

## **The Reconstruction of the Copper Mining Industry in Zambia.**

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The copper industry in Zambia was before nationalisation owned and managed by two multinationals : Anglo American and the Roan Selection Trust. After nationalisation it was merged in one big company that was fully state owned: Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines (ZCCM). During privatisation the mines were sold in parts and not as a whole. The industry is now managed and owned in a much more fragmented way. This paper enquires whether this resulted from a world wide restructuring of the mining industry, an adaptation of new technology to mines that were considered nearing exhaustion or a particular adaptation to the Zambian political economy. The analytical focus will be on culture in the sense of the interpretation of the world by actors as an explanatory factor.