

## **International Human Rights Lawyers Call for Anglo American Shareholder Support Ahead of Company AGM**

- *Insist Anglo Must Take Moral and Financial Responsibility for the Kabwe Crisis and Provide Blood Lead Screening and Other Cleanup Efforts*
  - *Remind Shareholders to Submit Questions to Anglo by April 30<sup>th</sup>*

**LONDON – 29 APRIL 2021** – Law firms Mbuyisa Moleele and Leigh Day today issued a call for Anglo American Plc (the “Company”, “Anglo”) shareholder support ahead of the Company’s AGM with respect to the ongoing [class action lawsuit](#) regarding Kabwe. Anglo’s AGM is scheduled for 5 May 2021 at 2:30 PM British Summer Time.

The law firms noted that the issue was brought to the attention of Anglo’s shareholders in February, when a consortium of NGOs wrote a [letter](#) to the Company’s top institutional shareholders – including BlackRock, Dimensional, Fidelity, JP Morgan, Old Mutual, Schroders, Standard Life Aberdeen, UBS, State Street and Vanguard – urging immediate action in light of Anglo’s denial of responsibility for the Kabwe crisis. In the letter, the NGOs maintained that Anglo must take the actions outlined below to right its wrongs in Kabwe. These actions are consistent with the aims of the lawsuit, namely that Anglo must:

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. Immediately establish and support blood lead screening for children, as well as girls and women with lead poisoning who have or may become pregnant in the future.
3. Provide financial compensation to the children, as well as girls and women with lead poisoning who have or may become pregnant in the future.
4. Contribute to the cleanup and remediation of the Kabwe area to ensure the health of future generations of children and pregnant women is not jeopardized, even as the trial is ongoing.
5. Openly and honestly acknowledge the devastating legacy of its operations in Kabwe and long-lasting damage to the health of the community.

**Zanele Mbuyisa of Mbuyisa Moleele said:** “The ongoing poisoning of children should alarm anyone, especially the investors of Anglo. The upcoming AGM is an opportunity for the investors to urge Anglo to do the right thing in Kabwe and deal with the ongoing contamination urgently.”

**Richard Meeran of Leigh Day said:** “The upcoming AGM is an opportune moment to drum up the dialogue with Anglo’s Board and management team, who have so far denied Anglo’s responsibility for this human rights and environmental crisis.”

The two firms recommend that shareholders submit their questions ahead of the AGM by emailing [Cosec.Admin@angloamerican.com](mailto:Cosec.Admin@angloamerican.com) by **2:30 PM BST on 30 April 2021**. Further information, including live updates of any changing circumstances, is accessible via: [www.angloamerican.com/investors/shareholder-information/aggm/aggm2021](http://www.angloamerican.com/investors/shareholder-information/aggm/aggm2021).

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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 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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