs of the proceedings before the Emergency Arbitrator, and in addition to their own legal costs, will bear 90% of the legal costs incurred by AVZ in this action.

The broader Cominière Arbitration Proceedings before the ICC also relates to Cominière's purported, but in AVZ's view unlawful transfer of 15% of its shares in Dathcom, to a third party (Jin Cheng Mining Company Limited, a subsidiary of Zijin Mining Group Company Limited), in breach of AVZ's pre-emption right.

Any failure by Cominière to comply with the Emergency Arbitrator's emergency orders, will be addressed by the arbitral tribunal in the Cominière Arbitration Proceedings.

The Company, together with Dathcom, will continue to take all actions necessary to protect its legal rights in the Manono Project, the interests of its shareholders and other stakeholders, not least the people of the DRC.

This announcement was authorised for release by the Board of Directors of AVZ Minerals Limited.

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## AVZ Successfully Restrains Cominière and Additional ICC Arbitration Updates

AVZ Minerals Limited (ASX: AVZ, OTC: AZZVF) (AVZ or Company) provides the following update to its shareholders.

### Emergency Relief against Cominière

AVZ's subsidiaries previously obtained orders for emergency relief from the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Paris against La Congolese D'Exploitation Minière (Cominière) imposing a penalty of €50,000 per day if Cominière took any steps to implement its purported termination of the joint venture agreement in respect of Dathcom Mining SA (Dathcom and Dathcom JVA) (refer to ASX announcement dated 8 May 2023 'Favourable Ruling in ICC Emergency Arbitration Proceedings').

Cominière subsequently took steps to implement its purported termination of the joint venture agreement in respect of Dathcom JVA (refer to ASX announcement dated 30 October 2023 'Zijin Response').

Accordingly, on 30 October 2023, AVZ's subsidiaries applied to the ICC for further emergency relief against Cominière. The application was heard on 9 November 2023.

AVZ is pleased to report, on 15 November 2023, the ICC emergency arbitrator ordered that:

1. Cominière must not take any steps to explore and exploit, directly or indirectly, within the perimeter of PR 13359 and PR 15775 until such time as the ICC tribunal in charge of determining the validity of the termination of the Dathcom JVA hears this issue;
2. Cominière pay a fine of €50,000 per day for any non-compliance with the order in paragraph 1; and
3. Cominière must pay the ICC's administrative costs and part of the legal costs of AVZ's subsidiaries.

The ICC emergency arbitrator also refused Cominière's request to set aside the emergency order dated 5 May 2023. Accordingly, the latest €50,000 daily penalty is in addition to the original €50,000 daily penalty in respect of the first emergency order against Cominière dated 5 May 2023. In light of Cominière's conduct to date, AVZ notes the original €50,000 daily penalty continues to accrue.

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Among other findings, the ICC emergency arbitrator:

- concluded **Cominière had deliberately concealed it had sought and obtained a ruling from the Kalemie High Court in the DRC on 3 May 2023 in respect of the purported dissolution of Dathcom;** and
- indicated **Cominière's position on the termination of the Dathcom JVA was seemingly based on an erroneous interpretation of Article 18.3 of the Dathcom JVA.**

#### Update on Provisional Measures against Dathomir

AVZ and AVZI previously applied to the arbitral tribunal acting in ICC arbitration proceedings (ICC No. 27401/SP) for provisional measures to preserve the status quo including an injunction compelling Dathomir to:

- withdraw the application to the Commercial Court of Lubumbashi to dissolve Dathcom; and
- comply with the arbitration clause in the 2020 SPA and, in particular, to refrain from bringing any action before a DRC local court on grounds that prejudice the issues at stake in the ICC arbitration proceedings.

AVZ is pleased to report, in relation to the provisional measures application, the ICC tribunal has directed that:

- Dathomir file its defence on 17 November 2023;
- AVZ and AVZI file any reply on 27 November 2023; and
- Dathomir file its rejoinder on 7 December 2023.

The ICC tribunal indicated it will rule on AVZ and AVZI's application for provisional measures on 19 December 2023.

In respect of the broader arbitration proceedings against Dathomir:

- each of AVZ and AVZI confirm they filed their statement of claim on 11 November 2023 (on the merits of ICC arbitration proceeding (ICC No. 27401/SP).
- Dathomir's defence is due to be filed on 4 March 2024.

#### Update on Jin Cheng Arbitration

The Company has received the approved procedural timetable from the ICC regarding the ICC arbitration proceedings (ICC No. 26986/SP) issued by Jin Cheng Mining Company (**Jin Cheng**), a subsidiary of Zijin Mining Group Ltd, which spuriously alleges it acquired a 15% interest in Dathcom from Cominière notwithstanding Cominière failed to comply with the pre-emptive rights provisions in the Dathcom JVA.

The key milestones summarised below:

- post-hearing briefs to be filed on 24 November 2023;





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## AVZ Successful in ICSID Interim Measures

**AVZ Minerals Limited** (ASX: AVZ, OTC: AZZVF) (**Company**) provides the following update to its shareholders.

The Company, by its subsidiaries AVZ International Pty Ltd (**AVZI**) and Green Lithium Holdings Pty Ltd (**GLH**) together with Dathcom Mining SA (**Dathcom**) previously commenced international arbitration proceedings against the Democratic Republic of Congo (**DRC**) pursuant to its Mining Code and the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and the Nationals of Other State (**ICSID Convention**) before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (**ICSID**) in Washington (refer to ASX announcement dated 9 June 2023 'Confirmation of Registration of the Request for ICSID Arbitration Proceedings against the Democratic Republic of Congo').

On 11 December 2023, the ICSID tribunal heard AVZI, GLH and Dathcom's request for provisional measures including an urgent order to preserve the status quo and an order to confirm or restore ownership of PR 13359 to Dathcom (refer to ASX announcement dated 15 November 2023 'ICSID Proceedings Update').

The Company is pleased to report that, on 16 January 2024, the ICSID tribunal made interim orders to the effect that the DRC take necessary steps to reflect that Dathcom is the holder of PR 13359 and to protect AVZI, GLH and Dathcom's rights during the pendency of the proceedings (**Interim Orders**).

The ICSID tribunal's decision to grant provisional measures is an interim decision. It does not involve any final conclusion as to the merits of the case, which remain to be determined in the substantive proceedings.

*Note: Reference to **PR** means Permit d'Research or Exploration Licence and **PE** means Permit d'Exploitation or Mining Licence*


### Interim Orders

The Interim Orders are as follows, the DRC shall:

- **re-establish Dathcom as holder of PR 13359**, currently being converted into an operating permit, on the perimeter mentioned in article 2 of ministerial order no. 0921/CAB.MIN/MINES/01/2016 of December 28, 2016, but excluding the perimeter covered by PR 15775;
- **instruct Cadastre minier de la RDC (CAMI) to rectify the mining fallout map to reflect Dathcom's ownership of PR 13359 on a perimeter excluding the perimeter covered by PR 15775**, specifying that this permit is in the process of being transformed into an operating permit and remains valid;

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- take the necessary measures to **guarantee the integrity of Dathcom's installations and equipment** within the perimeter of PR 13359 as mentioned in article 2 of ministerial order no. 0921/CAB.MIN/MINES/01/2016 of 28 December 2016, but excluding the perimeter covered by PR 15775, as well as the drill cores stored there, until Dathcom takes possession of these installations, equipment and drill cores;
- **preserve the confidentiality of all technical, geological and mining information** provided by Dathcom to the Ministry of Mines, La Congolaise d'Exploitation Minière (**Cominière**) and CAMI in the context of its activities under PR 13359, over the entire perimeter of PR 13359 as referred to in Article 2 of Ministerial Order no. 0921/CAB.MIN/MINES/01/2016 of 28 December 2016 (including the perimeter covered by PR 15775), by taking any useful action to this end;
- allow the Claimants, within 19 days, to **draw up a contradictory inventory of the file kept by CAMI relating to PR 13359 on the entire perimeter of PR 13359**, as mentioned in article 2 of ministerial order no. 0921/CAB.MIN/MINES/01/2016 of 28 December 2016 (including the perimeter now covered by PR 15775), up to the date on which the request for PR 15775 was made, and to take a copy of this file;
-  **refrain from taking, either through its officials, organs, emanations or companies (including Cominière, without prejudice to the nature of the links between the DRC and Cominière), any new act likely to call into question PR 13359** or which could lead to an aggravation of the present dispute or deprive the upcoming final award of its effect; and
- not to exclude Dathcom's **access to the Mpiana Mwanga power plant**.



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if the DRC releases it, they will progress the development of the project immediately. The Company will take the necessary steps to procure that AVZI, GLH and Dathcom provide that confirmation.

Whilst the Interim Orders require the State to take the necessary steps to record Dathcom as the holder of PR 13359, the Interim Orders do not operate to unwind Cominière's relinquishment of the northern portion of PR 13359 in October 2023 or the immediately subsequent grant of PR 15775 to Manono Lithium SA. The ICSID tribunal declined to deal with title to the northern area on an interim basis because doing so could affect the interests of a third party to the proceedings (ie Manono Lithium SA), which will be dealt with on a final basis as part of the broader ICSID proceedings.

The Company considers **the unlawfulness of the transfer of PR 13359** from Dathcom to Cominière, which has been reversed under the Interim Orders, renders Cominière's relinquishment of the northern portion of PR 13359 and the subsequent grant of PR 15775 to Manono Lithium SA **to be equally unlawful**. Accordingly, the Company will continue with its efforts to confirm its and Dathcom's ownership of the northern area of the Manono Project either through its continued negotiations with the DRC government's senior public officials or the prosecution of the ICSID and ICC proceedings to their conclusion. However the Company's board of directors considers this decision provides significant further impetus for a negotiated outcome.



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état des lieux du contentieux qui oppose la République à la société AVZ Minerals Limited. Je vous en remercie.

Y donnant suite, je porte à votre particulière attention que  
sur demande de la société AVZ, les parties ont convenu de régler le litige à l'amiable. Ainsi, le projet de protocole  
d'accord soumis par AVZ est en examen au niveau du groupe d'experts des Ministères concernés ainsi que des  
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Des observations préliminaires, il ressort que les prétentions d'AVZ, telles que formulées dans ledit projet, sont désavantageuses pour la République d'où l'équipe de la défense a préconisé la poursuite de l'arbitrage aussi longtemps que AVZ ne minore pas ses ambitions.

C'est dans cette perspective qu'un expert a été recruté pour évaluer les risques que peut encourir le pays à la suite de ce contentieux s'il devait être réglé par voie judiciaire.

S'agissant des procédures judiciaires, je tiens à préciser qu'une Ordonnance de procédure n°3 a été rendue par le Tribunal Arbitral aux termes de laquelle la RDC a été sommée, notamment, de (1) rétablir DATHCOM comme titulaire du PR 13359, en cours de transformation, sur ses périmètres originaux, à l'exclusion du périmètre couvert par le Permis de Recherches n°15775 et (2) s'abstenir de prendre, soit par ses officiels, organes, émanations ou sociétés, tout nouvel acte susceptible de mettre en cause le Permis de Recherches n° 13359.

A ce jour, l'équipe de la défense, sous la Coordination du Ministère de la Justice, s'attèle à rédiger les mémoires qui doivent être déposés devant le Tribunal arbitral le 31 juillet 2024, au plus tard. Pour ce faire, j'entends réunir urgemment cette équipe pour explorer toutes les options à exploiter au mieux des intérêts du pays. Un rapport circonstancié Vous sera transmis.

En attendant, je vous prie de trouver, en annexe, l'état des procédures judiciaires, tel qu'établi par mon prédécesseur à l'attention du Ministère de la Justice pour compétence.

Veillez agréer, **Excellence Madame la Première Ministre**, l'assurance de ma très haute collaboration.

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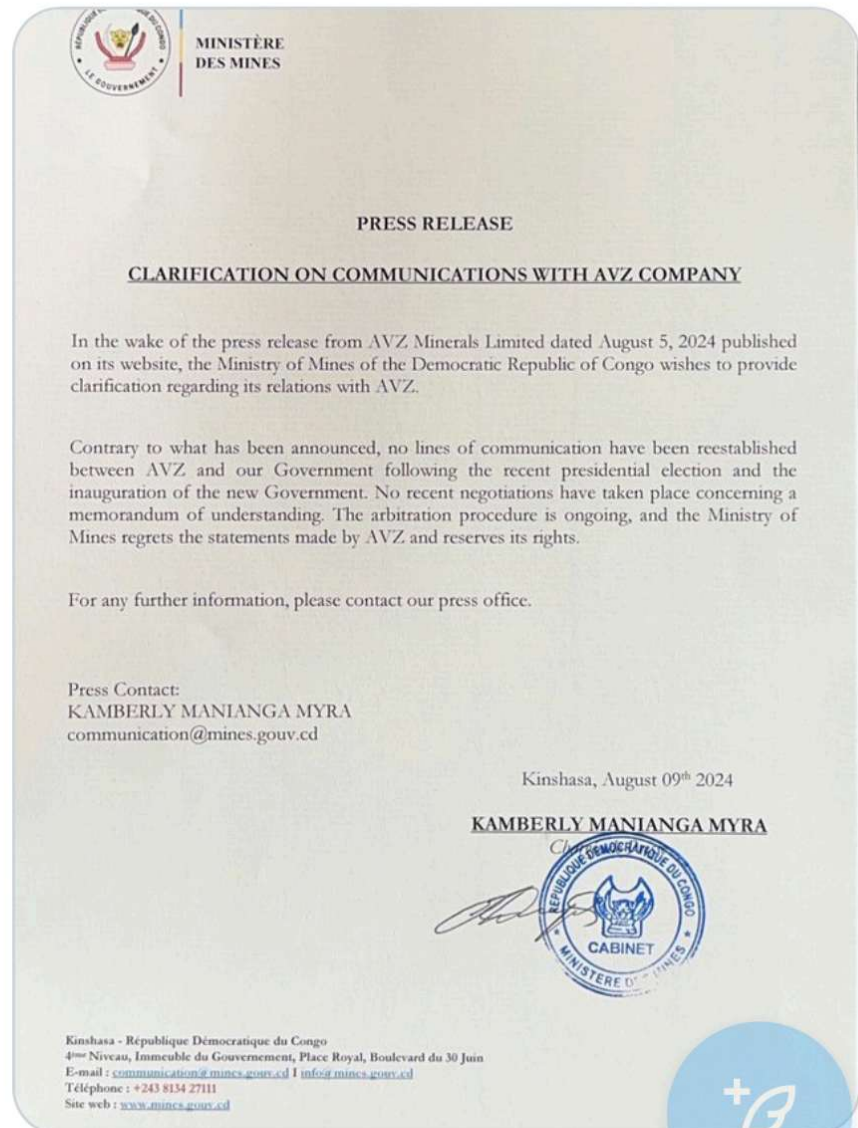
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CLARIFICATION ON COMMUNICATIONS WITH AVZ COMPANY

In the wake of the press release from AVZ Minerals Limited dated August 5, 2024 published on its website, the Ministry of Mines of the Democratic Republic of Congo wishes to provide clarification regarding its relations with AVZ.

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Contrary to what has been announced, no lines of communication have been reestablished between AVZ and our Government following the recent presidential election and the inauguration of the new Government. No recent negotiations have taken place concerning a memorandum of understanding. The arbitration procedure is ongoing, and the Ministry of Mines regrets the statements made by AVZ and reserves its rights.

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Ressources Naturelles".

"This conviction is only the prelude to what will happen in this complex trial, which began in Lubumbashi, Kalemie, and Kinshasa, before the International Chamber of Commerce proceeded with this international arbitration decision," said Jean-Pierre Okenda, who also wondered: "**what does the DRC gain, what does the Congolese gain and what does the population of Manono, in the Province of Tanganyika, gain**".

**And to continue:**

**"I was in Manono, in the Province of Manono, in February, the situation of local communities is very difficult. The population lives in indescribable poverty.**

Weighing on the balance the decision taken by the Congolese authorities to approve the license of the Australian company AVZ and go back on its decision  time later, the Senior Analyst and Executive Director of the NGO The Sentinel of Natural Resources, without a tongue in his pocket, says: "**The decision taken by the authorities is only beneficial to the ruling elite and not to the Congolese state, nor to the Congolese in general, nor to the people of Manono in particular. In short, the decision-makers made the decision extremely outside the interests of the communities...**".

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