

ABSTRACT

Lost of Equity in Land

The Case of Kaiser Jamaica Bauxite Company Land Acquisition and Resettlement Programme

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In Jamaica Bauxite mining is considered to be one of the most significant holders of real estate Jamaica. Within the last few decades, large areas have been acquired on the island for open pit mining of bauxite. Because the bauxite land in many cases is owned by private landowners, the operating mining companies such as Kaiser Bauxite Company are forced to bargaining with them to get access to the desired lands.

The purpose of this study is to analyze whether Kaiser Jamaica Bauxite Company's Land Acquisition and Resettlement programme has cause lost of Equity in land to vendors whom they have purchased land from for bauxite mining. The study was performed by interviews, administration of questionnaires, observation and focus.

The conclusion is that rural vendors have lost equity in lands as a result of enormously long period of time that it Kaiser Jamaica Bauxite Company to provide resettlement lands and registered titles. In many cases the average time to settle these contracts spans two decade and several generations.

The research made recommendations to Kaiser Bauxite Company for dealing with the challenges are posed by the programme.