



CHAMBER OF MINES  
of South Africa

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## CHAMBER OF MINES RESPONDS TO CABINET APPOINTMENTS

### *Welcomes appointment of Mr Gwede Mantashe as Minister of Mineral Resources*

**Johannesburg, 27 February 2018:** The Chamber of Mines notes the announcement of Cabinet appointments made by President Ramaphosa yesterday evening.

The swift and decisive action taken by the President in a number of critical areas, especially in the economic cluster, is a clear demonstration of his commitment to ethical leadership and governance in state institutions, to addressing the structures, effectiveness and governance of state-owned enterprises, to recognising the importance of minerals and energy to the South African economy, and to re-imagining the future of South Africa. His continued emphasis on good governance and growing the economy are vital for the country.

The delay in downsizing the cabinet is understandable and, should be based on sound investigation. The Chamber looks forward to the President's further announcements on a more streamlined and efficient Cabinet that matches the growth and transformation strategy of government, but within the constraints of what the economy and fiscus can afford.

The Chamber welcomes the appointments of Nhlanhla Nene as Minister of Finance, and Mr Pravin Gordhan as Minister of Public Enterprises and Mr Jeff Radebe as Minister of Energy.

The Chamber particularly welcomes the new Minister of Mineral Resources, Mr Gwede Mantashe – a man of integrity and dignity, and who brings with him a sound and fundamental knowledge of the industry he will lead and enable. He is a person with whom our industry has long held a constructive and respectful relationship. He is an extremely tough negotiator, demonstrated both during his time as General Secretary of the NUM and in his subsequent political positions. We look forward to the many engagements with him that doubtless lie ahead.



The industry is ready and willing to play its part in building the industry and the economy while recommitting itself to further transformational progress. The Chamber and its members recognise that much work lies ahead and we are looking forward to working with the newly appointed leadership and all industry stakeholders to ensure that our industry and the people that depend on it have a better future.

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