

Fourth South Africa – European Union Summit



Support Event on Minerals and Mining Innovation Partnerships

Date: 13 September 2011

Venue: Mintek, 200 Malibongwe Drive, Randburg

The mining industry is one of the mainstays of the South African economy. Science and technology plays a critical role in activities such as the beneficiation of minerals to enhance the industry's contribution to sustainable growth and development in South Africa. Raw materials such as minerals are also critical resources for the European economy, especially the manufacturing sector. Also for Europe, science and technology plays a vital role to address strategic objectives such as security of supply and sustainable exploitation of mineral resources. Over the past few years there has been a significant increase in the interest for South African and European research and technology organisations to foster mutually beneficial innovation partnerships to optimally harness the support of new knowledge and innovation to the minerals and mining industries. This seminar will review the success and impact of existing cooperation in this field and identify new opportunities for collaboration to be pursued.

Draft Agenda

09:00 Welcoming remarks

DST representative – context of South Africa – EU S&T partnership
(Ms Mamohloding Tlhagale, Department of Science and Technology)

EU Delegation in South Africa – European perspective
(Mr Kostantinos Berdos, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of South Africa)

09:30 Keynote address: Mintek's participation in European Technology Platform on Sustainable Mineral Resources
(Mr Alan Mc Kenzie, Mintek)

10:00 Review of FP6 and FP7 success stories:

- (a) FP6 BioMine project *(Mr John Neale, Mintek)*
- (b) FP7 AEGOS project *(Ms Cindy Petersen and Mr Danie Barnardo, Council for Geoscience)*
- (c) FP7 EO-Miners project *(Danél van Tonder, Council for Geoscience)*

11:00 Break

11:15 Industry's perspective (*Johan Beukes, Coaltech*)

11:30 Discussion on identification of possible priority themes for and new opportunities for cooperation
(*Mr Francois Prinsloo, Assistant National Contact Point for FP7 NMP thematic area*)

12:45 Presentation of workshop conclusions
(*Ms Mamohloding Tlhagale, Department of Science and Technology*)

13:00 Closure and lunch