



## **Food & Allied Workers Union (FAWU)**

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#### **FAWU FIGHTS JOB LOSSES AT SA BREWERIES**

The Food and Allied Workers' Union (F.A.W.U.) will be battling the latest wave of retrenchments by SA Breweries announced at the end of January this year. The company, a business division of Anheuser-Busch InBev, has informed FAWU last week about its plans to embark on a Section 189 retrenchment process due to operational requirements. The company has served notices to a total of 693 affected employees from which 198 will have to face possible retrenchments. On top of this, the union is gravely concerned about increasing of outsourcing practices taking away even more local jobs. The company has since approached the CCMA to facilitate the Section 189 process, but the latter referred the matter to the relevant Bargaining Council expected to take place on 22 February this year.

SA Breweries, bought by multinational AB-Inbev in 2016, has consistently laid off employees despite violating merger conditions as set out by the Competition Tribunal and contributing to the rising unemployment figure in the country. Just last year 41 employees lost their jobs at the company. The merciless destruction of permanent jobs also erodes decades of positive gains made for members in terms of collective bargaining and job security.

It is extremely worrisome that our government seem unbothered by this multinational's never-ending strategy in terminating permanent jobs year after year despite alluding to be concerned about the exorbitantly high unemployment levels in the country.

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