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TSHIAMISO TRUST ANNOUNCES HISTORIC 1 BILLION IN COMPENSATION FOR BASOTHO EX-MINEWORKERS AS REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS CONVENE IN MASERU

Maseru, Lesotho – The Tshiamiso Trust has reached a significant milestone in fulfilling the Trust Object, having paid more than M1 billion (R1 billion) to eligible Basotho ex-mineworkers and their dependents for qualifying silicosis and tuberculosis claims linked to employment in South African gold mines.

The milestone was announced during a media briefing in Maseru as the Trust continues to strengthen partnerships aimed at identifying and assisting potentially eligible claimants across Lesotho.

The announcement comes during a week of stakeholder engagement in Lesotho, including a workshop convened by the Ministry of Labour and Employment on 25–26 June 2026. The workshop provides an important opportunity for stakeholders to share progress, strengthen collaboration and discuss ongoing efforts to support former mineworkers and their families.

Dr Munyadziwa Kwindi, Chief Executive Officer of the Tshiamiso Trust, expressed gratitude to the many partners whose collaboration has enabled the Trust to reach thousands of claimants across the country.

"This milestone reflects what can be achieved through sustained partnership and shared commitment," said Dr Kwindi. "We extend our sincere appreciation to the Government of Lesotho, Social Cluster Committee under the leadership of Hon. Mokhothu Makhalanyaneemove, ex-mineworker associations, community leaders and service providers whose support has strengthened outreach efforts throughout Lesotho."

"The leadership shown by the Social Cluster Committee in bringing together a broad range of stakeholders has been invaluable in advancing awareness and claimant support initiatives. Most importantly, this milestone represents compensation reaching former mineworkers and families who have waited many years for recognition of the impact that occupational lung diseases have had on their lives."

Hon. Mokhothu Makhalanyane, Chairperson of the Committee Chairpersons and Chairperson of the Social Cluster Committee in the National Assembly of Lesotho, welcomed the continued collaboration among stakeholders working to support ex-mineworkers and their families.

"The progress achieved to date demonstrates the value of cooperation across institutions and communities. We remain committed to supporting initiatives that help ensure eligible Basotho ex-mineworkers and their dependents are informed, assisted and able to access the compensation to which they are entitled," he said.

While the M1 billion milestone marks a significant achievement, stakeholders remain focused on the work that lies ahead. Efforts continue to identify, locate and assist potentially eligible claimants, particularly in remote and underserved communities.

"Our focus remains firmly on finding and assisting those who may still qualify for compensation," said

Dr Kwindi. "We will continue working closely with stakeholders across Lesotho to ensure that no eligible claimant is left behind."

The Trust encourages former mineworkers and their families who believe they may qualify for compensation to contact the Trust through the following channels:

- Dial the call-centre number on 00 27 10 500 6186
- Send a WhatsApp message on 00 78 504 9004 (by selecting option 12 from the menu)
- Send a direct message on Facebook (@silicosissettlement)
- Or email info@tshiamisotrust.com
- Alternatively, they can visit their nearest TEBA offices in Maseru, Leribe, Mafeteng, Mohale's Hoek, Mokhotlong, Qacha's Nek and Quthing for further assistance.

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About the Tshiamiso Trust

The Tshiamiso Trust was established to implement 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 who have permanent impairment due to silicosis or work-related TB, or their dependents where the mineworker has passed away.

For further information, please contact:

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Useful links:

- To see if the mineworker qualifies to lodge a claim:
<https://www.tshiamisotrust.com/information/status-check/>
- To view the claims process: <https://www.tshiamisotrust.com/information/how-to-claim/>
- To view the compensation classes:
<https://www.tshiamisotrust.com/information/compensation-classes/>
- To view daily progress of claims and payments:
<https://www.tshiamisotrust.com/information/progress-report/>