

MEDIA STATEMENT

The Minerals Council South Africa notes the release of the Critical Minerals Strategy and the announcement to launch the Mineral Resources Development Bill

Johannesburg, 20 May 2025. The Minerals Council South Africa welcomes the launch of both the Mineral Resources Development Bill and the Critical Minerals Strategy by the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) today.

Both documents come at a pivotal time to realise the potential for South Africa's mining industry and its contribution to economic growth and the energy transition.

The Minerals Council was engaged twice by the DMPR for a high-level overview of what would be in the Mineral Resources Development Bill, which amends the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act.

The Minerals Council assisted the DMPR and Mintek in the process of defining what constitutes a critical mineral, but it had no role in developing the strategy.

The Minerals Council is in the process of reviewing the Bill and the Strategy.

It is critical for the growth and sustainability of the mining industry that the Bill and Strategy encourage investment in exploration, the development of new mines and the long-term sustainability and expansion of mining operations.

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