



## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **Missing Persons Locator Systems Day of Learning to strengthen mine safety and emergency response**

**Johannesburg, 8 May 2026.** Mining industry stakeholders convened for the Missing Persons Locator Systems Day of Learning Workshop hosted by the Minerals Council South Africa to enhance safety, improve emergency response capabilities and to save lives.

The workshop brings together representatives from organised labour, mining companies, regulators, technology providers, and safety experts to share leading practices, innovative technologies, and lessons learned in locating missing persons during mining incidents as the sector targets Zero Harm.

The sector has made significant progress in reducing fatalities and injuries at South African mines, but incidents involving missing or unaccounted-for workers during emergencies remain a critical concern. Rapid and accurate location of personnel is essential to improving rescue outcomes and reinforcing the industry's commitment to achieving Zero Harm.

The Day of Learning focused on practical interventions and technologies to reduce response times and improve coordination during emergencies. These included advancements in real-time tracking systems, communication technologies, and integrated control room solutions designed to ensure that every employee can be located quickly.

"This platform is about collaboration, transparency, and learning," said Dushendra Naidoo, Head of Safety and Sustainable Development at the Minerals Council. "We are bringing together all stakeholders to openly share experiences and solutions that will strengthen our collective ability to respond effectively when it matters most."

The workshop highlighted the importance of leadership, worker participation, and the adoption of proven technologies to minimise risk and improve outcomes during crisis situations. Participants engaged in discussions, case studies, and demonstrations of locator systems currently being implemented or piloted across operations. The outcomes of the workshop are expected to contribute to a more coordinated, technology-driven approach to mine safety.

The initiative aligns with the broader industry goal of ensuring that every mineworker returns home safely every day. Through continued collaboration and the adoption of innovative safety

systems, the sector aims to eliminate incidents where workers cannot be accounted for during emergencies.

Please click [here](#) for the materials related to the Day of Learning.

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