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# Geo-Science Information: Mining Sector of Ethiopia

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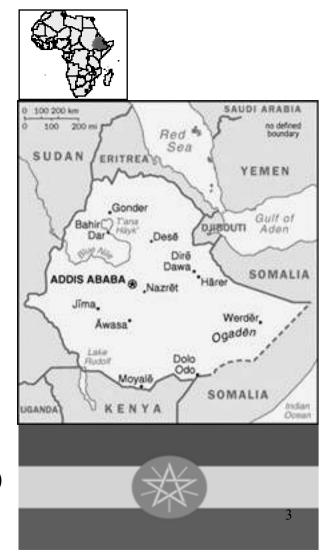
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## INTRODUCTION

Location - Fast Africa (3° - 15°N & 33° - 48°E) Surface Area - 1.14 M km<sup>2</sup> Population - about 80 million **Administration - Federal System** (9 Regional States & 2 City Admin.) **Economy** – Agricultural-Led Industrialization (ALID) Policy, GDP growing at 11% since the last 7 years, major contribution comes from Agric. Above 80 % of the population live on farming. Others including the Mining Sectors are also growing. In the Mining – Sector, Private Investors are currently taking an important role. Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) has been implemented since July, 2011.



#### FAVORABLE GEOLOGICAL SETTING

- The Geological Map of 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition at 1:2,000,000 scale is completed, and so far 56.8% of the country is covered at 1:250,000 scale.
- The geology of Ethiopia broadly comprises:
  - Precambrian basement,
  - Paleozoic-Mesozoic sediments and
  - Cenozoic volcanic rocks.
- The Precambrian basement rocks are mainly exposed in northern, southern, western, and eastern part of the country and have covered about 20% of the landmass.
- The Paleozoic-Mesozoic sedimentary rocks cover about 25% of the country and are exposed mainly in eastern, central and southern Ethiopia.
- The Cenozoic volcanic rocks with sediments cover about 55% of the country landmass and form the spectacular Ethiopian highlands and the Main Ethiopian Rift.

