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BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line: 14.020121  Total estimated cost: EUR 10 000 000  Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 10 000 000			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing <sup>1</sup>	Direct management through: Procurement and grants  Indirect management with the entities to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.4.3			

## 1.2 Summary of the Action

The Global Gateway Forum of October 2023 clearly demonstrated that the development of sustainable mining is fully integrated in the Global Gateway strategy. The EU intends to strengthen its global engagement to develop and diversify investment, production, transport and trade of minerals with reliable partners, and extensive need of infrastructure arises that can transport goods and support people in their livelihoods. With the Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA), the EU pursues its objectives of securing and diversifying its supply of critical raw materials (CRM) in cooperation with external countries through mutually beneficial partnerships. The EU intends to promote mutual economic development and local value addition in a sustainable manner while also creating secure, resilient, affordable and diversified value chains. The CRMA is therefore fully aligned with the Global Gateway Strategy, as creating much needed value chains will require investment in energy, water, transport, interconnectivity, housing, education and research and will require taking care of health and environment.

The global demand for CRM presents a significant opportunity to transform Uganda's mining and transformation sectors, which form a vital pillar in Uganda's National Development Plan III (NDP III) 2020/21 – 2024/25. The country possesses significant amounts of CRM, such as copper, nickel and rare earth elements, whose potential has largely remained untapped. As part of the CRMA, and facilitated through the Global Gateway strategy, the EU and the Republic of Uganda are in discussions how to cooperate in advancing trade and investments and creating secure, sustainable, and resilient raw materials value chain with a view to possibly concluding a strategic partnership in the future. This will help to diversify the EU's supply of CRM and fast-track the development of the mining sector in Uganda, thereby benefiting both economies.

The proposed Action will contribute to Uganda's ambition to promote investment and further enhance private sector driven growth, including in the mining sector, ensuring a positive impact on economic and social development (**Overall Objective**). To operationalize this, the Action will focus on the following:

**Specific Objective 1:** Mining actors in Uganda contribute to sustainable economic development of the sector in accordance with national, regional, and international standards and good practices. This proposed Action therefore puts a strong focus on promoting responsible mining practices in accordance with national, regional and international standards on responsible mining (e.g. OECD Due Diligence Guidelines) as well as on enhancing conditions for investment in the mining sector. The proposed Action pursues a six-pronged approach, focusing on 1) promotion of investment in the mining sector; 2) supporting formalization and skills-development of artisanal and small-scale miners; 3) enhancing capacities for mineral processing and value addition; 4) enhancing the

<sup>1</sup> Art. 27 NDICI