## DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA

## REVIEW OF THE TARIFF STRUCTURE FOR MACHINERY, MECHANICAL APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT CLASSIFIABLE UNDER CHAPTERS 84, 85 AND 87 OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT

**INITIATED BY:**

**The International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC)**
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Note 1: Comments must be provided in the format of a questionnaire obtainable on ITAC's website under **Services - Tariff investigations - Government Gazette Notices – Other publication notices.**

Note 2: The Commission will continue to evaluate ongoing applications for tariff amendments and trade measures and make recommendations thereon.

The Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition ("the Minister") requested the International Trade Administration Commission ("ITAC"), in terms of Section 16(1)(d)(i) of the International Trade Administration Act, Act No. 71 of 2002 ("ITA Act"), to undertake an investigation on select products of mining equipment, classifiable under Chapters 84, 85 and 87 of the Customs and Excise Act, and recommend trade policy measures that can drive growth in the manufacturing and engineering sector.

**REASONS FOR THE REVIEW:**

**As reasons for the review, the Minister cited, amongst others, the following:**

a) To address the rising import penetration in specific product-groups of mining equipment and related products;
b) To support domestic manufacturing capacity and skilled engineering jobs by advocating for protective tariff duties on equipment and machinery that are produced, or capable of being produced, within the South African Customs Union (SACU);
c) To assess the impact of zero-duty imports and consider appropriate trade measures where rising imports may undermine the domestic manufacturing industry; and
d) To reduce unnecessary cost-raising duties on specialized capital equipment and downstream products through duty removals and rebate provisions for products that are not manufactured domestically and are unlikely to be produced locally in the near term.

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**PUBLICATION PERIOD:**

Representation should be submitted to the above ITAC officials within **four (4) weeks** of the date of this notice.