



CHAMBER OF MINES
of South Africa

MEDIA STATEMENT

APPLICATION TO CONSOLIDATE ACTIONS DISMISSED

Johannesburg, 3 May 2016. The Chamber of Mines is pleased that the application by Malan Scholes to consolidate its case with the Chamber of Mines' application, which was heard in the Pretoria High Court by Judge Rabie on 15 March 2016, has been dismissed, with costs.

The Chamber opposed the consolidation of the action by Malan Scholes on the grounds that it does not seek determination of substantially the same questions of law or fact. While the Scholes application argues that the Mining Charter is unconstitutional and invalid, the Chamber's application does not make that argument.

The industry has been, and continues to be, committed to the achievement of all the transformation objectives of the Mining Charter currently in place, but does however seek clarity on the interpretation of one critical issue related to the continuing consequences of empowerment transactions.

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