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TSHIAMISO TRUST UPDATES ON BATSWANA EX-MINERS SILICOSIS & TB COMPENSATION

Johannesburg, 13 February 2025 – The Tshiamiso Trust is pleased to provide an update on its services to former gold mineworkers in Botswana claiming compensation for lung diseases – silicosis and work-related tuberculosis (TB). Since launching Benefit Medical Examination (BME) services in Gaborone in November 2024, 581 ex-miners have been assessed for a compensable disease. 231 Botswana claims have been paid to date, amounting to a total of R24.7 million (18.4 million Pula). With the support of the Government of Botswana, and other key stakeholders, the Trust has now taken BME services to Molepolole from 10 February – 22 February 2025, with Kanye and Palapye to follow soon thereafter.

Lusanda Jiya, Executive: Stakeholder Relations and Communication at Tshiamiso Trust, emphasizes the significance of extending BME services in Botswana, noting that this expansion aligns with the Trust's ongoing commitment to enhancing accessibility to services and ensuring that all eligible claimants receive the compensation they deserve.

She explains:

“BMEs play a critical role in assessing the extent of lung damage resulting from silicosis or TB, which are the only occupational diseases compensated by the Trust. Following the BMEs, the Trust's Medical Certification Panel (MCP) thoroughly reviews the medical report to determine the appropriate certification for each claim, this is the step where a claim is either found to be eligible or ineligible for compensation.

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.

In Botswana, 3,280 claims have been lodged by ex-miners, or by their dependents if the mineworker is deceased. The Trust contacts all claimants who are due for a BME and schedules their appointments. However, claimants are not always available on the numbers that they provided to the Trust when lodging their claim. We therefore encourage claimants to reach out to us and update their contact

details to ensure we can schedule them for BMEs.

Potential claimants who have not yet lodged their claims are strongly encouraged to do so through the TEBA office in Molepolole or Palapye.

Broad eligibility criteria to lodge a claim:

- Mineworkers must have carried out risk work at one of the qualifying gold mines during the qualifying periods (12 March 1965 and 10 December 2019). The mining companies are African Rainbow Minerals, Anglo American South Africa, AngloGold Ashanti, Harmony Gold, Sibanye Stillwater and Gold Fields- they owned 82 shafts.
- Living mineworkers must have permanent lung impairment from silicosis or TB that they contracted while doing risk work at these mines.
- For deceased mineworkers, there must either be evidence that they died from work-related TB within a year of leaving the mine if it's a TB claim OR evidence that they had silicosis or died from silicosis if it's a silicosis claim."

Claimants can get hold of the Tshiamiso Trust by means of the following channels:

- Dial the call back number 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 and the call will be connected to the call centre once answered.
- Chat on WhatsApp on 00 27 78 504 9004. Select option 12 from the menu.
- Send a direct message on Facebook: [Tshiamiso Trust- Silicosis Settlement](#)
- Visit a TEBA office:
 - MOLEPOLOLE - TEBA, Modiba Mortuary at the Osman Complex in Khunou Ward (phone 5910592)
 - PALAPYE - TEBA, Total Complex, T-Junction Street in Serorome Ward (phone 4920307)

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.

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About the Tshiamiso Trust

The Tshiamiso Trust was established 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.

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.

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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