

## MEDIA STATEMENT

## MINERALS COUNCIL NOTES LABOUR COURT JUDGMENT

**Johannesburg, 2 May 2020:** The Minerals Council South Africa has noted the judgment of the Labour Court issued on 1 May 2020 regarding the order directing that the Chief Inspector of Mines publish by 18 May 2020 guidelines for the preparation and implementation of codes of practice by mines to mitigate the effects of COVID-19.

The Minerals Council looks forward to engagements with the Chief Inspector on these issues. In the interim, the Minerals Council is comfortable with the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that will be the basis of regulation until 18 May, noting that it is based on the SOP developed by the Minerals Council for its members since the emergence of COVID-19.

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