

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

## CHAMBER TALKS PARTNERSHIP AT LAUNCH OF KURUMAN ONE-STOP CENTRE

**Johannesburg, 5 December 2017.** Chamber of Mines Acting CEO Nikisi Lesufi told attendees at the official opening of the Department of Health's One-Stop Centre at Kuruman that these institutions clearly demonstrated the value of partnership between the private sector and government.

The Kuruman launch follows the efforts at Carletonville and Mthatha where similar centres have been operating since 2015 adjacent to the local public hospitals. The Chamber has provided financial and other forms of support to the department for these facilities.

The One-Stop Centres are located in mining or labour-sending areas, and are designed to provide medical support to ex-mine workers, who often cease receiving treatment for various reasons when they leave employment.

They offer medical examinations, rehabilitation assessments, health promotion and counselling to all patients, as well as referrals to other medical specialists if necessary. These services mean that patients can be diagnosed, treated and receive the help they need to remain healthy, in one place. In addition, the centres help individuals prepare and submit claims to the Medical Bureau for Occupational Diseases (MBOD) for compensation.

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