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Lily Mine commits to financial support

26 February 2016

Ongoing rescue operations remain the primary focus at Lily Mine, and the drilling of another shaft, which will assist with the rescue operations, continues as planned.

Since the tragic event on 5 February 2016, there has been ongoing and extensive engagement with key stakeholders, including the families of the affected employees, the recognised trade union, and the Department of Mineral Resources. Lily Mine remains committed to the wellbeing of the employees and their families who have been directly affected by this tragic event.

Following discussions with the Minister of Mineral Resources, and various representatives of the Ministry, Lily Mine confirms that it will be providing further support to the miners who were underground at the time of the event, who were all successfully evacuated, and the families of the three employees trapped underground, through a special relief payment of R 50 000.00 per miner that was underground at the time of the event, and R 200 000.00 to each of the three families of the employees that are trapped underground, at this time.

These special relief payments will be made as soon as reasonably possible, taking into account administrative and other necessary considerations. Lily Mine will also assist with the submission of claims for compensation to which the affected employees may be entitled. In the interim, all employees continue to receive remuneration

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