Prior to the Phakisa, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) with the support of the DST developed the South African Mining Extraction Research, Development & Innovation (SAMERDI) Strategy. In parallel, following extensive discussions between Chamber of Mines members, through the Chamber Council, there resulted a breakthrough in terms of establishing an industry open innovation platform. A forum was established that identified the main research areas or programmes, and these were then meshed into the SAMERDI strategy,

Thus, the SAMERDI strategy was adopted post-Phakisa as the mining R&D strategy that would achieve the outcomes of the Phakisa. The Mining Precinct@Carlow Road was established as the physical location from where R&D activities would be co-ordinated along with the Mining Hub to provide management oversight in the implementation of the SAMERDI strategy.