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Flagship PCZM hosts the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources

Orion Minerals recently hosted the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources, Gwede Mantashe, at the Prieska Copper Zinc Mine (PCZM) on 30th May.

He was accompanied by a team of officials from the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) and the Honourable District and Local Mayors. Other invitees included representatives from the Orion Siyathemba Stakeholder Engagement Forum (OSSEF), Honourable Speaker Giel MacDonald, Wilson Bosman and Cecil Skeffers, and former employees of the historic Prieska Copper Mine (PCM) - Simon Nkompela, William Ludidi, and Ernest Nelani. Simon, William and Ernest were colleagues of Minister Mantashe while he was employed at PCM from 1975 to 1983.

This special visit highlights Orion's commitment to transparency, collaboration, and community engagement as we advance the development of our flagship mine that will shape the future of the Northern Cape for generations to come.

The presence of former Prieska Copper Mine employees reminded all in attendance of the strong historical legacy that PCZM is built upon. Their stories emphasised the significant role the mine has played in the region and reaffirmed the importance of building a strong partnership with the community and providing long-term benefits to all stakeholders.

Minister Mantashe paid tribute to the contributions of these past workers and expressed his support for Orion's plans to revitalise the mine in a way that delivers real benefits to the surrounding communities. He unveiled a plaque at the mine headgear commemorating his period of employment as a Welfare Officer at PCM.



Orion is focused on developing its high-quality, long-life assets and the visit provided an opportunity to highlight to the DMPR its commitment to development of the local economy in line with its aspirational host community employment and procurement targets for PCZM.

During the visit, which included a tour of the underground workings and the surface dewatering infrastructure, the delegation discussed the progress being made to develop PCZM and the work being done to maintain environmental sustainability and infrastructure upgrades in partnership with local government.

As part of our ongoing engagement, Orion will continue to host regular visits, information

sessions, and collaborative meetings with community stakeholders. We are proud to lead this journey with the full support of our stakeholders, and we remain committed to ensuring that the growth of the mine means growth for all.



Continuing constructive engagement with the community

Orion Minerals recently held several important stakeholder engagement sessions focused on sharing updates following the release of the Definitive Feasibility Study for PCZM, its implications for Siyathemba and Vanwyksvlei (VWV), and progress in human resources and procurement. These included meetings with the OSSEF and with the Siyathemba Local Municipality (pictured below).

Following these events, in May OSSEF community representatives hosted public feedback sessions in Siyathemba and Vanwyksvlei. These sessions gave community members the opportunity to directly engage with their representatives and raise any questions in the presence of senior PCZM management.

Orion and the community representatives would like to thank all residents who participated and contributed to these meaningful engagements.



PCZM Communication Boxes

To strengthen communication with communities, PCZM Communication Boxes have been placed at local libraries. These boxes allow residents to submit questions, feedback, or concerns to Orion management.

Locations:

- Elizabeth Vermeulen Public Library
- Alpha Library
- Marydale Library
- Niekerkshoop Library
- Vanwyksvlei Library

Please feel free to use these boxes to ensure your voice is heard as we work together to shape a responsible and inclusive future.

