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Corporate Governance, Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability: Comparing Corporate Priorities within the South African Mining Industry

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ABSTRACT The study compared corporate priorities of corporate governance, corporate social responsibility and sustainability within the South African mining industry. Using descriptive content analysis, data for 10 mining organisations listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange was quantitatively analysed and compared using Global Reporting Initiative sustainability reporting dimensions. Results showed social performance as the most highly reported sustainability dimension although other sustainability dimensions were also fairly high. The relatively high social reporting was attributed to increased pressure on the social front from the general society, labour and government on mining organisations as the country continues to make a transition towards a new inclusive dispensation from an exclusive socio-economic and political history.