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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **CHAMBER OF MINES APPLAUDS MINE RESCUE SERVICES**

The Chamber of Mines of South Africa congratulates and commends the Mine Rescue Services for the courageous and professional work displayed during the rescue of 486 employees at Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited, Kusasaletu operations yesterday.

“Mine Rescue Services provides critical support to the industry and we wish to send our heartfelt gratitude to the men and women who volunteer their lives to save the lives of mineworkers whenever there is an incident, It is for this dedication and chivalry that the Chamber of Mines and its partners during the 2014 Mining Lekgotla awarded the Life Time achiever award to the Mine Rescue Services”, said Bheki Sibiya, Chief Executive of the Chamber of Mines.

Mines Rescue Services is a private sector, non-profit organisation that, through the training of volunteer Brigadesmen, provides the resources and expertise for an effective emergency service primarily to the mining industry.

The Chamber is also encouraged by the leadership shown by Harmony Gold following the unfortunate incident.

“As the Chamber we believe the safety practices and standards upheld by the company are an indication of the continued commitment to Zero Harm by our members and we will indeed draw lessons from this incident”, added Mike Teke, President of the Chamber of Mines.

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