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To whom it may concern

The Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM) is a professional body with local and international links, aimed at assisting members who want to source information on technological developments in the mining, metallurgical and related sectors. It achieves this goal by bringing together the mining and metallurgical fraternity in terms of research, shared-experiences, education, personnel as well as students. The series of Schools on Manganese Ferroalloy Production is a very good example of how the SAIMM goes about achieving these goals.

South Africa has the largest land-based manganese resource in the world. The Kalahari Manganese Field (KMF) is based in the Northern Cape Province. Although the ores mined are primarily exported, some are also smelted locally to produce manganese ferroalloys. In order to support the smelters, and foster collaboration between researchers in the field, the SAIMM successfully hosted two Schools on Manganese Ferroalloy Production in the past, the 1st in 2012 and the 2nd in 2016.

Due to the mitigation measures put in place by the Government of South Africa regarding COVID-19, the 3rd School on Manganese Ferroalloy Production will now be hosted as a series of webinars during the week of July 24th – 28th, 2020. More details are available at <https://www.saimm.co.za/saimm-events/upcoming-events/3rd-school-on-manganese-ferroalloy-production>.

The SAIMM is honoured to have members of the PreMa Consortium as event participants. The PreMa project (www.spire2030.eu/prema) aims at demonstrating an innovative suite of technologies, involving utilization of industrial off-gases and solar thermal energy, to reduce energy consumption and CO₂ emissions from manganese production as a means to obtain sustainable production of Mn-alloys and steel. The project is funded by the Horizon 2020 program of European Union, and European and South African industrial partners.

To further encourage collaboration between interested parties, the SAIMM offers various sponsorship opportunities. Given the international exposure the PreMa project will offer potential sponsors, I would like to encourage your company to participate in this event by taking up one or more of these sponsorship opportunities. If you have any further enquiries, kindly contact Gugu (gugu@saimm.co.za) or Camielah (camielah@saimm.co.za).

I thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely

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