

MEDIA STATEMENT

DETECTION OF MARULA COVID-19 CLUSTER

Johannesburg, 18 May 2020: The Minerals Council South Africa has noted the announcement by Impala Platinum of the detection of a cluster of 19 COVID-19 cases at and around its Marula Mine in Limpopo Province.

Industry health experts will analyse what happened at the mine and its community, and see what additional precautionary measures might be developed for the industry as a whole to minimise such occurrences in the future as far as possible.

Although it's unclear exactly where these infections originated, the case illustrates how quickly the virus can spread in any community and the need for the whole population to be vigilant around precautionary measures.

It is encouraging to hear that these cases were identified through the screening and testing protocols implemented by the mine, the majority before any contact at the mine, and the individuals having been asymptomatic.

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