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Experts for construction and West Africa launch new trade fair

## **ConMin West Africa starting in 2017 in Nigeria**

**For 2017, IMAG (a subsidiary of the bauma-organizer Messe München) and Nigerian Afrocet Montgomery are organizing the first trade fair for construction machinery and mining in Nigeria: the ConMin West Africa. The trade fair will take place from April 25th to 27th at the International Convention Centre in the capital Abuja.**

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"We are pleased that we will now also be able to expand our commitment in Africa in the western part of the continent with the ConMin West Africa; Nigeria particularly has great potential for the construction industry," says Gabriele Kraus, Executive Director of the Internationaler Messe- und Ausstellungsdienst GmbH (IMAG) in Munich. In Africa, IMAG has already been active in construction machinery fairs in Algeria, Kenya and South Africa.

Since 2014, Nigeria has been regarded as the largest economy in Africa; in fact, the country has been shining in recent years with high single-digit economic growth rates. The country has large oil and gas resources – Nigeria is the largest oil producer in Africa, but it still lacks the infrastructure for petroleum refining.

Major construction projects are being undertaken in the country. Near the capital Abuja (2.5 million inhabitants) inland and the port city of Lagos (18 million inhabitants), entire new cities are to be created with the "Centenary City" and "Eko Atlantic City". In addition, Nigeria plans to expand railway lines, ports and airport terminals on a large scale, as well as a large refinery, to be able to process the oil produced in the country and to not be dependent on gasoline imports from abroad.

ConMin West Africa is intended to take place annually and is supported by the Federal Ministry of Solid Minerals Development based in Abuja. "We are looking forward to work with our partner Afrocet Montgomery as one of the leading organizers of trade shows in West Africa," says Kraus. The trade fair will be accompanied by a conference.

Further information as well as high-resolution images are available at

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## Logo:



The first trade fair in West Africa for construction machinery and mining, ConMin West Africa, will be held from April 25th to 27th at the International Convention Centre in the Nigerian capital Abuja.

### **IMAG – Internationaler Messe- und Ausstellungsdienst GmbH**

IMAG, a subsidiary of the Messe München Group, organizes trade fairs around the world and supports participants in international events outside Germany on behalf of public and private clients. Since its foundation in 1946 in Munich, IMAG has been involved in over 5,000 international exhibitions abroad. IMAG's annual portfolio encompasses approximately 30 trade fairs, spanning around 20 countries. The events focus in particular on the automotive, commercial vehicles and auto parts sector; construction materials and equipment; tools; environmental technology and analysis.

### **Afrocet Montgomery Ltd.**

With a combined 145 years of experience, Afrocet Montgomery is a joint venture business which specialises in running high end exhibitions and events in West Africa. Our extensive knowledge and experience of the African market has enabled us to develop a strong portfolio of shows which cover a wide range of sectors including the building and mining industries. As well as organising South Africa's biggest building show, Interbuild, we also run Electra Mining Africa which is one of the world's largest mining and power exhibitions based in Johannesburg.