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## PRESS STATEMENT

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### CONTRACTORS OF PALABORA COPPER DOING THEIR PART TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITIES

- **A group of magnetite road transport contractors led by Palabora Copper contributes towards Greenvalley Primary School's computer and Tumelong Drop in centre**
- **New computer learning centre centre to open opportunities for learners at Greenvalley Primary School**

Magnetite road transport contractors of Palabora Copper (Pty) Limited, a subsidiary of Palabora Mining Company, together answers the call of the disadvantaged in their host and nearby communities. Palabora hosted a Charity Golf Day in the latter part of 2014 in an effort to raise funds. The project was aimed at initiating a dialogue amongst transporters and raise funds together to support the communities. Hence on Friday, 6 March 2015 the journey started through the Charity Golf Day continued to Tumelong Drop-in Centre based in Makhushane received well needed kitchen utensils as well as food parcels. And on Thursday, 5 March 2015, Greenvalley Primary School, based in Acornhoek and a home to 1300 learners, received their long awaited computer centre. These road transporters are already doing a lot to support and develop the communities in which they operate, however when those efforts are not concerted, the impact becomes minimal – benefiting only a limited number of people in the community, said Sanda Zungu, Manager Supply Chain & Logistics.

The Tumelong Drop-in Centre based in Makhushane was registered in 2007 and provides food



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after school, assists with home works, teaches children hand work and look after teenagers' infants during school hours in order to ensure that these teenager parents do not drop out of school because of teenage pregnancies. In receiving the pots, wheelbarrow, mugs and plates, cleaning materials, tables, gas stove and food parcels, Mrs Kgohloane, Tumelong Drop-in Centre founder said this gesture of goodwill not only benefit the registered 100 children we have, but will continue benefiting more kids in the coming years. "This is not our centre, but a home to many kids who find themselves in impossible situations at their homes." Kgohloane adds that the centre provides a safe haven for many of these kids to do their home works in an enabling environment and with immediate help at hand.

Announcing the computer centre open of Greenvalley Primary School based in Acornhoek, Mrs Manzini, Greenvalley Primary School Principal said she falls short of words to express their gratitude towards what road transporters of Palabora Copper have done for them as a school. "We have requested donations from the businesses operating around our area and have not received any assistance; but to receive a computer centre is above anything we ever imagined possible for our school. The learners at Greenvalley Primary School will acquire the necessary computer skills which will put them in good stead with learners from well-equipped schools, as well as giving them a head start in their high school studies, she said, with enthusiasm. The computer learning centre is equipped with up-to-the-minute technology and internet.

Palabora Copper will continue to encourage its contractors to get involved and contribute towards projects aimed at uplifting and developing the communities in which we all operate.

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### **Note to the Editor about Palabora Copper (Pty) Limited**

Palabora Copper (Pty) Limited (Palabora), a subsidiary of Palabora Mining Company Ltd, is a copper mine that also operates a smelter and refinery complex based in the town of Phalaborwa, in South Africa's Limpopo Province. The mine owes its origins to a unique rock formation in the region known as the Palabora Igneous Complex.

Palabora has been operational since its incorporation in 1956 and is the country's major producer of refined copper, producing approximately 33 000 tonnages of copper per year. Operational since its incorporation in 1956, Palabora Copper is South Africa's sole producer of refined copper, which it supplies mainly to the local market and export the balance. Whilst copper forms the base-load of its business, Palabora also mines and exports other by-products such as Magnetite, Vermiculite Sulphuric acid, anode slimes and nickel sulphate.

### **More than a mine**

Located directly adjacent to the world-renowned eco-tourism attraction, the Kruger National Park, Palabora coordinates several onsite wildlife management and cultural heritage programmes as part of its ongoing sustainability drive. The company also collaborates closely with various communities in the Ba-Phalaborwa district to boost economic development and alleviate poverty.

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