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## Media statement

### MINISTER MANTASHE CONGRATULATES THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS OF THE MCSA

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The Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy, Mr Gwede Mantashe congratulates the newly elected Office Bearers of the Minerals Council South Africa (MCSA). After 131 years of existence of the Minerals Council, and 135 years of official mining in South Africa, Ms Nolitha Fakude is the first woman to be elected as President to lead this institution and a valued social partner in South Africa's mining industry. Her election adds to the gains we have achieved since the dawn of democracy in our country.

"One of the greatest injustices we have managed to address through our transformation agenda, is the recognition of women in the mining sector" said Minister Mantashe at the 131 Annual General Meeting of the Minerals Council South Africa which elected Ms Nolitha Fakude, and her collective as Office Bearers for 2021/2022.

"It is not a secret that women were previously not allowed to work in the mines. Today, we have skilled women actively involved in the industry, such as Ms Nolitha, and many others, who are serving as geologists, engineers and Chief Executive Officers (CEO) at the helm of big mining companies" adds Minister Mantashe. The Department wishes Ms Nolitha and her collective well. We will continue working with the newly elected leadership in our endeavours to fully transform and grow the mining sector.

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