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**CLAIMANTS WARNED AGAINST FRAUDSTERS ASKING FOR PAYMENT TO ASSIST WITH CLAIMS**

**Johannesburg, 24 February 2021:** The Tshiamiso Trust is very disturbed to have heard from our agents in the field of a new surge of fraudulent activity by individuals claiming that they are able to assist prospective claimants of silicosis and tuberculosis benefits, and demanding a fee for their services.

The Tshiamiso Trust emphasises that anyone asking for money to assist in making claims from Tshiamiso is carrying out a criminal activity. No representative of Tshiamiso will ever ask for a payment from a claimant to assist them. Anyone seen doing this should be reported to the SAPS.

The activities we have heard about in recent days is taking place in the Free State province and in Lesotho. However, in the past it has also happened in the Eastern Cape.

Tshiamiso calls on prospective claimants to beware of these activities, and invites NGOs, community organisations, media organisations and other groups to spread this warning as widely as possible where current and former gold mine workers are found.

Tshiamiso will be making additional efforts in this regard in the days and weeks ahead.

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