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Implats responds to the various TV and radio news items quoting the Human Rights Commission.

Whilst Implats denounces in the strongest possible terms all acts of violence and intimidation during industrial action and welcomes the investigation of such incidents by the Human Rights Commission, our investigations have revealed that the video in question was not filmed during the recent Impala strike.

When the video first came to light during the illegal strike in February and March this year it was investigated by Implats. It was found that none of the people in the video could be identified as Impala employees, the area used during the filming of the video was clearly not at the Rustenburg mine, the time of the year it was filmed was not summer and no incident of this nature was reported by anyone to the mine and/or police. The video was clearly circulated at the time of the strike by instigators to encourage intimidation and violence.

Impala is disappointed and dismayed that neither the Human Rights Commission nor the SABC have contacted the company or the National Union of Mineworkers to ascertain the validity of the video and the truth of the claims in it, but have rather been deceived by those who wish to intimidate and sow division.

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