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### **Nkwe Platinum Hands SLP Water Projects to Municipalities**

**[Sekhukhune District, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023]** Nkwe Platinum Limited hosted a ceremony today to hand over its Social and Labour Plan (SLP) Water Supply Projects to authorised representatives of the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, the Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality, and the Sekhukhune District Municipality.

The event that marks the completion of Nkwe Platinum Limited's SLP water supply projects within its mining communities of Garatouw, Maandagshoek, De Kom and Hoepakrantz.

The projects were initiated to provide access to clean and safe drinking water to communities and livestock surrounding the Zijin Garatau Platinum Mine and includes the Mine's first solar-powered water supply system for the Ga Mpuru Village in the Garatau community.

The pumps of this water supply system are powered by a complete solar system. In addition to providing round the clock water for the members of the community, the solar system also powers a security electric fence for the water supply infrastructure, making it a self-sustaining unit. The community now have access to over 55,000 litres (continuous flow) of clean water from a pipeline which spans over 2 kilometres within the community. Taps and water troughs are stationed at various strategic points along the pipeline to cater for both the community and livestock.

"The company strongly adheres to the co-development belief of "Mining for a Better Society" and believe that the development of enterprises is closely related to the sustainable development of our surrounding communities. Through education, industrial support, infrastructure construction and joint projects, it is committed to developing and working together in a mutually beneficial and harmonious way for the benefit of all,' says Mr. Zhiyu Fan, MD and CEO of Nkwe Platinum Limited.

To date, Nkwe Platinum Limited has spent over R50 million on its Social and Labour Plan. The investment included the upgrading of the Garatau Community Access Road, as well as adult training and education, bursaries, learnerships, internships, traditional leadership training and excavator operations, which have benefited the surrounding mine communities of the Zijin Garatau Platinum Mine.

Community empowerment initiatives, undertaken by Nkwe Platinum Limited, has also included contracts awarded to communities and local businesses, such as R7.6 million for the site preparation work for the box cut in 2021, and approximately R36 million of crushers material supply; tipper truck and diesel supply as well as various other projects in 2022.

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The Zijin Mining Group is a large multinational mining group. It is engaged in the exploration and development of copper, gold, zinc and battery metals worldwide, as well as the research of engineering technology.



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The Zijin Mining Group has mining projects in 15 provincial-level regions in China and 13 other countries across the globe. We operate major projects in China, such as the Julong Copper Mine in Tibet, the Duobaoshan Copper Mine in Heilongjiang, the Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine in Fujian, the Ashele Copper Mine in Xinjiang, Shanxi Zijin, Guizhou Zijin, and Longnan Zijin. Our main overseas assets include the Čukaru Peki Copper and Gold Mine and the Bor Copper Mine in Serbia, the Kamo-a-Kakula Copper Mine and the Kolwezi Copper Mine in the DRC, the Buriticá Gold Mine in Colombia, and the Zijin Garatau Platinum Mine in South Africa.

The Zijin Mining Group ranks No.325 in the 2022 Forbes Global 2000 list, No.1 among global gold companies, No.7 among metal miners; No.407 in the 2022 Fortune Global 500 list, and No.53 in the Fortune China 500 list.

Zijin's core competitiveness lies in innovation, especially technological innovation. It has a wealth of experience in geological exploration; hydrometallurgy; the processing of low-grade, refractory ores; and large-scale engineering projects.

Zijin's vision is "Mining for a Better Society". It stands by the values of "Harmony Brings about Wealth" and "Balanced Development of the Company, its Employees and the Wider Society".

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