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## **TSHIAMISO TRUST FURTHER EXTENDS MEDICAL EXAMINATION SITES FOR MINeworkERS SILICOSIS & TB CLAIMS IN MOZAMBIQUE**

At the beginning of April 2024, the Tshiamiso Trust announced the expansion of its Benefit Medical Examination (BME) sites on a rotational basis to Chokwe and Maxixe, which is an extension of services beyond Maputo. In an ongoing effort to enhance accessibility to these crucial services for a broader community of potential eligible ex-mineworkers seeking compensation for silicosis or TB, starting from 2 May 2024, medical examination services will also be available at the government-owned occupational health centres (OHCs) in Xai-Xai, Ressano Garcia, and Manjacaze.

The Tshiamiso Trust was established in 2020 to give effect to the settlement agreement reached between six mining companies and claimant attorneys in the historic silicosis and TB class action. The companies are African Rainbow Minerals, Anglo American South Africa, AngloGold Ashanti, Harmony Gold, Sibanye Stillwater and Gold Fields.

Since the Trust initiated the rollout of Benefit Medical Examinations in the country in November 2023, compensation for a total of 159 claims, amounting to R16,307,315, has been disbursed to Mozambique claimants. This marks a remarkable 753% increase in payments from October 2023 before the rollout.

Tina da Cruz, Chief Operating Officer at Tshiamiso Trust, says: “Prior to the introduction of BME services, Mozambique claimants faced challenges with progressing to certification. With the launch of these services, we are witnessing a significant increase in claim certifications and the subsequent payment of eligible claims. As the Trust operates within a 12-year lifespan, it is imperative that we extend our outreach efforts to ensure that all potential claimants have the opportunity to lodge claims, undergo BMEs, and receive compensation if found eligible.”

Claimants should be aware that the compensation provided by the Trust is a one-time payment. Once eligible claimants receive compensation, they cannot make further claims, even if their condition worsens over time. However, according to the Trust Deed, if a claimant is initially deemed ineligible but later develops symptoms of silicosis, they are permitted to lodge one further claim.

Current or former mineworkers who have already lodged their claims will be contacted to schedule their appointments for medical examination, if required. The locations are:

- XAI-XAI: Marien Ngouabi OHC, located inside the Marien Ngouabi Health Center in the Marien Ngouabi neighbourhood
- MANJACAZI: Manjacaze OHC, located inside the Manjacaze Rural Hospital, 25 de Junho neighbourhood
- RESSANO GARCIA: Ressano Garcia OHC, inside the Ressano Garcia Health Center, Acordos de Lusaka neighbourhood, Mineiros Street, Moamba District
- MAXIXE: Hotel Farmars from 29 April - 10 May 2024 (and future dates to be announced)
- CHOKWE: Rua Antigos Combatentes, Nr 35 (behind the TEBA Office), in Chokwe (future dates to be announced)
- MAPUTO: Avenida das Industrias, Nr 197 Machava in Maputo – available when the mobile unit is not in Maxixe or Chokwe

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 the Trust Deed.
- For Tuberculosis Claimants, the 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, a claimant had undertaken Risk Work at a Qualifying Mine during a Qualifying Period within the immediately preceding twelve calendar month period.  
OR
- 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. The Trust is encountering challenges in reaching claimants to schedule BMEs or notify them about missing documents via SMS. We strongly encourage claimants to update their contact numbers if the contact numbers have changed after lodgement.

This can be done by contacting our call back number, chatting to us on WhatsApp or Facebook, or visiting a TEBA office directly.

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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