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STATEMENT OF THE MEIBC ON THE STRIKE IN THE METALS AND ENGINEERING INDUSTRY

On the 1st July 2014, employees in the Metals and Engineering Industry commenced with protected industrial action following a dispute in the 2014 negotiations. As a custodian of industrial relations in the industry, the MEIBC recognizes the rights of both employees and employers to embark on industrial action within the provisions of the law. In this regard, the Council urges both employers and employees to exercise their respective rights with the necessary restraint.

The Council notes with serious concern the negative impact that the industrial action brings to bear on employees and employers in the industry as well as on the South African economy as a whole. In this regard the Council is working consistently to ensure that the parties find an agreement and bring the industrial action to an end as soon as possible. The parties to the negotiations have displayed a sense of urgency and purpose in resolving the dispute. The Council is encouraged by this and is confident that with the co-operation of parties, a resolution will be found soon.



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