

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited
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Doornkop resumes operations, according to "slow, detailed start-up plan"

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited ("Harmony" and/or "the Company") has announced that its Doornkop mine ("Doornkop") resumed operations from the start of the day shift yesterday.

Operations at Doornkop were stopped by the company on Tuesday, 4 February 2014 - and subsequently in terms of the Mine Health and Safety Act (MHSA) Section 54 notices were issued by the Department of Minerals and Energy (DMR) - following a seismic event, rockfall and underground fire.

Nine mineworkers died in the accident and eight others were rescued.

The resumption of operations yesterday - and slowly over the next several days, according to a detailed start-up plan - follows the lifting by the DMR on Friday last week (28 February 2014) of the Section 54 notices.

An extensive investigation into the events of 4 February, in terms of the provisions of the MHSA and under the direction of the DMR, has begun at the mine and is expected to continue for at least the next four weeks.

Meanwhile, an external safety audit team has been appointed voluntarily by Harmony to assess and report on safety at all of the company's South African operations.

Harmony's chief executive officer Graham Briggs said: "We will learn more from both processes - the official investigation and our voluntary audit - minimising risk and operate safe mines."

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