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BASELINE SURVEY OF MINING COMMUNITY RIVERS/STREAMS AND THEIR CONDITIONS

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ABSTRACT

The study assessed the conditions of the water bodies in selected mining communities in Tarkwa and Obuasi where there had been surface mining activities for a long time as well as communities in Kenyase where Newmont Gold Ghana Limited has been operating the Ahafo mine for about 4 years. The study listed a total of 468 rivers and found out that the perception of pollution of rivers in mining communities was pervasive. The alternative water sources provided had not been able to address the water stress problems in affected communities.

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