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YZERMYN COMMUNITIES DEMAND PUBLIC APOLOGY

Johannesburg, South Africa. 22 February 2018. The communities of the Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Local Municipality have written a letter (attached) to the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) and the provincial Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs in support of Atha-Africa Ventures (Pty) Ltd regarding the MTPA's response to a query.

Thabiso Nene, representative of the local community based organisation, The Voice Community Representative Council, is demanding a public apology from the MTPA for inappropriate comments by some of its staff members and has implicated the Centre for Environmental Rights in this matter for not condemning these comments.

Nene also represents the communities' interests as a member of Atha-Africa Ventures' Yzermyn environmental management committee, which has been established to ensure that the mine operates in a sustainable manner.

The community has given notice that it will picket outside the offices of the MTPA on 5 March 2018 if the matter is not resolved as requested.

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