


**BILL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
SOLID MINERALS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
PASSES SECOND READING AT THE SENATE**

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The Nigerian Mineral Development Corporation Bill (Bill) has passed second reading at the floor of the Nigerian Senate. The Bill seeks to establish a Solid Minerals Development Agency, (a regulatory agency for the Mining Sector) to among other things, address the challenges occasioned by the lack of a supervisory agency to oversee exploitation and exploration of mining, curb illegal mining in Nigeria and catalyse investments and growth in the mining sector. The Bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Solid Minerals for public hearing.

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