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SEISMIC EVENTS AT SAVUKA MINE

AngloGold Ashanti regrets to announce that yesterday afternoon, Friday 22 May, a series of seismic events was experienced at the company’s Savuka mine near Carltonville, South Africa.

Emergency response procedures were immediately activated. Within several hours of the incident being reported, all employees who were underground at the time of the incident were evacuated through the shaft infrastructure at the neighboring TauTona mine.

Unfortunately, in the course of the seismic events, Bernado Nhantumbo, a pump attendant, was fatally injured. AngloGold Ashanti would like to express its condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the deceased. Bernado was from Mozambique and leaves behind his wife, Aldah, and four children.

Chief Executive Officer Mark Cutifani commented: “I would like to commend the management team at Savuka for their prompt and effective response to this incident. The fact that we were able to evacuate all employees from underground within such a short space of time reflects the high state of preparedness of the mine as well as the robust and well-rehearsed emergency procedures in place. The fact that secondary escape ways are available at Savuka also assisted the speedy evacuation.”

“It is however a matter of personal concern to me that in the course of the incident the life of one of our colleagues was lost. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the friends and family of Mr Nhantumbo and reiterate my objective of enabling AngloGold Ashanti to operate deep-level mines in South Africa without fatalities.”

Operations at the mine have been suspended. The extent of the damage caused by the incident will be assessed over the course of the weekend and additional updates provided as the situation becomes clearer. Savuka produced 14,000oz of gold in the first quarter of 2009, just over 1% of total group production.

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