

HEALTH & SAFETY

Safety Milestone

Lanxess Mining achieves 1,5m fatality-free shifts

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The mining division of Lanxess South Africa, a supplier of chrome ore to the chemicals industry, has achieved 1,5-million fatality-free shifts at its mine near Rustenburg.

The mine, with a workforce of about 650 employees, was awarded a Nosa certificate for this attainment, earlier this month. The company says it will continue to engage employees in several safety programmes to regularly communicate the importance of safety in the workplace, particularly in a mining environment.

Lanxess Mining has engaged supplier of occupational risk management services and products Nosa, a wholly owned subsidiary of South African investment company Micromega Holdings, to assist in the mine's auditing of the ISO-approved systems and the legal documents.

Speaking to company employees during the presentation ceremony, Nosa Mining GM **Bryan Keague** said: "Safety begins with you. You must look after yourselves and your workmates all the time. The effort that you have made as

the mine is massive and must be maintained. You, as the employees, are the biggest part of this effort."

Lanxess Mining COO **Bruce Jones** also spoke at the event. "The mine has Occupational Health & Safety Advisory Services 18001 certification but a system alone cannot contribute towards an achievement of this nature. It is the dedication and commitment to safety practices in the workplace by employees that make a difference."

Further, the leadership at the mine has to observe safety rules to the letter for employees to do the same, Jones added.

Jones stated that, as a global company with a core business that comprises the development, manufacture and sale of plastics, rubber, speciality chemicals and intermediates, Lanxess has always ranked the safety of its employees as a top priority and has introduced a number measures at all its sites worldwide to ensure employees internalise safety practices in and outside the workplace.



SAFETY REWARDED

Nosa Mining GM Bryan Keague presents Lanxess mine manager Vongani Mathebula with a certificate in recognition of the achievement

He added that Lanxess Mining recently signed a contract with health and safety consultant DuPont Sustainable Solutions to enhance the level of safety awareness among the mine's employees and to maintain consistent safety communication within the mine.

"With this programme in place, we hope to further encourage our employees to view safety as an essential part of their daily lives. We hope this will also contribute towards maintaining the trend of fatality-free shifts," concluded Jones.