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## FACTS AND FIGURES 2016

**Johannesburg, 14 June 2017:** Mining matters for South Africa and South Africans. Even in 2016, which was a challenging year for mining, the industry:

- contributed R304.4 billion to South Africa's GDP;
- spent R211.8 billion on goods and services;
- employed 457,698 people, who earned around R120 billion, and supported around 4.5 million people.

Chamber of Mines chief economist, Henk Langenhoven, and his team have compiled *Facts and Figures 2016*, using the latest statistical data available for 2016, sourced from Stats SA, the Department of Mineral Resources and the Chamber of Mines (among other sources). *Facts and Figures 2016* provides some insight into what the numbers mean for South Africa and the future of the mining industry.

In addition to providing an overview of the South African mining industry, the document provides data and insight into every sector, including gold, platinum group metals, coal, diamonds, manganese, iron ore, chromite, aggregates and sand, silver and uranium.

To facilitate access (and in the interest of the environment), this document is available as a downloadable interactive pdf at: <http://www.chamberofmines.org.za/industry-news/publications/facts-and-figures/send/17-facts-and-figures/442-facts-and-figures-2016>

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