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Dear Minsa Members,

**Re: Expressions of Interest Regarding an Excursion to Celebrate Minsa’s 40th Anniversary**

Below please find attached some questions and a survey of interest to identify potential places to visit on a possible field trip to celebrate Minsa’s 40th Anniversary pending in 2019. You may freely answer all or none of the questions. The “places to visit” survey consists of places Minsa is known to have visited before in its 40 year history (within South Africa). Some notes have been added to some of the places to help you decide, though not all of them have notes since there is little time to research the interest of those places and in fact it is hoped that members of Minsa could in fact help out be field guides in those very same places (as expertise permits). You are welcome to choose as many or as few places as you like and there has been left some space to even add possible ideas of your own. You are welcome to tick or cross or answer yes to the places of your choosing. The document has been sent out in word form should you wish to electronically answer though you are more than welcome to print, scan and email the form back to minsa@gssa.org.za . Do note for the time being that it is envisioned that we will be sharing a bus for the entire tour.

Due date for completion: 15 October 2018



Sincerely,

Igor Željko Tonžetić

Chair, 2018-2019

Q1:

When would you like the tour to take place? What time of year is most convenient to you? (You may answer as specifically or as generally as you wish; for instance: seasons/months or even date to date)

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Q2:

For how long would you be able to go on a tour? (Weekend, work week, 10 days, a fortnight?)

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Q3:

What do you think is a reasonable price for a tour of this sort? (Of course your answer will be relevant to the length suggested to the tour and will be recalculated to a daily rate to assist us in getting an understanding of what everyone can afford)

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Places of Interest Survey:

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| **Place** | **Notes** | **Yes** |
| **Ashburton** |   |   |
| **ATKV Drakensville Holiday Resort** | Laid-back resort with dining & a pool |   |
| **Austin's Post** | Karoo Fossils |   |
| **Barberton** | Makhonjwa Geotrail |   |
| **Boshoek** |   |   |
| **Brits** | Mine |   |
| **Cango Caves** | Dramatic caves with mineral formations |   |
| **De Beers, Kimberley** | Mine History |   |
| **Dennilton** |   |   |
| **Dewetsdorp** | Karoo Fossils |   |
| **Doornbosch** |   |   |
| **Durban** |   |   |
| **Dwarsrivier** | Mine |   |
| **eManzana/Badplaas** | Barberton Geoheritage |   |
| **Eureka City** | Abandoned Mine Town |   |
| **Florisbad/Soutpan** | Miocene Fossils |   |
| **Golden Gate Highlands National Park** | Karoo Geology |   |
| **Golden Quarry** | Cave Formations |   |
| **Hermannsburg School** |   |   |
| **Hibberdene** |   |   |
| **Hotazel** | Mine |   |
| **Howick Falls** | Geomorphology |   |
| **Jameson's Drift** |   |   |
| **Koeberg Nuclear Power Station** | Power Station |   |
| **Koster** |   |   |
| **Kranskop** |   |   |
| **Kuruman** |   |   |
| **Langebaan** |   |   |
| **Leisure Bay/Port Edward** |   |   |
| **Magaliesburg** | Geology |   |
| **Musina** | Limpopo Mobile Belt |   |
| **Mzamba Beach** | Ammonite Fossils |   |
| **Nagle Dam** |   |   |
| **National Museum Bloemfontein** | Natural History |   |
| **Ndwedwe** |   |   |
| **Niekerkshoop** |   |   |
| **Nkandla Forest** |   |   |
| **Olifantsnek Dam** |   |   |
| **Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve** | Nature, cliffs, hiking, bird life & a zip line |   |
| **Pietermaritzburg** |   |   |
| **Pongola & Pongolapoort Dam** |   |   |
| **Port Shepstone** |   |   |
| **Postmasburg** |   |   |
| **Richards Bay** | Mine & Remediation |   |
| **Rosendal** |   |   |
| **Rustenburg** | Mine |   |
| **Senekal** | Buildings Out of Fossilised Trees |   |
| **Somerset East** |   |   |
| **Southbroom** |   |   |
| **Steynsdorp** | Anglo Boer War History |   |
| **Thaba Nchu** |   |   |
| **The Big Hole** | Massive hand-dug diamond mine pit |   |
| **Tronox - Brand se Baai** | Mine |   |
| **Tshipise** |   |   |
| **Vryburg** |   |   |
| **Wesselton Mine** | Mine |   |
| **West Coast Fossil Park** | Fossils |   |
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