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LAW SOCIETY CALLS FOR URGENT POSTMORTEMS ON VICTIMS OF MARIKANA VIOLENCE

The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) supports the processes put in place by Government for postmortems to be carried out on the deceased victims of the Marikana Mine tragedy. 'Such autopsies are carried out in terms of the Inquests Act with the purpose of establishing the cause of death and factors associated with the death of deceased individuals who have died as a result of other than natural causes. The families of all the deceased are entitled to have pathologists and other experts of their choice to assist them during this traumatic period to protect their rights under the Constitution. This process will also be of valuable assistance to the judicial commission of enquiry during its investigations,' say LSSA Co-Chairpersons Krish Govender and Jan Stemmett.

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