

## MEDIA STATEMENT

### MINERALS COUNCIL SOUTH AFRICA LAUNCHES SECOND MODULE OF THE MINING FOR SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

**Johannesburg, 18 June 2018:** The Minerals Council South Africa has launched the second module of the Mining for Schools initiative, an online platform to provide resources for teachers and learners to reinforce, enhance and extend learning about the South African mining industry which may be accessed at [www.miningforschools.co.za](http://www.miningforschools.co.za)



The second module focuses on diamonds, as this is the current focus of the national school's curriculum. For almost 150 years, the diamond mining industry has played a significant part in the historical and industrial development of South Africa and continues to play an important role in the lives of employees, communities and the country as a whole by providing jobs and benefits, education and training, social projects and infrastructure and attracting foreign capital into the country via direct investment.

In 2017, the diamond mining industry:

- employed 18,227 people
- paid employees R5.2 billion in earnings
- paid R0.3 billion in royalties to government
- produced 9.9Mct diamonds
- sold R16.4 billion of diamonds



“Your children.... are like diamonds...they may need polish... and education of the right kind will impart this lustre.” - George Q Cannon.

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