

“We are a country with a great abundance of natural resources. It is just a shame that we have not invested in the beneficiation of our minerals. South Africa is exporting about a million jobs to India, just within the diamond cutting industry.”

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Background

- Mineral beneficiation has been identified and prioritized by many African countries as an economic opportunity to stimulate industrial development and diversification for multiple job creation opportunities.

Furthermore, African Union (AU) 's standing Resolution to promote and advance Africa 's industrialization and the African Mining Partnership (AMP) – through its Mineral Beneficiation Framework for Africa – is increasingly focusing on the development and growth of Africa 's beneficiation industry.

- That South Africa is the project management country of the AMP initiative and that the country, SA, has eventually and successfully come up with its own Beneficiation Strategy Implementation Action Plan 2010/11-12/13 and which points to the pivotal leadership role which SA is already offering – i.e. to enthuse and stimulate increased mineral beneficiation activity across the African economies.

About MPBIASA

- MPBIASA is an industry interest lobby formation which is focused on both the transformation, development and growth of the minerals processing and beneficiation industry and facilitating and promoting the affirmable industry interests sector 's entry into and participation in the emerging sunrise mineral (processing and) beneficiation industry.
- The establishment and formation of MPBIASA came about as result of almost three (3) years of series of exploratory and consultative engagements with different and multiple mainstream economic transformation opinion-makers within and outside the public policy sphere and also the collective interests of affirmable aspirant, startup and emerging industrialists particularly following the South Africa government's growing public policy emphasis on the promotion of (industrial) mineral beneficiation.

Industry Positioning

- MPBIASA is positioned as the affirmable organized industry interest sector constituency in the post-minerals processing and beneficiation industry – as a potential strategic industry partner to, in particular, mining beneficiation projects development market opportunities across mineral-specific streams.
- The Association seeks to facilitate, in particular, **the integrative empowerment of and comparative business participation** by affirmable aspirant, start-up and emerging industrialists. The development of the mineral beneficiation industry strongly depends on the working together of and cooperation with the mining industry (primary mineral extraction) and government.

Vision:

To contribute towards the transformation, development and growth of the post-minerals extraction processing and beneficiation industry sectors, through the Association's programme of action on Collaborative Industry Development Alliance (CIDA) with all industry stakeholders.

Mission:

To catalyze, facilitate and promote the utilization of Southern Africa's mineral resource to focally drive the development of post minerals extraction processing and beneficiation industries.

Aims:

In fulfilling its vision and mission, the aims of the organization are to:

- Act as an organized industry lobby formation for and to represent industry interest in the post- minerals extraction processing and beneficiation service sector;
- Serve as projects sourcing services organization/ house;
- Promote the transformation, development and growth of the mineral beneficiation industry to advance the affirmable industry interest sector in Southern Africa;
- Mobilize the post-minerals extraction processing and beneficiation industry;
- Endeavour to generate, acquire, organize and disseminate of opportunity information in the mineral processing and beneficiation industry sectors;
- Promote and facilitate skills training and development in the mineral processing and beneficiation industry sectors through our professional industry partners;
- Participate in research and development in the metallurgical industry;
- Facilitate the development and growth of the co-operative enterprise activities to include and benefit local mining communities' economic empowerment interests and equity participation in post-minerals extraction processing and beneficiation industry sectors.