

**REMARKS BY NORTH WEST PREMIER, PROF TEBOGO JOB MOKGORO, AT THE
OFFICAL LAND HANDOVER BY ANGLO AMERICAN TO THE RUSTENBURG
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY HELD AT THE PAARDEKRAAL COMMUNITY HALL,
RUSTENBURG ON FRIDAY, 15 MARCH 2019**

Programme Director, Mme Lerato Mbhele,

Minister of Mineral Resources, Hon Gwede Mantashe,

Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Hon Senzeni Zokwana,

Minister of Human Settlements, Hon Nomaindiya Mfeketo,

Deputy Minister of Human Settlements, Hon Zou Kota-Fredericks,

The Executive Mayor of the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, Cllr
Fetsang Mokati,

The Executive Mayor of the Rustenburg Local Municipality, Cllr Mpho Khunou,
Councillors,

The Chairman-designate of Anglo-American Platinum, Mr Norman Mbazima,

The Chief Executive Officer of Anglo-American Platinum, Mr Chris Griffith and
all Anglo-American Platinum Executives present,

The Director General of the Department of Mineral Resources, Adv Thabo
Mokoena and all Senior Public Servants present

The Chairperson of the Rustenburg Community Development Trust, Ms
Nthabiseng Matsobane,

Baagi ba Boitekong le Paardekraal,

Distinguished guests, ‘

Members of the media, ‘

Ladies and gentlemen,

Dumelang Bagaetsho.

Honourable Ministers, it is a pleasure and an honour to be part of this historic event meant to empower our people with access to habitable land; in pursuit of one of the key resolutions from the 54th National Conference of the governing African National Congress with regards to land restitution and property rights.

In addition to the handover, we are pleased that this portion of land is being donated to our people, albeit under the custodianship of the Rustenburg Local Municipality, so as to ensure that we begin to develop proper human settlement for those that have been disenfranchised as result of the Natives Land Act of 1913 and other related legislation that followed in our segregated past.

However, we must approach this with a holistic view of an integrated human settlement development; so that the people of Paardekraal and Boitekong benefit from the economic spin-offs that would typically be extracted from the envisaged development, once we have set the ball rolling.

Ladies and gentlemen, the human settlement development that would be undertaken should seek to address the entire value chain beneficiation spectrum inclusive of education institutions, adequate health services, road infrastructure and provision of clean, drinking water.

In doing so, Honourable Minister, we should also draw lessons human settlement establishment and related developments that have had gaps and

failures in our province and elsewhere in the country to make sure that we avoid similar experiences.

Furthermore, the discussion currently occupying our space regarding the possible amendments to Section 25 of the Constitution, this donation of land should serve as a litmus test for policy implementation of Land Expropriation at some point.

What then can we learn from this exercise?

We have here Anglo American handing over portions of land, in the middle of the Land Expropriation discussion and the question should then be whether this is a moral response to the land question being debated bearing in mind the years of dispossession that has necessitated the debate in the first place.

Ladies and gentlemen, there is a lot than meets the eye that comes out of this gesture and we should then tap into our policies by asking ourselves as to what are the good examples that could come out of this exercise.

We are now faced with a situation where we have communities on the doorstep of some of the biggest platinum producing mines in the world; whose procurement budget and plans run into billions of Rand and we expect that a fraction not less than 10 percent of that budget should solely be for the benefit of local suppliers.

Both the mining houses and government should work together to put in place programmes that address the capacitation of local mining suppliers through SMME Incubation and Development; so as to ensure that they are on the same footing as those that have been previously advantaged and benefitted from mining procurement for many years.

In conclusion, all role players; both the public and private sectors as well as the community should take an integrated approach to the envisaged human settlement establishment to ensure that the project becomes a model of how residential land development should be done and how it should not be done.

Programme Director, allow me to take this moment to thank all those that have made this endeavour possible and to request the Minister of Mineral Resources, the Honourable Gwede Mantashe to come and address us.

I thank you.

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