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Every mine worker returning from work unharmed every day. Striving for zero harm in our lifetime.

Highlights of MineSafe Conference 2025



Chief inspector of mines and MHSC Board Chair Mr. David Msiza sharing SAMI key insights during the MineSafe Conference held at Emperors Palace between on the 21 November 2025.

The 2025 MineSafe Conference and Industry Awards Day took place at Emperors Palace between the 19 and 21 November. This annual event is dedicated to enhancing safety, health, and environmental practices within the mining and metallurgical industry. The conference always serves as a vital platform for knowledge-sharing and idea exchange among key

stakeholders, including mining companies, the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR), the Minerals Council of South Africa, Mine Health and Safety Council, Organised labour, and health and safety practitioners at all levels in the minerals industry. The Industry Awards Day on 21 November 2025, recognises individuals and organisations who achieve and portray

high standards of safety, health and sustainability practices. The Chief inspector of mines Mr. David Msiza congratulated the winners and highlighted the importance of industry collaboration to achieve Zero Harm in the sector.

The 2025 theme reflects the urgent need for the mining industry to prioritise health, safety and sustainability as non-negotiable foundations for long-term resilience and economic contribution, especially in a country where mining remains a key driver of employment, exports and development.

Mr. Msiza focused his speech on mining sector's operational resilience and excellence by upholding highest standards of health and safety, even when compared with advanced mining countries such as Canada and Australia. He emphasised promoting safety culture across all commodities, adoption of emerging technologies and inclusive leadership. Msiza's presentation further highlighted the journey of health and safety within the industry, achievements and lessons from the implementation of the 2014 - 2024 Mine Health and Safety Summit Milestones.

MineSafe remains a flagship event on the South African mining calendar – reaffirming the industry's collective commitment to protecting lives, improving workplace conditions, and fostering continuous innovation in pursuit of a Zero-Harm future.

Mr. George van Greunen, MineSafe Chairperson and Vice President of the Association of Mine Managers of South Africa (AMMSA), said, "as the country continues to navigate the demands of a modern minerals industry, from digital transformation to decarbonisation, ensuring the safe and well-being of mineworkers is not only a normal imperative, but a strategic one.

Safe operational lead to healthier communities, more productive workforces, and more resilient mining businesses that can adapt and thrive in an evolving global landscape."



Ms. Zamaswazi Nkosi of the Mine Health and Safety Council giving a talk at MineSafe 2025.

The MHSC continuously make impactful contributions to industry related events such as content development, sponsorship through gazetted guidance notes, and published research outcomes positively impacting the South African Mining Industry (SAMI) towards Zero Harm Journey. Ms Nkosi indicated that the entity supports tripartite stakeholder efforts to achieving a healthier and safer workplaces.

The conference concluded with the MineSafe Industry Awards Day on 21 November 2025, where companies and operations were recognised for exceptional achievements in safety leadership, year-on-year improvement and best-in-class performance across multiple commodity categories.

This year's awards showcased the depth of commitment within the sector to continuous improvement, transparent reporting and the adoption of leading practices aimed at ensuring every employee returns home unharmed.

The MineSafe Industry Awards celebrated excellence across various categories:



- Best Improved Safety Performance Year on Year.
- Best Safety Performance in Class - Total Injury Frequency Rate (TIFR).
- Significant Achievements (Fatal-Free Shifts)
- Leading Practice Adoption.
- Mine Rescue Services Award.
- Best Improvement Award 2025.
- MineSafe Health Awards 2025 (Occupational Medicine & Occupational Hygiene).

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The MHSC Commemorates World Aids Day in Durban ICC



Dr. Mokoboto, MITHAC Chairperson delivering a keynote address during WAD Commemoration.

each year - to check whether industry actions are matching the commitments made. World AIDS Day has been marked globally on 1 December every year since 1988. The MHSC's Chief Research Operations Officer – Fatheella Brovko said, "It is a day that calls on us to stop, to reflect, and to recognise that the fight against HIV and AIDS is not over".

It reminds us of the lives we have lost, she added - the progress we have made, and the work that still lies ahead if we are serious about ending AIDS as a public health threat". This year, the focus is framed by three connected themes. Globally, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS has called on the world to "Overcome disruption and transform the AIDS response." Nationally, the Department of Health has set the theme, "Renewed Efforts and Sustainable Commitments to End AIDS." In the mining sector, we have aligned with this by adopting the industry theme: "Renewed Efforts and Sustainable Commitments to End AIDS in the South African Mining Industry." And finally, "Closing the Gap" focusing attention on those who are being left behind, by finding employees who are undiagnosed, and actively bringing patients who have been lost to follow-up, back into care and ongoing support.

HIV and AIDS affect all sectors of society, and mining - is no exception. The South African Mining Industry has long been at the centre of the HIV and TB epidemics, but it has also become an important part of the response. The industry has committed to preventing new infections, supporting those who are living with HIV, and contributing to the goal of ending the HIV epidemic by 2030. World AIDS Day gives the SAMI a focused moment