

## ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI UPDATE ON MPONENG SEISMIC EVENT

**North West** – AngloGold Ashanti provides a third update on the seismic event that occurred at its Mponeng Mine, southwest of Johannesburg.

A fall-of-ground was caused by a two-magnitude seismic event just after noon. Of the seven people affected, four were rescued yesterday with non-life-threatening injuries.

The bodies of our three colleagues have now been found. Two of these bodies

have now been recovered and are being brought to the surface by the rescue crews. The third body is currently being recovered.

We mourn the loss of our colleagues and our very deepest condolences go out to their families and loved ones.

Mining at Mponeng has been halted. Only essential services remain ongoing.

**Press Release by AngloGold Ashanti dated 6 March 2020.**



## HIGH COURT ORDERS NUMSA TO COMPLY WITH LABOUR COURT INTERDICT AT LANXESS CHROME MINE

- The safety and wellbeing of workers is of the highest priority for LANXESS Chrome Mine, and the company urges union leaders to encourage employees to return to the surface.
- Labour Court Order has declared the strike action illegal.

11 March 2020 - The unprotected strike of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) at the LANXESS mine in Rustenburg will hopefully come to an end as the High Court yesterday ordered NUMSA to comply with the Labour Court interdict.

Our highest priority is the safety and well-being of all workers underground which is why we urge NUMSA to act in a responsible manner – ending the illegal strike activities immediately, as per the court interdict, in the interest of their members who remain underground. Furthermore, we urge union leaders to encourage employees to return to the surface and leave the mine.

According to the High Court order, two members of

NUMSA are allowed to engage the unlawful underground occupiers and they must read the Labour Court Order to all strikers by 10am on Wednesday, 11 March. They will have from 6 am until 6pm up to Friday 13th March to remain at the access entrance with a view to convince them to comply with the court order.

By way of background, members of NUMSA refused to go to work on Thursday, 13 February, at the LANXESS chrome mine in Rustenburg.

It was only on Sunday, February 16, that the NUMSA leadership brought the strikers' demands to the attention of the mine management.

Subsequent to the meeting with the NUMSA leadership, and considering that the strike is unprotected, the Labour Court of South Africa ruled on the matter and declared the strike illegal.

LANXESS discovered on Tuesday, February 18 that an uncertain number of strikers illegally accessed the mine, after it was closed on Thursday, February 13

and are currently underground. While this is the case, anyone who is in the underground section of the mine can access clean water, food, medical assistance and sanitary facilities as per our operational requirements.

Unprotected strikes have an impact on the production of the mine as well as the wellbeing of workers who do not participate in this. This has been seen during the illegal underground strike that took place last year at the mine. We urge that NUMSA ends this illegal strike immediately as it places an additional burden on the mine's economic situation. As it is, the chrome ore business currently faces a challenging market environment.

**LANXESS press release dated 11 March 2020.**



## NO CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN RUSTENBURG

**Rustenburg** – Democratic Alliance (DA) councillors Nelio Nhaquangue and Ilise Edwards were accompanied to Job Shimankana Tabane (JST) provincial hospital for an oversight visit following widespread rumours in Rustenburg that a patient at the hospital was being treated for COVID-19.

The oversight inspection revealed that there are no patients at JST being treated for COVID-19, also known as Coronavirus.

The hospital assured residents of Rustenburg that it is ready to treat any patient showing signs of COVID-19 as holding hospital.

We urge people of Rustenburg to remain calm, to follow basic hygiene protocols, such as regularly washing hands with soap and water and limiting touching the facial area.

We further call on residents to approach their healthcare practitioner should they experience any flu-like symptoms. Residents should also guard against misinformation shared on social media. If in doubt, please contact a qualified medical professional.

The National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NCID) will update health authorities and the public regularly on Covid-19 infections. This remains the official channel of communication on infections.

Measures are in place to assist persons who have been taken ill. We are pleading with Rustenburg residents to refrain from spreading unfounded or alleged cases of the Coronavirus.

Should cases be confirmed here, the NCID will officially communicate this to the broader public.

**DA press release dated 9 March 2020**



## GREET WITH YOUR FEET

**South Africa** – The first case of the COVID-19 virus in South Africa was reported on Thursday 5 March and at the time of going to print, the number of reported cases grew to 17.

According to the National Institute for Communicable Diseases, those who are symptomatic have started receiving treatment. Some of these patients are already in the hospital while some, specifically those who are asymptomatic are in self-quarantine. Contact tracing has also started for all these cases.

The most important thing to remember is: don't panic, equip yourself with knowledge about the virus and take the necessary precautions.

The first thing to do is to make sure you wash your hands as often as possible. Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

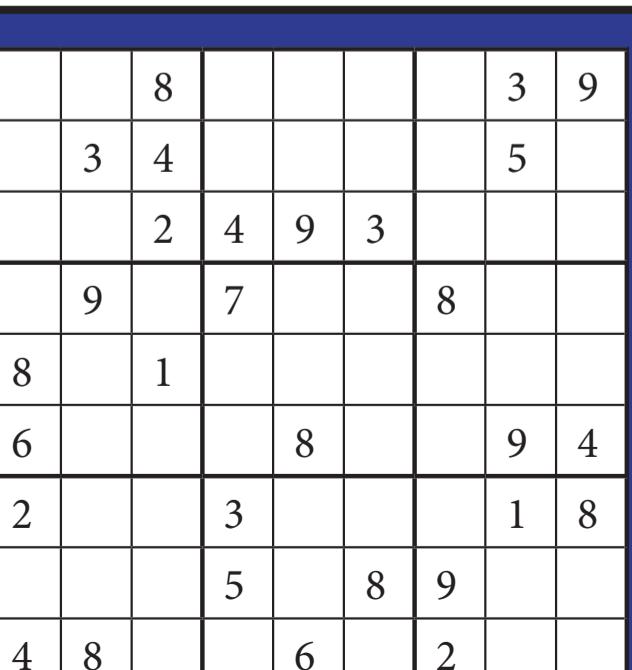
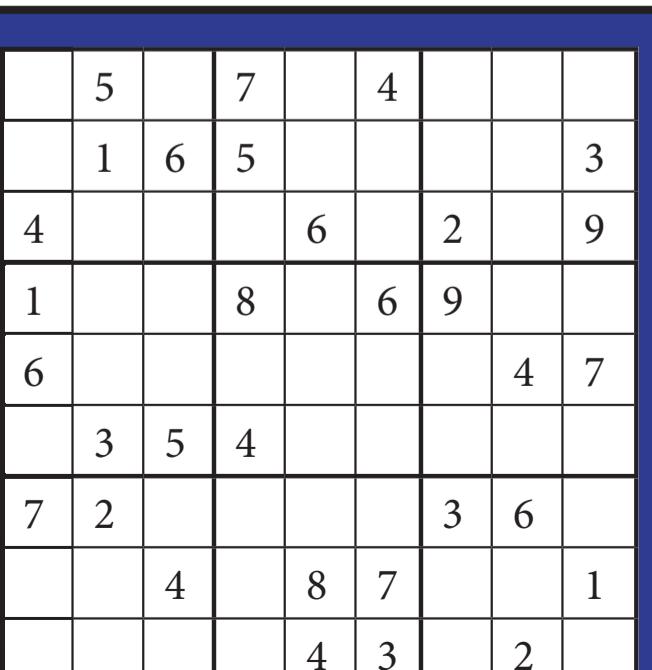
Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up

viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick so avoid touching your face as much as possible.

When someone sneezes or coughs the virus can be spread through the droplets. Cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.

If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing rather stay at home so that you do not spread the disease.

Maintain at least 1 metre distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing. And last, but not least, avoid shaking hands. Instead, try the trending new footshake. It is time to abandon the traditional handshakes and start to greet each other by tapping feet together to avoid the spread of the novel coronavirus.



### RUSTENBURG EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

#### SAPS

Rustenburg SAPS Radio Control Centre:

014 590 4115/6/7

Rustenburg SAPS Community Service Centre:

014 590 4126/27/39

SAPS Boitekong: 014 593 6001/ 6002/ 6003

SAPS Emergency (cell phones only): 112

SAPS Marikana: 014 572 3143

SAPS Rustenburg: 014 590 4112

SAPS Tlhabane: 014 565 9171/54/59

#### AMBULANCE

Ambulance / Metro Control Room:

014 597 6612

Ambulance / Metro Control Room (provincial):

10177

#### MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Med 24/7 (Private): 086 177 7761

ER24: 084 124

NetCare 911: 082 911

Trauma Rescue:

014 594 0689

Ferncrest Hospital (Emergencies):

014 568 4339/8

Peglerae Hospital (Casualties):

014 597 2823

#### HOSPITALS

Ferncrest Hospital: 014 568 4399

Job Shimankana Tabane (JST) provincial hospital: 014 590 5100

La Femme Clinic: 014 594 9500

RusMed 24: 014 523 9378/9351

#### PEST CONTROL / SNAKE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Mostert Pest Control: 071 213 5107

#### CLEANING SERVICES 24/7

CIA Crime Incident Accident:

079 498 7606

#### FIRE

Fire Department: 014 590 3232 /3444/3333

Rustenburg Local Municipality emergencies (fire): 014 590 3090

#### RTB LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

RLM Accounts Queries:

014 590 3111

Press 1 for:

RLM Emergencies (Fire Dept.)

Press 2 for:

RLM Customer Care Supervisor

#### ALARMS

ADT (Control Room):

086 121 2520 / 086 121 2501

Oracle Protection Services:

014 533 3062/3726 / 081 358 4032

Wesalarms: 014 592 8364

#### SSR & CPF/GPF

CPF Sector 1: 061 019 6870

CPF Sector 2: 072 907 0844

CPF Sector 3: 072 204 4847

CPF Sector 5: 082 573 3712

CPF Sector 6: 079 227 9748

Staan Saam RTB: 083 444 6391

Staan Saam Rustenburg Community Watch:

083 296 6949

#### SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNITY CRIME WATCH RUSTENBURG (SACCW)

079 689 0961

#### ANIMAL EMERGENCIES

Animal Clinic Zinniaville: 014 538 2114

ARAN Veterinary Clinic: 014 592 6007/

083 410 7960

Bergbos Dierekliniek: 014 533 1959/2084

Bergbos Dierekliniek (A/H): 083 653 1081

Rtb SPCA: 014 592 3181

Rtb SPCA (A/H): 072 933 7723

#### WATER

Water Problem Helpline: 014 590 3111

#### ELECTRICITY

Electricity Helpline: 014 565 1042

Eskom National Line: 086 003 7566

#### ROAD & TRAFFIC

Bakwena N4 Toll Road: 080 022 5936

Traffic Control Room (Rustenburg): 014 590 3221

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NEWSPAPER: 014 592 5653 / 072 482 6871.