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TO: Department of Minerals & Energy
ATT: Director Mineral Economics

Dear Sir

COAL & XAVIER PREVOST

The purpose of the letter is to set out the importance to South Africa in general and *Mining Weekly* readers in particular of the contribution of Xavier Prevost and his comprehensive knowledge base on coal, a crucial South African energy mineral.

Xavier Prevost has assisted *Mining Weekly* in general and Creamer Media in particular since the mid nineties.

We value him as an objective custodian of vital information obtainable from the private sector.

In the last two years alone he has assisted us with no fewer than 50 articles, copies of some which accompany this letter.

Yours sincerely



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