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FOREWORD

Within the framework of a contract of mutual agreement, bearing the number 63/NF/OC and dated 4th June 1974, the Minister for Planning and Industrial Development, acting on behalf of the Islamic Republic of MAURITANIA, entrusted the Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières with the drawing up of a Mineral Plan.

This present work which results from this contract includes:

- a synthesis of geological and mining work carried out in MAURITANIA up to 1st October 1974;
- recommendations for research based on new interpretations of the results of earlier work and on modern metallogenic data;
- prospection programme proposals costed according to current prices.

When drawing up this mineral plan and particularly when defining the programme proposals, the specialists of the Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières had two aims:

- On the one hand, starting from deposits already known and exploited in MAURITANIA and from the concept of mineral provinces, they have envisaged research work for the development of known deposits and the discovery of new deposits.

- On the other hand, attempting to foresee the evolution of the world market for raw materials and considering the increasing development of MAURITANIA, and consequently of its internal needs, they have recommended the prospection of new ores or of useful materials and substances, whilst always respecting the rules of provisional economic geology.

The Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières wishes to thank the Mauritanian authorities most sincerely for the confidence they have shown in entrusting it with this work and for their assistance during its realisation.

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