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While our focus in the past quarter has continued to encompass safety and health, and Mining Charter issues, a range of other matters have also required our attention in the closing months of 2018.

SAFETY

At the time of writing, in the first week of December, the industry has experienced 82 fatalities in mining accidents compared with 86 in the same period last year.

Since the launch of the Minerals Council's National Day of Safety and Health in Mining in August, the industry's safety performance has shown a marked improvement. This is a credit to our members and each and every employee that has taken to heart a renewed commitment to Zero Harm. The Minerals Council has set up a [dedicated page](#) to reflect on the efforts of companies and mines.

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In the closing weeks of 2018 we need to be ever more vigilant, particularly as we deal with distractions and extended periods of leave. And it is not just at work that we need to focus on safety and health – it is at home, and as we travel too. The Minerals Council will be supporting members with additional communications material in the coming weeks to drive this message home.

But, while we are pleased about the turn-around in safety performance in the second half of the year, we must take the time to remember and to mourn those lives that have been lost at work. We can never rest, as an industry, until Zero Harm becomes our reality.

HEALTH

On 1 December 2018, we marked the 30th World Aids Day. Again, this is a time for reflection on what we have achieved and what we still need to do. In this publication, we highlight some of the achievements in respect of occupational safety and health and, in particular, the enormous contribution that the mining industry has made to providing testing and counselling, and anti-retrovirals, and to reducing the stigma associated with the disease. We will be continuing these efforts in 2019, and I am pleased to report that the Minerals Council Board has approved the continued funding of the Masoyise campaign, which has been driving TB awareness, prevention and management, in collaboration with social partners.

MINING CHARTER

Following the publication of the final Mining Charter III at the end of September, the DMR turned its attention to the development of the Charter guidelines. The Minerals Council was consulted on their content, and are now awaiting their publication.

The Minerals Council remains positive about the new Charter and its implementation. However, as indicated at the time of its publication, there remain a number of issues that we believe are not workable, and not aligned with the regulatory framework. The Minerals Council continues to engage with the Minister and the DMR in an effort to resolve these concerns.

At the same time, the Minerals Council will continue to seek finality on the matter of continuing consequences, particularly as it refers to renewals. A North Gauteng High Court decision delivered in April this year confirmed the recognition of continuing consequences of past BEE ownership transactions and this is reflected in the new Charter for existing rights. But the Charter does not recognise continuing consequences on renewals, which is a material issue for the industry. The Minister has appealed the declaratory order, but has not pursued this any further. It is important for all role players that clarity and certainty is achieved on continuing consequences on renewals.



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MINING AND COMMUNITIES

The past few months saw two well-publicised court decisions connected with the mining industry. Both of these related to the right of informal land holders to consultation where applications for mining rights might affect their ownership rights. The Sedibelo case decided in the Constitutional Court, and the North Gauteng High Court judgment applicable to the Xolobeni mining rights application, are both worthy of the attention of the industry, clarifying and setting out the obligations of the DMR and mining rights applicants. You can read more about these cases elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Minerals Council expects its members to observe the Constitution and applicable law at all times. More than that, a core principle contained within the Minerals Council's Membership Compact is a respect for fundamental human rights and cultures, customs and values in dealing with employees and others who are affected by their activities. The Minerals Council Board has recently approved a Human Rights Framework for the South African mining industry that encompasses many of these rights. This will be published soon.

ESKOM AND LOOMING TARIFF INCREASES

A matter of particular concern to the industry is Eskom's application for three 15% increases in the electricity tariff over the period 2019-2021.

Eskom faces dire financial and operational challenges in the period ahead, not least as a consequence of decisions made by the organisation under its previous board and executive leadership. The organisation has already announced the likelihood of power outages and load-shedding in the coming months.

However, the Minerals Council does not believe that the industry, and the people of South Africa, can afford to carry the costs of those decisions, many of them allegedly corrupt. So we are working hard at making the case for more reasonable increases to the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (Nersa) as it considers the arguments for and against. At the same time, Eskom will need to look at significantly restructuring its own business and cutting its own cost base. The Minerals Council has had recent engagements with the Eskom leadership team on Eskom as a whole and on coal supply.

RECOGNISING #TOPWOMEN

Finally, the Minerals Council was pleased to be able to applaud the top 100 global inspirational women in mining whose names were announced last month. We were particularly pleased at the recognition of two people very closely associated with the South African mining industry: our very own head of health policy, Dr Thuthula Balfour, and Board member Deshnee Naidoo, who has spent many years in the service of the country's mining industry, and is currently CEO of Vedanta Zinc International.

May I sign off for the final time this year wishing everyone connected with the Minerals Council and the industry as a whole a safe, restful and happy festive season, and may we all be back in the new year ready to again address the challenges and opportunities that await us. Let's continue to **#MakeMiningMatter**.



Roger Baxter
Chief Executive Officer



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IMPROVED 2017 HEALTH STATISTICS

The annual report recently released by the Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate for 2017 shows a marked improvement in most areas of occupational exposures and diseases, says Head of Health for the Minerals Council, Dr Thuthula Balfour.

“The report reflects the intensive efforts by the industry in respect of occupational health. Nonetheless, there is still some way to go before we achieve Zero Harm, which is our ultimate goal.”

The DMR report notes that there was a steady increase in statutory reporting by the mines. Salient points from the report are:

Overexposures:

- There was a slight reduction in all overexposures to occupational hygiene

stressors in 2017, with the exception of thermal heat. This decline in overexposures was across all commodities, except manganese and iron ore. Airborne pollutant overexposures, in particular, showed a pleasing reduction, with 3.7% of total employees-at-risk in 2016 declining to 3.5% in 2017. Noise overexposures also reduced, from 0.9% of employees-at-risk in 2016 to 0.2% in 2017.

Occupational diseases:

- There was a 3% decrease in the total number of occupational diseases reported when compared to the previous year. Decreases were recorded in gold, coal, diamonds, copper, chrome, manganese and iron ore; increases were reported in platinum and the ‘all other mines’ category.

Percentage decrease in occupational illnesses reported - 2017

Coal
11%

Gold
8%

Copper
57%

Diamonds
58%

Manganese
39%

Chrome
23%

Iron ore
94%

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Thuthula noted that HIV and TB counselling and screening have been consistently improved across the industry. The total number of employees diagnosed with TB was 2,581 (0.6%) in 2017 compared to 3,799 (0.9%) in 2016.

HIV and TB data - 2017

	Coal	Diamonds	Gold	Platinum	Other commodities	Total
Mines	123	99	48	72	345	687
Employees	90,738	12,945	102,953	171,323	96,013	473,972
Counselled for HIV	49,850	7,589	59,936	154,293	57,894	329,562
Tested for HIV	26,163	5,744	45,887	93,407	34,832	206,033
HIV positive	1,002	78	2,896	11,247	1,070	16,293
Co-infected with TB and HIV	147	12	736	639	185	1,719
Living with HIV and on ARVs	3,630	386	14,920	17,720	2,652	39,308
Screened for TB	82,599	12,090	101,163	165,027	94,289	455,242
Diagnosed with TB	189	18	1,048	995	331	2,581
On TB treatment	207	18	955	995	239	2,414

Useful link

*Mine Health and Safety
Inspectorate Annual Report 2017/18*

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WORLD AIDS DAY

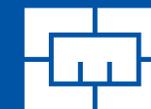
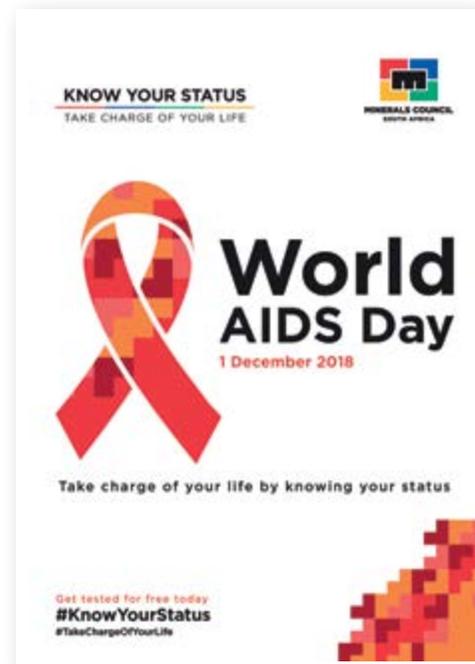
International World AIDS Day is observed every year on 1 December, with the objective of educating people about the facts around HIV/AIDS: how it can be prevented, how it is contracted, and where to seek help. Although HIV/AIDS itself is regarded as a global health threat, most people with HIV/AIDS die from opportunistic diseases like TB and pneumonia because of their weakened immune systems.

Through its Masoyise iTB project, a multi-stakeholder initiative to reduce TB and HIV in the South African mining industry, the industry is gradually achieving its health milestones. By making available free HIV testing and counselling, and TB screening, the industry aims to achieve the World Health Organization's 90:90:90 targets – which have also been adopted by the South African government. The targets are

that, by 2020, 90% of people living with HIV will know their HIV status, 90% of all people living with HIV will be receiving antiretroviral therapy, and 90% of those receiving antiretroviral treatment will have viral suppression.

The Minerals Council supported the National Department of Health's World AIDS Day theme for 2018: *Know Your Status*, and incorporated it in their World AIDS Day campaign. Knowing one's TB and HIV status makes for better-informed decisions. The Minerals Council and its members encourage all employees and community members to be tested for HIV and screened for TB.

Three videos were launched by the Minerals Council on 1 December, posters and flyers were produced for distribution to members, and Facebook posts designed for the organisation's page.



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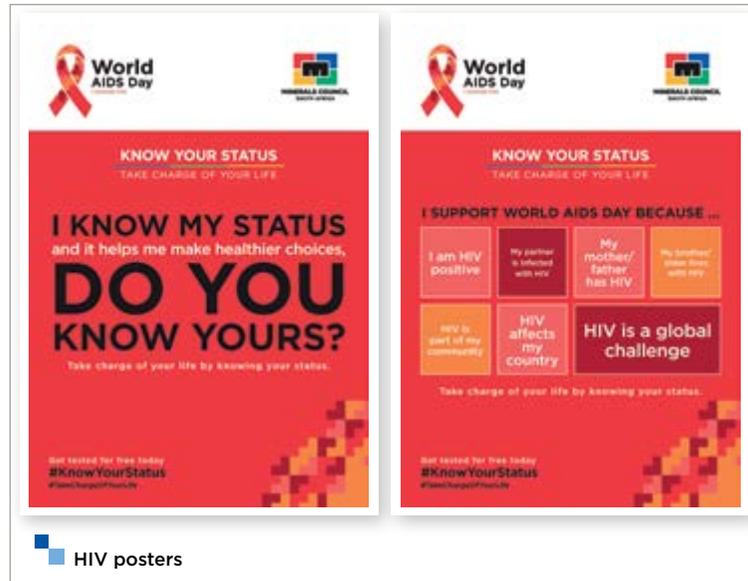


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HIV posters



HIV flyer



Facebook posts



Videos

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[Minerals Council World Aids Day 2018 \(TB2\)](#)

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COLLABORATING FOR THE COMMUNITY



Herbert Modupi,
Manager: Coal
Collaboration
Initiative,
Mpumalanga

“This is the path that lies ahead for the pilot project. It will be difficult and complex. Hopefully the outcome will make it all worthwhile.”

For the first time in its history, the Minerals Council resolved in 2017 to establish regional offices to help facilitate co-operation between Minerals Council members in the corporate social investment they do. There are now two ‘pilots’ in operation, in Mpumalanga and the Northern Cape. Herbert Modupi, who was appointed to manage the Mpumalanga office, has been reflecting on his experiences in the post over the past year-and-a-half.

The Mpumalanga project was envisioned by the Minerals Council’s Coal Leadership Forum. The initial goal was to develop collaborative social and labour plan (SLP) community social investment projects that would have greater positive impact on communities than smaller such projects implemented by individual companies.

This was an approach that has been recognised for several years by the industry and by government, though it has been slow in coming to fruition. The new Mining Charter published in September explicitly, for the first time, authorises the regulator to recognise collaborative projects in assessing companies’ charter compliance. Until then, the regulator appeared reluctant to do so, which was naturally a disincentive to this approach.

When Herbert began his work, it quickly became apparent to him that the task would be more complicated than initially envisaged. It would be more than engaging in consultations to decide on what collaborative project would be best for the local companies and communities, and then soon proceed on the exercise of implementing a major social investment project.

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Rather, it became clear that the big initial challenge would be a major exercise in multiparty consultation including communities, government and the industry, Herbert explained. That would be necessary to achieve what Herbert calls “institutional alignment”, a necessary precondition for successful implementation of projects that have meaningful impact and value, especially for those who most need them.

Herbert went on to elaborate that there is a very wide range of interested parties, all of whom need to reach consensus on the way forward. The municipalities, whose integrated development plans (IDPs) have historically had to be at the centre of SLP planning, have to see eye-to-eye with the DMR regulators. But what if the collaborative project does not meet the priorities of the relevant IDPs? Particularly since it is the case that the Nkangala district incorporates six municipalities with different priorities. And it is also the case that, as a consequence of need and underdevelopment, each area would like the social spending focused there.

And finally, there are the well-known trust issues between the mines and communities that need resolution. To assess the level of conflict between the mines and the communities, the Minerals Council asked the local Mpumalanga mines for information on the numbers of protests there have been during 2018. The Minerals Council

was informed by members of 56 protests between January and October - the bulk of them related to demands for procurement from local businesses, skills training and contractor employment. Rebuilding that trust is itself a major task for the participating companies.

Herbert concluded, “This is the path that lies ahead for the pilot project. It will be difficult and complex. Hopefully the outcome will make it all worthwhile.”

Useful link

Mine community development in a fast changing environment



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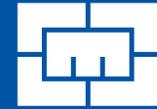
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The following companies have joined the Minerals Council as members since the organisation's rebranding in May 2018.

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THARISA MINERALS

Tharisa is a European headquartered integrated resource group incorporating mining, processing, beneficiation, marketing, sales and logistics. The Group is a low-cost producer of PGM and chrome concentrates resulting in two distinct revenue streams from a single resource with costs being shared between the commodities. Tharisa continues to explore beneficiation opportunities through innovation and technology.

The Group owns and operates the Tharisa Mine, located on the south-western limb of South Africa's Bushveld Complex. The mine has an estimated open pit life-of-mine of approximately 17 years, and a further estimated underground life-of-mine of approximately 40 years. The mine's processing facilities comprise the Genesis Plant and the Voyager Plant. Both PGM and chrome concentrators are capable of processing a total of 400ktpm of run of mine ore.



SEDIBENG IRON ORE

The Sedibeng Iron Ore mine in Postmasburg, Northern Cape, which had been partly mined in the 1960s, started production again in 2011 with a 30-year mining right and a view to supplying the domestic steel market.

Sedibeng is 64% owned by Black Ginger (a subsidiary of Tata Steel, based in India), a broad-based empowerment group called Cape Gannet Properties (26%), and 10% by the Industrial Development Corporation.

Useful links

[Tharisa Minerals website](#)

[Sedibeng Iron Ore website](#)

[Eurasian Resources Group Africa website](#)



EURASIAN RESOURCES GROUP AFRICA

Eurasian Resources Group (ERG) is a diversified natural resources producer, 40% owned by the Kazakhstan government, employing nearing 70,000 people globally at operations across four continents. ERG is the world's largest ferrochrome producer on a chrome content basis and a key supplier of iron ore. The Group is also among the global top-10 alumina producers and a principal copper and cobalt manufacturer. ERG Africa operates all of ERG's assets on the African continent and has a workforce of more than 10,000.

ERG's main South African project is the Doornhoek Fluorspar Project, located in North West province, between Zeerust and Mahikeng. The project is owned by SA Fluorite of which ERG is the main shareholder (51%). A BEE consortium (Southern Palace) owns 26%, with the remaining 23% held by other minority shareholders.

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Sedibelo Platinum Mines

SEDIBELO PLATINUM MINES

Sedibelo Platinum Mines (Sedibelo) is a public (unlisted) company incorporated in Guernsey. Its PGM operating business, Pilaanesberg Platinum Mines, on the Western Limb of the Bushveld Complex, is held via a corporate holding structure. The company was formerly known as Platmin and changed its name in December 2013. Sedibelo is a subsidiary of Pallinghurst Ivy Lane Capital.

The Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela (BBK) community hold 30.55% of the entity while the IDC holds 15.75%. The BBK community, the original mineral rights holders of Sedibelo's mines on the Western Limb of the Bushveld Complex, comprises 350,000 persons residing in 32 villages in the Pilaanesberg region.

Useful links

[Sedibelo Platinum website](#)

[Stonewall Resources website](#)

NEW VENTURE MINING INVESTMENTS HOLDINGS (PTY)

New Venture Mining Investment Holdings is a 95% black-owned and managed mining company based in Rustenburg, in North West province. It has manganese and chrome interests, coal prospects, and granite operations country-wide. Its main shareholders, Godfrey Mocwane and Rahjahn Ishwar, each hold 32.5% in the entity. They are also the sole shareholders of Rise Africa Mining and Exploration, which has platinum, coal and chrome prospects.

STONEWALL RESOURCES

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Stonewall Mining is wholly owned by the Australian listed entity Stonewall Resources. Stonewall Mining owns 74% in each of Transvaal Gold Mining Estates (TGME) and Rietfontein mine, which are in development. The TGME gold project and Rietfontein mine are near the towns of Pilgrim's Rest and Sabie, where South Africa's gold mining industry began almost 130 years ago.

The 26% BEE shareholding in the two local companies is owned by BEE companies made up of various trusts including a community trust, a black employees' trust, a land claimants' trust and an entrepreneurial company with two black shareholders.



Sedibelo Platinum Mines - Pilaanesberg mine



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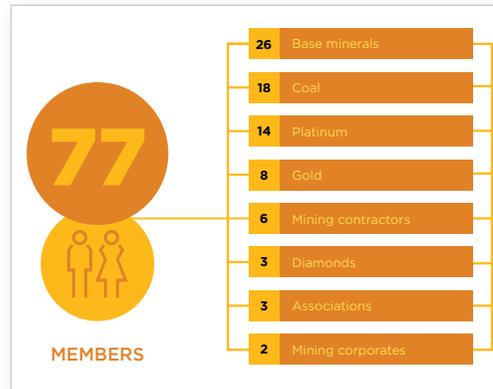
The Minerals Council currently has a total of 77 members. Each member application goes through Board consideration and subsequent approval or rejection.

The shared primary objective of Minerals Council members is to ensure that the mining industry is able to realise its growth potential and so contribute meaningfully to the national objectives for sustainable development, transformation and the growth of the South African economy.

The Membership Compact (Compact) is a mandatory code of ethical business conduct to which members of the Minerals Council subscribe.

These 10 guiding principles serve as a framework to enable members to achieve the objectives of the Compact. Minerals Council members undertake to integrate the guiding principles into their management systems to ensure consistent application across all operations.

In the event that a member is found to have not complied with the Compact, the Minerals Council President contacts the chief executive officer of that company to discuss the reason for non-compliance and to agree on a process whereby the member can comply as soon as possible.



MEMBERSHIP COMPACT

The Membership Compact (Compact) is a mandatory code of ethical business conduct to which members of the Minerals Council South Africa (Minerals Council) subscribe.

The Mining Industry in South Africa is a key sector of the South African economy and is a major contributor to the country's GDP. It is an industry that will be central to all Minerals Council members with the overriding objective of ensuring a fair, ethical and sustainable mining industry that contributes to the national objectives for sustainable development, transformation and the growth of the South African economy. The compact is a code of ethics for the mining sector. The benefits of adhering to this code are considerable, and will be a game-changer for the country's ability to attract the national investment that is needed to attract members of the Minerals Council.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The guiding principles of the Minerals Council are:

1. Uphold the highest standards of ethical business conduct.
2. Promote the sustainable development, transformation and growth of the South African economy.
3. Uphold the highest standards of safety and health.
4. Uphold the highest standards of environmental protection.
5. Uphold the highest standards of community development.
6. Uphold the highest standards of labour relations.
7. Uphold the highest standards of anti-corruption.
8. Uphold the highest standards of transparency.
9. Uphold the highest standards of accountability.
10. Uphold the highest standards of honesty.

COMPACT OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the members of the Minerals Council is to ensure that the mining industry is able to realise its growth potential and so contribute meaningfully to the national objectives for sustainable development, transformation and the growth of the South African economy. This can best be achieved through:

- Building trustful relationships with all stakeholders.
- Transforming the mining industry.
- Promoting and contributing to the economic, social and labour market development and growth of the mining industry.

COMPACT VALUES

Members who adhere to the Compact shall conduct their business according to the agreed Minerals Council values, which dictate the minimum standards of conduct required of them in order to become a member of, or remain a member of, the Minerals Council.

The five values of the Minerals Council are:

- Responsible citizenship
- Respect
- Trust
- Honesty
- Accountability

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Minerals Council members conduct their business in compliance with all relevant legislation and in accordance with the Mining Charter, the Mineral Processing Regulations, the Mineral Processing Regulations (Amendment) and the Mineral Processing Regulations (Amendment) (No. 2) of 2015.

Minerals Council members also subscribe to the principles and commitments set out in the Mining Charter, the Mineral Processing Regulations (Amendment) for a Sustainable Mining Industry and the Framework for Ethical and Responsible Mining.

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Responsible citizenship



Respect



Trust



Honesty



Accountability

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Sedibelo Platinum

LESETLHENG AND XOLOBENI COMMUNITY JUDGEMENTS

Ursula Brown, the Minerals Council’s Head: Legal, reports on the two recent court judgements dealing with the rights of informal land rights holders to be consulted in respect of mining applications.

MALEDU AND OTHERS v ITIRELENG BAKGATLA MINERAL RESOURCES

The first judgement is the Constitutional Court decision on Maledu and Others v Itireleng Bakgatla Mineral Resources (IBMR), which overturned a High Court order that had been awarded to IBMR and Pilanesberg Platinum Mines to evict the Lesetlheng community in order to commence mining operations. This matter deals with two important issues relating to section 2 of the Interim Protection of Informal Land Rights Act (IPILRA) and section 54 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA).

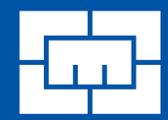
The issue underpinning section 2 of the IPILRA, principally revolves around the question of whether the applicants as holders of informal rights to land had consented to



Ursula Brown, Head: Legal

being deprived of their informal land rights to or interests in the farm. It should be noted that the term ‘informal right to land’ as defined in the IPILRA has a specific meaning and is subject to specific limitations. The facts of each case will therefore be of critical importance in determining whether the person sought to be deprived, is or is not the holder of an informal right to land.

On the facts of the Itireleng case, the court found that the applicants, and not the Bakgatla community, were the ones who held the informal rights to land. The facts of the case and, in this regard, the distinguishing feature, are that the respondents relied on the Title Deed which revealed the registered owner to be the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform in trust for the Bakgatla ba Kgafela community. This led to the respondents recognising the Bakgatla



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LESETLHENG AND XOLOBENI COMMUNITY JUDGEMENTS continued

community as the community whose consent was required and indeed obtained whereas the court found that it was the Lesetlheng community whose consent was required.

The legal implication of the above is that where mining companies wish to exercise their mining rights and which exercise would deprive the holder of an informal right to land of such right, mining companies will need to comply with the IPILRA. There is, however, nothing new in this in that the IPILRA has been in operation continuously since June 1996. Since the IPILRA expressly provides for consent, reliance on the international law obligation of free, prior and informed consent, as raised by the *amici* (friends of the court) is unnecessary. Even the respondents in the present matter were aware of the IPILRA but the steps which they took to comply with the IPILRA were ill-conceived in that they had misidentified the identity of the relevant community as being the Bakgatla community instead of the Lesetlheng community.

Additionally, the court also determined that the traditional leader was not empowered to make decisions on behalf of the occupants without properly consulting them and gaining their agreement on the proposed terms.

The second issue in this matter revolved around the question as to whether the respondents were entitled to an interdict if they did not exhaust the internal processes

provided for in section 54 of the MPRDA. Section 54 of the MPRDA provides for a speedy mechanism to resolve disputes between landowners or lawful occupiers, and mining right holders, when the former prevents the latter from commencing with mining. In this regard, the court held that all other satisfactory remedies must be exhausted before an interdict can be applied for. The legal implication of this aspect is that mining companies in their approach to obtain access to land, would need to exhaust the section 54 process before they would be entitled to apply to court for an interdict. It is, however, not clear what the court considered would constitute exhaustion of the section 54 process.

XOLOBENI COMMUNITY

The second case relates to the controversial application for the right to mine mineral sands in and around the land of the Xolobeni community. The North Gauteng High Court held that the Minister of Mineral Resources will have to obtain full and formal consent from the Xolobeni community prior to granting the mining right applied for.

This judgement is quite concerning as it seems to go against the grain of section 23(1) of the MPRDA which empowers the Minister of Mineral Resources to grant a mining right if the conditions as specified in the MPRDA have been met. If the specified requirements are met, the Minister does not have any discretion but to grant the right

and there is no provision in the MPRDA where this will be negated until the requirements of other legislation have been met.

That said, holders of mining rights are required to comply with all relevant laws before they may exercise their rights. We recognise that the provisions of IPILRA are relevant and important, and where relevant and applicable, the consent of a holder of an informal right would be required before that holder can be deprived of his/her informal rights in land.

It is likely that we might see further litigation on this issue in due course as the principles espoused in the judgment will have national application, which means that it will have a significant impact on mining in South Africa and may well 'sterilise' the granting of rights where informal rights in land are relevant.



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IsidingoDRILL DESIGN CHALLENGE

The image of a miner holding a drill to a dark rock face has become one of the most instantly recognisable images of the South African mining industry. Rock drills have been used in the mining industry for decades but little has changed.

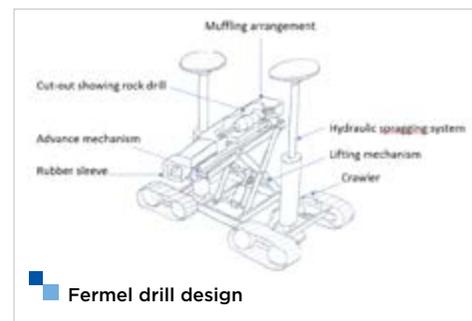
Current drilling technology is not energy efficient, drills are heavy and noisy, and they are prone to extreme vibration which results in fatigue, hearing loss and white knuckle syndrome. In addition, the conventional configuration means that operators are exposed to the most dangerous conditions of the mine such as falling ground and seismicity.

Prompted by the need to modernise drilling to boost efficiencies as well as reduce the impact of drilling on the operators, the Mandela Mining Precinct and Research Institute of Innovation and Sustainability, a boutique innovation firm, launched the IsidingoDRILL Design Challenge. Actively supported by the Minerals Council South Africa, the initiative aimed to prove that modernisation can be as fast as it is smart by restricting the process from concept to completion to six months.



Sietse van der Woude, Senior Executive: Modernisation and Safety

The open design challenge was launched in late August and phase one required entrants to submit their initial concepts within 30 days. Entries were open to all and the organisers hoped that it would attract a new breed of innovators from fields often removed from mining like graphic design or architecture. Phase 1 of the project attracted 11 entries that were then judged against four key, and six secondary, criteria.



Fermel drill design

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“With the potential of becoming a widely-used new technology in deep-level mining and elsewhere, the challenge incentivises entrants to rethink the decades-old mining drill technology,” said Sietse van der Woude, Senior Executive: Modernisation and Safety at the Minerals Council.

Following a nationwide initiative to gather concept designs for a new rock drill, three winning entries submitted by Fermel, HPE and Novatek were selected to move on to phase 2, which entails developing a proof of concept that will deliver a lighter and energy-efficient rock drill. This phase is restricted to 60 days, as is phase 3 which will involve the development and testing of the prototype drill.

Sietse says faster and more precise drilling could reduce dangerous fall of ground incidents, thus contributing to a safer mining environment. The increase in the speed of drilling could lower the cost of ownership of the equipment while the lighter equipment could also open job opportunities to more people, including more women.

“If we get this right, it will be good for suppliers, mining companies, employees and the country. Aside from sparking innovation, the challenge encourages new players to emerge,” said Sietse, who is heading up several initiatives aimed at transforming the mining industry and perceptions of the sector as a sunset industry.

IsidingoDRILL CRITERIA

There are four key criteria that have to be addressed in the design of the new drill:

1. WEIGHT

Current drills weigh between 28 – 32kgs.

The weight of the drill needs to be less than 16kgs.

A current conventional rock-drill weighs 28 kilograms. For a novice, female or older person, or person of ill-health, this is too heavy, especially for working in a confined space. The new unit should be much lighter, preferably half this weight.

2. POWER SOURCE

The proposed power source cannot be compressed air.

An alternative must be proposed.

Compressed air power is notoriously inefficient, with probably less than 30% energy being usefully employed. This gets progressively worse as stopes get further from infrastructure. Thus the unit needs a power source that is consistent, efficient and affordable.

3. PARALLELISM

Current drilling methods don't allow for parallel drilling holes to be set up during drilling.

The drill design must incorporate parallelism.

After drilling the first hole in a sequence, the subsequent holes should be parallel to the first.

4. ASSEMBLY

The drill must be able to be set-up within 10-15 minutes, and taken down again within 10-15 minutes (total 20-30 minutes).



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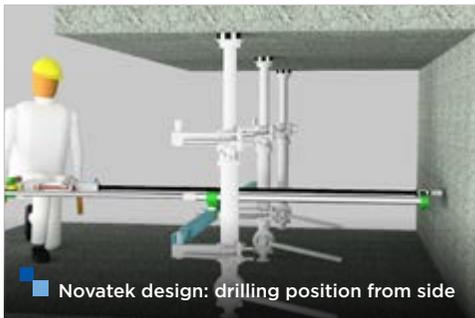
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Novatek design: drilling position from rear



Fermal drill design



Novatek design: drilling position from side

IsidingoDRILL CRITERIA continued

The following six criteria are also to be considered in the IsidingoDRILL design:

THRUST

Conventional, hand-held drilling equipment has thrust applied through an airleg, which is oblique to the direction of drilling, this relying on vector forces. Not only is this wasteful of power, but it also causes excessive vertical thrust, thus bending the drill string.

NOISE

Any unit that is designed must be 'designed quiet' to be able to render noise levels that are well within the MHSC milestone targets (less than 95 dba).

Alternatively, the operator must be far enough away from the machine when it is in operation not to be over-exposed to noise beyond an acceptable threshold.

VIBRATION

Current conventional machines are hand held for long periods of operation, resulting in severe vibration, itself resulting in 'white knuckle' syndrome for operators.

Vibrations need to be significantly reduced.

DRILLING SPEED / PENETRATION

The new design should be equal to, or exceed current penetration rates of traditional, compressed air-driven rock drills.

OPERATOR CONSIDERATION

The unit must be easily operable by inexperienced rock drill operators (RDOs), experienced RDOs and by female operators.

HUMAN CENTRED DESIGN

How is the new drill design taking into account the environment, the safety aspects (FOGs, seismicity, gas blows), and other aspects which are directly related to the person operating the drill?



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The Mining Equipment Manufacturers of South Africa (MEMSA) said the IsidingoDRILL Design Challenge was born out of a collaborative process, championed by the Mandela Mining Precinct. The three companies advancing to the next phase of the challenge are all MEMSA members.

“It motivated OEMs, engineers and designers to go back to the drawing board and to think creatively out-of-the box, to meet new challenging specifications of a modern

hand-held drill which is to be safer, quieter and more productive than conventional pneumatic drills,” said MEMSA chairman Freddy Mugeru.

“A total of 11 qualifying submissions were adjudicated, demonstrating just how responsive and innovative our local industry can be. We look forward to phases 2 and 3, and the huge impact these designs could have on mining health, safety and efficiency,” said Mugeru.

Useful links

[IsidingoDRILL Design Challenge website](#)

[Mine 2030 website](#)



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NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR AND EMERGING MINERS' DESK

The Junior and Emerging Miners' Desk (JEMD), established by the Minerals Council South Africa in 2015, provides advice and support, and acts as a resource centre for smaller Minerals Council member companies.

The JEMD also supports contracting companies and two mining associations representing over 200 smaller companies. The JEMD's Grant Mitchell gives us an update on their recent activities.

RESEARCH

The JEMD has engaged a consultant to produce a comprehensive study on the junior sector, focusing on its size, economic impacts and the number of people it employs. The study will also cover international best practices and how government can support the sector through enabling legislation. "The study should be finalised by May 2019," Grant advises.



Grant Mitchell heads the Junior and Emerging Miners' Desk

MINING INDABA 2019

"As with last year there will be a strong focus on junior mining at the Cape Town Indaba and we will have a presence at the Minerals Council stand," says Grant. "The organisers have also asked for more participation from our members and we are negotiating with them on how we can achieve this."

JUNIOR AND EMERGING MINERS' LEADERSHIP FORUM

To provide strategic leadership, the inaugural Junior and Emerging Miners' Leadership Forum convened in March 2018 and has now met four times. Membership is limited to chief executive officers with an allowance for the appointment of alternates. A chairperson and an alternate of the Junior and Emerging Miners' Leadership Forum are also members of the Minerals Council Board.



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Says Grant, "The Forum provides a platform for junior members to participate in the JEMD as well as to receive feedback from the Minerals Council on new developments and activities."

MINING CHARTER

The JEMD and the Leadership Forum played an active role in lobbying for a "Charter Lite" for junior companies and succeeded in getting a dispensation for our smaller members (those below an annual revenue of R150 million). "We have also been actively involved in helping draft the guidelines for the implementation of the Charter with reference to junior mining," adds Grant.

COLLABORATION WITH DMR

A number of meetings were held with the DMR on closer collaboration between themselves and the JEMD. A draft memorandum of understanding has been developed on collaboration and it is hoped this will be signed off in early 2019.

EXPLORATION FUND

Meetings have been held with funding institutions with a view to setting up an exploration fund which will be a 50/50 venture between the private sector and public investment organisations. Says Grant, "This will go some way to addressing the dearth of funding for exploration in South Africa."

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Supporting junior and emerging miners

Junior and emerging miners' desk resources



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TOP 100 GLOBAL INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN IN MINING

We celebrate the 100 inspirational women and particularly recognise Thuthula Balfour, as our head of health, and Deshnee Naidoo as a Board representative, for being featured in the top 100.”

The Women in Mining (WIM) Top 100 Global Inspirational Women in Mining 2018 was launched on 15 November 2018 in London, with Daphne Mashile Nkosi, Executive Chairperson, Kalagadi Manganese, as guest speaker.

Founded in 2006, WIM is a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the employment, retention and advancement of women in the mining industry. WIM provides a strong network which is used to progress professional goals and career aspirations.

This is the third edition of WIM's Top 100 Global Inspirational Women in Mining, which aims to showcase the significant impact and contribution of women within the global mining industry while identifying inspirational role models. The search was open to any woman working in the mining sector, including industries related to or supporting the industry.



THUTHULA BALFOUR
Head: Health
Minerals Council South Africa

This year's 100 most inspirational women were selected by their global peers from a record 642 nominations. They are recognised, among other attributes, for their trail-blazing approach to the industry and their activities to empower others, including being a voice and role model for diversity and inclusion.

WIM Managing Director, Nichole McCulloch, said, "Sharing the success stories of women in mining is critical to attracting and retaining female talent in our industry."

Minerals Council South Africa CEO, Roger Baxter, added: "We celebrate the 100 inspirational women and particularly recognise Thuthula Balfour, as our head of health, and Deshnee Naidoo as a Board representative, for being featured in the top 100."



DESHNEE NAIDOO
Chief Executive Officer
Vedanta Zinc International



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Megan Becker	Associate Professor	Centre for Minerals Research, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Cape Town
Farana Boodhram	Chief Executive Officer	Avita Mining
Tzvet Ilarionova	Vice President and Group Head of Finance	Gold Fields
Nolundi Luthuli	Graduate Trainee CSR	ArcelorMittal South Africa
Thabile Makgala	Executive: Mining	Implats Platinum Holdings
Gargi Mishra	Senior Principal Industry Innovation	Accenture
Tebogo Mosito (Mashego)	Chief Executive Officer	Ditsogo Projects
Deshnee Naidoo	Chief Executive Officer	Vedanta Zinc International
Lindiwe Nakedi	Owner and Managing Director	Gubhani Exploration
Wilhemina Ngcobo	Operations Manager	Assmang Pty
Dineo Phaladi	Mine Overseer	Anglo American PLC - Kumba Iron Ore
Maria (Ria) Sanz Perez	Executive Vice President - Legal, Commercial and Governance, and Company Secretary	AngloGold Ashanti
Makhosazana Sibisi	Chief Executive Officer	WaterBearer Sustainable Development
Stella Skosana	Executive Secretary	Bafokeng Rasimone Platinum Mine
Nompumelelo Zikalala	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	De Beers Consolidated Mines



Anglo American, Kumba - Kolomela



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MINING INDABA IS 25 YEARS OLD

The Minerals Council will again participate in the forthcoming Mining Indaba which will take place between 4 and 7 February 2019 in Cape Town.

The year 2019 will mark the 25th anniversary of this prestigious event which brings together a broad range of mining industry stakeholders including producers, investors, governments and others from across the world.

The conference offers an opportunity for the industry to engage meaningfully and provides an important opportunity for the Minerals Council and its members to discuss some of the key issues facing the local mining sector.

Over a number of years, significant efforts have been made by the organisers of Mining Indaba to ensure that the conference is more directly relevant to companies, that high-level investors attend and that it is accessible to a broad range of stakeholders.

The Minerals Council's presence at next year's event will include its exhibition stand; participation in the Ministerial Symposium, the Intergovernmental Forum, and the Young Leaders' programme; attending the Alternative Mining Indaba; presentations by various senior executives; and participation in panel discussions on key topics. All of these activities will be supported by active engagements with stakeholders including investors, Minerals Council members and the media.

The Minerals Council looks forward to again participating in this key event in the mining events calendar.

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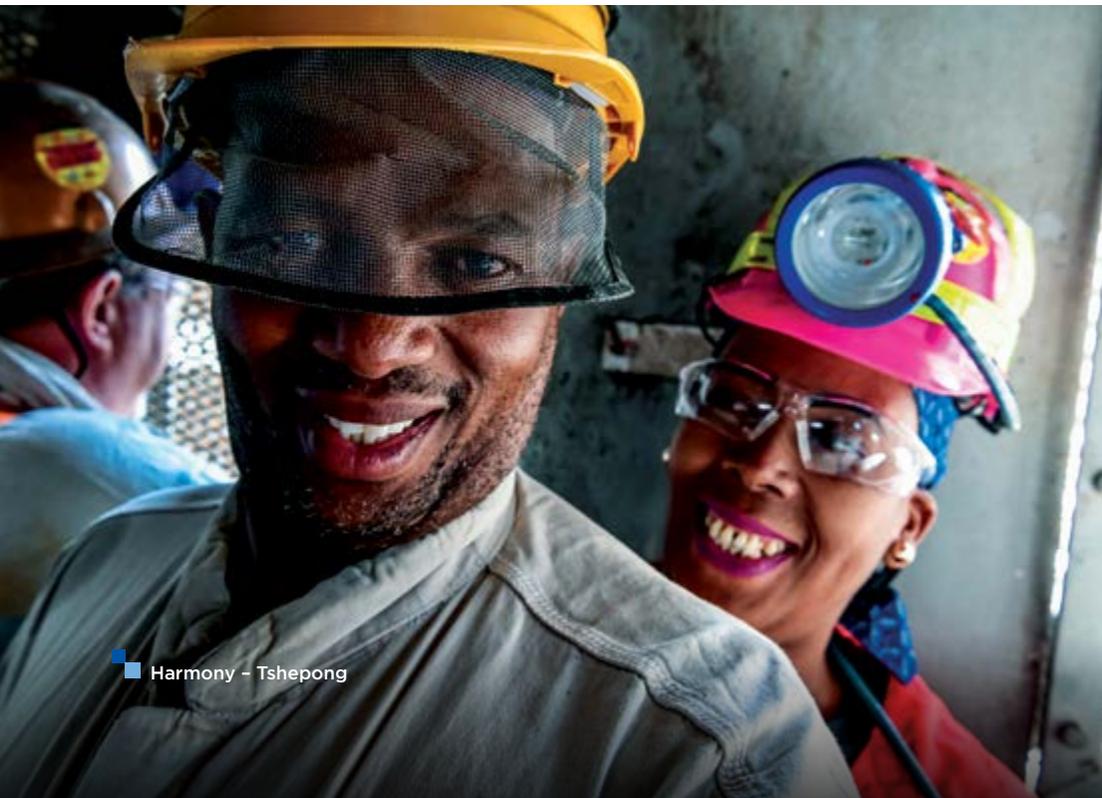
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22 October 2018	Minerals Council and industry CEOs meet with Minister Mantashe
24 October 2018	Minerals Council notes with interest Medium Term Budget Policy Statement by Minister Mboweni
25 October 2018	Minerals Council commits to supporting local modernisation
15 November 2018	Minerals Council congratulates the Top 100 Global Inspirational Women in Mining and recognises South African women
5 December 2018	World Bank President Dr Jim Yong Kim visits occupational lung disease outreach



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