

## **Indirect Discharge: States, Mining Companies and Local Governance in Katanga**

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The paper analyses how multinational mining companies govern security in the copper and cobalt mining region of Southern Katanga (DRC). It argues that the extended role of companies in managing political order in Southern Katanga can be understood as a new form of indirect discharge by the DRC government and the home states of these companies in such a way as to quasi-outsource local governance. This engenders political topographies different from those of corporate governance in Katanga in the XIXth/XXth century. The paper then compares the findings for the Katanga case with the role of mining companies in local governance in the Zambian copperbelt.