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**3546. Mr J A Esterhuizen (IFP) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

With reference to proper environmental measures that must be undertaken by large scale mining operations with regard to mining rehabilitation which will also prevent illegal mining, what is his department doing to transform illegal mining operations into legitimate mining businesses that will contribute to the economy of the country and create employment opportunities? NW4210E

**REPLY**

The Department issues mining rights and permits to promote legitimate mining and removal of exposed minerals at sites which are viable to mine.