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Dear Ambassador Chen,

Please confirm China will no longer be funding the Musina Makhado Special Economic Zone

We have been most encouraged by the recent announcement by President Xi Jinping stating that China will no longer be funding coal-fired power stations overseas. I have today read confirmation of this announcement again today in this article (<https://bit.ly/3jC4EnB>) in the Guardian by your UK counterpart, Zheng Zeguang.

We applaud China's ongoing commitment to harmony between humanity and nature; green transition and global sustainable development; social equity and justice; and a fair and equitable international governance system based on international law.

Various Chinese institutions, including Bank of China, have until recently been linked to the funding of coal power and mining developments planned for the Musina Makhado Special Economic Zone (MM-SEZ) in our Limpopo Province.

In light of President Xi's recent announcement cancelling Chinese funding of overseas coal power, can you please confirm now that no Chinese bank or company will be funding development of coal power in the MM-SEZ?

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Le Page". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Le Page
Coordinator and vice-chair
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Mr. David Le Page
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Dear Mr. Le Page,

I have received your recent letter and noted your concern on the possible involvement of Chinese company in the coal power development planned for the MM-SEZ in Limpopo Province.

As you mentioned in the letter, Chinese President Xi Jinping said at the General Debate of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly that China will step up support for other developing countries in developing green and low-carbon energy, and will not build new coal-fired power projects abroad.

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The international community has spoken highly of China's commitment and believes that this is another major step China has taken to actively promote the development of green and low-carbon energy, and that China has made new contributions to improving global environmental governance.

China is a country that keeps promises and delivers on commitments. China is willing to work with all countries, South Africa included, to establish and improve a green and low-carbon circular economic development system, vigorously support African countries including South Africa in developing green and low-carbon energy. China will encourage and support Chinese and South African companies to enhance investment cooperation in the field of green energy and to provide assistance within its capacity for South Africa's response to climate change and energy transition.

I have published an article on China's approach to tackling climate change on BusinessDay last week. I would like to share a link of the article with you for your reference:

<https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/opinion/2021-11-05-chen-xiaodong-acting-action-is-the-key-to-tackling-climate-change/>

Best regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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