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**South Africa
and
Nigeria**

Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on cooperation in the fields of geology, mining, mineral processing and metallurgy. Cape Town, 7 May 2013

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH AFRICA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF
GEOLOGY, MINING, MINERAL PROCESSING
AND METALLURGY

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and separately as “Party”);

TAKING into account the friendly relations and cooperation existing between the two Countries;

NOTING with satisfaction the fruitful outcome of economic, technical and scientific cooperation between the two Countries;

RECOGNIZING that the Parties are member states of the African Union and State Parties to the Protocol on Minerals of the African Union;

CONSIDERING that bilateral cooperation in the fields of geology, mining, mineral processing and metallurgy shall be of mutual social, economic and environmental benefit to the two Countries;

SEEKING further to broaden and deepen the mutually beneficial economic, scientific, and technical cooperation between the Parties on the basis of mutual respects for each other’s sovereignty, mutual benefit, equality and non-interference in each other’s internal affairs;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:-

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to promote cooperation in the fields of geology, mining, mineral processing and metallurgy between the Parties on the basis of equality and mutual understanding, taking into account the experience of their specialists in the said fields.

ARTICLE 2

SCOPE OF COOPERATION

1. Within the allocated budget of the respective Countries the Parties shall promote cooperation in the fields of geology, mining, mineral processing and metallurgy through:
 - (a) the joint identification and implementation of joint co-operation programmes and projects aimed at the promotion of value addition activities in the mining sector;
 - (b) the facilitation of co-operation of reciprocal benefit between mining institutions of both Countries;
 - (c) collaborative projects in the fields of mining, geosciences, mineral title administration, mining exploration, metallurgy, mines health safety and environment, mineral beneficiation and mineral economics;
 - (d) the development of training programmes and/skills exchange development of specialists in the mining sector for both Countries
 - (e) the establishment and promotion of collaborative beneficiation facilities and small scale mining to enhance value addition from precious metals and other minerals;

- (f) the development of common strategies and regulatory frameworks in the mining sector;
 - (g) the exchanging of information, technology transfer, research and development co-operation and establishment of databases; and
 - (h) promoting co-operation on iron and steel, industrial, base and precious minerals processing
2. The Parties shall promote any form of cooperation in the fields of geology, mining, minerals processing and metallurgy as may be agreed upon in writing from time to time.
 3. The Parties shall promote the collaboration of government agencies in the mineral sector, approve and support the creation of partnerships as may be agreed upon in writing from time to time.
 4. The terms and conditions of each programme or project undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be agreed upon by the Parties in separate Technical Agreements.

ARTICLE 3

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

1. The Competent Authority responsible for the implementation and coordination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be
 - (a) in the case of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development; and
 - (b) in the case of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Mineral Resources.