SwissCham Southern Africa (SCSA)

"The Challenges of Change in Limpopo Province; Taking Opportunities, Understanding the Risks"

On behalf of the Chairman, Mr. Georg C. Umbricht, we are very pleased to invite you, your colleagues and friends to a presentation by

The Hon. Michael G. Holford (MPL Limpopo), Leader of the Official Opposition in Limpopo.

Date: **Tuesday 22 January 2008**

Time: **11:25 h** **Registration and Aperitif**
11:50 h Speech followed by Luncheon
14:00 h End of the Event

Venue: **Haus zum Rüden**, Constaffelsaal, Limmatquai 42, 8001 Zurich
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The Hon. Michael G. Holford was born in South Africa on 15th July 1952. He graduated from Oxford College, Johannesburg, in 1972. He then gained a Higher Diploma in Civil Engineering (Dip Eng Civil N.C.A.T.E) from Natal College for Advanced Technical Education in 1977. In 2000 he graduated with a diploma in Leadership and Political Strategies 1 from the International Academy for Leadership in Gumersbach, Germany. He currently studies at the Freestate University, having enrolled for a Masters in Public Administration (MPA) in 2005. His current dissertation (Accountability in Limpopo Provincial Government Departments), will be completed in June 2008.
The Hon. Mr. Holford was elected as Chairperson of the Community Development Association of Levubu (1989 to 1999) and also as Chairperson of the Rural Foundation "Northern Province" (Limpopo) (1993 to 1998).
He was elected as Leader of the Democratic Party (DP) in the Northern Province (1995 to 2001) and founded the Ridgeway Independent School (RIS) Louis Trichardt (January 1997), where he was the Chairperson of the Board of Directors from (1997 to 2001). In June 1999 **Mr. Holford** was elected as Member of the Provincial Legislature (MPL). He was also elected to the Board of Directors at Stanford Lake College (2001 to 2003). Since 2002 Mr. Holford has served as Leader of the Democratic Alliance (DA), Limpopo Province, and as Leader of the Official Opposition at the Limpopo Legislature since April 2004 onwards. He has also been a Member of the Federal Executive and Federal Council DA since 2001. In 2003 he became an Executive Member of the Association of Public Accounts Committees (APAC) and has held that post to date. Since April 2004 he has been a Member of the Provincial Legislature DA (Leader of the Official Opposition, Limpopo Legislature).

In his presentation on he will provide an insight into the challenging and potentially lucrative business opportunities to be had in Limpopo. We look forward to welcoming you to this interesting presentation.

Registration: Please register by **Monday, January 14, 2008** by returning the form below to the SwissCham Southern Africa (SCSA), PO Box 2957, 8022 Zurich, or sending it by fax to 041 620 88 03 or by e-mail to bmoeckli-schneider@chambersservices.ch. The cost of the event is CHF 110.00 for Chamber members and CHF 150.00 for non-members. You will receive a confirmation after registration. Cancellations will be accepted until Friday, January 18, 2008, noon time; otherwise a full no-show charge applies.

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