

**STATEMENT ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE GOLD PRODUCERS, REPRESENTED
BY THE CHAMBER OF MINES, THE ASSOCIATION OF MINEWORKERS AND
CONSTRUCTION WORKERS' UNIONS (AMCU), THE NATIONAL UNION OF
MINEWORKERS (NUM), SOLIDARITY AND UASA**

**2013 GOLD NEGOTIATIONS ON WAGES AND OTHER CONDITIONS
OF SERVICE BEGIN**

Johannesburg, 8 July 2013: The parties engaged in the 2013 wage negotiations met for the first time in a workshop today at the Chamber of Mines in Johannesburg, prior to the beginning of wage negotiations for 2013. The existing wage agreement expired on 30 June 2013 and wage negotiations are set to commence on 11 July 2013.

The purpose of today's engagement was to set the scene in respect of the prevailing economic circumstances of employers and employees in the gold mining industry and to develop a protocol that will guide the 2013 negotiations. It is expected that this protocol will be finalised on Thursday, 11 July 2013, whereafter the unions will officially table and motivate their demands.

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