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PART 1:

Journal Name:	British Journal of Applied Science & Technology
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PART 2: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	This paper is in need of an English edit. The format of this paper as it is presented is an informative piece in relation to the geology, mineralogy and brief discussion of policies in place in Nigeria. The introduction is brief and should be grounded in and expand on knowledge in relation to effective mineral policies – with a focus on key policy areas that may detract from business investment (such as how Nigeria's policies support the development of the ASM sector, how Nigeria's policies manage FPIC, how Nigeria's policies manage environmental degradation etc...). Specific comments are embedded below. Introduction: While I can appreciate the author's perspective on the need to minimize political influence on mineral resource development, having clear, efficient and strong mineral policy is critical to ensuring that countries in fact benefit from such development and that benefits trickle down to the regional and regional level. Strong clear policies in stable socio-political environments have also been associated with heightened attractiveness (See Fraser Institute, 2012 - http://www.fraserinstitute.org/uploadedFiles/fraser-ca/Content/research-news/research/publications/mining-survey-2011-2012.pdf) While Nigeria was not included in the most recent	The English language has been edited. The format of the paper has been revised, taking in account of concerns pointed out herein. Conflicting sections have been adjusted. The Nigerian mineral sector has been evaluated with reference to the Fraser Institute Annual Survey 2011/2012 and 2012/2013.



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	survey, how does its policy compare to that of Botswana's – ranked one of the most attractive destinations in Africa by the Fraser Institutes study? Figure 1. is of poor quality and needs to be improved There lacks a methodology section. As such it is not clear what type of research paper this is and thus it is not possible to comment on the suitability of the results presented. In the results - discussion sections – There are 2 sections entitled: strategies for solid minerals development in Oyo State. These sections could be merged (if appropriate as dependant on the previous comment) and follow "Recent mapping and exploration". – this section should expand on who did the exploration and mapping and the results. The paper as a whole has not convinced me that the reforms and items discussed in this paper make Nigeria an irresistible mining destination. How is Nigeria's mining policy managing some of the most critical issues facing the nation with respect to ensuring the country and its citizens truly benefit from such immense resources. These topics should include corruption, artisanal mining, resettlement, environmental policy, revenues and taxes, health, safety and security and Free, Prior and Informed Consent amongst others.	
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<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	I would not detract from the author's willingness to publish on mining in Nigeria. I think the industry as a whole would be very interested to read about this context given the experience it has with respect to Extractive Industry development. I would like to suggest that the author's provide an unbiased perspective, a deeper case, and illuminate the challenges faced, how Nigeria is managing them, and clearly identify what Nigeria still needs to do to address some of the issues that prompt investment interest. Are there any active companies operating in Nigeria? If so who are they, what are the conditions, what can be improved... The paper while missing critical pieces of information promises to illuminate the mining and investing scenario in Nigeria. If the author's are able to address the major revisions required, it would be wonderful to present this paper.	Authors have done major revision to the whole manuscript and critical information added to address major concerns of the reviewer.