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Accra, Ghana – The Ghana Chamber of Mines extends its deepest condolences to the families of the victims of the recent clashes between illegal miners and state security personnel at the mine sites of our members in Obuasi, Ntotroso, and Kenyase.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of lives and injuries sustained during these incidents. Our thoughts and prayers are with the affected families and communities.

The Chamber is committed to responsible and sustainable mining practices in Ghana, and it is within this context that we are greatly concerned by the increasing spate of attacks and incursions by illegal miners on the concessions of mining companies. “We strongly condemn any form of illegal mining activities, which not only compromise the safety of individuals but also harm the environment and undermine the country's mining sector,” says Dr. Sulemanu Koney, CEO of the Ghana Chamber of Mines.

We acknowledge the Government of Ghana's efforts to address the issue of illegal mining and commend the state security agencies for their efforts to maintain law and order. Furthermore, we urge the government to continue prioritizing public safety, the protection of lives, and the safeguarding of investments made by mining companies.

However, we also urge the government to adopt a comprehensive and multi-stakeholder approach to address the root causes of illegal mining.

The strategic importance of the mining sector to national development cannot be overemphasized. It is therefore imperative to work together to prevent such unfortunate incidents.

The Chamber is ready to collaborate with the government, civil society organizations, traditional authorities, and local communities to promote sustainable mining practices and enhance the overall benefits of mining to Ghanaian citizens.

We reiterate our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and strongly encourage everyone in Obuasi, Ntotroso, and Kenyase to maintain calm and exercise restraint during this time.

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR

The Ghana Chamber of Mines is the main mining industry association in Ghana. The Chamber represents the collective interests of companies involved in Ghana's mineral exploration, production, and processing.

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