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**PRESS RELEASE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY REGARDING THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION**

1. It is confirmed that representations have been received from the Free State Consolidated Gold Mines (Operations) Limited (Freegold) in connection with the unfortunate death and injury of a number of employees of the President Steyn Gold Mine on Sunday, 3 November 1991.
  
2. I am surprised that Freegold considered it to be proper or appropriate unilaterally to make public the contents of its letter to me which was received late yesterday afternoon. I accept that Freegold was fully entitled to make public the fact of its approach to the Commission. However, it is not conducive to the effective functioning of the Commission if the contents of communications to and from the Commission are treated as public documents.
  
3. To enable the Commission to decide what action to take in this serious matter, interested parties will immediately be requested to supply the Commission with information which they may have at their disposal regarding the event.

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At public hearings of the Commission and committees of the Commission, the rules applicable to court proceedings regarding the media will be adopted. In particular no photographs will be allowed in the precincts of the building where inquiries are held.

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Inquiries will be held by the Commission and committees of the Commission in public, save where, having regard to the public interest or the safety of a witness, it is considered necessary to hear evidence in camera.

3. A Committee of the Commission has been established in order to hold an inquiry into the recent violence and alleged intimidation in Thokoza on the East Rand since 8 September 1991. The Chairman of this Committee is Advocate S Sithole, a member of the Commission. He will be assisted by Miss L G Baqwa, also a member of the Commission, and Mr R S Tucker, an attorney of Johannesburg. The inquiry will commence on 18 November 1991 at 10:00 at a venue to be announced shortly. Any member of the public who has information relevant to the subject matter of the inquiry is requested to provide a written statement to the Secretary of the Commission, Private Bag X858, Pretoria, 0001.