**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

 **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**2952. Mrs E N Ntlangwini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

What (a) is the black economic empowerment (BEE) arrangement regarding the potential Mineral Commodities mine in Xolobeni, (b) are the names of the BEE beneficiaries and (c) is the company number of each specified BEE beneficiary? NW3264E

**Response:**

The application for mineral commodities mine rights in Xolobeni would be done through the Department of the Minerals (DMR). The DMR regulate the mining sector amongst other using the Mining Charter which spells out how BEE should be arranged and implemented in the mining sector. The DMR is therefore the appropriate National Department to furnish information regarding entities that applied for mineral commodities mining rights as well as their BEE credential and plans as the process is governed by the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 28 of 2002, of which the DMR is the custodian.