



CHAMBER OF MINES  
of South Africa

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## CHAMBER OF MINES EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT VIOLENT INCIDENTS IN MINING COMMUNITIES, CONVEYED CONCERN TO SAPS

**Johannesburg, 18 October 2017.** The Chamber of Mines is extremely concerned about the incidences of violence in various mining communities.

In recent weeks, we have seen the appalling killings, many in assassination-style incidents where the victims were shot and killed, of a reported six trade unionists on the western limb of the platinum belt. The latest incident occurring as recently as last night. We have also witnessed the tragic murder of the general manager of Harmony's Tshepong mine in the Free State.

These tragic events are shocking and their impact on the lives of those left behind, those who now face the daunting task of putting back together the pieces of their own lives following the senseless loss of their loved ones taken from them too soon, will be felt for many years to come.

The Chamber considers it urgent that intensive investigations, including broader intelligence gathering be carried out. The Chamber held discussions with police structures where mining issues are discussed, including NATJOC in recent weeks, and has conveyed its serious concern to the relevant authorities in government.

The Chamber offers its deepest condolences to the loved ones, friends and colleagues of the victims, and hopes that the perpetrators of these murders will be apprehended soon and face the full force of the law.

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