

# **NEW RELEASE**

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## STATEMENT: RUSTENBURG UNION RIVALRY

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Implats confirms that there were two incidences at its Rustenburg mine this morning involving a confrontation between rival unions. Supporters of the NUM and AMCU clashed at two different locations on the mine property, requiring the intervention of the SA Police Services.

One person sustained a gunshot wound and is in a serious, although not life-threatening, condition. Production was not affected and the situation is under control but remains tense. Management condemns in the strongest possible terms the use of violence and intimidation. We have been in contact with the SA Police Services and call on them and the unions involved to assist us in our endeavours to stop this senseless violence.

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