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TSHIAMISO TRUST EXTENDS MEDICAL EXAMINATION SITES FOR MINEWORKERS SILICOSIS & TB CLAIMS IN MOZAMBIQUE

Tshiamiso Trust is excited to announce the expansion of its Benefit Medical Examination (BME) sites across the country, aimed at enhancing accessibility for eligible ex-mineworkers seeking compensation for silicosis or TB. From the 9th until the 20th of April, medical examination services will be available in Chokwe. The BME unit will move to Maxixe from 29th April to May 10th. Between those dates it will return to service Maputo claimants from the 22nd to the 26th of April, operating on a rotational basis at these locations. The medical service provider, Care Cross, will utilize designated sites at Rua Antigos Combatentes, Nr 35 (Behind the TEBA Office) in Chokwe and Hotel Farmars in Maxixe, while the Maputo location will remain at 197 Avenida das Industrias, Machava.

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Following the successful Benefit Medical Examination (BME) conducted in Maputo since November 2023, this expansion marks a significant step in locating and servicing claimants. At the beginning of the BMEs, there were 4,514 claimants awaiting BMEs. To date, 1,918 claimants have successfully completed their BMEs. It's noteworthy that prior to the commencement of BMEs, the Trust had paid 17 claims, valued at R2 million. To date, the total number of claims paid in Mozambique is 124, valued at R12,952,940.

Tina da Cruz, Chief Operating Officer at Tshiamiso Trust, emphasizes the significance of extending BME services in Mozambique, underlining its role in reaching broader areas and providing equal access to BME services to claimants. She highlights that this expansion aligns with the Trust's ongoing commitment to enhancing accessibility and ensuring that all eligible claimants receive the compensation they deserve.

BMEs play an important role in the claims process, serving as a crucial step to provide the necessary evidence of silicosis or tuberculosis. These examinations also assess the extent of lung damage resulting from these occupational diseases, which are compensated by the Trust. Following the BMEs, the Trust's Medical Certification Panel (MCP) carefully analyses the findings to ascertain the appropriate certification for each claim, thereby determining whether a claim is certified as eligible or ineligible for compensation. In the event that a claimant disagrees with the findings of MCP, they will be afforded an opportunity to dispute the results. In such cases, the findings will undergo review by the Medical Review Panel to ensure a thorough and fair assessment of the claim. This process is designed to uphold transparency and provide recourse for claimants who may have concerns about the initial certification.

Da Cruz concludes by expressing gratitude for the support from all stakeholders and local partners. She emphasizes the ongoing reliance on this support as the Trust continues to expand and enhance its systems and processes.

Current or former mineworkers who have already lodged their claims will be contacted to schedule their appointments for medical examination, if required. Potential claimants who have not yet lodged their claims are strongly encouraged to do so through their nearest TEBA office, including families of deceased mineworkers.

The broad criteria for eligibility with the Tshiamiso Trust are as follows:

- Mineworkers must have carried out risk work at one of the qualifying gold mines during the qualifying periods between 12 March 1965 and 10 December 2019 as indicated in schedule F of the Trust Deed.
 - For Tuberculosis Claimants, mineworker must have been issued with a Certificate of Medical Finding, an Approved ODMWA Certificate or Tuberculosis Certificate.
 - Claimants must have undertaken Risk Work at a Qualifying Mine during a Qualifying Period; or if employment was terminated, had undertaken Risk Work at a Qualifying Mine during a Qualifying Period within the immediately preceding twelve calendar month period from the date of issue.
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- For Silicosis Claimants, the claimant must have been living as at the Effective Date (10 December 2019), even if he/she dies thereafter; have a Silicosis Qualifying Disease; undertaken Risk Work at one or more Qualifying Mines during Qualifying Periods; and is not one of the persons listed in Schedule D (Q(h)ubeka Trust or Bloem claimants) OR
 - Where the mineworker is deceased, there must either be evidence that they died due to

tuberculosis as the primary cause of death within a year of leaving the mine (where the

mineworker died before 10 December 2019), OR evidence that they had silicosis or died from silicosis if it is a silicosis claim.

The Tshiamiso Trust can be reached on 00 27 10500 6186. Please note that this is a call back number. Once a call has been initiated and ended, claimants will receive a call back within the next few seconds and the call will be connected to the call centre once answered.

Claimants are reminded to be careful of people impersonating the Trust or promising to help speed up their claims. Only the Tshiamiso Trust can process claims. This is a FREE service. Claimants must only share their documents with the officials at the lodgement offices.

Useful links:

To check eligibility to lodge a claim: <https://www.tshiamisotrust.com/status-check/>

To view the claims process: <https://www.tshiamisotrust.com/information/how-to-claim/>

To view daily progress of claims and payments:

<https://www.tshiamisotrust.com/information/progress-report/>

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About the Tshiamiso Trust

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The Trust is responsible for compensating all eligible current and former mineworkers across southern Africa with permanent impairment due to silicosis or work-related TB, or their dependants where the mineworker has passed away.

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