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PRESS STATEMENT

Review on the Mining Charter

As part of the National Department of Mineral and Resources Consultations on the Reviewed Mining Charter, Minister Gwede Mantashe, visited Mogol Club Hall in Lephalale on the 12th of April 2018.

The country-wide consultations are continuous process that will see the finality and conclusion of the Mining Charter and the Mineral and Petroleum Recourses Development Amendment Bill with the aim of enabling the industry to operate optimally and make a meaningful contribution to the growth and development of the country's economy.

The Minister in partnership with Lephalale Local Municipality Council led by the Honourable Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko, met with representatives of organised business groups, religious groups, labours unions, youth council, community members, representatives of various forums etc. This was to allow participation by all relevant stakeholders in an open and transparent way and to re-establish trust among social partners. Previously the charter was gazetted in 2017 and following dissatisfaction by community organisations the charter was taken to court.

Intentions of Mining Charter includes to restores the dignity of mineworkers, facilitates meaningful and sustainable change in the ownership to include transforming the ownership to historically disadvantaged people, ensure that mines provide training and develop skills to ensure that it grows sustainably and competitively, improve workplace diversity through employment equity, contribute to community development of host and major labour-sending communities and facilitate procurement of goods and services from historically disadvantaged communities, like our rural communities.



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The Local Mayor welcomed this session stating that the success of the charter will bring change to the lives of local communities and ensure that all mines situated in the vicinity of Lephalale contribute immensely towards the much needed development in this area and the country as a whole.

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