MEDIA STATEMENT

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MAJOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY OUTAGE IMPACTS MINING OPERATIONS

The Zambia Chamber of Mines, a body representing mining and allied companies in Zambia noted with concern the major electricity outage that occurred on Sunday,8th August 2021.

Chamber of Mines President, Dr Godwin Beene said, the power outage adversely impacted the day's mining operations in the midst of the prevailing Copper bull market. Though employees across the Chamber membership completed shifts without incident of injury or worse, open pit production in the Northwestern Province was adversely affected. Chamber member operations there have since returned to normal.

For the mining operations in the Copperbelt Province, the standby arrangements of our member Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC) successfully kicked in. Emergency back-up supply was extended to all their client mine operators on the CEC network to preserve life, production, assets and infrastructure in the national interest. This is exactly as per the original commercial structure and dedicated network design that has delivered reliability for over fifty years.

The Chamber membership looks forward to the resolution of the uncertain and tense status quo in the electricity sector in general, and around CEC in particular.Doing so swiftly will bolster confidence and reduce the perception of risk. The resulting improved energy investment environment will enable strategic back-up base load supply investments such as run of river hydro in the northern watershed region of the country along the Luapula River or a hydro-electric dam at Kabompo to be made. These can serve as both additional generation capacity and back up supply for the Northwestern Province open pit

mines that are too large for on-site stand by diesel generator solutions. Additional generation capacity is necessary to meet prospective rises in demand from the mining sector on the much hoped for removal of tax policy impediments to its growth.

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