Dear Colleague

Since 1952, the International Mineral Processing Council (www.impc-council.com) has had global oversight over a number of matters relating to Minerals Processing. These include appointing countries to organize the International Minerals Processing Congresses (IMPC) and having oversight of these events. The most recent Congress was the XXVI IMPC which was held in New Delhi in 2012. The Council also establishes from time to time Commissions to investigate various matters of global interest to the minerals processing industry.

In 2010 the Education Commission was established and has been chaired by Professor Jan Cilliers, a member of Council and also Professor at the Royal School of Mines at Imperial College. The Commission established a working group consisting of representatives from almost all mining countries around the world and over the past few years has investigated in some depth the global status regarding the supply of graduates for the Industry as well as recent trends in the education of such graduates. At the time of the New Delhi Congress it organized a Workshop on this topic and the enclosed book represents the Proceedings of the Workshop. Minerals Industry: Education and Training

The Council and the Commission are of the view that the topics covered in the book will be of great interest to leaders in both industry and the academic and research sector. We trust that you will find it of interest. Should you or your colleagues wish to obtain any further information on the activities of this Commission or wish to participate in its on-going activities please contact Professor Cilliers at j.j.cilliers@imperial.ac.uk. At the same the Council is currently committing itself to a much greater engagement with industry in its future Commission work. A proposal is on the Council’s agenda for its forthcoming meeting on the establishment of a Joint Industry/Academia Commission and any offers to become involved with our Commissions would be welcomed.

Yours sincerely

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