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INCIDENT AT ARCELORMITTAL SOUTH AFRICA'S VANDERBIJLPARK WORKS

Johannesburg, 17 February 2021: ArcelorMittal South Africa confirms that there has been an incident at its Vanderbijlpark Works which has resulted in three employees currently being unaccounted for.

A portion of a 90m stack at one of the operation's coke batteries failed in the early hours of the morning on Wednesday, 17 February 2021 and fell onto the coke battery control room in which the three employees were working.

Search and rescue teams are on site and all efforts are focused on finding the missing employees. The cause of the incident is not known at this stage, but the company has launched a full investigation.

All relevant authorities have been notified and the company will provide its full support to their investigations. The company has reached out to the families of the employees and will offer the necessary assistance.

"The safety of our employees and contractors remains our primary concern, and our focus now is on the search for our employees and to give support to their families and colleagues. A full investigation will follow to understand what happened and avoid anything like this from happening in the future," said Kobus Verster, Chief Executive Officer of ArcelorMittal South Africa.

The area has been made safe however, the battery has been damaged by the incident and will likely be out for repairs once the extent of the damage has been determined.

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