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Honourable Minister,

since 2007 the Amadiba Crisis Committee (ACC) has organized a campaign against a mining project in Pondoland.

In March 2016 Sikhosphi Rhadebe, a chairperson of ACC, was shot dead by unknown gunmen.

Now the life of the founder of ACC, Nonhle Mbuthuma, is also endangered. Her name is on a 'hit list' and she already survived an assassination attempt.

Therefore, I urge you as the Minister of Mineral Resources

- to guarantee Nonhle Mbuthuma's safety and ensure that she is protected from harassment and intimidation
- to investigate immediately the threats and intimidation against Nonhle, make public the investigation findings and ensure anyone found responsible is brought to justice in trials that meet international fair trial standards
- to ensure that the government of South Africa respects the right of the Amadiba community to free, prior and informed consent regarding the granting of mining rights to any company and to ensure the community is consulted.

Respectfully,