

Mining Indaba™ invests in the future of South Africa's education

In line with its agenda of aligning with the transformative policies of the South African government and of contributing to the advancement of the country's mining industry, Investing in African Mining Indaba™ has offered bursaries to two deserving third-year mining engineering students. The bursaries are valued at US\$10 000 each, and have been offered to Lindiwe Nyalunga at the University of the Witwatersrand and Hlulisani Mabege at the University of Pretoria.

The bursaries are for one academic year (2013) and will cover tuition, books, accommodation, meals, and other related academic expenses like mine excursions.

'Mining Indaba™ is strongly committed to the advancement of the mining industry and our partnership with our host country of South Africa', explains Jonathan Moore, Managing Director of Mining Indaba. 'Through this bursary programme, we are part of the enduring effort to develop a model for success focused on sustainable practices. At the core of this programme is the development of the next generation of mining leaders'.

A grateful Nyalunga feels the bursary is going to place her career on the next curve of growth trajectory, and hopes that other cash-strapped students will also have the same fortune of benefiting from the bursary. 'I would like to thank Mining Indaba for granting me this bursary and for recognizing what I am capable of bringing to the mining industry. I am grateful and honoured by the generosity of Mining Indaba for giving me the opportunity to further my studies without worrying about my fees. The bursary will make a significant contribution in assisting me to make a difference in the mining industry. I hope that this is carried out throughout the rest of South Africa, so that a lot of other students can be helped like I have been'.

In his congratulatory address to the students, Moore said, 'As a recipient of this bursary we are excited about the potential you bring to our market and are proud to help you in our efforts to advance both your career and our industry'.

'I am very grateful for having been chosen as the only University of Pretoria student and I am very excited to be associated with Investing in African Mining Indaba,' Mabege says.

As part of the award, Nyalunga and Mabege have been invited to the 2013 Mining Indaba on 4-7 February in Cape Town, South Africa. They will have the opportunity of interacting with financiers, investors, and mining's most influential stakeholders, who will be among the more than 7000 delegates attending the Indaba.

About Mining Indaba™

This is where the world connects with African mining. Undisputedly the world's largest mining investment event and Africa's largest mining event, Mining Indaba™, in collaboration with its African partners, has throughout its 19 year history served as the pathway to channel billions of dollars of foreign investment to capitalize the African mining value chain. 2012 was the record-breaking year for Mining Indaba, as it attracted more than 7 000 delegates representing 100 countries from seven continents.

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