



# Katanga Kamoto Mine



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**FACTS:** **Country:** DRC (the Democratic Republic of the Congo)  
**Dim:** ..... 1 1/2" (48mm) to 12" (318mm & 323mm)  
**Media:** ..... Water and air

The Kamoto underground mine is Katanga's primary sulfide ore source. It entered operation in 1969 under the DRC's state-owned mining company Gécamines.

During the 1980s it produced an average of three million tonnes of ore per year. Prior to its restart under Katanga's ownership, the mine had produced a total 59.3 million tonnes of ore, with an average copper grade of 4.21% and an average cobalt grade of 0.37%.

The mine has two six by six meter ramp declines, a service shaft and a 11,000 tonnes per day production shaft. Following initial maintenance to the pump station, ventilation, crusher and winder, as well as a brand new underground mining fleet, the mine restarted operations in March 2007 and is currently ramping up production.

Alvenius delivered pipes at the start of operations in 1969. Numerous of Alvenius galvanized pipes have survived the years when the mine was closed. When operations restarted it was obvious to use Alvenius pipes also for new pipelines.