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Dear Minister Patel,

I write to you with concern regarding the events unfolding at Arcelor Mittal South Africa (AMSA) and their announcement on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 that they would be shedding a further 400 jobs at their Newcastle and Vereeniging plants.

As you are aware AMSA have already shed 1000 jobs at their Saldanha Bay plant in the Western Cape. Moreover, the 29.00% unemployment crisis that presently exists within our country further exacerbates an extremely challenging economic outlook.

As committee members we would like to be appraised of any future plans AMSA has to shed jobs and what government's response to these actions.

In lieu of the above, I would like to request that you come and present to the portfolio committee on trade, industry and economic development your plan to turn around the steel industry at-large as I'm sure you can agree that the present situation is unsustainable going forward?

In the spirit of trying to get our economy to work, the DA has several suggestions that we would like to put forward to yourself which, we believe can go a long way in solving the dire situation in the steel industry.

If you could please indicate your earliest availability and communicate with Chairperson D. Nkosi it would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

***Mat Cuthbert, MP***

***DA Shadow Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry and Economic Development***

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