



MEDIA RELEASE

FORMER MINeworkERS WARNED ABOUT ILLEGAL TOUTS PROMISING TO ASSIST WITH SILICOSIS AND TB CLAIMS

Johannesburg, 14 February 2022: It has come to the attention of the Tshiamiso Trust that former mineworkers continue to fall victim to touts who claim to be able to assist them with their silicosis and TB claims.

The Tshiamiso Trust was established to help thousands of people with silicosis and TB to claim compensation that is rightfully theirs, following the settlement agreement between six mining companies and claimant attorneys in the historic silicosis and TB class action lawsuit.

Unfortunately, unscrupulous individuals are claiming to be able to assist claimants to expedite their claims for a fee.

The Tshiamiso Trust wants to inform all potential claimants that claims and services are free. The Trust does not accept payments for claims and services associated with claims. Claimants should not pay anyone to assist them in anyway with their claim as it cannot be processed faster by anyone outside the organisation for any reasons. Each case is considered, by Tshiamiso Trust, on individual merits and then a decision is made, and the claimant informed, directly.

“We would like to alert all potential claimants to this fraudulent activity. Claiming from the Trust is free and only the Trust can process claims to assess if a claimant is due for compensation,” says [Gugulethu Makhubo, the Trust’s communications manager].

The claim process is a lengthy one and typically takes up to 180 days (6 months) from date of lodgement to be finalised. The Trust understands this is a long waiting period and thanks all claimants for their patience while claims are reviewed and processed.

The Trust encourages potential claimants wanting to lodge a claim to self-check on <https://www.tshiamisotrust.com/status-check/> to see if they meet the criteria to successfully lodge a claim from the Trust. This can be done by entering their South African identity number or industry number to check if their details are on the Tshiamiso Trust database and to see if they may be eligible to lodge a claim with the Trust.

Claimants who need help with the process can call the call centre for assistance or to obtain information about the eligibility of claims and if they may potentially have a valid claim, they will be guided to the next steps.

The Tshiamiso Trust can be contacted on:

- 0801 000 240 for South Africa
- 00 27 10 500 6186 outside South Africa

They can also email: info@tshiamisotrust.com:

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