

PRESS RELEASE

International Emergency Response Team collaborates with mining giant

ATA International Training Division (ATA ITD) recently trained 14 delegates from two of AngloGold Ashanti's Mali-based mines in a two week emergency rescue training programme.

(Date) 2011: Leading International Emergency Response Team_training expert ATA ITD has hosted delegates from AngloGold Ashanti's Yatela and Semos SA mines' engineering, metallurgy, security and human resources departments, in a first time collaboration with the mining giant.

The 14 attendees spent two weeks in South Africa undergoing theoretical and practical instruction in cyanide emergencies, confined space rescue training and fire fighting under the close guardianship of ATA ITD's qualified and experienced instructors on site, explains ATA ITD director **Trevor Justus**.

ATA ITD provided 24-hour, on-the-ground support to the delegates from the time that they landed in Johannesburg, and they remained under the complete guardianship of ATA ITD for the duration of their stay.

"We enjoyed the experience in South Africa and, although our team had previously undergone confined space rescue training, the knowledge that we gained from ATA ITD's courses has been of a different standard all together. We hope to take what we learned from our trip to South Africa, and apply it back home by sharing it with those who were not able to make it," says AngloGold Ashanti Semos SA Mine cyanide champion **Michael Camara**.

With its headquarters in Johannesburg, AngloGold Ashanti is one of the world's largest mining companies. It has 20 operations on four continents and several exploration programmes in both the established and new gold producing regions of the world. The company employed 62 046 people, including contractors in 2010.

ATA ITD is positioned to deliver training programmes to the local and international market, and specialises in emergency medicine, occupational medicine, occupational hygiene, technical rescue, industrial fire-fighting and health and safety training courses for professionals operating in remote and isolated environments. The company specialises in the oil and gas, mining, infrastructure and construction industries, with the aim of equipping professionals with internationally-certified courses that are generally regarded as being mandatory in respect of health and safety regulation compliance.

ATA ITD is expecting a second group from AngloGold Ashanti in Mali to come to South Africa early next year, and Justus says he is looking forward to again sharing the experience, and supplying them with training material presented in their home language. "We plan to make a full time translator available to the group leader, in order for everyone to get the full benefit of the training, and we look forward to a long professional relationship with AngloGold Ashanti in future," concludes Justus.

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Notes to the Editor

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About ATA International Training Division

ATA's International Training Division (ITD) specialises in emergency medicine, occupational medicine, occupational hygiene, technical rescue, industrial fire-fighting, health and safety training courses for professionals operating in remote and isolated environments (e.g. oil and gas, mining, infrastructure and construction).

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