

Media Statement

Missing contractor security officer at Ahafo South Mine found

Kenyasi – 31st July 2022 – A contractor security officer at Newmont Africa’s Ahafo mine reported missing from the evening of Wednesday, 27th July 2022 has been found.

A joint search party made of the Police, Newmont’s Emergency Team, Protea Coin Ghana (our contracted security provider) and community volunteers had conducted extensive search for the missing security officer over the past four days. A hunter found him at midday on Sunday, 31st July in a neighbouring forest reserve where he had traveled to himself. The officer is assisting the police with its investigations on his disappearance while Newmont has arranged medical and psychological support for him.

On Wednesday, 27th July at about 6.30pm, the security officer had informed his colleague about using the washroom. After over 45 minutes of not returning to his duty post, his colleague reported his absence to the supervisors on duty. The company notified the Minerals Commission who undertook an on-site fact finding investigation. In collaboration with his community leaders, police, local government officials, family and community leaders, a joint search team was initiated to find the missing officer.

“I would like to thank the joint search team who worked tirelessly over the last 72 hours to find the missing security officer,” said Samuel Eshun, Acting General Manager, Ahafo South Mine.

The safety and security of our workforce will continue to remain our priority. We will review this incident thoroughly and ensure that the lessons learnt inform further enhancement of our security protocols and procedures.

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About Newmont Africa

Newmont Africa, a subsidiary of Newmont Corporation is Ghana’s leading gold producer with two gold mining operations in Ghana: the Ahafo Mine in the Ahafo region and the Akyem Mine in the Eastern region. The Company’s Ahafo North Project is preparing to commence construction activities following regulatory permitting approvals and extensive stakeholder engagements. Newmont Africa currently employs over 8,000 employees and contractors.



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