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COAL OF AFRICA AND THE COMMUNITIES ENDEAVOUR TO BRING THE MAKHADO PROJECT INTO ACCOUNT

Coal of Africa Limited (CoAL) and the newly elected Makhado Colliery Community Consultative Forum (MCCCCF or the forum) are pleased at the continued progress in the engagement with the various communities in the Makhado Project.

Commenting following a successfully convened meeting with the communities in the Makhado Project area on Saturday, 7 July 2012, the MCCCCF spokesperson, Mr Jutas Mamutshavhi said, "The formation of the forum is a positive step in assisting the communities in engaging with CoAL to ensure mutual benefit for all. Whilst the process to create the forum has been protracted, we as the community appreciate the level of interaction we have had with the management so far and look forward to working closely with them once the mining licence is granted."

The meeting provided a platform for Coal of Africa to discuss the potential impacts and benefits of the proposed Makhado Project with the communities. The communities present at the meeting acknowledged their acceptance of the forum as an inclusive, freely and fairly elected representative body which has pledged its support for the project.

The members of the forum were formally elected on Saturday, 9 June 2012. The MCCCCF consists of King Mphephu traditional council representatives, members of the respective royal councils, leaders of the traditional communities and 35 elected members from seven communities within CoAL's Makhado coking coal project area. The election of a representative and inclusive community forum is a critical component of CoAL's stakeholder engagement strategy and CoAL will continue to engage with the communities through this forum.

The forum amongst other duties is the communication channel between CoAL and the communities surrounding the Makhado Project, and will, on behalf of the communities, engage with CoAL on issues such as community development projects, employment and

skills development, bursaries, equity shareholding as well as environmental, social and heritage impacts. Essentially the communities and CoAL endeavour to work together to bring the Makhado Project into account.

Coal of Africa Chief Executive Officer, John Wallington, said: "We are pleased with the establishment of the Makhado Colliery Community Consultative Forum which is an integral platform for our continued stakeholder engagement programme at the Makhado Project. We look forward to working with the forum as well as ongoing discussions with the Makhado communities."

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