



## Visit of His Excellency the Prime Minister of Burkina Faso to the Mana Mine

His Excellency Burkina Faso Prime Minister Luc Adolphe TIAO led a delegation which included the Minister of Mines, Quarries and Energy, Salif Lamoussa KABORE on a visit to the Mana mine on Friday, July 15, 2011. The visit culminated with a speech by His Excellency in which he paid tribute to SEMAFO's savoir faire.

The event included a mine tour, meetings with employee representatives and a visit to the soap factory, a sustainable initiative supported by *Fondation SEMAFO*. On many occasions during the visit, His Excellency praised SEMAFO's exemplary commitment and performance. His Excellency pledged support for SEMAFO's endeavors and offered his congratulations to all employees for their contributions to the company's enviable reputation of excellence, success and savoir-faire.

The following is an excerpt from the Mana mine Guest Registry as penned by His Excellency the Prime Minister of Burkina Faso:

"We left the Mana gold mine feeling contented. It is an example; for its economic and financial prosperity and for its leader's vision which has put Mana in the international spotlight.

We are also pleased to see that through SEMAFO, the foundation has been instrumental in helping women to improve their financial situation.

My sincere congratulations to Mr. La Salle's leadership and to his entire staff,

Long live SEMAFO – Long live Burkina Faso

Luc A. TIAO (*signature*),  
Prime Minister - July 15, 2011"



*His Excellency Burkina Faso Prime Minister Luc Adolphe TIAO.*



*His Excellency Burkina Faso Prime Minister Luc Adolphe TIAO shakes hands with Benoit La Salle. Also in the photo, the Minister of Mines, Quarries and Energy, Salif Lamoussa KABORE (left).*



*The delegation on a tour of the Mana mine.*



*The delegation visits the Shea soap factory installations.*