

## News update

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### **Anglo American wins the prestigious Global Business Coalition ("GBC") on HIV/AIDS' Business Excellence 'Award for Leadership' and Sir Mark Moody-Stuart is named new GBC chairman**

Anglo American plc ("Anglo American") has received the 'Award for Leadership' in the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS' Business Excellence Awards. The award, which was announced yesterday in Berlin in the presence of Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, was presented by Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, President and CEO of GBC and Jürgen Schrempp, chairman of GBC.

At the same event Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, chairman of Anglo American plc, was named the new chairman of the GBC on HIV/AIDS and takes over the reins from Jürgen Schrempp, chairman of Daimler-Benz.

This prestigious international award is based on Anglo American leading the way in extending its workplace HIV/AIDS programmes into communities associated with its operations - in partnership with government, unions, NGOs and international donor agencies. The Anglo American Community HIV/AIDS partnership is the first example of co-investment by private sector corporate business with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.

Receiving the award, Tony Trahar, CEO of Anglo American plc, said, "We are delighted with this international recognition for our efforts in the ongoing fight against HIV and AIDS. Anglo American has a comprehensive policy and strategy for dealing with HIV/AIDS, particularly in those countries with a high burden of disease. Our strategic response to HIV/AIDS has evolved over a period of sixteen years. From mid-2002, through 2003, the thrust of our response was directed at implementing antiretroviral therapy (ART) at company expense for all employees progressing to AIDS. This programme has advanced extremely well and is the largest employer-based ART initiative in the world."

An overriding objective of Anglo American's response to HIV/AIDS is to make a meaningful contribution to alleviating the human tragedy of the AIDS epidemic in the countries in which the company operates. Through its successful eastern and southern African business operations, which employ 139,000 people, Anglo American is a key contributor to sustaining socio-economic development, thereby helping to eradicate the poverty, which exacerbates the epidemic.

Anglo American has always recognised that the workplace response on its own is insufficient to deal with the consequences of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. It is imperative that successful workplace programmes are extended into the communities associated with its operations, for the benefit not only of the dependants of our employees, but also all community members affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

In October last year, Tony Trahar announced a major new community HIV/AIDS partnership to enhance and accelerate the provision of comprehensive HIV/AIDS service in government clinics associated with Anglo American operations in South Africa.

Dr Brian Brink, senior vice president health at Anglo American has spearheaded the group's response to HIV/AIDS and commented, " At Anglo American we strongly believe that the collective effort is much bigger than the sum of all its parts. By working together in partnership, we hope to build on each other's strengths and leverage the initial commitments of a small number of players to produce a significant multiplier effect. As private sector partners in the community HIV/AIDS initiative we hope to contribute business experience, innovation efficiency and drive."

Complementing the substantial commitment involved in providing comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programme for its 139,000 employees in eastern and southern Africa, the Anglo American Community HIV/AIDS partnership is designed to enhance and accelerate the provision of comprehensive HIV/AIDS services in government primary health care clinics located in communities associated with our operations. The NGO *loveLife* was chosen as the first strategic partner in this initiative, based on the desire to extend the rollout of their successful National Adolescent Friendly Clinic Initiative (NAFCI), which focuses on HIV/AIDS prevention and care and also targets the youth. *loveLife* has an existing partnership with the National Department of Health in South Africa and is also supported by the Kaiser Family Foundation, the Nelson Mandela Foundation and more recently, the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.

The Anglo American and Anglo Platinum Chairman's Fund has committed R30 million (\$4.5 million) to *loveLife* over a three-year period. This co-investment with the Global Fund enabled Anglo American to double the reach of the NAFCI initiative into the communities in which the company operates. The company identified seven communities across six provinces in South Africa - all of these are disadvantaged, in both peri-urban and rural settings. Within these communities 38 government primary health care clinics for the initial intervention have been selected.

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