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Principal Inspector's Remarks

1. Increased Fall of Ground incidents (2019).

- Poor barring
- Inadequate support between "Support Units"
- Over-breaking of hanging wall/ side wall

2. Increased Medical Deaths (2018/19)

- Poor Chronic Management
- Unfit workers allowed to proceed underground

3. Increased Victimization of Workers (section 23)



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4. Increased Complaints from Workers

- not resolved at shaft level
- non health and safety complaints

5. Mining within 100m from communities (i.e. permission)

6. Late reporting of Accidents

7. Mining of Pillars and Mining of Wide Areas (i.e. instructions issued)



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8. Amendment of Chapter 4 (i.e. Explosives Regulations)

- shot holes to be stemmed and tamped
- length to be determined by Risk Assessment (RA)
- purpose of RA is compliance with Section 21

9. Exemption to Explosives Regulations

- submission of exemption applications
- no person to exempt themselves
- recommendations of Admin Fines



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10. Responsibilities and Duties of Inspectors of Mines:

- as per the MHS Act
- any action contrary must be reported immediately

11. Lodging a Complaint (against any Inspector or any Official of DMR):

- prepare a written complaint
- written complaint with supporting "evidence"
- submission to Directorate of Employee Relations
- any criminal act – submit to SAPS



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