

MEDIA STATEMENT

MINERALS COUNCIL TO COLLATE INFORMATION ON COVID-19 IMPACT ON MINES

Condemns false reporting

Johannesburg, 22 March 2020: The Minerals Council South Africa condemns in the strongest possible terms the false report of an alleged confirmed case of COVID-19 at a Sibanye-Stillwater operation yesterday morning, first on social media, which was then picked up by a broadcast channel without verification. Members of the media are asked to be vigilant in detecting and avoiding misrepresentation, the intention of which would be to sow uncertainty and panic.

The Minerals Council recognises that the accessibility of information and transparency is critical in its efforts to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19; to support the rapid detection and isolation of individuals who may have been affected; and to ensure that employees and their families have the understanding and support they need in this challenging time. At the same time, it is important that other stakeholders, such as shareholders and the media, are equally well informed.

The industry's approach to reporting on incidents of COVID-19 will be aligned to the requirements of the Department of Health (DoH) in the first instance, while keeping the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE), the Mine Health and Safety Council (MHSC) and organised labour informed at all times.

The Minerals Council will provide a daily update on its website www.mineralscouncil.org.za if and when incidents of COVID-19 are confirmed at members' operations.

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