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**APEX MINING TEAMS UP WITH S. AFRICA EMBASSY, PMSEA AND KAPUSO
NETWORK TO CELEBRATE MANDELA DAY**

APX, 24 July 2023 — Apex Mining and the Philippine Mine Safety and Environment Association (PMSEA), together with the Embassy of South Africa and GMA Network, treated 20 seniors under the auspices of Project Pearls to a delicious buffet lunch (at the posh Admiral Hotel, no less!) and soothing song numbers from GMA Sparkle artists Gaea Mischa and Muriel Lomodilla. The program ended with the seniors going home with loot bags loaded with Simply cereals, milk, Ceres juices, energen drinks, Oishi snacks, gift cards (good as cash!), gift certificates for Marugame, and health essentials like face masks and alcohol sprays.

This half-day event took place on 15 July as part of the Embassy of South Africa's line-up of activities for Mandela Day, a UN-sanctioned global celebration happening every 18th of July, the birthday of Nelson Mandela, who is the inspiration of this eponymous celebration.

Luis R. Sarmiento, ASEAN Eng, Apex Mining president and CEO and concurrent president of PMSEA, considers this global celebration aligned with the true spirit of being a miner – one with a heart for others. In an interview, Sarmiento related that the emergency response teams of mining companies are often the first to arrive at



disaster or calamity-stricken areas, rescue equipment and first aid kits in tow, to conduct either search and rescue or search and retrieval operations.

Meanwhile, SA Ambassador Bartinah Ntombizodwa Radebe-Netshitenzhe, who opened the program with a brief message, expressed her wish that everybody will take the cue from their beloved former president (the first, actually) and make definitive actions that will change the world for the better.

Mandela Day 2023's call to action is for the world to unite and act against the impact of climate change and food insecurity.

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About Apex Mining: APX is a publicly listed mining company. It operates the Maco Gold Mine in Maco, Davao de Oro while its fully owned subsidiary, Itogon-Suyoc Resources, operates two mines in Benguet (Sangilo Mine in Itogon and Suyoc Mine in Mankayan). Another fully owned subsidiary, Monte Oro Resources, Inc. operates the other business interests of APX, both in the country and abroad.



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Sparkle artist Gaea Mischa (with her mom beside her) poses with one of the seniors who joined the Mandela Day event.



All together now, “Happy birthday, Mr Mandela!” Amb. Tinah (3rd from left) led the blowing of the candle on the birthday cake for Mr Mandela.



PMSEA and Apex Mining president, Louie Sarmiento (2nd from left) distributed loot bags filled with various goodies, together with Amb Tinah (4th from left) and Sparkle artist, Muriel Lomodilla (behind Amb. Tinah).



The seniors show their Pusong Minero shirts from PMSEA and Apex Mining.



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Dr Selva Ramachandran, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme, attended the event, too.