

**MEDIA STATEMENT-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**NEHAWU CONGRATULATES THE NUM FOR ITS SUCCESSFUL 15<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONGRESS**

NEHAWU congratulates the **National Union of Mineworkers** for their successful 15th National Congress ,recently held in Ekurhuleni. We also pass on good wishes to the newly elected leadership collective. We are confident that they are up to the challenge of taking the giant union of Elijah Bharayi back to its rightful place in the mining sector.

We also commend the union for maintaining unity throughout the congress ,and for emerging with a united voice of going *"Back to Basics"* and improving the service to members. We look forward to working closely with the NUM in defending our federation, Cosatu, and helping it to overcome its challenges and regain the lost ground.

The NUM is an important Cosatu affiliate and a critical component of the alliance and we shall work together with them to demand the implementation of the progressive decisions taken by the African National Congress {ANC} in its 52<sup>nd</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> National Conferences. We expect this giant union to add its critical voice in the discourse around important societal matters at all levels. We shall work closely with them in ensuring that the unity of the ANC led alliance is protected and the movement {ANC} maintains its working-class-bias.

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