

**Article 40. (ATTRIBUTIONS AND FINANCING).**

I. The AJAM will have the following powers:

- a) Administer the Mining Registry, Land Registry, and Mining Grid through a specialized Directorate.
- b) Receive and process requests for adaptation of the Special Transitory Authorizations - ATE's, to administrative mining contracts.
- c) Receive and process requests for administrative mining contracts of mining areas with lease contracts with the Bolivian Mining Corporation - COMIBOL, which correspond to mining cooperatives according to Paragraph I of Article 63 of this Law.
- d) Receive and process applications for the registration of rights of the Bolivian Mining Corporation - COMIBOL in areas and places of nationalized and non-nationalized mining, per Article 61 of this Law.
- e) Receive and process the requests for adaptation to administrative mining contracts regarding mining areas or sites once their respective land registry has been concluded by the Directorate of Land Registry and Mining Grid, in the cases provided for in Article 125 of this Law.
- f) Receive and process requests for (i) prospecting and exploration licenses, and (ii) new administrative mining contracts, in each case on free areas.
- g) Receive and process applications for aerial prospecting licenses.
- h) Sign the administrative mining contracts on behalf of the State.
- i) Receive and process applications for Operating Licenses and Marketing Licenses, grant them, and, when appropriate, suspend or revoke them per this Law.
- j) Convene and carry out the prior consultation established in Chapter I of Title VI of this Law.
- k) Accept the partial or total resignation of mining areas presented by the productive mining actors for their availability per this Law.
- l) Process and declare the nullity of mining rights in the cases provided for in Articles 27, 28, and 30 of this Law.
- m) Resolve the cases of nullity and voidability provided for in Paragraph IV of Article 119 of this Law.
- n) Declare, in favor of third parties, ex officio or at the interested party's request, total or partial abolition of Prospecting and Exploration Licenses and administrative mining contracts, regarding superimposed mining areas on legally recognized mining areas, if there