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The Employer

Dear Sir / Madam,

INSTRUCTION: RE-ENFORCEMENT OF MEASURES OR PROCEDURES THAT ARE ESTABLISHED TO PREVENT PERSONS FROM BEING EXPOSED TO SIGNIFICANT RISK ASSOCIATED WITH BRAZIERIS DURING WINTER SEASON

During winter season there is always a high number of surface fire incidents that occurred as a result of persons trying to keep themselves warm. The Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) is concerned about the prevalence of fire incidents caused by braziers (mbaula) in the recent past. DMR records reflect the following as some of the operations where these fire incidents had occurred in the recent past:

1. Free State Region – Harmony Gold Mine – June 2015
2. Mpumalanga Region – Noordhulp Colliery – June 2015
3. Klerksdorp Region – AngloGold Ashanti Mine – July 2015
4. Western Cape Region – Ataqnties Foundries Sand Mine – June 2018

Bases on the afore-mentioned incidents and the loss of life suffered thereof, all the owners of mines are hereby instructed to ensure that all persons working on surface sites within the mining premises, including security personnel; are provided with appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that could withstand winter conditions whilst they are at their working places.

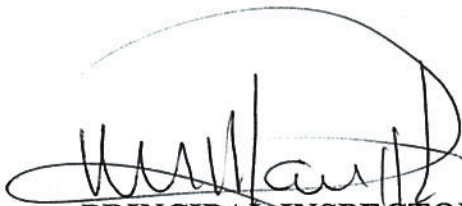
Furthermore, the employer is required to improve supervisory visibility at every working place, especially during night shift, by increasing the number of inspections by security supervisors, in order to continuously monitor and ensure that employees refrain from keeping themselves warm by using braziers.

It is therefore re-emphasized that mine employers need to increase awareness of dangers associated with braziers (mbaulas) by conducting inspections and taking all reasonable measures to prevent employees from being exposed to significant risks associated with braziers.

It must be noted with seriousness that any employer who fail to comply with the requirements of this instruction will face a tougher punitive action from my office. My office will not accept any employee to be exposed to extreme cold conditions without being provided with the appropriate PPE.

Kind acknowledge receipt,

Yours faithfully,



**PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF MINES
KIMBERLEY REGION**

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