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COMMMENCEMENT OF ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS WITH THE COMPANY'S ERSTWHILE MINING CONTRACTOR, STEFANUTTI STOCKS MINING SERVICES, A DIVISION OF STEFANUTTI STOCKS (PTY) LTD

Ikwezi Mining Limited (ASX: IKW or the Company).

The Company wishes to announce that its 70% owned South African subsidiary, Ikwezi Mining (Pty) Ltd ("Ikwezi") has begun processes towards the arbitration hearing with its former mining contractor Stefanutti Stocks Mining Services ("SSMS"), which will be set down sometime in the first quarter of 2021.

Briefly, the matter relates to a dispute which Ikwezi has with SSMS relating to poor performance and under delivery of coal production targets giving rise to penalty claims. SSMS in turn has a counterclaim which it contends that a call made on the performance guarantee under the mining contract was improperly made and seeks repayment of that sum along with other contractual damages arising from cancellation.

Presently, the Company is engaged in the exchange of pleadings, claims and counterclaims on the matter.

Approximately R127 million (A\$10.6 million) is the amount encompassing the claim by Ikwezi from SSMS and R39 million (A\$3.3 million) as a counterclaim by SSMS from Ikwezi.

More details shall be provided in this matter, as and when new developments occur.

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This announcement has been authorised by the Board of Ikwezi Mining Limited.

ABOUT IKWEZI

Ikwezi Mining Ltd is focused on the exploration and development of coal projects in South Africa. The Ikwezi mining right area consists of a number of opencast and underground areas. The Kliprand Colliery (previously, Ntendeka) is the initial opencast area where mining operations have commenced. Ikwezi has a 70% stake in the mining right area located in the province of KwaZulu-Natal and are in close proximity to rail and port infrastructure.

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