

## Media Release

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### **Lonmin dismisses allegations by AIDC and Mail and Guardian**

The recent allegations made by The Alternative Information and Development Centre (AIDC) and a Mail and Guardian story, of the 19th September 2013, about Lonmin's historic tax affairs, are false and misleading. Lonmin pays tax fully and properly in all jurisdictions, in which it operates.

Further, the allegation by AIDC's economist Dirk Forslund, that there were amounts shifted from Lonmin's South African operations so as not to be used for meeting wage demands, social labour commitments, or be included in taxable income, is false and mischievous. Lonmin's financials have always been properly audited and the Company has always met with South African tax compliance requirements, this includes the structures referred to by the Mail and Guardian.

Claims made about Lonmin's empowerment partner, Incwala Resources, are incorrect. The company structures referred to in the article were in place before Shanduka Resources became a shareholder in Incwala. At no point did Shanduka resist changes to these structures.

It is a matter of regret that the Mail and Guardian failed to reflect lengthy answers to detailed questions that Lonmin willingly responded to. The omission of these facts and context from the published story led to unsubstantiated allegations and suggestions which results in an unbalanced and distorted article.

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### **Notes to editors**

Lonmin, which is listed on both the London Stock Exchange and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, is one of the world's largest primary producers of PGMs. These metals are essential for many industrial applications, especially catalytic converters for internal combustion engine emissions, as well as their widespread use in jewellery.

Lonmin's operations are situated in the Bushveld Complex in South Africa, where nearly 80% of known global PGM resources are found.

The Company creates value for shareholders through mining, refining and marketing PGMs and has a vertically integrated operational structure - from mine to market. Lonmin's mining operations extract ore from which the Process Division produces refined PGMs for delivery to customers. Underpinning the operations is the Shared Services function which provides high quality levels of support and infrastructure across the operations.

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