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Press Statement On The Occasion Of Land Summit Of The Landless:

We note with concern the unfulfilled promises made to our communities by the Regional Land Claims Commission to settle all the claims by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2007. Further to complicate things are the new terms the RLCC is using such as degazetting with consulting the affected parties the claimants in particular. There are other claims which are merged with other without properly informing communities concerned to agree to the process. We view this as a recipe for conflict amongst the communities affected.

With regards to mining houses, we have tried all avenues and our needs and concerns have not been adequately addressed. We are going to launch the class action against the mining houses and the department of mineral and energy. We call upon the Mogalakwena Local Municipality to reconnect the services disconnected to Sunslot community.

To highlight our plight, we will demonstrate in all government functions held in our localities to raise awareness about our problems and get the attention of the government continuously. We welcome and support the court action of the Legal Resource Centre against the mining houses on behalf of the victims of silicosis.