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CHAMBER OF MINES FULLY SUPPORTS THE INTEGRATION OF COMPENSATION SYSTEMS

Health and welfare of employees remain key

Johannesburg, 20 May 2016. The Chamber of Mines participated in the Compensation Summit convened by the Ministers of Health and Labour and Deputy Minister of Mineral Resources on 19 and 20 May 2016.

The Chamber fully supports the goal of integrating the compensation systems currently governed separately by the Occupational Disease in Mines and Works Act (ODMWA) and the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act (COIDA).

Senior Executive: Health and Environment, Nikisi Lesufi notes that: “We fully support this initiative as we believe that this will enhance the lives of mining employees. The health and welfare of employees remain a key concern for the Chamber and its members. It is for this reason that we will continue to be actively involved.”

At present, employees working in “1controlled mines” receive compensation for specified occupational lung diseases from ODMWA. Going forward, employees will be covered by COIDA which will entitle them to higher compensation.

The process is expected to be finalised by the end of the year.

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