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**Chamber of Mines Announcement  
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**Attention:** All editors, exhibitors, service providers, Government stakeholders and general public

**2020 MINING EXPO & CONFERENCE CANCELLED**

Following the first confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Namibia, the Chamber postponed the Mining Expo & Conference to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. Upon further enquiry with relevant stakeholders and an in-depth assessment, the Chamber regrettably has decided to **cancel** the 2020 Mining Expo & Conference. While the situation in Namibia appears to have stabilised since the first cases of COVID-19 confirmed on 14 March 2020, the Chamber is under no illusion that the country is spared from the possibility of further infections.

Moreover, the postponed dates fall within the State of Emergency which lapses around 22 September 2020 with no certainty whether it may or may not be extended. It is thus not possible to predict the actions or decisions by Government pertaining to mass gatherings such as the Mining Expo & Conference in response to further COVID-19 related developments.

Exhibitors that have paid for their 2020 registrations will receive a full refund of the total amount.

With the rapid progress and escalated global efforts to develop a COVID-19 vaccine, the Chamber remains hopeful that the much-anticipated Mining Expo and Conference will again take place in 2021. The official event details and dates will be communicated towards the end of this year.

We wish you all a safe and healthy remainder of the year and look forward to new opportunities once the pandemic subsides.

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