

# DEALING WITH OCCUPATIONAL LUNG DISEASE:

A COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE BY SA MINING COMPANIES

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## Mining companies note SCA decision

**Johannesburg, 21 September 2016:** The six companies that are members of the Occupational Lung Disease Working Group note the decisions this week of the Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) to grant their petitions for leave to appeal against all aspects of the class certification judgment of the South Gauteng High Court delivered in May.

The companies are African Rainbow Minerals, Anglo American South Africa, AngloGold Ashanti, Gold Fields, Harmony and Sibanye Gold.

The High Court, in its judgment, certified the establishment of two separate classes for silicosis and tuberculosis and also changed the common law in respect of general damages claims. The High Court granted leave to appeal only in respect of the latter point. The petitions to the SCA were in respect of the certification of classes for silicosis and tuberculosis.

The next step is for the companies to file their notices of appeal.

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