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**Dear Shareholder,**

**New Independent non-executive director**

As you may already have seen, Anglo American announced the appointment of Phuthuma Nhleko as an independent non-executive director on 9 March 2011.

Phuthuma Nhleko is the Group President and CEO of MTN Group, the Johannesburg listed multinational telecommunications group. He has shown impressive leadership and vision in transforming the company from a highly successful South African mobile operator into a considerable force in mobile telecommunications services in emerging markets. His extensive international business experience will lend further strength to our Board.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Phuthuma Nhleko will be proposed to shareholders for election as a director at the forthcoming AGM. However, because his appointment was not finalised until after the Annual Report was signed, it was not possible to include his biographical details along with the other directors. These details are given below.

**Biographical details**

Phuthuma Nhleko, age 50, is South African and is based in Johannesburg. He holds a BSc in civil engineering from Ohio State University and an MBA from Atlanta University. Phuthuma has previously served as a director on a number of boards in South Africa, including Nedbank Group, Alexander Forbes, Bidvest and Old Mutual (SA). He was also recently appointed to the BP plc board. He joined MTN as Group Chairman in 2001, taking up the position of President and CEO in 2002. Phuthuma will step down from his executive positions on 31 March 2011 and will become the Non-Executive Vice-Chairman of MTN Group and Chairman of MTN International.

I am delighted to welcome Phuthuma to Anglo American. Subject to your approval at the AGM, his appointment will further strengthen the independence of the board and will continue the process of refreshing its composition.

Yours faithfully,



**Sir John Parker**  
Chairman