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Statement from Vantage Goldfields on donations letter circulating on social media

As a result of numerous requests from members of the local community to contribute to the disaster relief efforts and the on-site care for the extended families of the three missing Lily Mine employees, banking details were provided on request by the Makonjwaan Imperial Mining Company (MIMCO) to potential donors.

Unfortunately this letter with banking details appears to subsequently have been circulated in the public domain via social media, which was never the intention. While highly appreciative of all food, equipment and financial contributions to the relief effort to date, Vantage Goldfields wishes to emphasise that the company is financing all the disaster relief initiatives and is not soliciting, nor appealing for, any funding from the general public.

We apologise for any possible confusion on this issue. The letter was a well-intentioned effort by some mine personal and members of the local community to respond to individual requests from the local community as to how they could make some tangible contribution to the rescue and relief efforts.

The only support that Vantage Goldfields requires right now is that of the collective thoughts and prayers of the nation as we continue in our relentless efforts to find our three missing colleagues in some of the most challenging and dangerous underground conditions imaginable.

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