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Media Release: Lonmin's appeals to the state to intervene at Marikana

In light of statements made at the Farlam Commission of Inquiry today (Tuesday 23 October), Lonmin would like to put on record the following:

Considering the violence and loss of life in the period 10-14 August, Lonmin engaged with a number of stakeholders to ensure that the situation in and around Marikana was addressed in the appropriate manner.

Lonmin is a mining company and is not responsible for law enforcement. It therefore stands to reason that the company, including members of its board, would communicate with the relevant stakeholders in government to ensure that they properly understood the company's view of the situation on the ground to ensure a peaceful resolution of the matter.

Lonmin's action to engage with appropriate authorities of the State was simply part of a process aimed at achieving normality.

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About Lonmin:

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 Platinum Group Metals (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 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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