

**MEDIA HOLDING STATEMENT**

**15 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**REACTION AT ARCELORMITTAL SOUTH AFRICA'S NEWCASTLE BLAST FURNACE**

ArcelorMittal South Africa can confirm that at about 09:30 on Tuesday, 15 September 2020, there was a furnace reaction at its Newcastle Works blast furnace while preparing for start-up. Two employees were unfortunately injured in the incident and were immediately transferred to hospital for medical attention. One employee is being airlifted to a hospital in Johannesburg for specialist treatment while the other is receiving medical attention in a local hospital. The company is offering support to the families of the injured employees.

Plant management is taking all precautions to ensure that the furnace is safe and is assessing the damage. An investigation into the incident is underway to determine the exact circumstances that led to the reaction.

Any impact on the market will be communicated once the assessment has been completed.

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