
PRESS STATEMENT

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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TOURS PALABORA'S COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The members of the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, headquartered in Cape Town, have visited Palabora Copper (Pty) Ltd on Thursday, 18 September, 2015. The ten parliamentarians and their staff, who are part of the Parliament Portfolio Committee on Mineral Resources, Rural Development and Land Reform, were accompanied by senior members from the Department of Mineral Resources provincial and national offices. The purpose of the visit was to conduct a benchmark study on various community development programmes and relations between the various mining houses in the Limpopo Province and their immediate communities.

As part of the knowledge exchange Palabora presented its five year community development programme starting from 2011 to 2015, which according to the Chairperson of the portfolio committee on Mineral Resources, Honourable Luzipo, was an industry bench-mark since they started the Limpopo. Over the past five years Palabora has invested over **R 160 million** in diverse community empowerment initiatives, presented the General Manager of Corporate Affairs, Keith Mathole.

The members also took the opportunity to tour the mine and also visited Phelang Health and Wellness Disease Management Centre in Namakgale, the company's Social and Labour Plan commitment in which about **R7 million** was invested in this HIV/AIDS clinic. They travelled to the centre through some of the newly refurbished roads in that area funded by the company. They also had the opportunity to meet Palabora's supplier development candidates, who were at the nearby Leboneng Centre, attending tender costing training.

Addressing the Supplier Development candidates, Honourable Luziphu urged the members to take the opportunity presented by Palabora with both hands and strive towards becoming astute business men and women South Africa is looking for in order to create more jobs and industrialisation. Again the company was commended by the parliamentarians for driving a robust transformation initiative for the community of Ba-Phalaborwa.

In concluding Palabora was asked to forward to the Parliament more details of its Phelang centre so that it can be officially opened by the Minister of Mineral Resources and handed over to the Minister of Health.



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