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MINERALS COUNCIL WELCOMES THE LAUNCH OF MANDELA MINING PRECINCT AND MEMSA

Johannesburg, 14 September 2018. The Minerals Council South Africa (Minerals Council) today welcomed the launch of the Mandela Mining Precinct and the Mining Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMSA).

The Mandela Mining Precinct is a public private cooperation that supports local, people-centred innovation to modernise the South African mining cluster. Its partnership with MEMSA empowers the mining cluster to save and create jobs in mining and the mining industries' supplier industries.

Speaking at the launch, Minerals Council Vice President, Neal Froneman said: "It is very encouraging to see that, through a learning-by-doing approach, a partnership of stakeholders is evolving to collaborate on the many challenges we face in the journey to mining 4.0."

Mr Froneman emphasised the role that research and development can play in accelerating the competitiveness, growth and transformation of the mining cluster.

"As an industry body, we will do everything possible to help the Mining Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMSA) achieve its objectives of enhancing a local supplier cluster that will create and save jobs by reducing the cost of ownership of their products and enhancing the export capabilities to Africa and the rest of the world," added Froneman.



Mr Froneman's speech can be accessed at: <http://www.mineralscouncil.org.za/industry-news/publications/presentations/send/7-2015/635-vote-of-thanks-by-mr-neal-froneman-vice-president-of-the-minerals-council-launch-of-mandela-mining-precinct-and-memsa>

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