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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**Minister**

**National Assembly question for written reply: Question 1931**

DDG: MR

**Date:**

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**Director General: Department of Mineral Resources**

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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1931 ADVANCE NOTICE NO: NW2143E**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 23 June 2017**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NUMBER: 23**

**1931. Mr G Mackay (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

(1) Whether, in view of a certain development (name and details furnished) and given that a certain mine (name furnished) has stated that the specified development cannot take place on the portion of land it owns, his department is aware of the development taking place in the surrounding areas; if so, what impact will renewed mining activity have on the development;

(2) whether the development that the mine wants to start up has been noted or provided for in the environmental impact assessment done in this regard; if not, why not;

(3) whether his department has information on what mining activity is envisaged for the mine in the area over the next 30 years? NW2143E

**Reply**

1. Yes, the impact of mining activities towards development will be, settlement, shock and cracking due to past, present and future mining operations
2. The right is a converted right which has an Environmental Management Plan which under NEMA transitional arrangements is deemed to be an Environmental Authorisation. The Company has been directed to revise the Environmental Authorisation.
3. Underground mining in excess of 2400 metres below surface for Gold ore and Silver ore

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**Mr MJ Zwane, MP**

**Minister of Mineral Resources**

**Date Submitted:-**……………/………………/2017