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Lonmin Statement on Marikana Situation

Lonmin Chief Financial Officer, Simon Scott said: “On behalf of the whole Company I would like to express our sincere condolences to the families and friends of all those employees who have lost their lives, not only in the events of Thursday but also in the days leading up to it, and of course to the families and colleagues of the two South African Police Service officers who died trying to protect others.

“I would like to thank all those Lonmin staff, whether they have been able to get to work or not, for their dedication and efforts.

“We are committed to supporting all the families that lost loved ones during this tragic week. We have established a Help Desk at Lonmin’s Andrew Saffy Hospital which will help families with the identification of bodies, assist with all the burial arrangements and offer bereavement counselling.

“In addition to the Help Desk Services, Lonmin commits to provide funding for the education of all the children of employees who lost their lives. This funding will cover education costs from primary school to university.

“Lonmin has for many years worked tirelessly to achieve effective and open labour relations. We engage with all the unions our employees choose to belong to and whilst, like all companies, we have had disagreements, we have generally operated in partnership with the unions to the benefit of the Company and the employees, which is why the illegal strike we’ve seen is so disappointing and damaging.

“We can also be proud of the work we have done in the communities who live around our mines, where we have invested hundreds of millions in providing housing, health services, education and also training to help local people achieve qualifications to get jobs in mining and other industries. There is much still to be done on and around our property and we are committed to continuing this effort and investment.

“This last week has dealt those efforts a severe blow. We must start to rebuild those relationships, starting today, building back trust and trying to move forwards.

“Finally, a stable mining sector is vital to the economic future of this country. If the industry continues to be damaged by illegal actions it is not just the economy which suffers, but all our employees, their families and dependents. We need our employees to come back to work and we need to get mining again.”

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About Lonmin:

1. 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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