

MINES RESCUE SERVICES SOUTH AFRICA – MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

ABSTRACT

Thousands of miners have lost their lives in underground fires and explosions. These deaths are the result of failure to maintain the working environment in a safe condition. Due to the high number of fatalities the legislature have made it compulsory for mines rescue organisations to be established in order to provide rescue capabilities .

Mines Rescue Services in South Africa has gradually developed over the past 93 years into a fully integrated national service for all underground mines.

This paper will give an overview of Mines Rescue Services in South Africa and explain some of the specialized rescue equipment available to deal with emergencies.

Reference will also be made to illegal mining in South Africa.

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