AngloGold Ashanti reports another 164 Covid-19 cases at Mponeng Mine

After reporting its first positive Covid-19 case at its Mponeng Mine last week, AngloGold Ashanti confirmed a further 164 cases during a screening, contact tracing and testing programme.

Mponeng Mine

The mining company conducted 650 tests since last Thursday, including primary contacts and many who wished to be tested on a voluntary basis. This process has indicated 164 positive cases with only a handful of tests left to process. Importantly, of the positive cases, the vast majority are asymptomatic. All positive cases will be isolated in line with national health protocols, with on-site facilities available for those who may need them.

Mponeng uses electronic tracking of all people underground as a safety tool in the event missing miners have to be located. This system has been useful in quickly locating primary, or close contacts.

The Department of Health and the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy, the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), regional health authorities and labour unions are being engaged in the process.

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