



MEDIA STATEMENT

CHAMBER OF MINES VOICES CONCERN REGARDING DMR APPOINTMENT

Johannesburg, 3 November 2016: The Chamber of Mines has noted with some alarm reports regarding the appointment of a new Acting Deputy Director General (DDG): Mineral Regulation.

The role is an extremely important one given the responsibilities of that position. We would have hoped that, though it is an acting appointment, the normal thorough scrutiny of potential candidates' ability and experience would have been followed and that every attempt would have been made to make a permanent appointment. It should be noted that an Acting DDG has exactly the same authority as a DDG when acting in that role.

Given the economic crisis facing the mining sector the Chamber is of the firm view that the leadership team at the DMR, especially the Director General and Deputy Director General appointments need to have appropriate leadership and mining expertise and a track record of working with all stakeholders, which is crucial to helping stabilise the industry and then progress the growth and transformation agenda of the industry. Candidates with limited mining experience would compound the current crisis.

We would trust that this appointment will be properly scrutinised by Cabinet, and an experienced candidate appointed very soon.

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