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## MINISTER'S UNDERTAKING TO SUSPEND IMPLEMENTATION OF REVIEWED MINING CHARTER NOTED IN COURT

*Minister avoids legal proceedings for a second time*

**Johannesburg, 14 September 2017:** The Chamber of Mines and legal counsel representing Mineral Resources Minister Mosebenzi Zwane today presented the Minister's written undertaking to the High Court of Gauteng (Pretoria) for noting. The Minister has undertaken not to implement the Reviewed Mining Charter until judgment has been handed down in the Chamber's review application.

This is the second written undertaking the Minister has given to avoid legal proceedings in respect of the Reviewed Mining Charter.

The Minister's written undertaking is in stark contrast to the comments he made last week at the Africa DownUnder Conference in Perth, Australia, where he told the international mining community that the Reviewed Mining Charter is "law" and that companies have 12 months within which to comply with the Charter. His comments caused further damage to investor confidence in an industry already struggling to secure investment. The Minister's latest written undertaking now includes a commitment to provide clarity about his undertaking to suspend implementation whenever he discusses the Charter in the public domain.

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