



MINE DUST NETWORK

Abstract: Organising Fence-line Communities in the Context of Mining

Dust emissions from mining operations and waste dumps pose a risk to the health and quality of life of surrounding or fence-line communities. The effects of exposure to mine dust are, furthermore, frequently exacerbated by environmental and social factors such as housing, poverty and the prevalence of infectious diseases such as TB and, more recently, COVID-19. Civil society organisations play an important role in supporting these communities by holding industry and regulators to account, and by establishing citizen-based monitoring programmes. This presentation outlines the activities of the Bench Marks Foundation in promoting corporate social responsibility in the context of mining within Southern Africa.

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Mr Motsau is the programmes manager of Bench Marks Foundation, where he focuses on engagement with different stakeholders within mining impacted communities. He holds several qualifications from local and international universities. He has played a critical role in lobbying and advocacy work for the building of local and regional networks, and community environmental monitoring structures. He serves on a number of steering committees such as the Alternative Mining Indaba and Extractive Health Group.