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Media Statement

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The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy extends its condolences to the families and colleagues of the four Tau Lekoa mine employees who lost their lives after an accident at the mine.

It is understood that following a seismic event on Friday afternoon, a fall of ground accident occurred which resulted in the four employees being trapped underground.

Sadly, the lifeless bodies of the workers were discovered during a rescue operation over the weekend.

The Department encourages employers and employees to continue to prioritise health and safety at the mines, mindful of the goal of zero harm.

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