



ZIMBABWE SCHOOL OF MINES

BEST GEOLOGY STUDENT – 2015

BRIAN TAPUWA CHINHEYA





INTRODUCTION

- Mr Brian Tapuwa Chinheya is 26 years old, single and the last born in a family of six. He attended Kamba Primary School from 1995 to 2000, and Gokomere High school from 2001 to 2006 when he finished his A level education.
- Testimony to the focus and enthusiasm that is associated with his personality since childhood Brian skipped Grade six at primary level as a result of his excellent performance and was awarded the Triangle Ltd bursary for his High school.
- A passionate, aspiring Geoscientist, Brian joined the Zimbabwe School of Mines in 2013 going on to perform outstandingly for the National Diploma in Mine Geology, attaining 6 Distinctions and 11 Credits.





PROJECT DONE: “An investigation into the Footwall behaviour for Makomo Resources’ Entuba coal mine”.

- A hardworking researcher, Brian has consistently attained good grades in the entirety of the programme, notably his research project carried out in the year 2014 at Makomo Resources entitled “An investigation into the Footwall behavior for Makomo Resources’ Entuba coal mine”.
- The objectives of the project were ;
- To produce Footwall cross and Longitudinal sections for Blocks A and B,
- to delineate areas of possible contamination of Coking coal by the Footwall,
- to produce a contour map outlining high and low footwall elevations
- to show the effect of footwall behavior on the Main Seam.





ACHIEVEMENTS

- Brian has also contributed to the institution by becoming the founding President of the Mike Vinyu Geological Society
- He was the President of the mining school's Student Representative Council for the year 2015. In his tenure, he has shown selfless pursuit in merging both students' and institutional objectives.





GRATITUDE

- Special thanks goes to all who have contributed in making Brian who he is today, his school lecturers Mrs F. Ncube(H.O.D), Mr .L. Matete and Mrs C. Ndondo, his industrial mentors Mr A.M Mukandi (Senior Geologist), Mr J. Dube (Geologist) and Mr B Mahachi (Geologist) and notably his mentor, Mr Gracious Chinoda(geologist).
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