

MEDIA STATEMENT

EMERGING MINERS' DESK CONGRATULATES OPAL MINING FOR REACHING THE SEMI-FINALS OF THE MINING INDABA INVESTMENT BATTLEFIELD COMPETITION

Cape Town, 7 February 2017. The Chamber of Mines Emerging Miners' Desk congratulates Paul Ranamane, Group Executive Chairman of Opal Mining, for reaching the semi-finals of the Mining Indaba Investment Battlefield Competition.

Opal Mining is a member of the Chamber of Mines and has been working closely with the Emerging Miners' Desk which has been mandated to assist emerging miners by providing advice, support and to act as a resource centre for the smaller Chamber member companies. In addition, the Chamber also provides smaller member companies with advice and assistance in raising finance for projects, in some technical aspects of mining such as geology and engineering, in skills development, and compliance with the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) and the Mining Charter.

Grant Mitchell who heads up the Emerging Miners' Desk at the Chamber said: "We are extremely proud of Paul and his team. This is a tremendous achievement, particularly given the challenging environment in which emerging miners operate. We look forward to seeing Opal Mining growing from strength to strength."

For more information about the Chamber's Emerging Miners' Desk, please see <https://goo.gl/M9FYyk>

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