



Vote of thanks by Mr Neal Froneman, Vice President of the Minerals Council at the launch of the Mandela Mining Precinct and MEMSA (Mining Equipment Manufacturers Association)

Good afternoon Honourable Minister of Minerals Resources Gwede Mantashe, Honourable Minister of Science and Technology Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane, leaders from government, mining companies, organised labour, research institutions, suppliers and the Mandela Mining Precinct.

It is very encouraging to see that, through a 'learning by doing' approach, a partnership of stakeholders is evolving to collaborate on the many challenges we face in the journey to Mining 4.0.

As a proud partner in the work of the Mandela Mining Precinct, the Minerals Council assures you, that we are committed to the research and development that will accelerate the competitiveness, growth and transformation of the mining cluster.

I am aware that there are so many people who have been involved in the process leading up to this launch that it is impossible to single out every person by name.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the Ministers of Mineral Resources, Science and Technology and, in their absence, the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation in the Presidency as well as the Minister of Trade and Industry, for lending their support to the Mandela Mining Precinct and MEMSA as they journey to achieve the collective aspiration of advancing the mining cluster through a people-centred approach.

To the leaders representing all the different stakeholders who have been involved in the ground-breaking work of the Mandela Mining Precinct and MEMSA, we thank you for your tireless efforts to help the sun rise over mining.



We also extend our thanks to the team from the Mandela Mining Precinct and MEMSA, led by Navin Singh, Alastair MacFarlane and Dr Paul Jourdan, who worked so incredibly hard to make this launch a memorable event. Mr Singh is unfortunately not able to be here today because of an urgent medical procedure that he has to undergo. However, he is in our thoughts and we wish him a rapid and complete recovery.

And lastly, thank you to each of you who are here to provide your visible support for the critically important work that the Mandela Mining Precinct and MEMSA are doing. We are most grateful to the Mandela Foundation for agreeing to allow us to name this precinct the Mandela Mining Precinct in this, the centenary celebration of the life of Madiba. May the work of the Precinct and MEMSA be guided by Madiba's famous quote that: "Action without vision is only passing time, vision without action is merely day dreaming, but vision with action can change the world."