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Nungu Diamonds – Response to City Press article – 25 September 2022

MEDIA STATEMENT

Nungu Diamonds, has noted with concern and disappointment the misleading and factually incorrect article published by the City Press newspaper, 25 September 2022 which seeks to purport possible liquidation of Nungu Diamonds. Not only is the headline misleading so too is the balance of the content of the article. Nungu Diamonds' doors remain open and there is no liquidation in place or threatened liquidation against Nungu Diamonds. Business continues as usual. City Press acted in bad faith and in breach of the Press Code by publishing the article and attaching the heading that it did because it knew that such an article would have an adverse effect on our reputation and relationship with our stakeholders and partners.

Whilst summons was served on Nungu Diamonds by Anglo American Zimele, we have taken steps to seek legal counsel and have referred the matter to our legal team as we believe that the legal process initiated by Anglo American Zimele needs to be responded to and that the matter can and should be resolved without a need to involve the courts.

Nungu Diamonds has successfully built itself into a reputable brand that adds value to our locally mined minerals by creating jobs and contributing to sustainable livelihoods and intends to continue doing so. We are one of five companies that were selected to be part of a De Beers initiative aimed at promoting Diamond Beneficiation in South Africa. The project, funded by Anglo American Zimele, availed developmental funding which enabled us to set up a new diamond polishing factory in November last year where we currently employ 27 people.

We continue to enjoy a good relationship with De Beers and are committed to carrying out the objectives of the project. We are thankful to our clients for their support and remain committed to continue providing bespoke diamond experiences that are proudly South African.

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