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**MINTEK TO CELEBRATE 90 YEARS OF INNOVATION WITH AN INDUSTRY CONFERENCE**

Randburg, February 19, 2024 - Following the conclusion of the successful 2024 Mining Indaba in Cape Town, Mintek, South Africa's pioneering mineral and metallurgical innovation research council, proudly announces the forthcoming Mintek@90 Conference.

In 2024, Mintek commemorates nine decades of unwavering commitment to advancing the mineral and metallurgical sectors, reflecting not only Mintek's enduring heritage and remarkable history but also the collective endeavours of the South African government, the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE), and the industry in fostering the minerals sector's development.

To herald this significant milestone, Mintek unveils the Mintek@90 Conference, a tribute to 90 years of excellence in minerals innovation. This event is scheduled to take place from 11-12 November 2024 at the esteemed Sandton Convention Centre.

The Mintek@90 Conference provides a distinctive platform for industry leaders, experts, and enthusiasts to convene and shape the future of the minerals sector. With a focus on collaboration, the conference aims to address pivotal areas of development within the industry, including Energy, Critical Minerals, Emerging Technologies, Unlocking Resources, Advanced Materials, Environmental considerations, Social Responsibility, Governance, and Human Capital Development for the future mining Industry.

This collaborative initiative seeks to redefine Mintek's role as the preferred partner in mineral and metallurgical innovation. Dr Molefi Motuku, CEO of Mintek, emphasised the significance of the Mintek@90 Conference, stating, "As South Africa commemorates 30 years of democracy, we also celebrate Mintek's 90th anniversary and its indispensable contributions to our mineral and metallurgical sectors. The Mintek@90 Conference not only honours Mintek's achievements but also aligns with our nation's journey over the past three decades and our vision for the future."

Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy, Gwede Mantashe, remarked, "The Mintek@90 Conference marks a pivotal moment in South Africa's minerals sector. It is a testament to Mintek's enduring commitment to innovation and its vital role in driving the industry forward. This initiative showcases our country's rich mining heritage and underscores the importance of collaborative efforts in shaping a sustainable future for our mineral resources."

Additionally, the Mintek@90 Conference serves as the flagship event of a series of activities planned for the year, including a dedicated symposium focussing on the Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Sector in April and the Young Researchers Symposium on Mineral Innovation in July, highlighting Mintek's comprehensive approach to fostering innovation and inclusivity within the industry.

Over the past 90 years, Mintek has extended its products and services to clients in over 60 countries, delivering invaluable expertise and trillions of rands in value to the industry. The Mintek@90 Conference not only commemorates this rich legacy but also sets the stage for future industry advancements through collaboration and knowledge sharing.

**Event Details:**

Date: November 11-12, 2024

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg

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**About Mintek:**

The Council for Mineral Technology, Mintek is South Africa's national mineral research organisation operating under the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE). Mintek is one of the world's leading technology organisations specialising in mineral processing, extractive metallurgy and related areas. We have a comprehensive range of capabilities and operations that include research, development, and innovation across the minerals value chain. We provide services in exploration, extraction, mineral processing, refining, production of metal-based products, development of processes and post-mining support. Our product line extends from end-user consumer products to physical and virtual solution-based products and services.

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