

## Media Release

### Holding Statement

#### **Newmont Ghana's Commitment to Protecting Public Health and Safety** **Governed by Laws and Regulations**

**Kenyasi, Brong Ahafo, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017** – Newmont Ghana has reiterated that the health and safety of its employees, contractors and local communities remain a core value and are governed and assured by the country's laws and regulatory bodies.

Recently, WACAM's local representative in Kenyasi, Yakubu Adusah, granted interviews to some media houses warning the public not to consume food and water near the Ahafo mine's host communities, alleging that they have been polluted by the mine's activities.

Alwyn Pretorius, Regional Senior Vice President, Newmont Africa, says the Ahafo mine works closely with regulatory bodies as well as external agencies to regularly audit its environmental management to ensure compliance with laid down regulations and will not condone activities that pose danger to public health.

A study by independent assessors, made up of international and local experts, is currently underway to objectively evaluate earlier research reports by WACAM regarding allegations of adverse impacts of the mine on local communities.

"We strictly adhere to our commitments and legal requirements outlined in our Environmental Impact Statement and provide regular reports to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding our environmental and social performance," said Mr. Pretorius.

"It is in the interest of the public to avoid making unsubstantiated claims or speculations regarding public health and safety," he said.

Newmont Ghana says, in line with its stated purpose, it will continue to create value and improve lives through sustainable and responsible mining

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#### ***About Newmont Ghana***

Africa is one of five core operating districts of Newmont Mining Corporation, the second largest gold company in the world ([www.newmont.com](http://www.newmont.com)). Newmont holds two gold mining operations in Ghana: the Ahafo mine in the Brong-Ahafo Region and the Akyem mine in the Eastern Region. The company currently employs approximately 4,000 employees and contractors.

Newmont is the only gold company listed in the S&P 500 index and in 2007 became the first gold company selected to be part of the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. In 2015 and 2016 Newmont was ranked by the DJSI as the mining industry's global leader in sustainability. In 2015, Newmont Ghana was honoured by the US Department of State's Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs its efforts at promoting human rights and labour rights within the company and in its host communities.

Newmont's industry leading performance is reflected through Newmont Ghana's high standards in environmental management, health and safety for its employees and creating value and opportunity for its host communities and Newmont's shareholders.

More information can be found in Newmont's annual sustainability report, [www.BeyondTheMine.com](http://www.BeyondTheMine.com). The report is published as part of Newmont's ongoing obligations as a founding member of the International Council on Mining and Metals ([www.icmm.com](http://www.icmm.com)) and in accordance with its commitments under the United Nations' Global Compact ([www.unglobalcompact.org](http://www.unglobalcompact.org)) and the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights ([www.voluntaryprinciples.org](http://www.voluntaryprinciples.org)).

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