

WHO WE ARE

The Mine Health and Safety Council (MHSC – “the Council”) is a national public entity (Schedule 3A) established in terms of Section 41 (1) of the Mine Health and Safety Act, no 29 of 1996, as amended. Established in June 1997, the MHSC is funded by public revenue and is accountable to Parliament.

The entity comprises a tripartite board representing the State, Organised Labour and Employers respectively in the South African mining industry. This has provided a platform of engagement on occupational health and safety issues for the tripartite stakeholders in the industry.

The responsibilities of the MHSC are governed by Section 43 and 44 of the Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996 (act 29 of 1996) as amended, which provides that the MHSC must:

- ✓ Advise the Minister of Mineral Resources on health and safety at mines;
- ✓ Co-ordinate the activities of its Committees, receive reports from these Committees and liaise with the Mining Qualifications Authority on matters relating to health and safety;
- ✓ Liaise with any other statutory body concerned with matters relating to health and safety in the mining industry;
- ✓ Promote a culture of health and safety in the mining industry;
- ✓ Arrange and co-ordinate a Tripartite Summit to review the state of safety and health at mines at least every two years; and
- ✓ Perform any other duty in terms of the Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996 (Act 29 of 1996), as amended.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

VISION

To be the first port of call for Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) matters within the South African Mining Industry and to be the knowledge leader and trusted advisor to the Minister of Mineral Resources and stakeholders on Occupational Health and Safety matters.

MISSION

To promote a culture of occupational health and safety in the mining industry by providing advice to the Minister of Mineral Resources as per the mandate, and creating and disseminating information on leading practices to the mining industry.

VALUES

The MHSC prides itself on a set of shared values that inform and guide the interaction between employees, stakeholders and the mining industry at large. The acronym “CIRA” represent MHSC core values.

[Caring, Integrity, Respect, Accountability]

GOALS

MHSC is pursuing the following goals and all the strategic objectives will be linked to achievement of these goals:

- a. To facilitate Zero Harm to communities and mine workers because of mining activities.
- b. To provide knowledge leadership in Occupational Health and Safety in the South African Mining Industry.

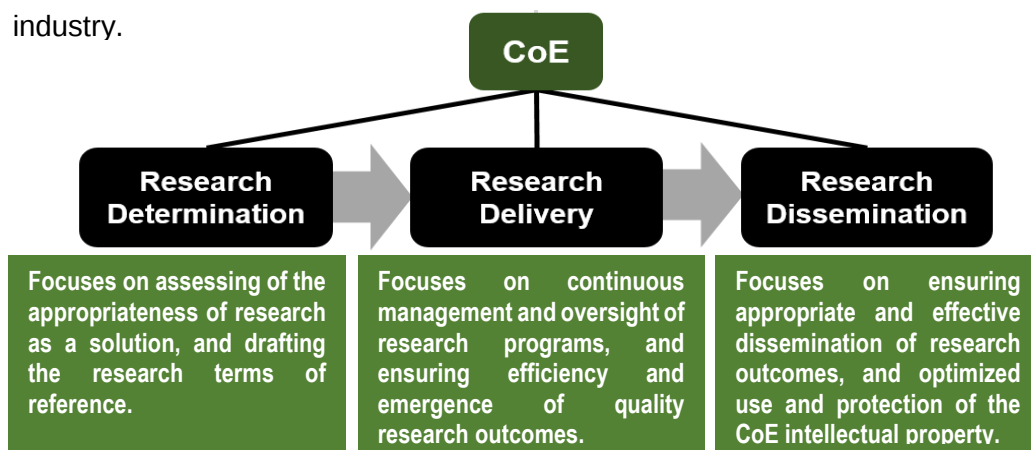
Every mineworker returning from work unharmed every day.

Striving for Zero Harm in our Lifetime.

OUR CORE BUSINESS

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The Centre of Excellence (CoE) was established to ensure that the MHSC conducts high quality research with outcomes that will be widely adopted by the South African Mining Industry (SAMI). This was because of MHSC Tripartite Stakeholders acknowledging that since the establishment of the MHSC in 1997, research was conducted but whether the outcomes were reaching the coalface remained unsatisfactory and unmeasured. In addressing dissemination of research outcomes challenges; the CoE was envisaged to provide evidence into OHS training initiatives, creation of new knowledge and innovative technologies to improve OHS, generation of IP and commercialisation of research outcomes in form of new technologies and knowledge made available to the mining industry.



Highlighting the Centre of Excellence (CoE) unit as the core function of the MHSC.

RESEARCH THRUST AREAS

The Council is committed to promoting a culture of health and safety in the South African Mining Industry (SAMI) through research, and the effective dissemination of the research outcomes. The MHSC research projects are grouped and classified into **nine (9) thrust areas**. The thrust classes are aptly named according to the major agency which the research project was intended to address in the first place.

The 9 thrust areas are:

Thrust Area 1: Human Factors and Behavioural Safety

Thrust Area 2: Rock Falls

Thrust Area 3: Rock Burststs

Thrust Area 4: Explosions and Fires

Thrust Area 5: Machienry and Transport Systems

Thrust Area 6 Airborne Pollutants

Thrust Area 7: Physical Hazards

Thrust Area 8: Occupational Diseases

Thrust Area 9 Special Projects

The initiation of these projects is determined by industry requirements but mostly informed by OHS performance trends in the SAMI.

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