

MEDIA RELEASE



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South32 regrets to inform that one of our colleagues, Mr Desmin Mienies, a contractor with Elektra Mining, was fatally injured while working at our Wessels mine at Hotazel Manganese Mines on 30 November 2021.

We would like to express our deepest sympathies to Mr Mienies' family and we are providing support and counselling to help them through this difficult time. We are also supporting the Wessels team.

Operations at the Wessels mine were suspended following the incident and investigations are underway in conjunction with the relevant authorities.

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About us

South32 is a globally diversified mining and metals company. Our purpose is to make a difference by developing natural resources, improving people's lives now and for generations to come. We are trusted by our owners and partners to realise the potential of their resources. We produce bauxite, alumina, aluminium, metallurgical coal, manganese, nickel, silver, lead and zinc at our operations in Australia, Southern Africa and South America. With a focus on growing our base metals exposure, we also have two development options in North America and several partnerships with junior explorers around the world.

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