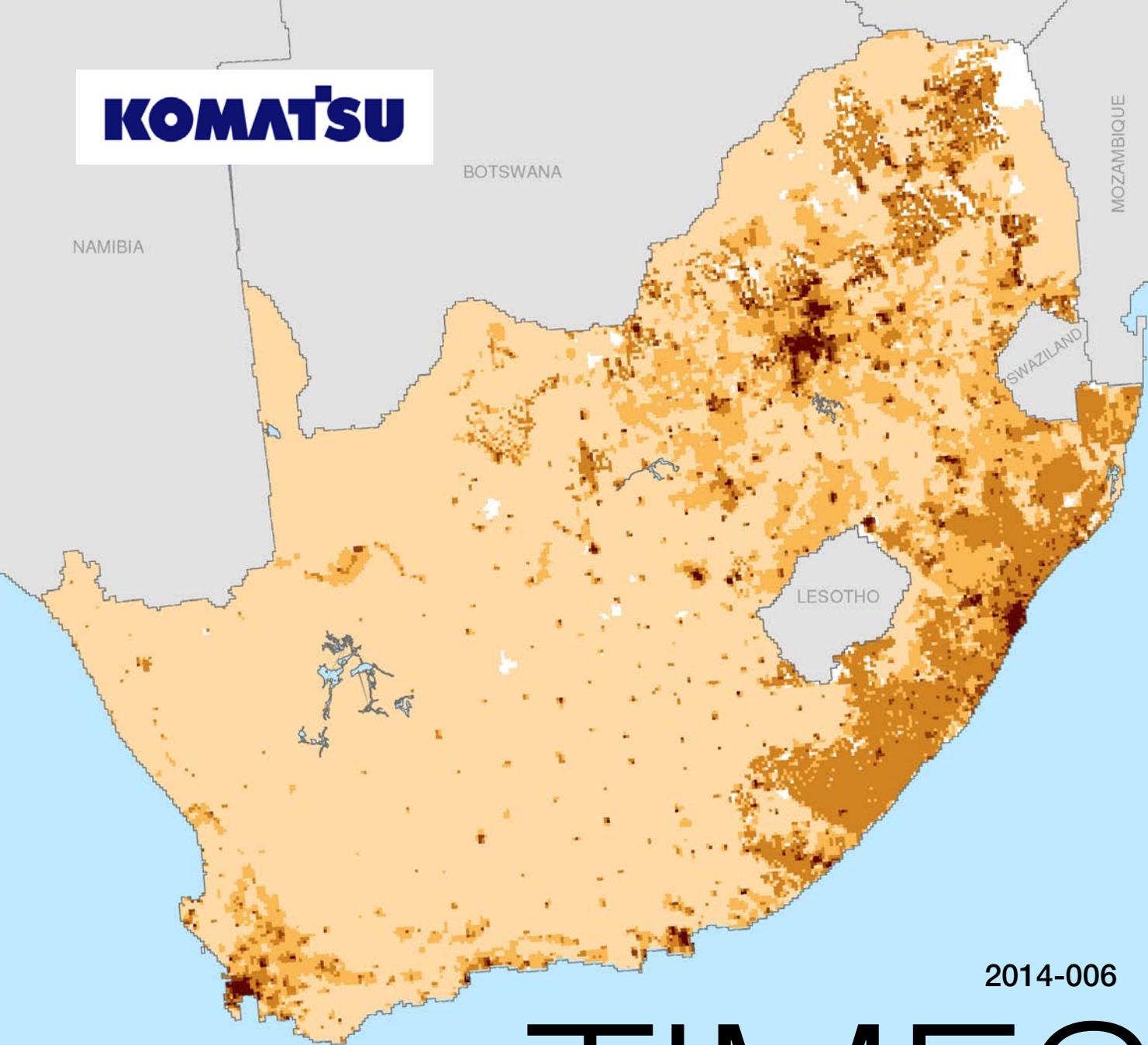


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Komatsu Establishes Trust for Human Resource Development in South Africa

In July 2014, Komatsu Ltd established a broad-based trust in South Africa named the “Komatsu Development Trust” (“Komatsu Trust”) to provide human resource development programs for the Historically Disadvantaged South Africans (HDSA) as defined in the Mining Charter.

Reorganizing for advancement

In South Africa, 20 years after the legal abolition of Apartheid, the government is working to advance the economic status of HDSA, through legislative actions and the adoption of policies.

As part of this effort, the mining industry responded to the government’s call to action by setting a goal to increase the ownership interest of HDSA in mining-related companies in South Africa.

Their efforts have proved to be effective, and ownership by HDSA within the mining industry is on the rise.

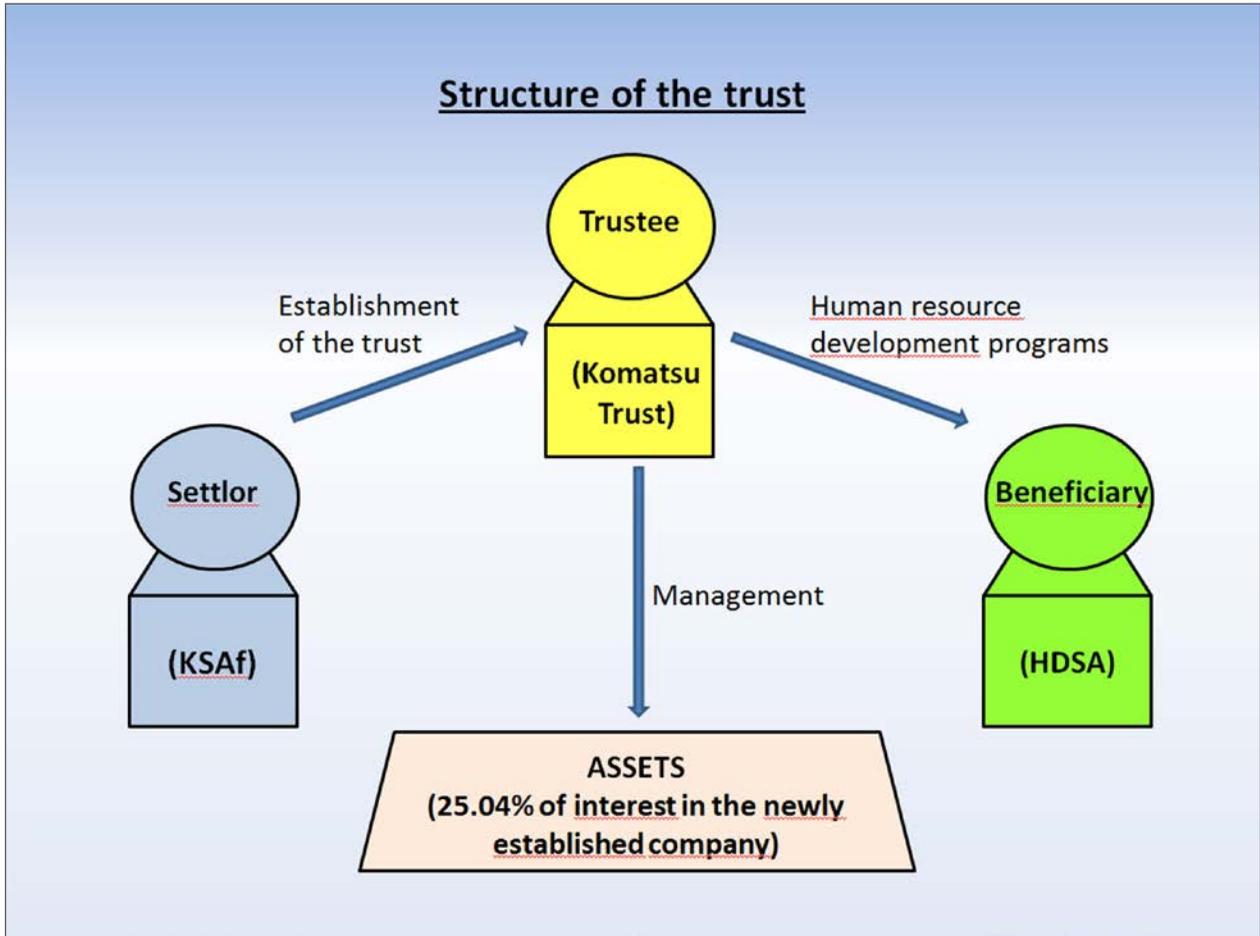
Komatsu Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd. (“KSAf”), owned jointly by Komatsu and the Itochu Corporation, which holds a 20% interest in the company, offers sales and services of construction and mining equipment in South Africa and in the neighbouring countries.

KSAf will now transfer all of its business to a newly established company, 25.04% of which will be owned by Komatsu Trust, with the remaining interests owned by KSAf.

Development and training

Komatsu Trust will invest part of its dividend from the new company to provide human resource development programs for HDSA.

It will fund programs to train operators and mechanics who work with construction and mining equipment, and will continue to provide the youth education programs that KSAf offers since 2007 jointly with one of their customers.



Komatsu Trust will develop and implement its charitable and educational efforts under the guidance of trustees and it does not intend to accept unsolicited requests for funds.

Komatsu is also engaged in training instructors and mechanics in other countries in Africa to increase employment opportunities and support of the local population in the mining industry. To this end, Komatsu established Komatsu Training centers in Dakar, Senegal in 2009 and in Nairobi, Kenya in 2010.

In Angola, in alliance with Japan Mine Action Service (JMAS), a non-profit organization, Komatsu is involved in community development projects, donating equipment to demine and rehabilitate areas contaminated with landmines.

A social responsibility

The establishment of Komatsu Trust represents another step forward in Komatsu's social contribution efforts in Africa.

Komatsu is committed to perform its corporate social responsibility ("CSR") through its business activities by focusing on human resource development and growth with society.

The Komatsu Trust's funding of human resource development programs will further Komatsu's CSR efforts, contribute to South African society, and help the South African mining industry develop further.

In addition, Komatsu Trust, which meets the requirements of the widely accepted industry standards established by the Mining Charter, is an important effort by Komatsu to support and reinforce its relationship with its mining customers.

