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TSHIAMISO TRUST EXPANDS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN FOR KZN EX-GOLD MINERS IN SILICOSIS AND TB COMPENSATION

08 July 2026 – The Tshiamiso Trust is pleased to further expand its service delivery to the Kwa-Zulu Natal province during the month of July to assist eligible gold ex-mineworkers and their families with silicosis and TB compensation claims. This forms part of the Trust's ongoing efforts to reach all eligible claimants, adding to the total of R2.7 billion that has already been paid to 27,934 claimants.

Commenting ahead of the outreach, Dr Munyadziwa Kwinda, Chief Executive Officer of the Tshiamiso Trust, said:

"We are pleased to return to KwaZulu-Natal to continue supporting ex-mineworkers and their families by bringing services closer to their homes. Our outreach efforts in Nongoma, Jozini and Mzimkhulu during May and June demonstrated the continued need for this support. In Jozini alone, more than 900 claimants were assisted with completing their medical examinations, while over 800 new claims were lodged with the Trust.

We are now expanding these services to reach those who did not receive support or were unable to travel to the outreach sites at the time. Our mission is to ensure that no eligible claimant is left behind. That is why we continue to identify and locate potential claimants across our footprint, including KwaZulu-Natal, so they too have the opportunity to lodge their claims and undergo medical examinations.

This outreach is open to all ex-mineworkers in KZN who worked in South African gold mines and contracted silicosis or work-related TB from inhaling silica dust. If the mineworker is deceased, their dependents will be required to submit supporting medical records which indicate the primary cause of death as either silicosis or TB and as contained in the death certificate and/or the medical certificate of the cause of death(death notification form)," added Dr Kwinda.

Claim lodgement and Benefit Medical Examination (BME) services will be available as follows:

- Nongoma: 14 - 17 July at Teleios Revival Centre International, Nongoma Assembly (behind the old Nongoma post office, opposite the licensing department)
- Jozini: 20 - 21 July at the Msiyane Community Hall

While both services will be offered at the two outreach sites, claimants are reminded that TEBA offices in Nongoma, uLundi and Mkuze remain open for new claim lodgements and claim-related support on an ongoing basis.

In addition to providing the crucial Benefit Medical Examinations for claimants who require them, the outreach campaign is also focused on reaching several key groups: claimants who can no longer be contacted on the numbers they originally provided; dependents of deceased mineworkers who still need to submit a Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (where the original Death Certificate did not specify silicosis or pulmonary/cardio-respiratory TB as the cause of death); and families who need to take over claims on behalf of claimants who have since passed away.

Benefit Medical Examinations are a crucial step in the claims process. They provide the necessary

evidence of permanent lung damage resulting from silicosis or tuberculosis – the two occupational diseases that the Trust compensates under specific conditions. It is important to note that Tshiamiso Trust BMEs do not include TB tests. If active TB is suspected, claimants will not be able to complete their BME but will be referred for testing at their local public health facility and will need to be scheduled for a BME after they are cleared of TB. The Tshiamiso Trust does NOT compensate for a mineworker having TB or Silicosis, but rather for permanent lung damage as a result of the disease, according to the specific medical eligibility criteria outlined in Schedule H of the Trust Deed.

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. Data shows that 70% of claims for living or deceased mineworkers are certified as ineligible, because they do not meet the criteria of a qualifying disease in terms of the Trust Deed.

Commenting on the eligibility criteria, Dr Kwindu adds: “Out of every 10 claims assessed, only 3 are eligible for compensation. We understand that this causes disappointment and concern; however, we are bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement under which the Tshiamiso Trust was established. The high rate of ineligibility is attributed to the strict medical eligibility criteria, especially for TB claims. The mining companies are only liable for permanent lung damage caused by work on their mines. Because TB is a curable, community-acquired disease, compensation can only be considered for permanent lung damage from TB that was diagnosed during, or within one year of, their last qualifying risk work shift. And in the case of deceased mineworkers, it must be their documented cause of death.”

The broad eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Mineworkers must have carried out risk work at one of the qualifying gold mines (owned by African Rainbow Minerals, Anglo American South Africa, AngloGold Ashanti, Harmony Gold, Sibanye Stillwater or Gold Fields) during the qualifying periods between 12 March 1965 and 10 December 2019 indicated in Schedule F of the Trust Deed.
- Living mineworkers must have permanent lung impairment from silicosis or TB that they contracted while doing risk work at these mines, with specific assessment criteria outlined in Schedule H of the Trust Deed.
- For deceased mineworkers, there must either be evidence that TB was the primary cause of death within a year of leaving the mine (if the mineworker died before 10 December 2019), OR evidence that they had silicosis (applicable if they died after 1 January 2008) or died from silicosis.

Claims are assessed thoroughly, following what is prescribed by the Trust Deed, and specific criteria apply to each of the 10 categories available for compensation. 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.

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, and this is a FREE service. The only cost that claimants may need to pay is R1400 for the BME – ONLY IF they did less than 5 years of risk work. However, this cost is paid back to them if they are found to have an eligible claim.

While a number of challenges continue to slow the finalisation of some claims – and many claimants are understandably frustrated when they do not meet the eligibility criteria – the Trust has nonetheless paid out over R2.7 billion across its entire footprint. This represents the largest payout ever made by a compensation institution in this sector.

“Sincere gratitude to all stakeholders in the Kwa-Zulu Natal province whom the Trust have partnered with to intensify mobilisation through established local networks and structures. We are confident that these partnerships will yield positives outcomes for all qualifying mineworkers and their families across the province,” concludes Dr Kwindu.

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 080 1000 240
- Send a WhatsApp message on 078 504 9004 (by selecting option 12 from the menu)
- Send a direct message on Facebook (@silicosissettlement)
- Or email info@tshiamisotrust.com
- Alternatively, they can visit the outreach sites or their nearest TEBA offices in Nongoma, uLundi and Mkuze for 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/>