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MEDIA STATEMENT

The Chamber of Mines condemns in the strongest terms the brutal killing of two mine workers in the Rustenburg area. Security and safety of all workers is an imperative for the mining sector and should never be compromised. Our sincere condolences go to the families of the murdered miners.

The right to strike is as important as the right to work, we implore all workers to uphold this right and respect the lives of their fellow workers.

The Chamber has faith that law enforcement agencies will move with speed to bring to book those who are bent on criminal actions. Through the Mining Consultative Forum and the Mining Peace Accord, as stakeholders in the sector we committed to the rule of law and bringing stability to the mining sector. We wish to implore all labour organisations and business to do everything possible to keep to their commitment to peace and stability.

The respective companies continue engaging with workers to find a solution to end the protracted strike within the Platinum Belt which has dealt a heavy blow to the economy of the country and the image of the South African mining sector.

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