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FOREWORD

The past decade has seen a tremendous revival of the base metal industry in Africa. What developments can the southern African base metals industry expect in the next decade, and what role will technology play?

The 6th Southern African Base Metal Conference will explore a variety of possible answers to these questions.

This conference will consider the contributions made by the mining and metallurgical disciplines to the base metals industry, and will also explore how the base metals sector in Africa can survive and fully realize its maximum potential in the new macroeconomic environment. The applications of metal accounting in southern Africa will also be covered.

The conference, which was inaugurated in 2001, is a tribute to the efforts of the Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM) to entrench a forum on base metals that is held regularly throughout southern Africa.

The event is an ideal venue for mining and metallurgical professionals from all countries in the region, as well as internationally, to gain exposure to the latest advances in exploration, resource evaluation, projects, and technological advances in southern Africa's base metal industry. We as the organising committee believe that the papers and presentations submitted for this conference will provide a valuable future reference.

Many people have contributed to the success of this conference. On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to thank the sponsors, authors, referees, and the SAIMM, and welcome you to the 6th Southern African Base Metals Conference.



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