

Dear Mr Kleinert,

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> Thank you for making it possible for our small group to visit and learn
> from German companies - including DaimlerChrysler. This was an invaluable
> opportunity for us to see beyond our horizons, benchmark with world class
> organisations, and build relations with German businesses. Given the size
> of some of the companies we visited, we sometimes felt like fleas next to
> elephants, but it is good to set stretch goals!

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> I know I speak for the whole group when I say that I hope such a trip will
> be repeated in the future for other entrepreneurs. It was eye-opening and
> highly motivating, and will make a long term difference to our work in the
> future. With time, it will help us all to contribute to the development of
> southern Africa - for example by creating jobs.

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> It was also a pleasure to spend time with you. We did not get to sing
> very much this time round, but will make up for it next time you are in
Africa!

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> I am proud to have the opportunity to work with SAFRI, and am passionate
> about our shared goal of boosting the competitiveness of small and medium
> sized companies in the region.

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> With warm regards

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> Mark van Wyk