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**CDP deploras loss of 14 000 employment opportunities in platinum mines**

“It is a real tragedy that 14 000 platinum mineworkers are to lose their jobs in Anglo Platinum’s planned rationalisation,” says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

We trust that the company did all it could to salvage as many jobs as possible, and welcome plans to accommodate certain workers in the development of a housing and business scheme.

The CDP sees this as a clear indication of what happens when unrest and agitation for unaffordable and unrealistic salary increases make any undertaking unviable. This also makes it clear that government has an important part to play in ensuring an investor friendly climate whilst unions should temper irresponsible war talk.

**CDP betreur verlies van 14 000 werkseleenthede in platinumsektor**

“Dit is ‘n werklike tragedie dat 14 000 mynwerkers in platinummyne hul werk in Anglo Platinum se beplande rasionalisering gaan verloor,” alus ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

Ons vertrou dat die maatskappy alles in sy vermoë gedoen het om so veel as moontlik werkseleenthede te berekder, en ons verwelkom dit dat die myn so ver as moontlik van die werkers in die bou van die beplande behuisings projek en sake-ontwikkeling wil akamodeer.

Die CDP glo dat hierdie ‘n duidelike aanduiding is van wat kan gebeur as mynonrus en agitasie vir onbekostigbare salarisse enige sektor onlewensvatbaar maak. Dit toon ook die belangrikheid daar van dat die regering alles in sy vermoë moet doen om ‘n beleggersvriendelike klimaat te skep en dat vakbonde hul onverantwoordelike oorlogspraatjies moet temper.