

# Tenementality

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## *TAS Consults in Cote D'Ivoire*

Jay Evans-Wheeler has recently returned from conducting a tenure audit for a high-profile client in West Africa.

The audit involved the translation and interpretation of the new Mining Code 2014 and Regulations of the French-speaking Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), which was conducted by Ms. Evans-Wheeler herself.

Ms Evans-Wheeler was last in the Ivory Coast immediately prior to the civil war in 2010.

She said "The amount of progress which has been made in the country since 2013 is absolutely astounding, and it is very clear that the country is both trying to, and succeeding in getting back on its feet."



In 2011, it was announced by the new President M. Alassane Ouattara that it was the priority of his government to triple gold production. M. Ouattara was re-elected recently in 2015 with a mandate of over 84% of the vote, and significant inroads have been made into improving the Mines Administration with his 2011 goal in mind.

At the time of writing, mines are being operated in CDI in conjunction with Ivorian State partners by Endeavour Mining Limited, Perseus Mining Limited and Newcrest Mining Limited, amongst others.

If any clients are interested in further information on the tenure regime in Ivory Coast, please do not hesitate to contact Jay at [jewheeler@landadmin.com.au](mailto:jewheeler@landadmin.com.au)

## *Jay Evans-Wheeler*



Jay is TAS' CEO and Principal Consultant.

Jay is a qualified geologist, accountant, chartered secretary and lawyer with over thirty years experience in geological and tenement administration, with over 28 of those years at TAS.

Jay specialises in a holistic approach to tenure problem solving, as she speaks all the technical languages at a board table needed to interpret for all stakeholders.

## *Introduction of a “Designated Tenement Contact” to Western Australia’s online tenement lodgement systems.*

Jenny Johnson and Jay Evans-Wheeler of TAS Perth Office were recently briefed with other industry stakeholders on changes to the way clients and their agents are notified of Departmental requirements.

Commencing in 2016, tenement holders and their agents will be able to elect to receive routine notifications in relation to tenements by email, rather than in hardcopy.

It is envisaged that the ability to have a dedicated “DTC” contact will be enshrined in legislation and will form part of the official Register.

However, the DTC will not be used for processes under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), nor where the existing *Mining Act 1978* (WA) requires that formal notice be given to a tenement holder.

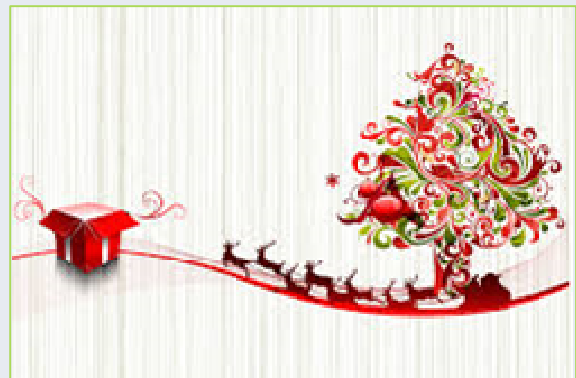
Many questions were raised with the Departmental staff present at the briefing as to perceived complications with the system, which were taken on board for further work and consideration.

In addition, in response to a recent TAS client situation, TAS has requested that back copies of Forms 5 Reports on Operations and Forms 18 Exemptions be made available (on payment of a fee as required by legislation) electronically, and this is being positively considered by the DMP.

TAS has already made arrangements within its new Quality Management System to accommodate the new email requirements.

For further information, please contact Jenny Johnson on 08 9421 1777 or [jjohnson@landadmin.com.au](mailto:jjohnson@landadmin.com.au)

## *TAS Christmas closure*



*Please note that all TAS offices will be closed over the Christmas period*

*from 23 December 2015 and reopening on 4 January 2016.*

*We would like to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas*

*and an especially prosperous New Year*