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Limpopo Set to Capitalise on R170 Billion Investment Conference Momentum at 2026 Mining Indaba

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Fresh from securing more than R170 billion in investment pledges at the highly successful 2025 Limpopo Investment Conference, Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba will lead a high-level provincial delegation to the 2026 Mining Indaba, positioning Limpopo as one of Africa's most compelling new mining and industrial investment frontiers.

The R170 billion investment commitment across mining, manufacturing, energy, agro-processing and infrastructure is an undeniable signal that Limpopo's long-dormant economic potential is now translating into measurable growth.

"What we witnessed at our Investment Conference was not promise alone — it was rainfall after a long drought," Premier Dr Ramathuba said. "Each investment pledge represents jobs, industrial capacity and real economic transformation for our people."

At the Mining Indaba, Limpopo will advance a clear message: the province is no longer only a source of raw minerals, but a platform for beneficiation, localisation and energy transition industries.

Limpopo hosts some of South Africa's richest mineral endowments, including platinum group metals, chrome, coal, copper, diamonds and rare minerals critical to battery storage, renewable energy and future-facing manufacturing. Provincial government is now actively aligning mining investment with downstream processing and industrial development.

"Our minerals are not just commodities. They are the building blocks of the green economy - from solar technologies to batteries - and Limpopo is ready to host that value chain," the Premier noted.

The province's growing investment appeal is underpinned by several structural advantages that will be showcased at the Indaba, including a strategic location as South Africa's northern gateway, Special Economic Zones (SEZs) positioned to support mining-linked manufacturing, logistics and export-oriented industries

Premier Dr Ramathuba confirmed that government technical teams are already engaging investors to accelerate implementation, with a target to demonstrate measurable progress on at least 23% of pledged investments ahead of the next investment cycle.

"We understand investor frustration with delays," she said. "Our role is to remove blockages, align municipalities and ensure that projects move from boardrooms to build sites."

Limpopo's delegation to the Mining Indaba will include MECs, Heads of Department, CEOs of entities, provincial and local government officials and sector specialists - reflecting a whole-of-government approach to investment delivery.

The Provincial delegation will engage, explore and strengthen strategic partnerships targeted towards mineral beneficiation, housing development, road development and investment in green energy by mining companies such as Valterra Platinum, Glencore, Sasol, Lavin Energy, Venetia Mining, Red Rocket to name a few.

As global capital seeks stable jurisdictions with resource depth, clean-energy potential and access to African markets, Limpopo is presenting itself as South Africa's next growth engine - not on aspiration alone, but on signed commitments and active implementation.

"Our people are watching," the Premier said. "They expect jobs, dignity and opportunities. Limpopo is ready to turn this moment into lasting economic transformation."

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