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MEDIA RELEASE – UPDATE 2 ON VIOLENCE AT LONMIN  
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### **Situational update at Lonmin**

Lonmin regrets to advise that two policemen and a fifth Lonmin employee have lost their lives in the continuing violent incidents in the area around its operations. The incident follows two days of violent clashes in the area which The South African Police service has blamed on inter-union rivalry.

The two officers were part of a SAPS team attacked near the Karee Mine offices. Another police officer is in a critical condition and has been taken to a hospital in Rustenburg. The fifth casualty was part of the group that was being dispersed. No further details regarding these latest incidents are available at the moment.

Lonmin wishes to express its great sadness at this senseless loss of life and extends its condolences to the families of the deceased.

Despite a heavy security presence, the situation remains tense and volatile.

“Whilst our first thoughts must be with the families of those killed and injured in these criminal clashes, our operational priority is to see the violence stop,” says Ian Farmer, Lonmin CEO. “We continue to speak to the unions to appeal for calm, and to totally support the police and government in their efforts to ensure appropriate resources are deployed to protect life, which must be paramount.”

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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.

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