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**Orion Minerals committed to engaging a Siyathemba resident for the role of Community and Social Development Co-Ordinator for the Prieska Copper Zinc Project**

**Johannesburg (18 November 2019)** – Orion Minerals, whose subsidiary company, Repli Trading No 27 Pty Ltd (Repli) is developing the Prieska Copper-Zinc Project in the Northern Cape (Prieska Project), is committed to having a Siyathemba resident co-ordinate Repli's community and social development projects.

Repli commenced the recruitment process for a Community and Social Development (CSD) Co-ordinator in April 2019 and is yet to identify a suitably qualified and experienced Siyathemba community resident.

Orion's Commercial & Business Support Manager, Marcus Birch, explained that given the progress being made with developing the Prieska Project, there is an immediate need to have CSD supervision. The possibility of training a Siyathemba resident into the position was now being investigated, "We are looking to now engage a Community Social Development Trainee, who can be developed into the Coordinator's role under the guidance of an experienced mentor," said Marcus.

Orion has co-opted Beulah Africa's Simone Crouse to temporarily assist with supervising the Community and Social Development projects on a part-time basis. Simone facilitated the formation of the Orion Siyathemba Stakeholder Engagement Forum, so is familiar with the Prieska Project and to the Siyathemba community. Simone will also provide mentoring for trainee.

Simone holds a bachelor's degree in the social sciences field (University of Pretoria), as well as a certificate in Cultural Policy and Management (UNISA) and a BBBEEE practitioners' certificate. She is undertaking a master's degree in Social Development and Policy.

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