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## SIBANYE-STILLWATER WELCOMES STUDENTS FROM BELGIUM

On the 24th of April, Sibanye-Stillwater welcomed students from the University of Mons-Hainaut in Belgium. The Mining Engineering students visited the Driefontein operation as part of their in-service training. Led by their Head of the Mining Engineering Unit, Fanny Descamps, the students visited Masakhane Shaft to experience real-life mining at Stope 40 which is one of the deepest mining areas in our operations.

The eight students, who are all in their fourth year of study, were taken on a tour around the shaft, including descending more than 2km underground to experience the life of mining from clocking to drilling and extracting Gold-bearing Material (GBM).

With no active mines in Belgium, the opportunity of being in a fully operational gold mine brought a lot of excitement and helped put all the theoretical knowledge that the students have learned into reality.

*“Going underground is something new to us. In Belgium, we don’t have mining operations such as these. We are very grateful for this opportunity because we get to see in practice how the life of a mine is. I would really like to work in the mining domain,” said Simon, one of the visiting students.*



A safety induction was given to the students at the underground waiting bay.



Students being shown the drilling process in the ore extraction process.



Mike Smith Mine Overseer Masakhane Shaft led the students to Stope 40 where the mining process takes place.

