

# NEWS RELEASE

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## SAFETY INCIDENTS AT IMPALA RUSTENBURG

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**Johannesburg, 28 November 2021** – It is with concern that Impala Platinum Holdings Limited (Implats) announces that an underground incident occurred at Impala Rustenburg's 6 Shaft today, 28 November 2021.

Available information is that seven employees were working at the bottom of the shaft when the area became inundated as a result of a mud rush. Two employees safely exited the area with minor injuries and are receiving counselling and support. As at 18:00, five employees remain unaccounted for. Two search and rescue teams are currently working underground in an effort to locate the missing employees.

The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy and the relevant union leadership have been informed of this incident.

Contact is being made with the families of the missing employees in order to provide updates on the search and rescue mission, as well as counselling and support.

This regrettably follows a separate incident at the 16 Shaft mining complex on 27 November 2021 in which a contract employee was fatally injured during underground drilling operations.

Implats CEO, Nico Muller, said: *"The safety of our employees is our utmost priority, and our mine proto teams are doing everything possible to locate the missing employees. It is with deep regret that we record this incident, which comes at a time when we have made significant improvements in the Group's safety performance, with several historic safety records achieved in the past year. Our thoughts and prayers remain with all involved."*

All operations at Impala Rustenburg's 6 and 16 Shaft complexes have been suspended until a full and comprehensive report is available.

Implats will provide further updates as soon as additional information becomes available.

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