

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **MINERALS COUNCIL EMERGING MINERS' DESK CONGRATULATES ORION MINERALS FOR SECOND PLACE AT MINING INDABA INVESTMENT BATTLEFIELD COMPETITION**

**Cape Town, 6 February 2019.** The Minerals Council South Africa Emerging Miners' Desk congratulates Orion Minerals for achieving second place in the Mining Indaba Investment Battlefield Competition for its Prieska Zinc Copper Project, located in the Northern Cape.

Errol Smart, Chief Executive Officer of Orion Minerals, is also the Chairman of the Minerals Council Junior and Emerging Miners' Leadership Forum, and represents this important constituency on the Minerals Council Board.

Grant Mitchell who heads up the Emerging Miners' Desk at the Minerals Council said: "We are simply delighted by this tremendous achievement. We wish Orion Minerals all success going forward."

The Junior and Emerging Miners' Desk today hosted a media briefing outlining the important contribution made by junior and emerging miners. In 2018, the junior and emerging miners generated R54.4 billion in revenue and spent R55.5 billion, despite the challenging times faced by the industry as a whole. Developing this important component of the mining industry is key to growing and sustaining the mining industry in future.

For more information on the economic impacts made by junior and emerging miners, please see: [www.mineralscouncil.org.za/downloads/send/16-featured/696-junior-and-emerging-miners-desk-research-report](http://www.mineralscouncil.org.za/downloads/send/16-featured/696-junior-and-emerging-miners-desk-research-report)

For more information about the Minerals Council Emerging Miners' Desk, please see:

[www.mineralscouncil.org.za/work/supporting-junior-and-emerging-miners](http://www.mineralscouncil.org.za/work/supporting-junior-and-emerging-miners)

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