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‘The past decade has seen a tremendous revival of the base metal industry in Africa, coupled with an unprecedented increase in the prices of base metal commodities the last couple of years.’

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

This conference is a tribute to the efforts of the Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM) to entrench a regular Southern African forum on base metals that is held throughout the Southern African region.

The conference is an ideal venue for mining and metallurgical professionals from all countries in the region and internationally to be exposed to the latest advances in exploration, resource evaluation, projects and technological advances in the 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 the organising committee I would like to thank the sponsors, authors, referees and the SAIMM, and welcome you the delegate to the 5th Base Metals Conference.

P.A.P. Fouche
Chairman
Organising Committee
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