

**Petroleum operations activities**

**(25) Law No. 99/013 of 22 December 1999, on a gas code**

Under this law, natural persons or enterprises, including owners of the soil, wishing to engage in petroleum operations, must obtain prior authorization from the State, in accordance with legislative and regulatory provisions.

**Mining activities**

**(26) Law No. 2001/001 of 16 2001, on a mining code, and Decree No. 2002/648/PM of 26 March 2002, to set out the terms and conditions of Law No. 2001/001 of 16 April 2001, on a mining code**

Under this law and its implementation decree, natural persons or enterprises wishing to engage in a mining activity are required to obtain a reconnaissance licence or mining title issued under the conditions set out in the Law.

Under this legislation, only Cameroonian nationals may engage in artisanal mining.

In the interest of the State, the Minister of Mines may exclude any land or mineral substance from research, industrial mining or artisanal mining.