



ZIMBABWE

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND OVERVIEW OF THE
FUNCTION BY THE
PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR MINES AND MINING
DEVELOPMENT
MR. P. KUNAKA
AT THE OFFICIAL COMMISSIONING
OF THE ZIMBABWE PLATINUM MINES FIRST PHASE OF
THE 185MW SOLAR PROJECT AND THE EXPANDED
SMELTER PROJECT**

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1. Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen. It is with immense pleasure and a profound sense of joy that I welcome you all to this momentous commissioning ceremony at the Zimbabwe Platinum Mines Selous Metallurgical Complex. Today, we celebrate the commissioning of the expansion of the smelter plant and commissioning of Phase 1A, 35 MW Solar Plant.
2. Your Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, your presence here today is a testament to your unwavering commitment to the growth and development of our nation's mining sector, and indeed, the entire Zimbabwean economy. We are deeply humbled and privileged by your gracious attendance and leadership.
3. I also wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the entire Zimbabwe Platinum Mines team from the Board and Management to every employee on the ground for their dedication, hard work, and foresight in bringing this vital project to fruition. Your commitment to innovation and investment in Zimbabwe is truly commendable.
4. To our Traditional Leaders, your wisdom and guidance are invaluable, and we thank you for your continued support and prayers for the prosperity of our land.

OVERVIEW OF THE FUNCTION

5. Ladies and Gentlemen, today marks a pivotal moment in the history of Zimbabwe's mining industry and a significant stride towards achieving our national economic aspirations. We are gathered here at this auspicious ZIMPLATS Smelter Expansion Project and Phase 1A, 35 MW Solar Plant Project official opening ceremony, presided over by His Excellency, the President, to witness the commissioning of a project that embodies progress, sustainability, and economic empowerment.

6. Ladies and gentlemen, it is pleasing to note that this event is a culmination of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Zimbabwe, through the Ministry of Mines and Mining Development, and ZIMPLATS for the sustainable development of the Platinum Group Metals (PGMs) integrated projects by the company. The MOU was signed on 18 October 2021.

7. This event marks a significant milestone in our country's efforts to promote local value addition and sustainable development in the mining industry. Today's ceremony is a powerful demonstration of the successful collaboration between Zimbabwe Platinum Mines,

the private sector, the community, and the Government of Zimbabwe, a partnership rooted in our shared vision for a modern, efficient, and environmentally responsible mining industry.

8. Your Excellency, we are immensely proud of this achievement and remain steadfast in our commitment to fostering an environment that encourages further investment, sustainable mining practices, and equitable distribution of wealth for the benefit of all Zimbabweans.

THANK YOU.