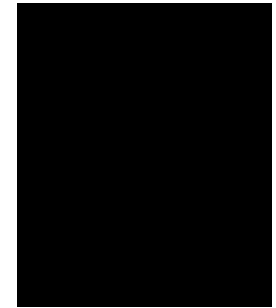




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MPUMALANGA MINING LEKGOTLA

02 November 2012

Steve Tshwete Banquet Hall, Middelburg, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Mpumalanga

PLEDGE

“Towards Mining for Sustainable Development”

Preamble

Government, Business, Labour, Community organisations and Traditional Leaders assembled in Middleburg, Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province from the 1st – 2nd of November 2012, for the Mining Lekgotla, under the theme “Mining for sustainable development”, to engage on issues pertaining to the mining sector and its contribution towards sustainable growth and development.

As social partners:

We **RECOGNISE** that unemployment, poverty and inequality continue to pose various challenges to our people in the Province.

We also **RECOGNISE** that the mining sector is facing various challenges that threaten the stability of the local economy and communities,

We **Acknowledge** that it is through our united and collaborative effort that we can protect and transform the industry towards fostering a meaningful contribution to economic development and job creation.

We therefore, **COMMIT** ourselves to work together:

To enhance human capital development through, but not limited to, the establishment of Maths, Science and Technology Academy; the establishment of a **High Tech Centre of Excellence** to increase the skills-base in the province, prioritising, *inter alia*, artisan and agricultural skills; support the establishment of the University as well as the provision of bursary scheme targeted learners;

We also commit ourselves to work together:

To focus on infrastructure development and urban renewal through the rejuvenation of mining towns to promote basic, social and economic infrastructure development within the context of sustainable human settlements; to support the Coal Haulage Network initiatives and to realign Social and Labour Plans (SLPs) with Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) of municipalities and collaboratively align our SLPs to create maximum impact.

We **Commit** to engage other strategic sectors such as metals and steels, petrochemicals, energy to participate in this initiative.

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We further commit ourselves:

To develop and promote small businesses and cooperatives in order to stimulate local economic development focusing on the establishment of Industrial Parks for capacity building and also enhancing procurement spend of mining houses with particular emphasis on the previously disadvantaged groups;

We also commit ourselves to support and promote sustainable development and the protection of the environment through rehabilitation and making land available for productive use, particularly for agriculture activities.

These commitments we are making today cannot be implemented without the willingness of all parties to work together to address the triple challenges confronting our people.

Working together we commit to do everything in our power to implement the Programme of Action that was adopted at this meeting and to achieve all the objectives that we have set in this Lekgotla.

We commit ourselves to finalise detailed action plans for the identified priority programmes within a period of three months.

We agree to setup an institutional structure to implement the agreed Programme of Action (POA).

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IT IS THEREFORE AGREED THAT THIS IS THE DOCUMENT REFLECTING THE COMMITMENTS OF STAKEHOLDERS HEREBY UNDERSIGNED ON THIS DAY OF THE 2nd OF NOVEMBER 2012, MIDDLEBURG, NKANGALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, and MPUMALANGA.

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