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Dear Mr. Mabuza,

RE: XAVIER PREVOST AND THE DME'S ROLE IN PROMOTING THE SOUTH AFRICAN COAL INDUSTRY

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge with great respect the contribution of the DME, and more specifically Mr Xavier Prevost in furthering and enhancing the progress and wellbeing of the South African Coal industry.

Xavier has and will play a critical role in the formation of a fully transformed South African Coal industry. His professional knowledge of the commodity, plus his willingness to participate in forums such as the CITT, Fossil Fuel Foundation, Coaltrans, Geological Society of South Africa and many more, has always ensured that we as coal producers can rely on one point of entry into the DME regarding issues of concern to the coal industry.

Closer to Exxaro, Xavier has contributed a lot by promoting the absolute necessity of improved infra-structure to allow South Africa to develop the Waterberg and Soutpansberg Coalfields, for the benefit to the South African economy.

We believe that he is an individual who earned a lot of respect and credibility in the South African and international coal sector and we wish that his active participation in this industry continues from strength to strength.

Kind Regards



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