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"Solidarity and support for the serious accident at the Arcelor Mittal plant in Vanderbijlpark, South Africa"

The CNM-CUT which represents about 1million metalworkers, including thousands of of Arcelor Mittal's employees has just been informed by the sister union of South Africa, NUMSA about an accident at 2 Am local time: an explosion in the quoqueria department caused the collapse of a building in the factory Arcelor Mittal Vanderbijlpark (Gauteng province).

There are 2 death and one still missing and, according to what we have been told, the search started do be is done by volunteer, since there is no team in the company trained in rescues and it is not known in what conditions they are under the rubble.

If the absence of an intervention team in charge of the company is confirmed, it will be a profoundly serious and intolerable event.

Our thoughts are with the trapped workers in the hope that they will be able to get out of the rubble safely, and at the same time we believe it is essential to establish the causes and responsibilities so that accidents like this do not have to happen again.

Our solidarity and support also goes to the South African union NUMSA, which is committed to giving voice to workers Count on CNM-CUT, your pain is our pain! Your fight is our fight.

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