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Foreword

The platinum industry is changing. Metal prices and market demand are pressurising producers to deliver more metal. In South Africa producers have to deal with the pressures of the strong rand and new mining legislation while trying to satisfy market demands. The eastern limb of the Bushveld Igneous Complex is on the eve of an explosive expansion programme. Foreign investment in South African platinum mines is growing, as is ownership by historically disadvantaged South Africans.

This international Conference, the first of a series of biannual conferences, seeks to explore the changes and challenges facing the platinum industry. Speakers will address a wide range of 'value adding' topics including the markets for and uses of platinum, smelting and refining, ore concentration, mining and exploration.

It is my pleasure to welcome delegates from abroad and locally, on behalf of the SAIMM, to the First International Platinum Conference 'Platinum Adding Value'.

I trust that you will find the proceedings informative and value adding and will participate in the discussions and debate in order to obtain maximum benefit from the conference. I am sure that the post conference tours will be interesting and of great benefit to participants.

Finally, a big word of thanks to the members of the Organising Committee, the management and staff of the SAIMM, and to our willing sponsors, without all of whom this conference would not have been possible.

Mike Rogers
Chairman,
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