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Anglo American donates 45 Main Street building to Maharishi Invincibility Institute to foster youth development and support Johannesburg's urban renewal

Anglo American (“the company”) today handed over its iconic 45 Main Street building, which is situated in the Johannesburg central business district (CBD), to the Maharishi Invincibility Institute (“the Institute”), a leading non-profit private education institution dedicated to empowering underprivileged youth in the inner city and surrounds.

The building, which forms part of the company’s former Johannesburg CBD Campus, will allow the Institute to extend its impact, benefitting up to 3,000 youth – more than doubling the number of students it can support. The Institute focuses on access to on-the-job training for students and actively works to help graduates secure sustainable jobs at some of the country’s leading corporates. This model and the support of The Institute’s long-standing partners translate to a tangible difference in the lives of talented youth, helping elevate communities.

Education and training are integral to Anglo American's Sustainable Mining Plan, which commits the company to a holistic range of ambitious goals that are shaping how our stakeholders experience our business. These include how we can best create *Thriving Communities* by focusing on better health, education, and employment opportunities.

Furthermore, this initiative forms part of the Anglo American’s drive to play a meaningful role, along with several public and private stakeholders, in the regeneration of the Johannesburg CBD.

Nolitha Fakude, Chairman of Anglo American’s Management Board, said: “We firmly believe that Johannesburg's inner-city regeneration hinges on nurturing the potential of its young people, who represent the city's future. The Maharishi Invincibility Institute has emerged as a driving force in paving pathways to opportunities for thousands of young people in the inner city, and it fills us with great pride to entrust them with the custodianship of the iconic 45 Main Street—a building that holds deep historical significance in Johannesburg's evolution.

“Looking beyond this, we are thrilled by the strides made in the last two years through collaborative efforts with various stakeholders. Together, we have crafted a shared vision for Johannesburg's renewal, culminating in establishing the Johannesburg CBD Coalition—a platform where the Maharishi Invincibility Institute also actively participates.

“This coalition serves as a powerful catalyst for change, fostering synergy among like-minded organisations, pooling their collective expertise, resources, and insights to forge a cohesive and actionable blueprint for the city's rejuvenation.”

Since its inception in 2007, the Maharishi Invincibility Institute has offered critical skills training to over 19,000 youth – most of whom were young black women -boasting a 90+% job placement rate.

Dr Taddy Blecher, CEO of the Maharishi Invincibility Institute, said: “Our relationship with Anglo American is longstanding and has evolved over the decades, growing from strength to strength. This is a company that has always understood the importance of investing in the next generation and continues to take its role in catalysing meaningful societal change very seriously.

“Through the donation of 45 Main Street, the Institute will continue to further its mission of developing a new generation of competent leaders right here in Johannesburg’s inner-city.

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We are deeply grateful to Anglo American for their long term and profound vision. Through our intense focus on getting youth into quality jobs, based on scarce-skills development, and on doing this in a holistic and sustainable way, we truly believe that if more companies, organisations, and the government come together to tackle the city's challenges, we can help secure a more productive future for all. By entrenching ourselves in the CBD, we want to play a more active part in making the inner-city a more attractive and safer place to live, work, and thrive.”

Anglo American continues to explore possibilities for the adaptive use of the rest of its historic Johannesburg CBD Campus, with several potential partners and collaborators involved to help develop the campus into a mixed-use and vibrant precinct.

Themba Mkhwanazi, Anglo American’s Regional Director for Africa and Australia, concluded:

“When we look at the immense challenges that cities like Johannesburg face, they often mirror the challenges of our entire nation. As responsible corporate citizens, our duty goes beyond simply pointing out problems; we must actively engage and contribute to the solutions. That’s the driving force behind the formation of the Johannesburg CBD Coalition. All of its members wholeheartedly recognise the scale of challenges that the inner city faces, including crime, inadequate infrastructure, rampant unemployment, and limited socio-economic opportunities.

It’s truly inspiring to see the Maharishi Invincibility Institute and other organisations joining hands with us, ready to roll up their sleeves and work together.

“We stand united, determined to bring about positive change in the heart of the inner-city and forging partnerships for South Africa’s success so that we can collaboratively tackle the challenges that hinder us. This collaboration is not just about uplifting the inner city but is equally focused on stimulating socio-economic development and tackling the youth unemployment crisis. Together, we aim to create a better future, where the inner-city becomes a safer, thriving, empowering place for all its residents – particularly its young people – brimming with opportunities for growth and prosperity.”

More details of Anglo American's Sustainable Mining Plan are available [here](#).

Notes to editors:

The Johannesburg CBD Coalition brings together several public and private organisations and visionary leaders committed to driving tangible transformation to revitalise Johannesburg's inner city. Anchored by Anglo American, the Maharishi Invincibility Institute, Nando's, the anti-poverty non-profit Mould Empower Serve NPC (MES), Standard Bank, the University of the Witwatersrand, Olitzky Property Holdings, Investec and the Constitutional Hill Development Company, the Coalition strives to play a role in fostering the rejuvenation of Johannesburg's CBD.

Anglo American is a leading global mining company and our products are the essential ingredients in almost every aspect of modern life. Our portfolio of world-class competitive operations, with a broad range of future development options, provides many of the future-enabling metals and minerals for a cleaner, greener, more sustainable world and that meet the fast growing every day demands of billions of consumers. With our people at the heart of our business, we use innovative practices and the latest technologies to discover new resources and to mine, process, move and market our products to our customers – safely and sustainably.

As a responsible producer of copper, nickel, platinum group metals, diamonds (through De Beers), and premium quality iron ore and steelmaking coal – with crop nutrients in development – we are committed to being carbon neutral across our operations by 2040. More broadly, our Sustainable Mining Plan commits us to a series of stretching goals to ensure we work towards a healthy environment, creating thriving communities and building trust as a corporate leader. We work together with our business partners and diverse stakeholders to unlock enduring value from precious natural resources for the benefit of the communities and countries in which we operate, for society as a whole, and for our shareholders. Anglo American is re-imagining mining to improve people's lives.

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