



CHAMBER OF MINES
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MEDIA STATEMENT

CHAMBER OF MINES RESPONDS TO QUERIES FOLLOWING DDG'S COMMENTS IN PARLIAMENT

Johannesburg, 16 November 2016: The Chamber of Mines notes the points made by the Deputy Director General of the Department of Mineral Resources in Parliament Wednesday 16 November regarding the DMR version of a draft reviewed Mining Charter. Unlike previous Charters, where stakeholders in the Mining Industry Growth Development and Employment Task Team (MIGDETT) worked together to produce a stakeholder-agreed proposal, the DMR chose this time to produce its own draft without properly engaging any stakeholder other than their receiving submissions.

The Chamber has met the DMR on two occasions following the publication of the DMR draft for bilateral discussions. In both meetings the Chamber raised specific areas of concern. As far as we can tell, the DMR has taken none of these issues on board and clearly the meetings were limited 'consultations' with the DMR having little appetite to hear the industry's concerns.

Given that the mining companies are the actual implementers of the Charter, it will be difficult to accede to an outcome based on a flawed process and a DMR that does not want to take on board the substantive issues that the industry is concerned about.

While the Chamber has also been engaged in discussions with the DMR on the black economic empowerment (BEE) ownership issue in the reviewed Mining Charter, pending proceeding with the declaratory order application, the last meeting of the principals took place in July 2016. This is despite the Chamber having providing detailed inputs on the issue in September.

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