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### INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY MINING CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES AT SMOKEY HILLS

Platinum Australia Limited (ASX:PLA) (AIM:PLAA) advises that the majority of the employees of the mining contractor, Redpath Mining (South Africa) (Pty) Limited, at the Smokey Hills Mine have engaged in unprotected industrial action and refused to go underground since dayshift on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

The employees have been advised by the contractor to return to work or face dismissal for participating in unprotected industrial action. The contractor has measures in place to deal with this situation in the event that employees are dismissed.

While the action does not involve any other workers on the mine, it has resulted in the stoppage of almost all operations at the mine. Scheduled maintenance work in the plant has been brought forward to assist in minimising the impact of the stoppage.

The Company is unsure how long the action will impact on operations at Smokey Hills, but at this point expects normal operations to recommence by the end of this week or the beginning of next week.

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