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**DUMA NKOSI TO CHAIR MMSD ASSURANCE GROUP
AS JAY HAIR CARRIES MMSD'S MESSAGE INTO
THE HEART OF THE MINING INDUSTRY**

Duma Nkosi, the respected South African parliamentarian, ANC activist and mining specialist, has been appointed chair to the Mining, Minerals and Sustainable Development (MMSD) Project Assurance Group effective 1 September 2001. His appointment follows current Chair Dr Jay Hair's move to the position of Secretary-General of the mining industry's new trade body, the International Council for Mining and Metals (ICMM) in early September.

Dr Hair's appointment is a significant success for the MMSD project and a major opportunity for the industry. It suggests that the industry is putting the issue of sustainable development at the top of its agenda. As chair of the MMSD Assurance Group and with a 30-year career in the conservation and environmental movement, Dr Hair's appointment gives the industry a unique chance to grapple with the biggest and most difficult issues they face – developing a sustainable future.

“I am thrilled to be taking the sustainable agenda to the heart of the mining industry as Head of the International Council for Mining and Metals. This is a turning point for the mining sector and a golden opportunity to secure the industry's future, based on a new sustainable platform. I will be looking to take the findings from the MMSD project to the top of the mining industry's agenda as we move towards securing radical change and a more sustainable future,” said Dr Hair.

Dr Hair had no previous involvement with the mining industry until he became a member of the MMSD Assurance Group. “It is an indication of how seriously industry is taking the MMSD process that it is calling on one of MMSD's key players,” MMSD Project Director Luke Danielson said.

The leaders of ICMM have gone outside the industry to find the first Secretary-General of their new organisation. Dr Hair is the former President of the National Wildlife Federation, one of the largest conservation organisations in the U.S., and of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). It is a compliment to the MMSD process that the industry has appointed one of its most respected sources of leadership and guidance.

As chair of the MMSD Assurance Group, Hair helped establish the project's oversight body as an open, analytic and rigorous forum for debate and review of the project's work. The Group will continue its work under Nkosi's leadership as MMSD enters its final phase of producing the Project Report.

"This project is fortunate to have someone of Duma Nkosi's ability to help us move forward," Danielson remarks. To view Nkosi's pen portrait, click [here](#).

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Notes to Editors

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- The Mining, Minerals and Sustainable Development Project is an independent two-year project of participatory analysis seeking to understand how the mining and minerals sector can contribute to the global transition to sustainable development.
- MMSD is a project of the [International Institute for Environment and Development](#) (IIED) commissioned by the [World Business Council for Sustainable Development](#) (WBCSD).

Duma Nkosi (Acting Chair)

- Duma Nkosi is a respected South African Parliamentarian with his roots in the freedom movement, the ANC and the trade union movement.
- He was elected to the challenging position of chairperson of the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Minerals and Energy in 1997 three years after being elected a Member of the South African Parliament. In this role he is responsible for the smooth functioning of this committee, which monitors the Department of Minerals and Energy, and the mineral and energy legislation processes.
- Duma is a well-known figure on the South African mining landscape as he also serves on the Board of the Minerals and Energy and Training Institute (MEETI) and serves on the steering committee of the KWAGGA Project of the Minerals and Energy Policy Centre (MEPC). This project aims to increase the participation of previously excluded groups in minerals policy formulation and mining.
- Duma's role as a parliamentarian is rooted in an arduous history as a political activist in the South African freedom struggle. His involvement in this struggle resulted in leadership positions in both the trade union movement and the African National Congress (ANC). This organisational experience allows him to manage the rigours of one of the most complex industries in South Africa

Jay Hair

- From 1981-95 Jay D. Hair was president and chief executive officer of the National Wildlife Federation (USA). He is also the immediate past president of the Switzerland-based IUCN-The World Conservation Union.
- The National Wildlife Federation, with more than 5 million members, is the largest membership-based environmental organization in the world. During his presidency Jay established the NWF Corporate Conservation Council to promote dialogue about environmental issues with the business community, and the International Affairs Division to address global environmental concerns.
- NWF was a major force in the movement to incorporate environmental concerns in the negotiation of free trade agreements and in 1991 Dr. Hair was appointed to the United States Trade Representative's Investment Policy Committee. In 1993 President Clinton appointed him as a charter member of the President's Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD).
- Jay has served on a number of Boards and Commissions including the Keystone Center, the National Petroleum Council, the National Public Lands Council, US Committee for World Heritage, Clean Sites, Inc., Global Partnerships and the Riggs National Bank.
- He has written extensively on environmental issues and has received several awards for his commitments to natural resources conservation and environmental protection worldwide.

MMSD ASSURANCE GROUP

- In order to ensure the Project's independence an Assurance Group was established to offer guidance and guarantee the quality and integrity of the Project.
- It consists of an independent international panel of 25 individuals representing a wide range of expertise from key stakeholder groups.
- As well as Duma Nkosi and Jay Hair, the Assurance Group gathers:

Jacqueline Aloisi de Lardere	Director of the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
Richard Baldes	Independent biological consultant working primarily on Tribal lands. Former Project Leader for the US Fish and Wildlife Service on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming
Tricia Caswell	Executive Director, Global Sustainability at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
Anna Cederstav	Scientist with the Inter-American Association for the Defence of the Environment (AIDA), a legal advocacy group
Cholpon Dyikanova	National Manager for the World Bank's Community and Business Forum in Kyrgyzstan

Colin Filer	Head of the Social and Environmental Studies Division of the Papua New Guinea National Research Institute and fellow of the Australian National University.
Douglas Fraser	Formerly Vice President of Sustainable Development for Placer Dome Inc., Canada. Former Chair of the Mining Association of British Columbia, Canada.
Reg Green	Occupational Safety, Health & Environment Officer for the International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mines and General Workers' Union (ICEM) based in Brussels
Gerard Holden	Managing Director and Global Head of Mining and Metals, Barclays Capital, London.
Namakau Kaingu	Small scale miner and Chair of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Women in Mining Trust.
Antonio La Vina	Director of the Biological Resources Program of the World Resources Institute in the Philippines.
Daniel Meilán	Immediate past Secretary of Mining of Argentina.
Glenn Miller	Director of the Graduate Program in Environmental Sciences and Health at the University of Nevada.
Maria Ligia Noronha	Fellow of the Policy Analysis Division of the Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), Goa, India.
Manuel Pulgar-Vidal	Executive Director of the Peruvian Society for Environmental Law (SPDA)
Leon Rajaobelina	Executive Director of Conservation International, Madagascar, and former Director-general of Economy of the Ministry of Economy and the International Monetary Fund
Charles Secrett	Executive Director of Friends of the Earth (FOE), London, UK, since 1993. Member of the UK Round Table on Sustainable Development
John Stewart	Chamber of Mines of South Africa
Oswaldo Sunkel	Professor of Economics and Director of the Centre for Public Policy Analysis, University of Chile
Kathryn McPhail	Program Manager, the World Bank policies on sustainable development, including a Quality and Assurance Compliance Unit
Helmut Weidner	Senior Researcher at the Social Science Research Centre, Berlin, Germany
Douglas Yearley	Chairman Emeritus of Phelps Dodge Corporation.
Senzeni Zokwana	President of the National Union of Mines of South Africa.

Note: The Assurance Group Nominations Committee is currently reviewing new members. For an up to date list, visit <http://www.ied.org/mmsd/assurgroup.html>.

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