

SAFETY BRIEFS

FIVE NUM regional health and safety committees have been established to monitor health conditions and safety on South African mines.

The committees – formed after the union's national health and safety conference in May – presently organise in Namaqualand, Orange Free State, Secunda, Kimberley and Klerksdorp.

They will be responsible for setting up branch committees in their own regions.

The committees' umbrella body, the national health and safety committee, has already taken several resolutions:

- * Blood sampling must be stopped immediately.

- * Safety stewards should be allowed to inspect their workplace without losing pay.

- * Black mineworkers should not be discriminated against when they are compensated for occupational diseases.

- * All workers should have access to mine complaint books.

Committee members are involved in negotiations at several mines, such as Ergo where they have started negotiations for a safety agreement between the workers and management. These negotiations have been delayed because of wage discussions, but they should start again soon.

At Elandsrand, health and safety committee members held a workshop in March to discuss working conditions. Those taking part reached agreement on all but one issue: an inspection. This will be followed up as soon as possible.

Western Holdings miners are also planning a workshop.

A project team at President Brand is working on safety issues at the



We salute our fallen comrades

HERE are the names of our fallen comrades, who died in the Kinross mine disaster.

Oupeng Jarrel Lentswe (Taung); Hans Mogomonyane Tshabane (Rooikop Farm, Schweizer Reineke); Aupanyane Jan Makati (Ganyesa); Twetsi William Montsiso (Wilderhoek, Bloemhof); Mpitsipiti William Sompomo (Alice); Manduleli Headman Mzongwana (Middle drift); Thembusili Bazi (Alice); Reckson Mfokeng Mashego (Mhalu, Gazankulu); Mfundisi Mashele (Ritavi, Gazankulu); Lewis Boy Mpenyane (Ritavi, Gazankulu); Masilo John Moloto (Bobotberg); Joseph Mashape Mokebong (Lebowa); Matibusi Stanford Mashamate (Buchum, Pietersburg); Mafodi Lawrence Mathabathwa (Thabamoco, Lebowa); Alpheus Makglangake Mahlaku (Mapungubwe, Lebowa); Senihala Joshua Tiro (Molopo, Bop); Johannes Maputia (no address); Solomon Sarel Monareng (Mapulaneng, Lebowa); Million Bernard (Mapulaneng, Lebowa); Albert Rasanaan Chikane (Mapulaneng, Lebowa); Seropole Aaron Shai (Seshego, Lebowa); Tsike Abram Seboko (Sekhukhune, Lebowa); Donald Seetjane Thobela (no address); Mahlakweng Caiphua Kgoedzi (Bakieser, Lebowa); Lephechane Makatseane (Mokhotlong, Lesotho); Abel Young Mpene (Mokhotlong, Lesotho); Matela Moutsi (Leribe, Lesotho); Augustinus Mafate (Leribe, Lesotho); Karabo Many (no address); Qetele Ntolo (Quthing, Lesotho); Johannes Modique Sekone (Leribe, Lesotho); Gobilawa Tswesi (Tabankulu, Transkei); Mkalulu Rumpu (Kentani, Transkei); Zamuganya Nxathule (Flagstaff, Transkei); Simon Kolia (no address); Daniel Ngwongo (Engcobo, Transkei); Paulo Justinus Maseru (Butubure, Lesotho); Negeva Mayekiso (Tabankulu, Transkei); Somandla Ngobeni (Umtata, Transkei); Tembelani Maqoko (Ngqelensi, Transkei); Mosue Philip Thabane (Mt Fletcher,

Transkei); Dodi Ernest Mpingwana (Mataiele, Transkei); Komokholo Clarence Maqelepo (Mt Fletcher, Transkei); Nkosimana Ntoba (Butterworth, Transkei); Mnikiwa Zweni (Ngoeleni, Transkei); Joseph Qumba (Flagstaff, Transkei); Leonard Tshintshileka Maga (Kentani, Transkei); Febrary Namba (Mqanduli, Transkei); Mncudini Nafwa (Mqanduli, Transkei); Mantshingane Ditsi (Williamvale, Transkei); Armando Lluis (Masinga, Mozambique); Albert James Nobela (Kamhlushwa, KaNgwane); Bigone Amos Mumango (Kamhlushwa, KaNgwane); Million Solomon Sambu (Schoemanstad, Barberton); William Gwazalandi Ngwenyama (Magogeni, Barberton); Jobe Victor Manyile (Kwambulushwa, KaNgwane); Sipho James Ndlovu (Phaphazel, Barberton); Aaron David Sibya Pinaar (Enkomeni, Nelspruit); Limited Mangulene (Thyolo, Malawi); Odile Nyalungwe (Zomba, Malawi); Michael Jumbe (Blantyre, Malawi); Mpahengeni Bistole (Stutterheim, Eastern Cape); Jia Magano Motlhare (Taung, Bop); Alpheus Shitshelane (Langverwacht, Evander); Million Fanyana Sambo (Mapulaneng, Lebowa); Phineas Johannes Raguna (Baktiseer, Lebowa); Mbulaile Mandlenkosi Gumede (Ubombo, KwaZulu); Joseph Elphias Mathenja (Ingvuma, KwaZulu); Amos Mkhahlela Mgomezulu (Ingvuma, KwaZulu); Mpipi Buthezi (Mahlabatini, KwaZulu); Petron Ndawo (Mnambithi, KwaZulu); Mofaseki Daniel Mooki (Distebetha, Bop); Macka Sontaga Tshehla (Naphuno, Lebowa); Petrone Mahlobo Boo (Quthing, Lesotho); Lekhotla Mapei (Quthing, Lesotho); Mookelo Zazini (Khulule, Port Elizabeth); Natal James Silubane (Bosfontein, Barberton); Jackson Goitsemidimo Botakwe (Ganyesa, Bop); Josaya Mahlobo Nkosi (Amerfoort, Transvaal); Kasiti Simon Sambo (Kamhlushwa, KaNgwane); Selakome Solomon Modirwa (Molopo, Bop); Ma-

tome Joshua Moagi (Naphuno, Lebowa); Kamohlo Moloi Mojaki (Quthing, Lesotho); Qayile Sijole (Tsolo, Transkei); Muzukhi Mbondi Mbondi (Tsiro, Transkei); Lindikhaya Joka (Tsolo, Transkei); Tsumbo Daniel Tjor (Baberwa, Louis Trichardt); Zaheira Dumani Ntuli (Mthabatuba, KwaZulu); Zandisile Sandlana (Bathurst, Cape); Freddy Munyai (Sibasa, Venda); Phangununu Nchomu (Tugela Ferry, KwaZulu); Bonginkosi Mthembu (Hlabisa, KwaZulu); Mosabi Mafodi Peter Mathabatha (Thabamoco, Lebowa); Peter John Gedama (Zomba, Malawi); Wedison Menadi (Blantyre, Malawi); Wicknani Kampura (Lilongwe, Malawi); Gidione Khombe (Dedza, Malawi); Benari Chimalenzi (Ntcheu, Malawi); Kidney Magwira (Ngumbe, Malawi); Zinaumaleka Banda (Lilongwe, Malawi); Dines Thubana (Lindock Farm, Bedford); Mcutshwa Rouben Dlamini (Manzini, Swaziland); Obed Thobela Mkhonta (Shiselweni, Swaziland); Sempe Mphuthi Qopo (Berea, Lesotho); Ntutuzele Welsh Sotondothe (Tsiro, Transkei); Lungisa Mgqatsa (Lusikisi, Transkei); Plaa Sipungu (Engcobo, Transkei); Mocketa Machili Machili (Mt Fletcher, Transkei); Zuzile Bollyi Yine (Si Marks, Transkei); Magungago Mahotanya (Lusikisi, Transkei); Leyo Mbendela (Muianje, Malawi); Mapemba Chelimbwe (Mwanza, Malawi); James Saidi (Dedza, Malawi); Benson Dizela Ngobeni (Bolebedu, Lebowa); Mokheti Nathaniel Majoro (Leribe, Lesotho); Ishmael Lesimanyane Mporeane (Mafeteng, Lesotho); Mtsiu Samuel Lerata (Leribe, Lesotho); Mlindwa Mathenja (Lusikisi, Transkei); Mlungwa Mato (Glen Grey, Transkei); Motlathi Paul Ntja (Mokhotlong, Lesotho); Boo Tyume (Butterworth, Transkei); Joseph Timothy Nkosi (Erlashoek, Bushbuckridge); Ngwewwe Tana (Lusikisi, Transkei); Sapoto Tabentshine (Lusikisi, Transkei); Khoete Ralekhetha (Mohale'shoek, Lesotho); Bulane Pascalis (Mohale'shoek, Lesotho).

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*That 7000 workers at the Beatrix mine went on strike -- after mine police injured 16 workers with rubber bullets and birdshot on September 4 when they were returning from a legal mass meeting which was held

on the mine premises. During the strike -- which lasted from September 7 to September 10 -- workers presented management with a number of demands. The outcome of the discussions is still

pending.

*That 3500 workers at Free State Geduld mine No 1 went on strike when the white shift boss entered the shaft with a gun.

*That Phillip Batyshe, Arthur Mohale and

Rupert Besent were elected full-time shaft stewards at De Beers' Finch and Geology mine in Kimberley.

*That 600 workers at Zincor went on strike after the unfair dismissal of a fellow worker. The

outcome is still pending.

*That security police raided our Carltonville offices. Union pamphlets, posters and copies of our constitution were taken.

*That 700 workers at FSG No 1 shaft went on strike on September 16 after the white shift boss came to work with a gun.

Management dismissed 450 workers and refused to talk to two union officials. On September 18 SAP and mine police chased the workers and union officials with dogs and threatened to shoot them. The 450 workers were also bussed home. The union's legal department is investigating.

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