

## **Kabwe Lead Poisoning Class Action Lawyers Comment on Anglo American's FY 2021 Results**

**JOHANNESBURG & LONDON – 24 FEBRUARY 2021** – Law firms Mbuyisa Moleele Attorneys and Leigh Day today commented on the release of the full-year 2021 financial results of Anglo American Plc [LSE: AAL, JSE: AGL]. Mbuyisa Moleele Attorneys in collaboration with Leigh Day represent the claimants in a class action that has been filed against Anglo American South Africa on behalf of a class estimated to comprise more than 100,000 individuals in the Kabwe District of Zambia who are believed to have been poisoned by lead.

“Anglo American continues to benefit from enormous financial success while the people of Kabwe live with the tragic effects of lead pollution and lead poisoning,” said **Zanele Mbuyisa, Partner at Mbuyisa Moleele**. “Since we filed the class action lawsuit, many more children will have been born in Kabwe, further extending the generational impact of Anglo’s toxic legacy. At the same time, Anglo maintains its commitment to social responsibility and the local communities in which it has operated, a claim that cannot be reconciled with the situation in Kabwe.”

**Richard Meeran, Partner & Head of the International Department at Leigh Day**, added: “The lead poisoning crisis in Kabwe is devastating and it is unthinkable that it would have been allowed to happen in more economically developed countries in the Global North. Anglo American’s shareholders have the influence and voice to urge the Company to address and remedy its legacy in Kabwe. The release of the 2021 results presents an opportunity for these shareholders to exercise their investor stewardship and scrutinise Anglo’s business practices and response to the situation in Kabwe.

Mbuyisa Moleele and Leigh Day are preparing to respond to Anglo American South Africa’s submissions within the coming weeks. The sitting judge will then decide whether the case should proceed to trial; it is estimated that this will take place around the first half of the year. According to the lawsuit, Anglo should:

1. Take responsibility for the Kabwe crisis, consistent with its [Group Human Rights Policy](#), which makes commitments to respecting, upholding and advancing the human rights of the citizens in its areas of operation.
2. Establish a blood lead screening program for children, as well as girls and women who have or may become pregnant in the future.
3. Provide financial compensation to the children with lead poisoning, as well as girls and women who have or may become pregnant in the future.
4. Contribute to the cleanup and remediation of the Kabwe area to ensure that the health of future generations of children and pregnant women is not jeopardized.
5. Openly and honestly acknowledge the devastating legacy of its operations in Kabwe and long-lasting damage to the health of the community.

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## **About Mbuyisa Moleele and Leigh Day**

Mbuyisa Moleele is a Johannesburg-based law firm led by Zanele Mbuyisa, and Leigh Day is a leading international law firm specialising in human rights and mass environmental tort claims. Both firms have a proven track record of litigating complex international class actions on behalf of victims from disadvantaged backgrounds. The class action lawsuit against Anglo American is being funded by Augusta Ventures, the UK's largest litigation fund by volume of claims.

More information about the class action lawsuit can be found at [www.childrenofkabwe.com](http://www.childrenofkabwe.com).

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