**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2746. Mr T Rawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

(a) What regulations allowed for the establishment of the Holcim Macassar Sandmine in Cape Town at its current location, (b) how far is the mine from the nearest settlement, (c) does the distance between the mine and nearest settlement comply with regulations and (d) what are the social and labour plans of the mine? NW3039E

**Reply**

1. The mine was established under the Minerals Act, 1951 and the miming right was converted into a new order new mining right in terms of the Mineral Petroleum Development Act 28 of 2002.
2. Approximately 200M from the actual mining footprint to Barden Pawel road in Khayelitsha
3. Yes, the distance complies with Regulation 17.7(a) of Mine Health and Safety Act No. 29 of 1996.

**Project 1:** **Construction of an E-Learning Centre in Wesbank Community in 2015**

The centre combines E-Learning (learning through Information and Technology) and library services on the boundary of a school for easy access to the community and learners from neighbouring schools, in terms of a broader need for new facilities at old schools. The Community Learning Centre is established at Hoofweg Primary School, Wesbank. Wesbank is an under-resourced area with a high crime rate, overcrowded schools, high unemployment, and low occurrence of employment opportunities. A large majority of the residents have not completed high school and the unemployment rates reach at least 43%.

Social Benefits:

* Leverage teaching through building a culture of learning in the home
* Using parents’ and children’s literacy to leverage learning
* Locate Community Learning Centres at primary schools

Educational Benefits:

* Integrated print and digital media lessons
* Equivalent emphasis on books and computers
* Multiple modes of learning
* Measurable outcomes

Holcim spent R2.9 million towards this initiative.

**Project 2: Construction of a Library**

The library is the second phase of the above-mentioned E-Learning Centre project. The library will be constructed adjacent to the E-Learning Centre. Implementation of this project is due to start at the beginning of 2019. The budget committed is R5 million.

**Project 3: Khayelitsha Capacity Building for Disadvantaged Youth**

The Khayelitsha ‘100-UP’ Programme is an initiative driven by the University of Cape Town. It aims to build the learning capacity of youth and to assist them enter institutions of higher learning through various training programmes.

In conjunction with UCT, Holcim’s contribution will fund training for the youth of Khayelitsha. Implementation of this initiative will commence at the beginning of 2019. The committed budget is R810 000.

Approved/Not Approved

**Mr SG Mantashe**

**Minister of Mineral Resources**

**Date Submitted:-**……………/………………/2018