

MEDIA STATEMENT

MINERALS COUNCIL CONGRATULATES THE TOP 100 GLOBAL INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN IN MINING AND RECOGNISES SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN

Johannesburg, 15 November 2018. The Minerals Council South Africa congratulates the Women in Mining (WIM) Top 100 Global Inspirational Women in Mining revealed today at the launch of the 2018 publication in London, with Daphne Mashile Nkosi (a 2015 South African nominee) - executive chairperson, Kalagadi Manganese - as the guest speaker.

This is the WIM third edition of the 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.

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."



Thuthula Balfour

Head: Health

Minerals Council South Africa



Deshnee Naidoo

Chief Executive Officer

Vedanta Zinc International



The Minerals Council particularly recognises the South African Global Inspirational Women in Mining:

- **Thuthula Balfour** - Head: Health, Minerals Council South Africa
- **Deshnee Naidoo** - Chief Executive Officer, Vedanta Zinc International
- **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 Ltd
- **Nolundi Luthuli** - Graduate Trainee CSR, ArcelorMittal South Africa
- **Thabile Makgala** - Executive: Mining, Implats Platinum Holdings Limited
- **Gargi Mishra** - Senior Principal Industry Innovation, Accenture
- **Tebogo Mosito (Mashego)** - Chief Executive Officer, Ditsogo Projects Pty Ltd
- **Lindiwe Nakedi** - Owner and Managing Director, Gubhani Exploration
- **Wilhemina Ngcobo** - Operations Manager, Assmang Pty Ltd
- **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 Ltd
- **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

For the Top 100 Inspirational Women in Mining 2018 publication or for the WIM press release, please visit: <https://www.womeninmining.org.uk/>

Notes to editors

Founded in 2006, Women in Mining (WIM) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the employment, retention and advancement of women in the mining industry. WIM offers a strong network which is used to progress professional goals and career aspirations. Membership is complimentary to both women and men.

This is the third edition of the 'Top 100 Global Inspirational Women in Mining'. Previous editions are available here: <https://www.womeninmining.org.uk/publications/>

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