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Media Release

Title: Fire incident on Debmarmine Namibia mining vessel

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The Debmarmine Namibia (DBMN) mining vessel, the Grand Banks, working offshore in the Atlantic 1 concession off the west coast of Namibia, experienced an emergency situation. The vessel experienced a fire incident at approximately 22h30 on Friday evening 14 June 2013. A fire occurred in the engine room of the vessel Grand Banks. The vessel crew managed to successfully extinguish the fire in a short period of time. No injuries or fatalities were reported and no immediate crew evacuation was necessary.

The emergency response system was activated in line with maritime practices and procedures. The cause of the fire has yet to be confirmed. Extensive damage in and around the engine room has occurred. Only one of the eleven engines was significantly damaged.

All the relevant stakeholders have been informed and the vessel will return to Cape Town for repairs.

The safety of our personnel remains our highest priority and every effort is being made to ensure that those affected receive appropriate assistance, counselling and support as applicable.

Debmarmine Namibia operates five (5) marine diamond mining vessels in the Atlantic 1 mining licence area.

Debmarmine Namibia is committed to Zero Harm in terms of the safety and health of our employees and contractors. Participation in regular safety training programmes ensures continuous safety risk awareness and management. Zero Harm is a daily priority.

Debmarmine Namibia is ISO 14001, ISM and OHSAS 18001 certified, in line with our commitment to safety and environmental management.

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