

Recruitment of miners halted in Mozambique (Text) Johannesburg, 14th October: The Chamber of Mines says all recruitment offices in Mozambique have been instructed to stop recruiting workers for the South African mines. However, some Mozambican mine-workers, recruited and signed on prior to the ban on new Mozambican contract workers announced by the government, are still coming to South Africa. A chamber spokesman was asked to comment on reports that, despite the ban, 1400 Mozambican miners are due in South Africa soon. "All recruitment offices of the employment bureau of Africa [TEBA] have been instructed to stop recruiting in Mozambique. People who were recruited prior to the embargo have filtered through to the border post and some have been let through into South Africa", the chamber spokesman said. Meanwhile, the National Union of Mineworkers [NUM] has warned that it will fight to ensure that all Mozambicans recruited prior to the ban will be allowed to fulfil their contracts. The general secretary of the NUM, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, warned of possible "massive" claims against TEBA should the workers be denied employment in South Africa. "The workers have expectations of getting employment on the mines and, for all intents and purposes, their contracts have been concluded. We will advise workers to make claims amounting to what they would earn for the duration of their contracts", said Mr Ramaphosa. (SAPA in English 1641 gmt 14 Oct 86)