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LOOKING BACKWARDS TO LOOK FORWARDS

Learning from Marikana

Johannesburg, 17 August 2015: It has been three years since the tragic events at Marikana shook our industry and our country, and altered the lives of 24 families forever. Events commemorating that day have seen protests, gatherings, prayers, outrage and sadness and many statements of hope and reconciliation. All of these outpourings are right and appropriate, and our sympathies are extended to those who grieve.

Says Chamber of Mines President, Mike Teke, “For the mining industry it is a day to look backwards, so that we may look forwards. In looking backwards, we must understand and interrogate those issues and circumstances that led to the fateful events of that day, and the role that we – as business, as unions, as employees, and people – played in its unfolding. We must reflect on the extensive efforts that have been made to address these and many other legacy issues, and the way in which we as an industry engage.

“And we must – and will - look forward to intensifying peaceful and constructive engagement and seeking ways to ensure that the mineral wealth with which South Africa is blessed delivers value to all stakeholders.”

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