

Zug, 26th April 2016

BASF Metals GmbH  
Grafenauweg 6  
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## Memorandum

Dear Sir / Madam

Having heard the testimonies of the delegation from South Africa consisting of

- Bishop Johannes Seoka, President of Benchmarks Foundation
- Ntombizolile Mosebetsane, widow of murdered mineworker at Lonmin Mine
- Agnes Makapano Thelejane, widow of murdered mineworker at Lonmin Mine
- No-Marussia Bonase, Khulumani Support Group
- Judy Seidman, Khulumani Support Group

And against the background of what follows:

- The report of the Farlam Commission appointed by the President of South Africa comes to the conclusion that the appalling working and living conditions for mine workers of Lonmin in the platinum mine at Marikana which are in contradiction to South Africa's labour requirements have considerably contributed to the violent labour conflict in August 2012.
- The report blames Lonmin in addition for its refusal to talk to the striking workers as demanded by them. With this attitude Lonmin has considerably contributed to the escalation of the conflict.

The following demands are submitted to BASF Metals GmbH:

- As one of Lonmin's major clients BASF Metals GmbH is asked to assume responsibility for humane labour and working conditions along the entire supply chain, which BASF on its website claims to be doing.
- BASF Metals GmbH at Zug is handling the purchase of platinum from Lonmin for BASF. As Swiss organisations we support the demands put forward by Lonmin workers and by the victims and survivors of the Marikana massacre of August 2012. We appeal to BASF Metals to see to it that working and living conditions of Lonmin's workforce underground and above ground comply to generally agreed standards and respect human dignity. We also demand that claims for compensation are supported by BASF and BASF Metals GmbH.
- We ask BASF Metals GmbH to reply to this letter before the 16th August 2016, the fourth anniversary of the massacre. The widows and their dependants as well as the injured and disabled mine workers are in dire need and have so far not received any apology nor compensation for their damage.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Müller, Coordinator KEESA  
Andreas Lustenberger, MP Kanton Zug, President Alternative - Die Grünen  
Urs Sekinger, Coordinator SOLIFONDS