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Outgoing Minerals Council President reflects on turbulent, yet constructive and collaborative four-year term

CEO considers most pressing issues of the past year

Johannesburg, 26 May 2021. In his address at the 131st AGM of the Minerals Council South Africa, outgoing President Mxolisi Mgojo reflected on his turbulent, yet constructive and collaborative four-year term.

Some of these events included: the attempt by former Minister Mosebenzi Zwane to unilaterally impose a revised Charter in 2017 and the subsequent publication of a much-improved version by Minister Mantashe in 2018; rebuilding constructive relationships with the industry's regulator under the leadership of Minister Mantashe and the collaborative efforts of the Minister and the industry to put mining on the front foot following a 'lost decade'; the transition from the Chamber of Mines to the Minerals Council South Africa; the significant progress on improving health and safety in the mining sector with the launch of the Kumbul'ekhaya strategy and the National Day of Health and Safety in Mining, and the safest year in recorded history in 2019; the decline in TB prevalence rates to below the national average; the launch of the Women in Mining and Stop Abuse of Women national days and campaigns; and the enormous collaborative efforts, by the industry and with organised labour and the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy, to address and mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 to save lives and livelihoods.

Said Mr Mgojo: "I thank my fellow Office Bearers for their wisdom and guidance, our Board and members for their commitment and support, and the Minerals Council CEO, Roger Baxter, and his remarkable team for their commitment. They not only held everything together, they continued to build and grow the organisation and the work that it does."



Mxolisi Mgojo's full address may be accessed at:

<https://www.mineralscouncil.org.za/downloads/send/19-latest/1561-address-by-mxolisi-mgojo-2021-minerals-council-agm>

In his address, Minerals Council CEO, Roger Baxter, considered the most pressing issues the industry faced in the past year, including the industry's great collaborative effort to manage the COVID-19 pandemic, while getting the sector back to work; the critical need for structural and institutional reforms to revive the economy and raise the potential growth rate; and the significant work that went into the development of plans to revive the mining sector in the new normal with significant leadership collaboration between the Minerals Council and Minister Mantashe's DMRE team.

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Mr Baxter recognised the enormous efforts of Mr Mgojo for his years of leadership during an extraordinarily eventful tenure.

Concluded Mr Baxter: "What an incredible four years it has been under Mr Mgojo's astute leadership with the significant wisdom of the other four Office Bearers. The leadership collaboration and teamwork between the Office Bearers and the Minerals Council senior executive team has been exemplary and enabled the Minerals Council to not only transform from the old Chamber to the new Minerals Council, but for the Minerals Council to play a national level leadership role in driving the reform and transformation agenda of the sector and country. On behalf of all the Board members and my senior leadership team I want to express my sincere appreciation for the huge leadership contribution that the Office Bearers led by Mr Mgojo and including mesdames Fakude and Matlala and messieurs Phiri and Froneman. Their contribution has made a fantastic contribution to the sector and country, and will be built on going forward."

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