

MEDIA STATEMENT

MINERALS COUNCIL PRESIDENT ON 'THE STATE OF THE MINING NATION' AND PUBLICATION OF FACTS AND FIGURES POCKETBOOK 2020

Johannesburg, 1 February 2021: The Minerals Council South Africa today hosted a media briefing outlining its view on the current State of the Mining Nation, and to launch the Facts and Figures Pocketbook 2020.

In his address Minerals Council President Mxolisi Mgojo outlined the key issues that affected the mining industry in 2020, and those fundamental factors that will affect its performance in 2021 in 10 'pictures'.

The presentation and full address may be accessed at:

<https://www.mineralscouncil.org.za/special-features/1201-the-state-of-the-mining-nation>

The Minerals Council also published its annual Facts and Figures Pocketbook 2020, which provides insights into economic drivers of mining's fortunes.

Despite the challenges faced during 2020, the mining industry:

- contributed R361.9 billion to GDP (2019: R376.4 billion)
- employed 451,427 people (2019: 460,015)
- paid employees R148.5 billion (2019: R143.5 billion) and contributed R26.2 billion (2019: R22.7 billion) to PAYE on behalf of employees
- paid R34.7 billion in value added taxes (2019: R36.9 billion) and R11.8 billion in royalties (2019: R8.6 billion)
- sold R608 billion in primary mineral sales (2019: R552.4 billion)
- exported R575.1 billion in sales (2019: R462.5 billion)*

The Facts and Figures 2020 pocketbook may be accessed at

<https://www.mineralscouncil.org.za/industry-news/publications/facts-and-figures/send/17-facts-and-figures/1366-facts-and-figures-2020-pocketbook>

* DMRE figures previously used. Figures updated with latest available SARS figures.

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