

AW: BASF in our weekly update - invitation to respond

Dear Ms. Wilks,

thank you for your e-mail and enquiry. Please find here our position:

Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective on the publication by “Brot für die Welt-Studie” about Marikana. First of all, please understand that we do not comment financial figures. From our point of view, this paper does not reflect adequately our commitment to help improve the living and working conditions, in and around Marikana.

BASF is involved on three levels to help improve the living and working conditions in and around Marikana:

- We are working intensively with Lonmin and, according to our capabilities, we are exerting our influence to ensure that the company complies with its legal obligations within the framework of social and work plans as well as our expectations regarding responsible business conduct of our suppliers, e.g. adherence to the UN Global Compact principles. To this end, we are working together with Lonmin on the operational as well as the management level. For example, we have conducted reviews and audits on working conditions as well as impacts on the communities. Within our leverage, we encourage and support Lonmin to work on the respective findings.
- In addition to the direct engagement with our supplier, we initiated a sector initiative with other South African mining companies to help improve the situation in the platinum mining belt in South Africa.
- We have also been intensively exchanging information on this topic with civil society and politicians in South Africa and Germany for years.

Please find more details on our activities and how we assume responsibility in our supply chain on our website: <https://www.basf.com/en/company/about-us/suppliers-and-partners/sustainability-in-procurement.html#marikana>. We don't cut corners when it comes to sustainability. For us sustainable development means that we strengthen our suppliers' awareness of our standards and expectations, and shape their contribution to sustainable development in a transparent manner.

If you have any questions, Ms. Wilks, please do not hesitate and contact me.

With best regards / Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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