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Statement from Vantage Goldfields on the collapse of ground at its Lily Mine near Barberton:

Search continues for three missing employees after all 87 underground workers are safely brought to the surface

Vantage Goldfields can confirm that all 87 workers who had been trapped underground at the company's Lily gold mine near Barberton have been safely evacuated and brought to the surface following what appears to be a collapse of the crown pillar.

Search and rescue teams are, however, continuing with their efforts to find three employees who were working on surface at the time of the tragic incident and who are not yet accounted for.

An accurate update on the wellbeing of all employees will be provided as soon as this information becomes available, but there are no reports of any injuries to the evacuated miners.

The Department of Mineral Resources and AMCU are being kept fully informed of the incident. All operations at Lily have been suspended in the aftermath of the tragedy, and trauma counselling is being provided for employees at the mine.

"The thoughts and prayers of everyone at Lily and Vantage Goldfields are with the three missing workers, their families and the rescue teams. Our focus as management right now is on finding our colleagues," said Mike McChesney, CEO of Vantage Goldfields. "The efforts of the rescue teams and our employees during these very difficult times is deeply valued and appreciated."

Further updates to follow.