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MEDIA STATEMENT

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DISTRICT COMMAND COUNCIL MEETING WITH MINING COMPANIES

The Sekhukhune District Command Council today met with representatives of mining companies that operate in the district to discuss their preparedness as they are set to resume with operations during level 4 of the lockdown.

Notwithstanding the fact that the schedule of services: framework for sectors, allows mining companies to operate with a 50 percent staff compliment, (except that companies producing coal for Eskom can operate at full employment), some companies volunteered to start at 25 percent in order to minimize the risks of spreading the Covid-19 virus.

The District Command Council (DCC) was generally happy with measures put in place by mining companies. These measures include screening and testing of employees, provision of sanitizers and availing isolation centers.

As mines are set to resume operations, the DCC urged them to first recall workers who're located in Limpopo province before their colleagues who're in other provinces to discourage inter-provincial traveling.

Importantly, the DCC impressed upon the representatives that it's compulsory for the mines to screen and test all their employees on site.

Employees who'll be returning from other provinces should be kept in isolation for 14 days while awaiting test results.

More attention should be given to employees coming from high risk areas.

Chairperson of the DCC Executive Mayor Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila urges all stakeholders (employers, workers, communities) to adhere to the precautions at all times.

“We all have a responsibility to work together towards fighting the Corona Virus and at this requires commitment from all the stakeholders,” says Ramaila.

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