

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE (CTICC)**12 February 2015****AFRICAN MINING WEEK**

Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) welcomed approximately 7000 delegates to attend the annual Investing in African Mining Indaba™, 9 – 12 February 2015. Since first being held at the CTICC in 2004, the number of delegates has increased exponentially.

"The benefits of Investing in African Mining Indaba are widespread - not only for the CTICC and Cape Town but the mining industry at large. It will bring a legacy of knowledge, expertise and experience to Cape Town and a remarkable economic spinoff. The purchasing power of the over 7000 delegates which attended last year's conference, contributed to significant induced tourism", says Julie-May Ellingson, Chief Executive Officer.

Investing in African Mining Indaba, also referred to as the Mining Indaba, has become epitome of their philosophy of pan-Africanism and is a must for African, and global organisations, within or associated with the hugely important mining and resource sector. The event will create exciting prospects for businesses as it provides a platform to build relationships within the mining and resources sector and tap into profitable global supply chains.

There will be plenty of opportunities for associated sectors; these include construction, infrastructure, government, water supply, investors, and legal and education sectors. Getting direct access to the mining sector and influential decision makers, will help many businesses secure their future, and in doing so, ensure job creation.

"CTICC is honoured to host this event which provides a critical platform for those involved in the mining sector from across the world to engage, share their expertise and collaborate on new opportunities this sector has to offer for the national and global economy, "adds Ellingson.

According to Maria Palombini, Mining Indaba Marketing Director, "CTICC has been our venue of choice since the centre's inception. Their world-class facility and service, and the beautiful city it is hosted in are some of the compelling reasons why the organisers and delegates keep coming back".

Mining Indaba will be investing almost R350 000.00 towards the education of four South African students and provide them the opportunity to gain invaluable knowledge and experience in the mining sector. In addition, the event organisers will be joining forces with the CTICC to further educate young leaders, by donating all the remaining conference bags to learners from under privileged schools such as Beautiful Gate,

Foundation for Alcohol Related Research, Home Of Hope, Zeekoevlei Primary, SHAWCO, and Salesian Institute Youth Projects.

"We are delighted to collaborate with a like-minded organiser such as Mining Indaba which recognises the importance of investing in the development of people, especially the youth - our future leaders. Since inception the CTICC has been dedicated to various corporate social responsibility initiatives to uplift the community and add to a sustainable economy", concludes Ellingson.

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