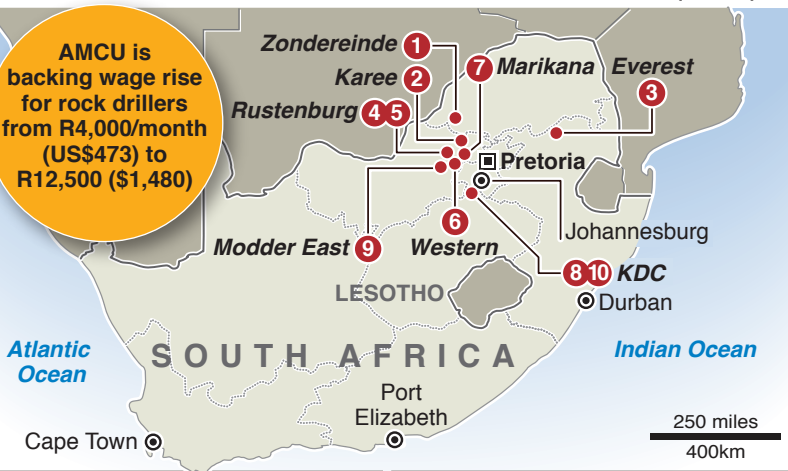


Strikes in South Africa's mining sector

South Africa's escalating mining disputes involve a struggle for membership between the dominant National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) and the Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union (AMCU)

AMCU is backing wage rise for rock drillers from R4,000/month (US\$473) to R12,500 (\$1,480)



1 Sep-Oct 2010, Zondereinde: Six-week strike at **Northam Platinum's** mine results in loss of about 40,000 ounces of platinum (\$45 million)

2 May 2011, Karee: Following strike action, mine owner **Lonmin** dismisses all 9,000 employees. 6,000 rehired through subcontractors. Lost – 30,000 ounces of platinum

3 Oct, Everest Mine: Aquarius Platinum hit by a strike called by AMCU. Lost – up to 3,000 ounces

4 Jan-Mar 2012, Rustenburg: Six-week strike at mine owned by **Impala Platinum** results in deaths of three miners. Lost – 120,000 ounces and income of \$195 million

5 May, Rustenburg: Two-day strike. Lost production – 6,000 ounces

6 Aug, Western: Nine people killed in clashes between rival NUM and AMCU at **Lonmin** platinum mine

7 Aug-Sep, Marikana: Protracted strike at Lonmin mine by 28,000-strong workforce results in deaths of 44 people, most shot by police

8 Aug-Sep, KDC East gold mine: Week-long strike by 12,000 workers at **Gold Fields** mine. Lost production – 4,980 ounces (\$8.6m)

9 Sep 3, Modder East: Police use rubber bullets against sacked miners

10 Sep 9, KDC: 15,000 miners strike