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MEDIA STATEMENT

CHAMBER OF MINES EXTENDS CONDOLENCES AND SUPPORT TO FAMILIES, COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS AFFECTED BY INCIDENT AT IMPALA PLATINUM

Industry will continue to work towards Zero Harm

Johannesburg, 23 May 2016. It is with great sadness that the Chamber of Mines notes the fall of ground incident at Impala Platinum 1 Shaft on 17 May 2016. The Chamber supports the rescue and recovery activities currently underway.

Both Chamber President Mike Teke and CEO Roger Baxter visited the mine in recent days to extend their sympathies and support to the families, colleagues and friends of those affected by this tragic accident.

Chamber President, Mike Teke said: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones and colleagues of Mr Tanki Samuel Lepitikoe, whose body was recovered on 20 May, and Mr Ohemile Moses Maamogwa. We also offer our appreciation for the work done by Impala, the Department of Mineral Resources and the Mine Rescue Services rescue teams who are undertaking the rescue and recovery process under trying conditions."

"The Chamber shares Minister Zwane's concern at the number of fatal mining accidents this year. We will continue to work with all stakeholders to reach our goal of Zero Harm, ensuring that every mine worker returns from work unharmed every day."

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