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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly: 839**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Questionfor **written reply** asked by **Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

**Adv Mmadikeledi Moloto**

**Deputy Director-General: Compliance and Enforcement**

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**Mr. Jacob Mbele**

**Director-General: Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**Mr. S.G Mantashe**

**Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**839.** **Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

What plan does his department have to mitigate the plight of communities that are held hostage by illegal miners, despite the intervention and oversight conducted by the Portfolio Committee on Mineral Resources and Energy together with the Portfolio Committee on Police? **NW943E**

**Reply:**

The Department is working with law enforcement authorities to deal with the scourge of illegal mining. There are several multi-disciplinary and intelligence led operations that have been successfully undertaken in Mpumalanga, Limpopo, North-West, Northern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng and Free State in this financial year. The operations are at various stages of execution.