



## **TURNING AROUND THE CURRENT MINING OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY STATE OF AFFAIRS**

The Mine Health and Safety Council together with the Department of Mineral Resources hosted the 2016 Mine Occupational Health and Safety Summit at Gallagher Conference Centre on the 17th and 18th November 2016. The Summit was intended to provide feedback and to review progress on the implementation of the 2014 Summit commitments, which were agreed upon by the South African mining industry Principals. These were really bold milestones intended to realise our ultimate Goal of Zero Harm.

The Summit was convened to provide a platform of engagement under the theme **"Every mine worker returning from work unharmed every day, striving for ZERO HARM"**. This saw Principals signing the Pledge reaffirming their commitment and ensuring that everyone is singing from the same hymn book. The signing of the pledge shows that there is a significant acceptance of the current situation that requires a rapid turnaround strategy by all playing the part in the pursuit to achieve the goal of Zero Harm. These commitments are about the interest of the mineworkers ensuring that they work in safe environments and everyone returns home unharmed. Which is the tripartite stakeholder's occupational health and safety bottom line.

As the Mine Health and Safety Council; we would like to thank the Principals and the Stakeholders from the mining industry who recommitted in putting measures and action plans in place to ensure that we achieve the goal of Zero Harm. We also thank everyone who attended the Summit.

A full report on the 2016 Mine Occupational Health and Safety Summit will be made available on the MHSC website and stakeholders will be advised once made available.

Let's all commit to Zero Harm!

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