

MEDIA STATEMENT

MINERALS COUNCIL NOTES PUBLICATION OF DMRE GUIDELINES

Johannesburg, 19 May 2020: The Minerals Council South Africa notes the publication by the Chief Inspector of Mines of the Guidelines for a Mandatory Code of Practice to Mitigate and Manage the Outbreak of COVID-19.

The guidelines are a consequence of the 1 May 2020 Labour Court judgment requiring the gazetting of such guidance.

The guidelines were developed since the beginning of May in a collaborative manner through the Mine Health and Safety Council. The guidelines are largely compatible with the Minerals Council's Standard Operating Procedure and the version of the SOP used as the interim basis of regulation since the judgment. The Minerals Council believes the industry will be comfortable about observance of the guidelines.

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