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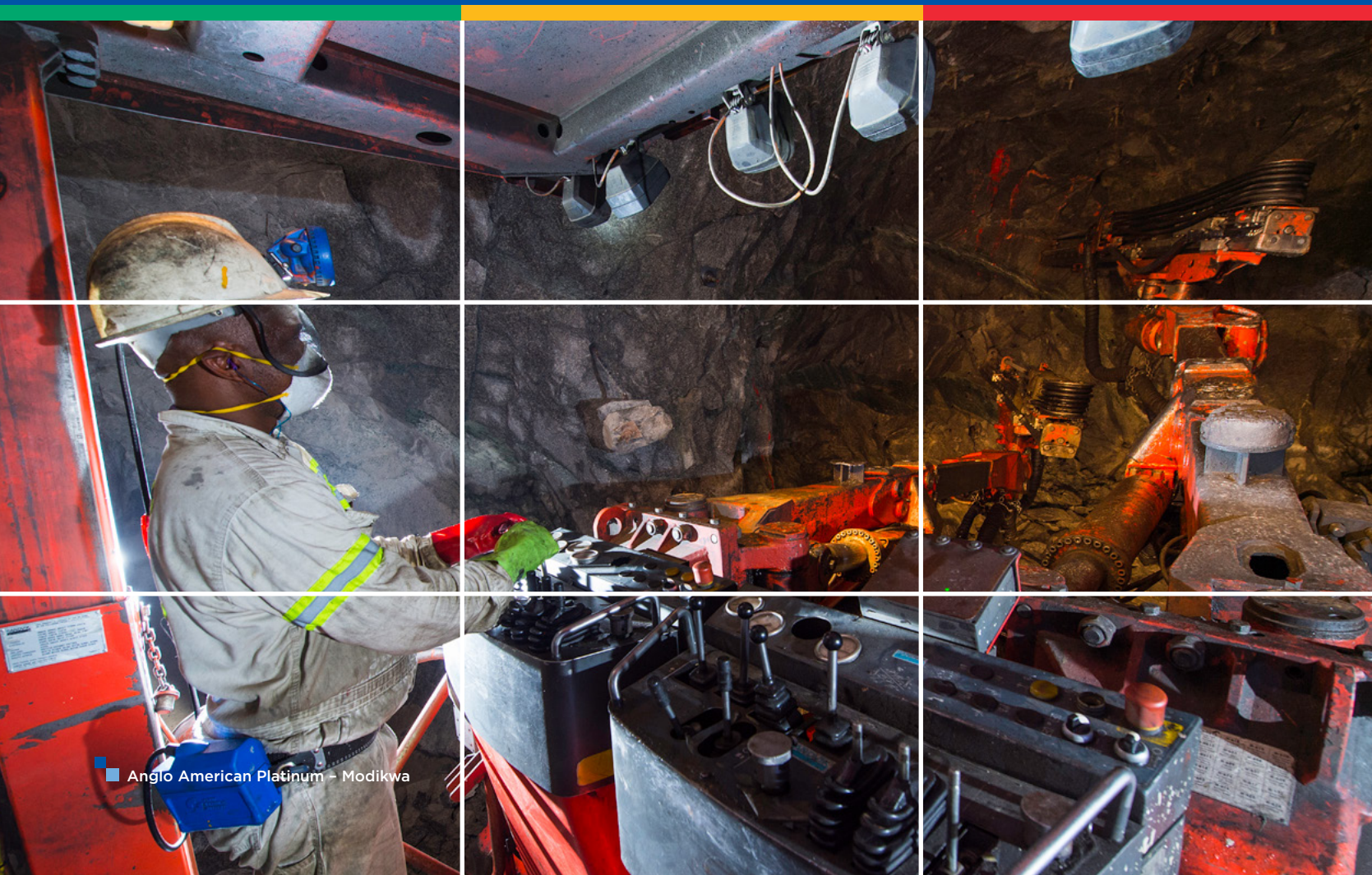
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Roger Baxter
CEO - Minerals Council



COVID-19 and vaccinations

As has been expected, the third wave of COVID-19 is upon us. In the absence of a large scale rollout of vaccines, we as an industry continue to be vigilant and ensure the practice of social distancing, sanitising, and wearing masks.

At the same time, we are gearing up to support the national vaccination programme. At the time of writing there are currently 58 mining occupational health sites that have applied to register as primary vaccination sites in terms of the protocols set up through Business for South Africa (B4SA)

in co-operation with the Department of Health (DoH). Of these, 21 have already received the required permits from the DoH as one step towards readying the sites for operation. The first mining vaccination site to begin vaccinating was Impala Platinum, which started on 24 May. It was one of five workplace sites nationally to be selected by the DoH as a pilot site for workplace vaccinations. Four other Minerals Council members have sites that more recently began vaccinating: Sasol, Thungela, Harmony and Sibanye-Stillwater. To date, a total of 4,053 people have been vaccinated according to reports received, including healthcare workers (under Sisonke), other employees, and community members over the age of 60.

The vaccination rollout cannot come too soon, as we mourn the loss of 444 mining colleagues as a result of COVID-19.

While the pandemic's impact on humanity has been catastrophic, it is one small consolation for us that it has been a catalyst for us to work together with critical partners, both in the sector and in the country.

The Minerals Council together with the labour unions – the Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union (AMCU), the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), Solidarity, and UASA – have committed to work together to address COVID-19 to save lives and livelihoods, urging all employees to get vaccinated as soon as they have the opportunity to do so. We have also intensified our education and communication efforts to get healthcare workers and over-60s at our operations and in our mining communities registered on the Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS) platform and vaccinated.



Safety and health

The mining industry recorded 60 fatalities in 2020, compared to 51 fatalities in 2019. This regression is of great concern to the industry, and we have committed additional resources to undertake research into understanding the root causes of the accidents and how they

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can be prevented. Fall of ground accidents, including seismic-related rock bursts, remain a significant challenge in the platinum and gold sectors, especially in deep mines; while transport-related accidents continue to mostly affect the coal and platinum sectors.

While the number of fatalities has risen, the industry recorded a 29% decrease in injuries from 2,452 in 2019 to 1,747 in 2020. This reduction is the highest improvement recorded in the last five years, above the annual milestone reduction target of 20%.

Our Khumbul'ekhaya strategy has been a challenge, and with this in mind, we are launching the annual National Day of Health and Safety in Mining 2021 on 8 July 2021 centred on a theme of *Renewed Focus for Our New Normal*. The theme was developed taking into consideration the current context – the recognition of the deterioration in safety performance in 2020, as well as the further regression in the 2021 year-to-date numbers. Last year, the day focused on reinforcing behaviour change at home and at work in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Progress on energy security

We welcome the President's announcement on 10 June 2021 to increase the embedded generation threshold to 100MW, and commit to working closely with the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) and Eskom to ensure that we can bring projects rapidly to fruition at least 1.6GW in renewable and mining private-sector funded



electricity projects. This is possibly the biggest structural reform by government in decades and indicates a serious leadership commitment to resolving structural constraints, to get investment flowing, and the economy inclusively growing.

We estimate a possible development of additional short and medium-term investment by the mining industry in embedded generation projects of around R27 billion. This would have the potential to raise South Africa's overall growth rate. The next step required is to develop concrete plans to shorten the grid-tie licensing process with Eskom, and to expedite environmental authorisations without compromising their integrity.



Igniting the SA economy

That is not the only measure required to ignite an economic recovery. In a talk at the Centre for Development and Enterprise, elaborated on in an article in Business Day last month, I listed five areas where action is needed to unlock economic growth:

1 Fiscal reforms to stabilise the country's finances and to avoid a full-blown



sovereign debt crisis and systemic banking crisis.

- 2** The critical need to completely reform the civil service, to make it fit for purpose, client and investment-focused and to eliminate wastage.
- 3** Reforms to address government's role in key network industries, and how to unlock private sector investment and competition (in energy, rail, ports, pipelines and spectrum).
- 4** Reform policies, legislation and regulation towards promoting global competitiveness in order to raise investment.
- 5** A comprehensive reform of the security and criminal justice cluster to ensure a major crackdown on lawlessness, criminality and the procurement mafia.

The Minerals Council will continue to play a leading part in organised business' engagements with government on these and other critical economic measures that are so desperately needed.



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First woman president and new Office Bearers

In conclusion, I would like to welcome and congratulate Nolitha Fakude on her election as President at the 131st annual general meeting (AGM) on 26 May. This is the first time in the organisation's 131-year history that the Minerals Council has had a woman President. I also applaud and acknowledge the new Vice Presidents - Paul Dunne, CEO of Northam Platinum; Themba Mkhwanazi, CEO of Kumba Iron Ore; and Peter Steenkamp, CEO of Harmony. The Minerals Council is in a fortunate position that our

Board has so many leaders with great depth, experience, and understanding who are willing to step forward and play a crucial leadership role for the Minerals Council, the mining industry, and country. We wish them all every success on their new leadership roles for the years ahead.

At the same time, I am extremely grateful to our outgoing Office Bearers, Mxolisi Mgojo, Steve Phiri, Neal Froneman, and Zanele Matlala, for their wise counsel and astute leadership commitment to the Minerals Council and mining industry over the past four years. I think that they left an indelible mark on the Minerals Council,

the industry and, and the country. Their commitment to ethical leadership, their calling-out of erstwhile Minister Zwane, their leadership to rebrand and turn around the Minerals Council, and their commitment to standing up for positive economic change and transformation has been exemplary. Under their leadership the industry resolved a substantial backlog of legacy issues, drove the industry to its best health and safety performance on record, managed the COVID-19 pandemic to save lives and livelihoods, and forged a constructive working relationship with the DMRE for positive change.



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President
Management Board Chair -
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PAUL DUNNE
Vice President
CEO - Northam Platinum



THEMBA MKHWANAZI
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MXOLISI MGOJO'S REFLECTIONS

ON AN EVENTFUL FOUR YEARS AS PRESIDENT



In his address at the 131st AGM of the Minerals Council South Africa on 26 May 2021, outgoing President Mxolisi Mgojo reflected on his turbulent, yet constructive and collaborative four-year term, which started with the publication in 2017 by former Minister Mosebenzi Zwane of his infamous version of Mining Charter 3.

Said Mxolisi Mgojo: "The then Chamber of Mines immediately rejected the unilateral imposition of that Charter, and within 10 days brought a court action to urgently interdict its implementation. Some weeks later, in an unprecedented move, we announced that the leadership of the industry had lost confidence in the Minister. That was, to all intents and purposes, the end of our direct relationship with Minister Zwane".

The Minerals Council, however, began to build other relationships for the future, with the

first meeting delegation being led by then ANC Secretary General, Gwede Mantashe. The constructive discussions held then have continued since his appointment as DMRE Minister in early 2018. He subsequently published a much improved version of Mining Charter 3 in 2018, and withdrew the very damaging 2012/13 MPRDA amendment Bill.

"While we have not always agreed, including in respect of particular aspects of the renewed Charter 3 currently under judicial review, we have over the years rebuilt the relationship with our primary regulator in a way that engagements are always based on mutual respect and understanding. The conversations have been frank and candid, and we have resolved a number of critical issues that will enable the sector to more realistically achieve its true growth and transformational potential. In this regard, I do need to emphasise that, whatever the few

disputes over Charter content, the industry has performed creditably in the pursuit of transformation." commented Mxolisi Mgojo.

He went on to say that South Africa needed to stabilise the fiscus, substantially improve the capacity of the state to support economic growth, reduce red tape, and open up key sectors to much greater private participation and private investment, adding: "It is our view that a significant opening up of the electricity, rail, port, and pipeline sectors could break the shackles that are holding back growth in South Africa".

One of the most visible changes by the Minerals Council during this time was its renaming and rebranding announced at the 2018 AGM on 23 May 2018. The change of name from the Chamber of Mines of South Africa to the Minerals Council South Africa was in line with the organisation's changing face, ethos, and role.



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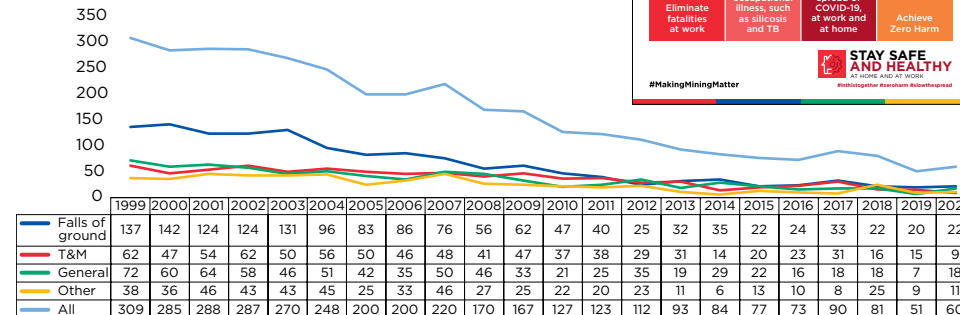
Mxolisi Mgojo went on to raise concerns about the industry's safety performance. He noted that after two decades of almost uninterrupted improvement in the industry's safety performance, which saw an 88% reduction in the number of fatalities in mine accidents, 2017 saw a reversal. Deep reflection by the CEO Zero Harm Forum prompted the first National Day of Safety and Health in Mining 2018, which evolved into the Khumbul'ekhaya initiative in 2019, all in close cooperation with the DMRE and organised labour.

Khumbul'ekhaya's focus has been on the elimination of fatal accidents and 2019 saw a significant reduction in the number of fatalities to a level never achieved in South Africa's mining history. However, 2020 saw a deterioration, even though fewer person hours were worked due to the COVID-19 lockdown. Said Mxolisi Mgojo: "Trends in 2021 indicate that the industry will struggle to better the 2019 achievement and take us closer to our zero harm goal. As leadership, we appeal for additional effort from all CEOs and others to do all they can, now and into the future".

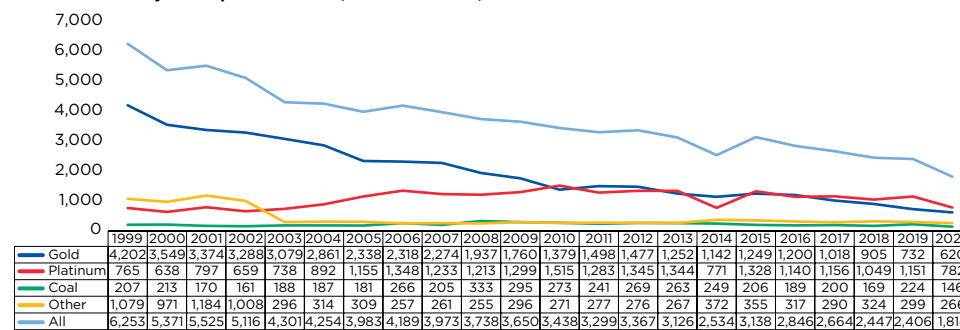
He noted, however, that the Minerals Council continues to see improvements in occupational health reports. The continuing work against TB in mining has resulted in some 90% of employees being tested and, instead of the industry's TB incidence rate being above the country average, it is now below that level.

Safety performance

Number of fatalities by cause (1999 - 2020)



Number of injuries per sector (1999 - 2020)



Source: Department of Mineral Resources and Energy



MXOLISI MGOJO'S REFLECTIONS ON AN EVENTFUL FOUR YEARS AS PRESIDENT *continued*



Of course, he dwelt too on the COVID-19 pandemic which has been a primary focus since the beginning of 2020. He highlighted that the Minerals Council had initiated campaigns of sanitising, social distancing, and the wearing of masks, and proceeded to develop the standard operating procedures as the foundation of a return to work. He applauded the fact that those guidelines ultimately became the foundation for the COVID-19 regulatory system under which our industry now operates, and also offered guidance to much of the rest of the economy too. He applauded, too, the strong cooperation of the DMRE, Mines Inspectorate, and trade unions that enabled the sector to get back to work “by applying a proper risk-based approach with the right preventative and mitigating measures, added Mxolisi Mgojo.”

“By implementing the standard operating procedures and everyone playing a constructive role we are able to ‘save lives and save livelihoods’ through a real team mining South Africa effort,” added Mxolisi Mgojo.

He noted the important steps the Minerals Council and the industry have taken towards making the mining industry a more comfortable place for women to work and addressing the imbalances in workforce gender representation.

“An essential part of these efforts is the campaign we launched in 2019 to address sexual and gender-based violence and harassment on South Africa’s mines and in mining and labour-sending communities. And, in this regard, the Minerals Council and many member companies have supported the initiatives led by President Ramaphosa,

in what he has dubbed the second pandemic,” said Mxolisi Mgojo.

He concluded his address by saying: “I thank my fellow Office Bearers for their wisdom and guidance, our Board and members for their commitment and support, and the Minerals Council CEO, Roger Baxter, and

his remarkable team for their commitment. They not only held everything together, they continued to build and grow the organisation and the work that it does.”

Mxolisi Mgojo wished his successor Nolitha Fakude and the other new Office Bearers well for their terms of office.

ROGER BAXTER AND MINISTER MANTASHE ADDRESS THE AGM 2021



In his address **Minerals Council CEO, Roger Baxter**, considered the most pressing issues the industry faced in the past year, including:

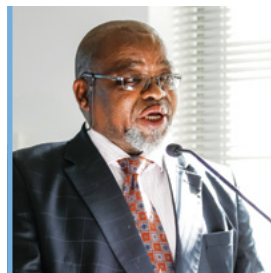
The industry’s great collaborative effort to manage the COVID-19 pandemic, while getting the sector back to work.

The critical need for structural and institutional reforms to revive the economy and raise the potential growth rate.

The significant work that went into the development of plans to revive the mining sector in the new normal with significant

leadership collaboration between the Minerals Council and Minister Mantashe’s DMRE team.

Roger Baxter also pondered the reasons Botswana had been incredibly successful in attracting mineral investment compared to South Africa, saying that Botswana had experienced significant investment and growth in mining and its economy over the past five decades compared with South Africa, which had not necessarily reached its true investment and growth potential from mining. In the just over 50 years between 1966 and 2019, Botswana grew its economy (as measured by an annual GDP growth rate) by an average 8.3% per year. In the same period, South Africa achieved a 2.6% annual growth rate.



Minister Mantashe of the DMRE also made an address at the AGM. One of the issues he addressed at the AGM in which he responded to concerns that self-generation projects of up to only 10MW can be set up without government approval, rather than the 50MW the industry had asked for.

Subsequent to his address, President Ramaphosa announced an enhanced cap of 100MW, a move that was welcomed by the Minerals Council and the business community in general.

Full addresses from Mxolisi Mgojo, Roger Baxter and Minister Mantashe may be accessed at:

www.mineralscouncil.org.za/special-features/1211-131st-annual-general-meeting

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The Minerals Council announced the publication of its Integrated Annual Review and Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 at its 131st AGM on 26 May 2021.

The principles of integrated reporting are firmly embedded in this report, even though the Minerals Council is a non-profit organisation. The Minerals Council continues to progress its integrated reporting journey, with the report highlighting the crucial role the South African mining industry plays in delivering on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

For the first time this year, an HTML report page was created on the website to highlight the key elements of the report which is available at:

www.mineralscouncil.org.za/annual-review-2020/



2020 HIGHLIGHTS



The mining industry exported **R414.4 billion** in sales



Mining employees earned **R152.6 billion**



Mining employees paid **R26.2 billion** in PAYE



Mining companies paid **R27.2 billion** in taxes and **R11.8 billion** in royalties

To view the reports, please visit:

www.mineralscouncil.org.za/industry-news/publications/annual-reports



Gold Fields – South Deep

MINING CHARTER REVIEW UPDATE

The application for the judicial review and setting aside of certain clauses of the 2018 Mining Charter, brought by the Minerals Council South Africa in March 2019, was again heard by the Gauteng Division of the Pretoria High Court from 3 to 6 May 2021 following the joinder of a number of identified parties to the proceedings as directed by the court. Judgment was reserved.

This hearing followed the 5 May 2020 hearing of the challenged provisions of the 2018 Mining Charter and the defence of non-joinder raised by the DMRE Minister and the South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator in which the court issued its judgment and order on 30 June 2020,

upholding the Minister's defence of non-joinder, and issued directions identifying several parties to be joined as respondents on the matter.

The goal of the review application is to ensure adequate policy certainty based on equitable policy. The key issues for the industry are the non-recognition of the continuing consequences of previous transactions in respect of mining right renewals and transfers, and the practicality of some of the inclusive procurement provisions that relate to local content.

In commenting on the hearing, the Minerals Council repeated that it and its members fully support other aspects of the 2018 Mining Charter and have continued with its implementation. However, the Minerals

Council believes that implementation of the challenged provisions would be devastating for new investment in the industry.

Although the current Charter was an advance on previous drafts, the Minerals Council remains concerned about its failure to recognise the continuing consequences of previous transactions fully. The Minerals Council attempted to resolve the issues through dialogue but, given that the issues were not timeously resolved, the Minerals Council had no option but to pursue the legal route to reserve its rights.

A transformed, growing, and competitive mining sector would be a significant catalyst for South Africa's social and economic development, and critical for the realisation of the ambitions of the National Development Plan. But these goals will only be realised through a minerals policy framework that conforms to the rule of law and principles of legality; and by administrative action that is lawful, reasonable, procedurally fair, and consistent in all respects with provisions of the country's legislation.



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INCREASE IN EMBEDDED GENERATION THRESHOLD TO 100MW STRIDE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

The Minerals Council has welcomed the President's announcement to increase the imbedded generation threshold to 100MW on 10 June.

This is a step in the right direction not only for the mining industry, but for the country as a whole.

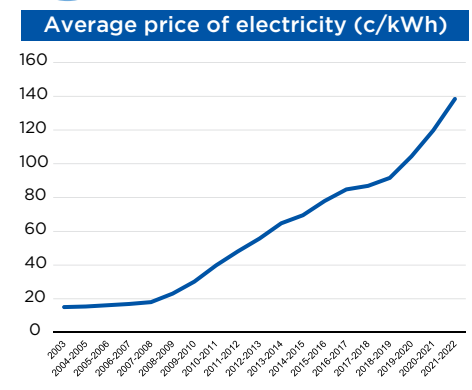
Says Roger Baxter, CEO of the Minerals Council, "The availability of secure, reliable, and affordable energy supply underpins economic growth and prosperity the world over. If South Africa's economy is to recover from the pre-COVID-19 fiscal crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic, security of electricity supply must be established to enable recovery and growth, protect jobs, create new employment opportunities, and grow investment. The simple reality is that much more private sector investment in electricity generation is required not only to stabilise the grid, but also to provide electricity for future growth."

Since 2008, excessive increases in electricity prices and load curtailment have done irreparable harm to South Africa's economic and development performance and aspirations, and have severely impacted

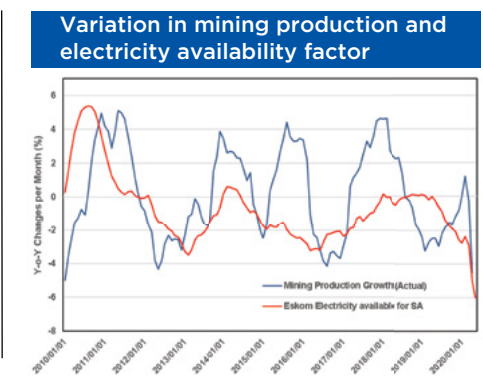
the competitiveness of the South African mining industry and smelting industries, and reduced investment and growth prospects across the sector.



Energy consumption



Source: Stats SA, Eskom, Minerals Council South Africa



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Estimates indicate that, in 2020 alone, load-shedding cost the economy between R80 billion and R160 billion and continues to impede the economy.

Maintenance on Eskom's power stations has been neglected for decades, resulting in its systems being unreliable and unpredictable. This unreliability makes it difficult for consumers to plan, which severely impacts growth prospects for the industry and the economy.

Historically, Eskom operated at an electricity availability factor (EAF) of above 85%. Since 2011, the EAF has steadily declined and, at the moment, the power utility is operating at around 65%. In early June, Eskom lost 10 units due to lack of maintenance, which pushed the country to stage 4 load shedding.

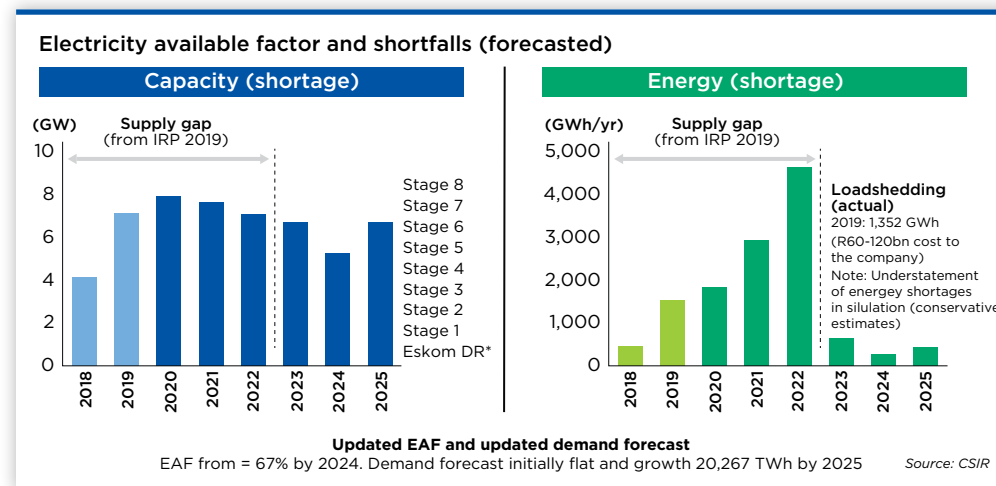
It is against this backdrop that the Minerals Council supported further meaningful amendments to schedule 2 of the Electricity and Registration Act, 2006 (ERA) to improve energy security and, ultimately, foster economic recovery and growth. In May this year, the Minerals Council supported the submission made by Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) and made its own submission, aligned to the BUSA submission, to the DMRE proposing further changes to the ERA.

In particular, the Minerals Council supported the proposal to increase the schedule 2 licence cap for self-generation to 50MW

to allow for more than 5,000MW of new, mostly renewable electricity generation to be unlocked through investment by the private sector.

"The announcement by the President in June to increase the self-generation cap to 100MW is a stride in the right direction and addresses some of the constraints impacting investment and growth. We can rapidly bring

on board at least 1.6GW, largely renewable and private-sector funded, embedded generation projects that are already being planned by mining companies. Our initial estimates are that this development could lead to additional short and medium-term investment by the industry in embedded generation projects of around R27 billion. This has the potential to raise South Africa's overall growth rate.



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“But, the devil will be in the detail and the ability of role players to expedite all elements. What is needed as a next step is to develop concrete plans to shorten the grid-tie licensing process with Eskom, and to expedite environmental authorisations without compromising their integrity.

“Further, unlocking substantial investment and South Africa’s full minerals potential still requires regulatory certainty. All the other infrastructural constraints such as ports and rail need to be addressed. Crime needs to be addressed and South Africa needs to create an enabling environment in which exploration can grow and thrive,” concludes Baxter.

We spoke to Minerals Council CEO, Roger Baxter to establish what the increase in the embedded generation threshold means:

What more still needs to be done to address the electricity challenges faced by the industry?

Expediting the self-generation process is a very good start. That said, Eskom’s structural constraints still need to be addressed. Maintenance on Eskom’s power stations has been neglected for decades and this does need to be addressed urgently. Eskom must take this opportunity to carry out more and proper maintenance, to enable it to rebuild

a reliable fleet of power stations capable of ensuring electricity security in the medium and long term. The power utility also requires restructuring, and vacant positions where it is lacking skills need to be filled with suitably qualified individuals. Corruption also needs to be eliminated.

How long will it take for self-generation projects to come to fruition?

It will take between 12 to 18 months at minimum, considering that self-generation plants require substantial amounts of capex. South Deep’s 40MW solar plant project is a very good example – NERSA awarded the mine an electricity generation licence in February this year. Their board approved

the project in May, and it is expected that the solar plant will be commissioned by the second quarter of 2022, bearing in mind that planning for the feasibility and preparations for the project began well before then.

If Eskom’s customers generate their own electricity, wouldn’t that put the power utility out of business?

The intention behind allowing self-generation is not to put Eskom out of business. The mining industry needs baseload energy, but it also needs to fill the gap of supply to ensure that operations run smoothly, and to allow for the continuation and growth of existing operations. We plan to supplement the national electricity supply, not to take customers away from Eskom.



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ROGER BAXTER
CEO, MINERALS COUNCIL
5 May 2021

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www.mineralscouncil.org.za/industry-news/publications/presentations

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MINERALS COUNCIL AT THE JUNIOR INDABA 2021

Junior mining and exploration critical

The Minerals Council participated in the 7th edition of the annual Junior Indaba, which took place virtually on 1 to 2 June 2021.

As always, the event was characterised by its 'frank' discussions, which examined both the state of play in South Africa and the exploration and junior mining in the rest of Africa. Local and international experts gave their views on the impact of COVID-19 on the junior mining sector as well as the latest political, economic, and regulatory developments and what the future holds for junior mining and exploration projects.

The panel discussions focused on topics such as:

 <p>Access to finance</p>	 <p>Regulatory environment</p>	 <p>Outlook for commodities</p>	 <p>Exploration and junior mining</p>
 <p>Demand for metals</p>	 <p>Global energy transition</p>	 <p>Hydrogen economy</p>	

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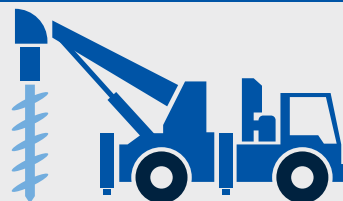
In his opening keynote address, Thabo Mokoena, the Director-General of the DMRE, announced that the tender to replace the dysfunctional SAMRAD system with a cadastre that will shine the light of transparency on the awarding of mining rights in South Africa would be launched in the next week. The DMRE has been criticised for the backlog of applications for mining and prospecting rights, which it acknowledged months ago had reached 5,326. DMRE Minister Gwede Mantashe has recently admitted that the SAMRAD system that is supposed to log such applications is a “nightmare”, giving rise to calls for it to be replaced with a proper mining cadastre.

Minerals Council CEO, Roger Baxter, in his address on *The economic outlook and current environment for junior mining and exploration globally and in South Africa*, started by indicating how mining mattered to South Africa with 451,427 direct jobs created and earnings of R148.5 billion.

He added: “Exploration is the lifeblood of a thriving mining industry. But, in 2019, South Africa accounted for only 1% of global exploration expenditure and only 0.1% of greenfields exploration, despite having an estimated resource of more than \$2.5 trillion of non-energy minerals. Considering South Africa’s untapped mineral wealth, this is a massive missed opportunity.”



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Baxter compared South Africa and Botswana in annual economic growth rate, policy certainty, and the time it takes to award mining and prospecting rights. Between 1966 and 2019, Botswana's economy grew by 8.3% annually, while South Africa achieved an annual growth rate of 2.6%. Botswana's Mines and Minerals Act has remained consistent since 1999, while South Africa has had major changes to its mining laws and framework over the same period. Lastly, Botswana's mining and prospecting rights are awarded in a fraction of the time it takes in South Africa. This makes South African mining very uncompetitive.

"Based on a survey of Minerals Council members representing over 170 mining company right applications conducted in December 2020, projects worth about R30 billion have been prevented from being developed due to red tape. Including exploration and mining operations, some have been delayed for two to three years or longer," commented Baxter.

Baxter concluded by discussing his views on what is required for South Africa to become an attractive exploration destination, reiterating the five sets of reforms essential to South Africa's economic recovery.

Other Minerals Council Board members who spoke at the Junior Indaba included its President, Nolitha Fakude who is also the Anglo American South Africa Management Board Chair, who spoke on transformation; Mxolisi Mgojo, CEO of Exxaro, who gave pointers on how to be successful in the mining industry; and Errol Smart, Chair of the Minerals Council Junior and Emerging Miners Leadership Forum and Managing Director and CEO: Orion Minerals, who was on the panel on exploration and junior mining.

How does South Africa compare to other jurisdictions?

Fraser Institute Best Practices Mineral Potential 2020		
Year	South Africa	Botswana
2020	57 th out of 77	16 th out of 77
2019	34 th out of 76	59 th out of 76
2018	30 th out of 83	53 rd out of 83
2017	21 st out of 91	64 th out of 91
2016	66 th out of 104	38 th out of 104
	42 out of 100 South Africa scored 0 ratings of 100: 1 of the 18 areas was in the top quartile	73 out of 100 Botswana scored 100 in six of the 18 areas: 14 of the 18 areas were in top quartile



Roger Baxter's presentation to the Junior Indaba 2021 is available at:

www.mineralscouncil.org.za/downloads/send/19-latest/1584-junior-indaba-2021



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To find out more about the Minerals Council's recent activities, take a look at the media releases listed below:

31 March	Minerals Council calls on all employees and communities to act responsibly as Easter weekend approaches
2 May	2018 Mining Charter review application to be heard from 3 to 6 May 2021
6 May	Minerals Council supports further regulatory reforms to streamline approval of self-generation projects
7 May	Minerals Council condemns violence and thuggery being experienced by mining companies and communities
13 May	Minerals Council urges employees over the age of 60 to register for vaccinations, and to assist family members and neighbours
24 May	Minerals Council supports further reforms to improve energy security and foster economic recovery and growth
26 May	Minerals Council South Africa AGM
26 May	Minerals Council South Africa new office bearers elected
3 June	Minerals Council and labour unions committed to work together to address COVID-19 to save lives and livelihoods
10 June	Minerals Council welcomes President's announcement of increased embedded generation threshold to 100MW
17 June	Minerals Council saddened by the untimely passing of Jabu Mabuza due to COVID-19-related complications
24 June	Minerals Council comments on government's draft artisanal and small-scale mining policy
25 June	Mining sector workplace vaccination sites gearing up to support national vaccination roll-out



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