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MEDIA RELEASE – VIOLENCE AT LONMIN
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Lonmin condemns fatal attacks

Two Lonmin employees have been killed and six injured in three incidents of suspected inter-union conflict at the company's Western Platinum operations.

The company immediately requested the support of the South African Police Services (SAPS) to try and contain the violence in support of its own security procedures.

The incidents followed an illegal work stoppage and protest march on Friday, 10th August by approximately 3000 Lonmin Rock Drill Operators which quickly spiraled into criminal actions by rival factions.

The illegal march was accompanied by incidents of intimidation and violent action against employees who wanted to report for duty. Four employees trying to report for work were injured on Friday 10th, two of whom have been hospitalised after receiving gunshot wounds, allegedly by rival union supporters. A further two employees were hospitalised on Saturday 11th August, also as a result of gunshot wounds.

On Sunday 12th August, two Lonmin security guards were killed as a large group attempted to attack Lonmin facilities. Their families, to whom the Company extends its deepest sympathies, are being informed. The Company will do everything possible to support the SAPS in bringing the culprits to book.

At the commencement of the unrest, Lonmin immediately took appropriate precautions from a security perspective including mobilising additional resources and involving the SAPS. Lonmin also successfully applied for court interdict to prevent any further disruption of operations.

The situation remains tense and Lonmin continues to maintain high visibility jointly with the SAPS to guarantee the safety of our employees and prevent disruptions to the business.

"We condemn these attacks and the intimidation associated with them. We call for calm from all parties involved, and we expect SAPS to continue to take control of the area and prevent further loss of life," states Barnard Mokwena, Executive Vice President, Human Capital & External Affairs. "We will do everything in our power to assist in restoring peace and order."

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

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