

# **NEWS RELEASE**

# IMPALA RUSTENBURG 6 SHAFT RECUE OPERATION CONCLUDES TWO RESCUED, REGRETTABLY THREE FATALITIES

**Johannesburg, 29 November 2021** – Search and rescue operations continued around the clock since the underground mud-rush incident at Impala Rustenburg's 6 Shaft, which took place on 28 November 2021.

Eight search and rescue teams from Impala Rustenburg and other mining companies were engaged in clearing accumulated material in their search for the five missing employees. The teams reached the affected area mid-afternoon.

It is with deep regret we report that the search and rescue teams recovered the bodies of three of our employees. Their families have been notified and are receiving counselling and support.

Two of our employees were, however, successfully rescued from the area and transferred to hospital for treatment. Their families are being informed. They are both in a serious but stable condition.

All operations at Impala Rustenburg's 6 Shaft remain suspended and Impala continues to work closely with the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy and other stakeholders.

No identities will be disclosed at this time while their next of kin are being informed. Our deepest sympathies lie with the families, friends and colleagues of those whose lives were lost in this tragic accident.

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