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Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office

National Assembly: 235

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Question for **written reply** asked by Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) **to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:**

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Deputy Director-General: Minerals and Petroleum Regulation

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Mr. Jacob Mbele
Director-General: Mineral and Petroleum Resources

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Mr. S.G Mantashe
Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources

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235. Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:

(1) Regarding the status of mining licences issued to artisanal and/or small-scale miners, what is the status of the Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Policy, 2022;

(2) what total number of mining licences has his department issued to artisanal

and/or small-scale miners;

(3) which minerals are being mined by those who were awarded mining licences;

(4) what is the current process to obtain an artisanal and/or small-scale mining licence?

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Reply

1) The Minerals Policy and Promotion Branch must provide the status.

2) The Department has issued **3 416** in the past five years

3) Sand, Gravel, Aggregate, Sandstone, Stones, Granite, Clay, Marble, Diamonds, Gold, Dolerite, Coal

4) Applicant must identify land not more than 5 hectares, and there must be no other person with a right or permit for the same land and minerals. Currently, small-scale miners must apply for a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) (as amended) (MPRDA). The application for a mining permit must always be accompanied by an application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act 107 of 1998). The applications are lodged online through the SAMRAD system. The application fee in terms of the MPRDA is R100, and for the Environmental Authorisation in terms of NEMA, R2100. A mining permit application takes approximately 10 months to finalise. Once issued, they are valid for a period of 2 years and can be renewed three times for a period of 1 year at a time.