

MEDIA STATEMENT
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**UPDATE ON INCIDENT AT ARCELORMITTAL SOUTH AFRICA'S
VANDERBIJLPARK WORKS**

Johannesburg, 18 February 2021: ArcelorMittal South Africa regrets to confirm that the bodies of its three missing employees have now all been recovered. All three employees succumbed to injuries sustained in an incident at the company's Vanderbijlpark Works yesterday morning in which a portion of a 90m stack at one of the operation's coke batteries failed and fell onto the coke battery control room in which the three employees were working.

"On behalf of the ArcelorMittal South Africa board, management and employees, our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies go to the families and colleagues of the deceased," says Kobus Verster, Chief Executive Officer of ArcelorMittal South Africa.

The families of the employees have been informed and are receiving the necessary support from the company.

"We are extremely grateful to our own qualified emergency personnel, who arrived on site immediately after the incident occurred and worked through the day and night to complete the recovery operation with the support of local emergency services," added Verster.

The company has launched an investigation into the cause of the incident. All relevant authorities have been notified and have been on site. The company will cooperate fully with their investigations.

"The safety of our employees and contractors remains our primary concern. This is an absolute tragedy, and we will do a full and thorough investigation to understand what happened so that we can avoid anything like this from happening again at ArcelorMittal South Africa," concludes Verster.

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