



**PROPOSED CUCHRON MINING  
DEVELOPMENT AND STEAMBOAT  
BENEFICIATION PLANT**

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**Public Participation Report**

**(as part of the Final Scoping Report for the Application for Environmental  
Authorisation for the Cuchron Mine Development and the Steamboat  
Beneficiation Plant)**

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

Public participation provides the opportunity for Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) to participate on an informed basis, and to ensure that their needs and concerns are considered during the impact assessment process. The Public Participation Process is aimed at achieving the following:

- Provide an overview of the baseline conditions to IAPs and authorities
- Provide opportunities for IAPs and the authorities to obtain clear, accurate and understandable information about the expected environmental and socioeconomic impacts of the proposed development;
- Establish a formal platform for the public and communities with the opportunity to voice their concerns and to raise questions regarding the project;
- Utilise the opportunity to formulate ways for reducing or mitigating any negative impacts of the project, and for enhancing its benefits;
- Enable project proponent to consider the needs, preferences and values of IAPs in their decisions; and
- Clear up any misunderstandings about technical issues.

It should be noted that this report is provided with the Final Scoping Report for the application for environmental authorisation for the Cuchron Mine Development and the Steamboat beneficiation plant. Comments made through the previous process have been included as far as it is related to Environmental baselines and impacts.

## 2 BACKGROUND TO THE STAKEHOLDER ENVIRONMENT

### 2.1 Introduction and Locality

The projects are located on the farms Steamboat 306MR and Inkom 305MR, which is situated approximately 36km south-west of Alldays and 54km north-west of Vivo in the Blouberg Local Municipality, Capricorn District of Limpopo Province. The total extent of the properties is 1453.5761ha. The projects will require the following footprints: a) Mining Open Pit and Associated infrastructure: 14ha (1% of properties); and b) Beneficiation Plant and Associated infrastructure: 13ha (1% of properties). The combined size of the two projects are 27ha in total.

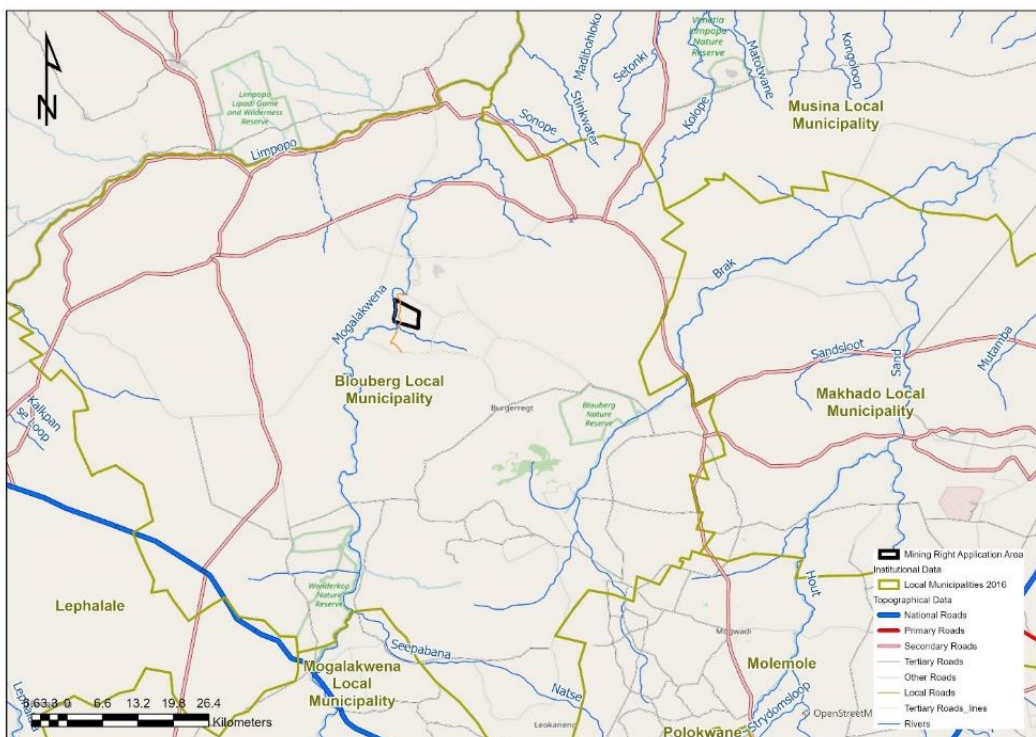


Figure 1: Project Locality

### 2.2 Landowner

PROPERTY	TITLE DEED LANDOWNER	TITLE DEED	TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY
Steamboat 306 MR	National Government of the Republic of South Africa	T24557/1952PTA	Ga-Kibi Traditional Authority
Inkom 305 MR	National Government of the Republic of South Africa	T24557/1952PTA	Ga-Kibi Traditional Authority

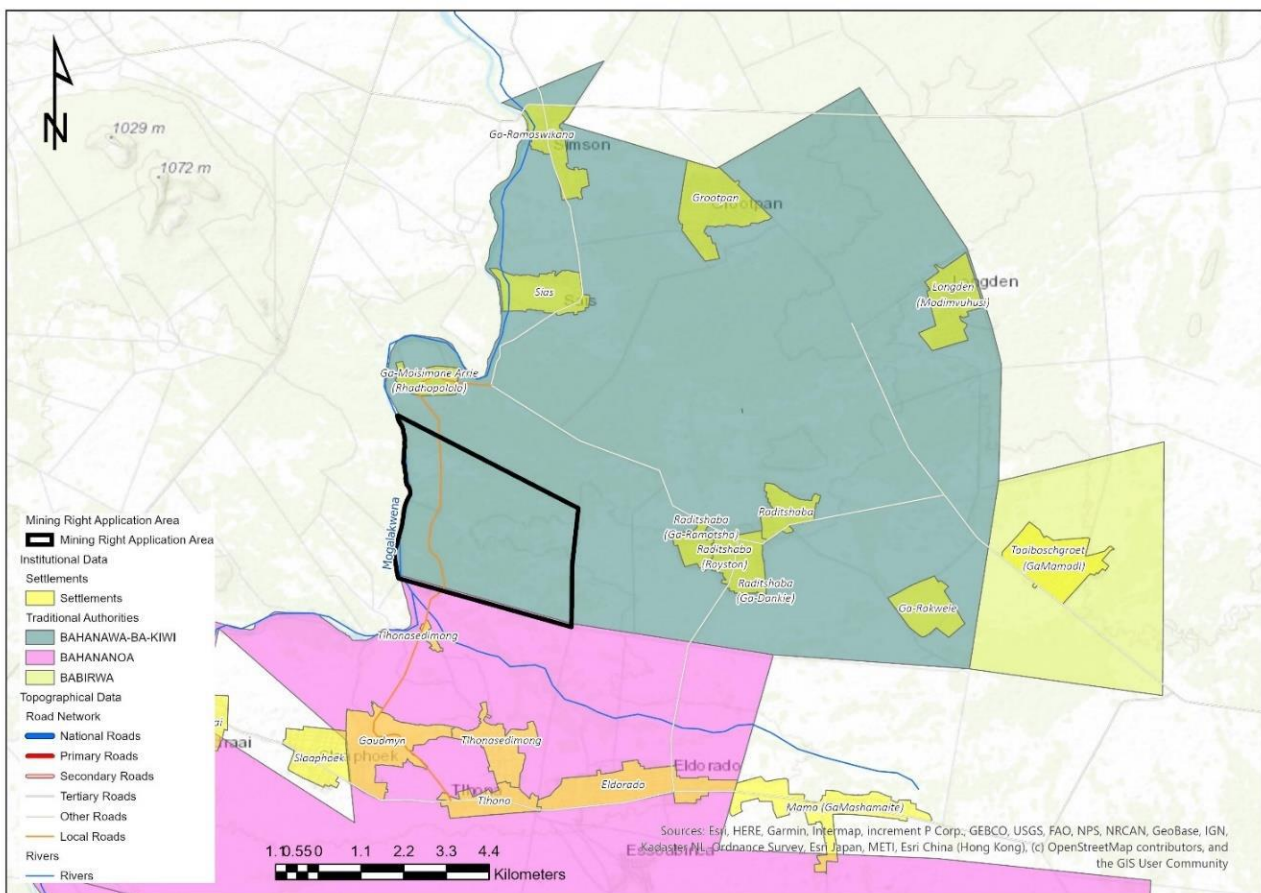
## 2.3 Land Claimants: Kibi Tribe

The land claimants on the Mining Right Application property were the Kibi and Babirwa Tribes as per the Government Gazette.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	LAND CLAIMS	CURRENT STATUS
Steamboat 306 MR	Kibi Tribe	Non-Compliant / Dismissed
Inkom 305 MR	Babirwa Tribe	Non-Compliant / Dismissed

## 2.4 Neighbouring Traditional Leadership and Communities

The operations are located within the Bahanawa-Ba-Kibi Traditional Authority area. The Bahananwa Traditional Authority borders the MRA to the south.



## 2.5 Local Government

The project is located within the Blouberg Municipal area that forms part of the Capricorn District Municipality in Limpopo Province. The project area is situated in Ward 17 and neighbored to the south by Ward 16.

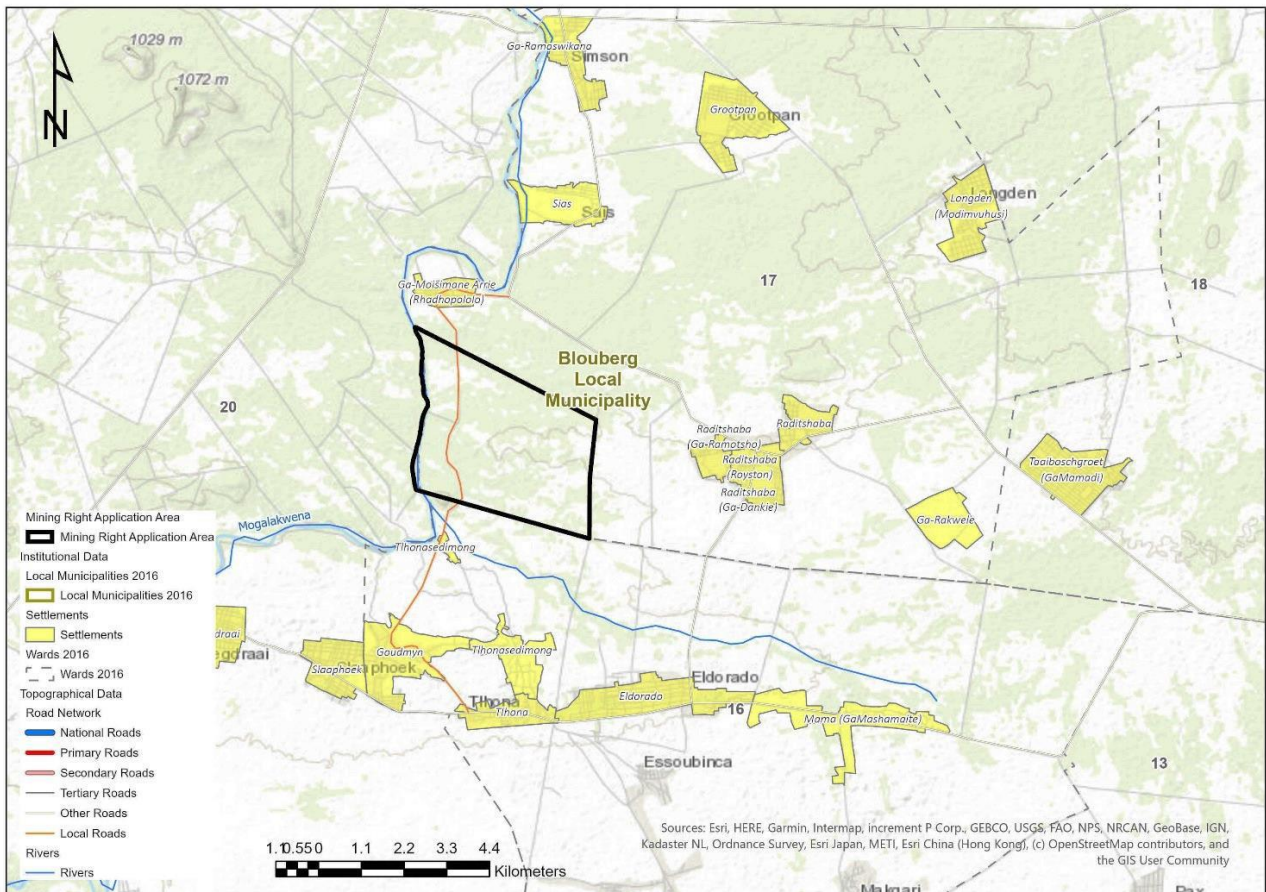


Figure 2: Municipal boundaries

## 2.6 Relevant National and Provincial Authorities

The following Government Departments are included in the Interested and Affected Party Register due to their relevancy to the project:

- Limpopo Department of Mineral Resources
- Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET)
- Limpopo Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)
- Limpopo Department of Rural Development and Land Reform: Regional Land Claims Commission
- Limpopo Department of Agriculture and (DoA)
- Limpopo Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
- Limpopo Department of Education
- Limpopo Department of Transport
- Limpopo Department of Health
- Capricorn District Municipality
- Blouberg Local Municipality

Additional Authorities and Agencies included in the IAP register are:

- South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)
- Limpopo Heritage Resource Agency (LIHRA)
- South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL)
- Environmental NGO's and Advocacy Groups
- Business Associations
- Hunters Associations

## 2.7 Adjacent Affected Landowners and Parties

The following adjacent properties are present:

*Table 1: Adjacent Properties*

Properties	Direction	Landowner	Comment
Arrie 308 MR	North	Government of the Republic of South Africa	Part of the Ga-Kibi Traditional Authority area
Zondagfontein 300 MR Ptn 1	West	Government of the Republic of South Africa	None
Zondagfontein 300 MR Ptn 3	West	Roman Catholic Church	None
Zondagfontein 300 RE	West	Ramakwa Project Trust	LRAD community project
Goudmyn 327 MS RE	South	Government of Lebowa	Part of Bahananwa Traditional Authority
Royston 326 RE	East	Government of the Republic of South Africa	Part of the Ga-Kibi Traditional Authority area
Voorhout 310 RE	East	Government of the Republic of South Africa	Part of the Ga-Kibi Traditional Authority area



### 3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The following diagram indicate the process, where we are now (☀) and the steps to follow.

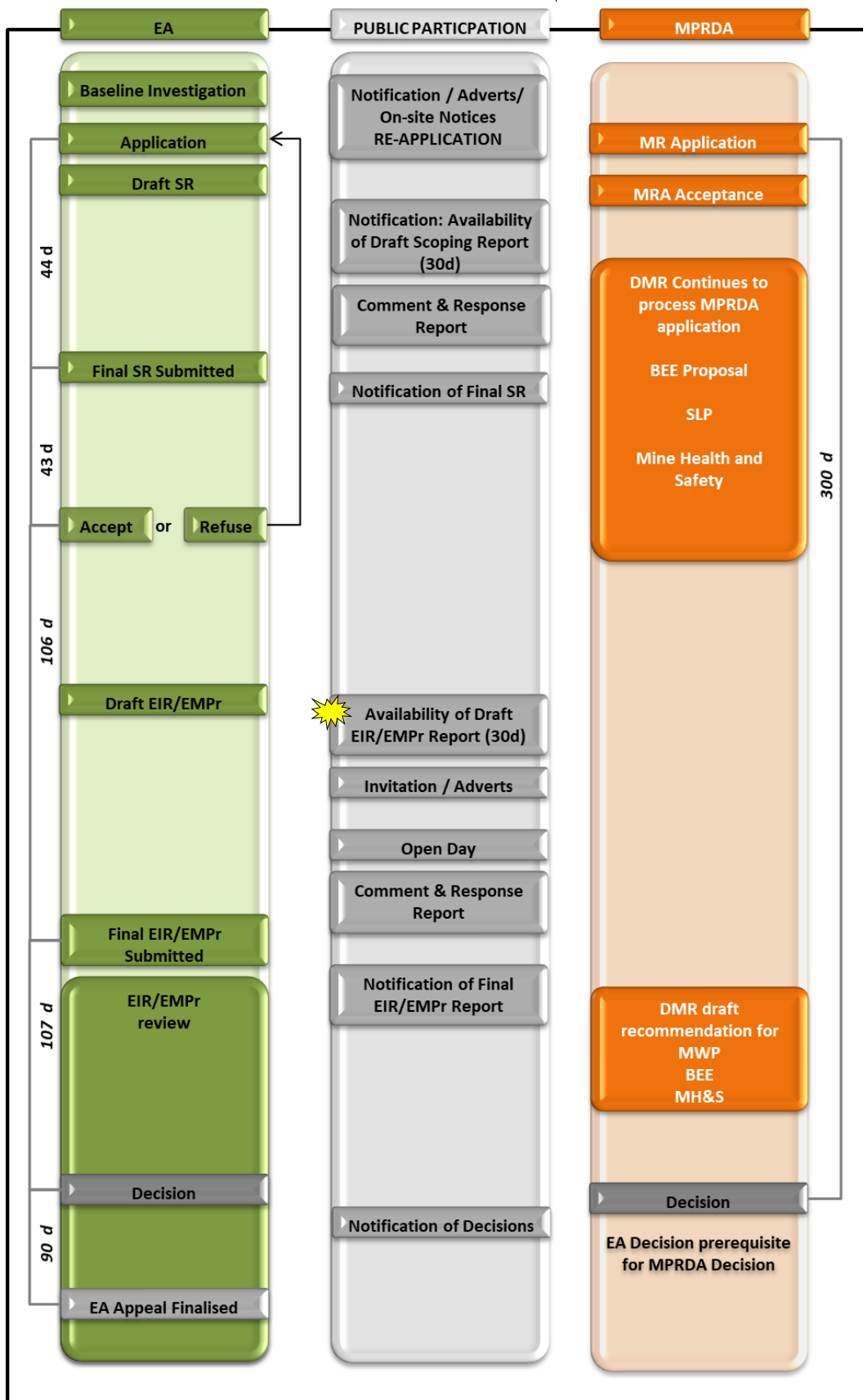


Figure 3: Public Participation Process (Announcement and Scoping Phase)

## 4 RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

### 4.1 Register of Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs)

A list of potential interested and affected parties was compiled, and the register includes all relevant Government Departments and other agencies, landowner, land claimants, neighbouring landowners and neighbouring Traditional Leadership and communities.

The I&AP register was opened in December 2020 and are maintained and updated throughout the process as required by the National Environmental Management Act, and EIA Regulations, 2014. Please refer to Appendix B-1 for a copy of the I&AP Register at the final Scoping Report's availability.

### 4.2 Written Notices

The following written notifications (Appendix B-2) were sent out to date:

*Table 2: Notification table*

STAKEHOLDER GROUP	INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTY	METHOD OF NOTIFICATION	DATE OF NOTIFICATION
Organs of State	All relevant Authorities contained in the Authority Register	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report emailed	3 Dec 2020
		Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report	16 February 2021
		Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	1 April 2021
Municipalities	All District and Local Municipalities as contained in the I&AP Register	Hand delivery of Draft Scoping Report Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report emailed	3 Dec 2020
		Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report	16 February 2021
		Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	1 April 2021
Landowner, Lawful Occupier, Community	All landowners identified as contained in the Property Register	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report emailed	3 Dec 2020

STAKEHOLDER GROUP	INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTY	METHOD OF NOTIFICATION	DATE OF NOTIFICATION
		Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report	16 February 2021
		Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	1 April 2021
	Traditional Authorities / Leaders	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report emailed	3 Dec 2020
		Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report	16 February 2021
		Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	1 April 2021
	Land Claimants / Communities	Advertisement placed / On-site notices Notification Letter emailed	3 Dec 2020
		Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report	16 February 2021
		Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	1 April 2021
	Other Interested and Affected Parties	Other, as registered	Advertisement placed / On-site notices Notification Letter emailed
Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report			16 February 2021
Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR			1 April 2021

The Announcement of the Background Information Document and a notification of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report was sent to all I&APs and contained the following information:

- Details of the application or proposed application which is subjected to public participation
- Explanation of the proposed project’s nature, location and planned activity
- Stating the required regulated processes in terms of the relevant legislations
- Stating where further information on the application can be obtained
- Stating the manner in which a person can become involved / register as an Interested and Affected Party

### 4.3 Advertisements and On-site Notifications

The following advertisements (Appendix B-3) were placed for announcing the project and application:

*Table 3: Advertisement Table*

TYPE OF MEDIA	NAME OF MEDIA	DISTRIBUTION	DATE OF PLACEMENT
Newspaper	Capricorn Voice	Limpopo Province	9 – 15 Dec 2020

The following on-site notifications (Appendix B-4) were placed for announcing the project and application on 4 December 2020:

*Table 4: On-site notices table*

SETTLEMENT	PLACE	COORDINATE
Ga-Moisimane Arrie Village	Mashilo Ngoako Restaurant	-22.804707, 28.763854
Ga-Moisimane Arrie Village	Magwathana Shop	-22.804707, 28.763854
Ga-Mabelebele De Vrede Village	Molepa Tuck Shop	-22,90376, 29,01317
Ga-Mabelebele De Vrede Village	Mashilompana General Dealer	-22.90967, 29.02517
Edwindsdale (A) Village	Bahlaloga General Dealer	-22.98247, 29.00341
Edwindsdale (B) Village	Mphengwa General Dealer	-22.98268, 29.00561
Simson (Ga-Ramasikwana) Village	Sedimo Tuck Shop (B)	-22.75024, 28.79357

### 4.4 Availability of Project Documentation

The following documents were made available throughout the process:

*Table 5: Public Documents table*

DOCUMENT	TIMEFRAME	DATE OF AVAILABILITY	DATE OF COMMENT CLOSURE
Notification letter, Background Information Document & Registration form	Ongoing throughout the process		Not applicable
The Draft Scoping Report (DSR)	30 days	3 Dec 2020	23 Jan 2021
Extended period for DSR	13 days	24 Jan 2021	5 Feb 2021
Final Scoping Report		16 Feb 2021	N/A
Draft Environmental Impact Assessment and Management Programme Reports	30 days	13 July 2021	13 Aug 2021

### 4.5 I&AP Engagements and Meetings

The following engagements have been held during the Scoping Phase:

- A Ga-Kibi community function was held to introduce the project on 24 October 2020.
- A workshop on the process was held on 2 November 2020 with the Traditional Authority and Community Representatives.

- Notification of the submission of a Mining Right and Environmental Authorisation Application was sent on 3 Dec 2020. This notification included a summary of the Draft Scoping report (DSR) and request to I&APs to register and comment on the DSR.
- A meeting was held with the Blouberg Local Municipality on 4 December 2020, where a copy of the Draft Scoping Report was handed to them.
- Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report was sent on 16 February 2021.
- Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR was sent out on 1 April 2021.
- A meeting was held with the Community representative Committee on 13 April 2021
- A meeting with the livestock owners from Voorhout, Royston and Arrie on 26 April 2021

Minute notes and Attendance Registers are attached as Appendix B4.

*Table 6: Engagement session table*

PARTY	TYPE OF ENGAGEMENT	DATE OF ENGAGEMENT
<b>AFFECTED PARTIES</b>		
<b>Landowners</b>		
Project Landowners	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	3 Dec 2020 16 Feb 2021 1 Apr 2021
<b>Lawful occupier/s of the land</b>		
No occupants on property	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Land Claimants</b>		
Land Claimants & DRDLR		
<b>Municipality</b>		
Ward Councillors	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Community Function Meeting Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	3 Dec 2020 24 Oct 2020 4 Dec 2020 16 Feb 2021 1 April 2021
District Municipality	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	3 Dec 2020 16 Feb 2021 1 Apr 2021
Local Municipality	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Community Function Meeting Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	3 Dec 2020 24 Oct 2020 4 Dec 2020 16 Feb 2021 1 April 2021
<b>Traditional Leaders</b>		
Ga-Kibi Traditional Authority	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Community Function Workshop Meeting Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR Engagement with representatives	3 Dec 2020 24 Oct 2020 2 Nov 2020 4 Dec 2020 16 Feb 2021 1 April 2021 13 & 26 April 2021
<b>Communities</b>		

No communities residing on property but utilise the land for grazing	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Community Function Workshop Meeting Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR Engagement with livestock owners	3 Dec 2020  24 Oct 2020 2 Nov 2020 4 Dec 2020 16 Feb 2021 1 Apr 2021 26 April 2021
<b>Organs of State</b>		
Department of Mineral Resources	Pre-application consultation Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	19 Nov 2020 3 Dec 2020  16 Feb 2021 1 Apr 2021
Department of Environmental Affairs	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Delivery of Draft Scoping Report Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	3 Dec 2020  4 Dec 2020 16 Feb 2021 1 Apr 2021
Department of Water and Sanitation	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Delivery of Draft Scoping Report Site visit Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	3 Dec 2020  4 Dec 2020 21 Jan 2021 16 Feb 2021 1 Apr 2021
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	3 Dec 2020  16 Feb 2021 1 Apr 2021
Department of Agriculture	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Delivery of Draft Scoping Report Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	3 Dec 2020  4 Dec 2020 16 Feb 2021 1 Apr 2021
South African Heritage Resource Agency Limpopo Heritage Resource Agency	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Upload of Draft Scoping Report on SAHRIS Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	3 Dec 2020  4 Dec 2020 16 Feb 2021 1 Apr 2021
<b>OTHER AFFECTED PARTIES</b>		
<b>Adjacent landowners</b>		
Landowners adjacent to the project area	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	3 Dec 2020  16 Feb 2021 1 Apr 2021
<b>Adjacent Traditional Leaders</b>		
Ga-Kibi Traditional Authority	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Community Function Workshop Meeting Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	3 Dec 2020  24 Oct 2020 2 Nov 2020 4 Dec 2020 16 Feb 2021 1 Apr 2021
Bahananwa Traditional Authority	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	3 Dec 2020  16 Feb 2021 1 Apr 2021
<b>Adjacent communities</b>		
Ga-Kibi	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Community Function Workshop Meeting	3 Dec 2020  24 Oct 2020 2 Nov 2020 4 Dec 2020

	Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR Engagement with community representatives Engagement with livestock owners	16 Feb 2021 1 Apr 2021 13 April 2021 26 April 2021
<b>INTERESTED PARTIES</b>		
All other parties on register	Background Information Document and Notification of Availability of the Draft Scoping Report Notification of the availability of the Final Scoping Report Notification of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by DMR	3 Dec 2020 16 Feb 2021 1 Apr 2021

## 4.6 Comments and Response Report

Table 7: Comments and Response Summary

INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES		DATE COMMENTS RECEIVED	ISSUES RAISED	EAPS RESPONSE TO ISSUES AS MANDATED BY APPLICANT	CONSULTATION STATUS (CONSENSUS, DISPUTE, NOT FINALISED)
<b>AFFECTED PARTIES</b>					
<b>Landowners</b>					
The property is owned by the state under the Ga-Kibi Tribe jurisdiction, therefore refer to comments under Traditional Authority and Department of Rural Development.					
<b>Lawful occupier/s of the land</b>					
The area is utilised for Grazing by the Ga-Kibi communities. No occupiers reside on the properties					
<b>Land Claimants</b>					
The land claimants are the Ga-Kibi Tribe that currently have surface rights over the properties					
<b>Municipal Councillor</b>					
Ward Committee Member	X	15 Jan 2021	In support of the project	Noted	
<b>Municipality</b>					
Capricorn District Municipality	X	13 Jan 2021	After reviewing the consolidated Draft Scoping Report submitted, we would like to inform you that at this stage we do not have any particular comments and will await the final Scoping Report and EIA Report for further commenting.	Noted	Not finalised, awaiting EIA
Blouberg Local Municipality	X	5 Dec 2020	In support of the project, want to be involved in the process	Noted	Consensus
<b>Traditional Leaders</b>					
Ga-Kibi Traditional Authority	X	29 Jan 2021 26 April 2021	Support project Impacts on grazing and livestock	The project area only requires about 30ha which is only 2% of the total area of the two properties, therefore	Not finalised, awaiting EIA



INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES		DATE COMMENTS RECEIVED	ISSUES RAISED	EAPS RESPONSE TO ISSUES AS MANDATED BY APPLICANT	CONSULTATION STATUS (CONSENSUS, DISPUTE, NOT FINALISED)
			Benefits to be shared with the Ga-Kibi Community	the impact on grazing is expected to be limited. A social impact assessment will be conducted to investigate the potential positive and negative impacts on the community. A Cooperation Agreement between the Community and the applicants have been signed that safeguards the benefits to the local community.	
<b>Communities</b>					
No communities residing on the project properties					
<b>Organs of State</b>					
Department of Mineral Resources	X	19 Nov 2020	Two applications can be joined and a combined Scoping and EIA report submitted	Noted	Consensus
Department of Environmental Affairs					
Department of Water and Sanitation					
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	X	11 Jan 2021	Land claims were dismissed.		
	X	15 Jan 2021	Land claims were non-compliant.		
Department of Agriculture			No comments received		
South African Heritage Resources Agency	X	21 Jan 2021	As the proposed development is undergoing an EA Application process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact assessment (EIA) Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, No 28 of 2002 (MPRDA) (As amended), it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is done as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). This must include an archaeological component, palaeontological component and any other applicable heritage components. The HIA must be		

INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES		DATE COMMENTS RECEIVED	ISSUES RAISED	EAPS RESPONSE TO ISSUES AS MANDATED BY APPLICANT	CONSULTATION STATUS (CONSENSUS, DISPUTE, NOT FINALISED)
			conducted as part of the EA Application in terms of NEMA and the NEMA EIA Regulations.		
<b>OTHER AFFECTED PARTIES</b>					
<b>Adjacent landowners</b>					
			No comments to date		
<b>Adjacent Traditional Leaders</b>					
			No comments to date		
<b>Adjacent communities</b>					
	x	26 Dec 2020	Project support Benefits and community upliftment important	The companies are in the process of further developing their social and labour plan in parallel to the EIA. The companies are committed to implement projects that will have a positive impact on the communities where a need exists. Projects or needs that already fall under the responsibility of a Government Department or Agency will be considered in partnership or collaboration with the relevant Government institution	Not finalised
	x	9 Jan 2021	The project is supported.		
	x	19 Jan 2021	The community needs job opportunities.		
	x	23 Jan 2021	Need access to water.		
<b>INTERESTED PARTIES</b>					
<b>Local business owners</b>					
	X	4 Jan 2021 26 Jan 2021 29 Jan 2021	Interested to register as a vendor to supply goods or services	The companies have committed to prioritise local business where opportunities exist and services are available.	Consensus

A detailed Comment and Response Report (CRR) is attached as Appendix B-6. Copies of written comments from Authorities are included in Appendix B-5 and written submissions from stakeholder are included in Appendix B-7.

## **5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

### **5.1 Methods of Public Participation**

The following methods will be utilised throughout the Public Participation process, as required:

- Advertisements and Notices;
- Authority meetings;
- Community Committee meetings;
- Public Meetings and/or Open Days;
- One-on-One interviews/engagements;
- Electronic and email correspondence; and
- Other Methods.

### **5.2 Scoping Phase**

#### **5.2.1 Authority Engagement**

The draft Scoping Report was provided to all relevant Departments (including District and Local Municipal representatives) for their comments and inputs. Inputs received was incorporated into the CRR.

#### **5.2.2 Comments and responses on the Draft Scoping Report**

A CRR was compiled from all the comments received during the Scoping Phase. This report is included in the Draft EIA/EMPr Report.

#### **5.2.3 Notification of the final Scoping Report**

Registered IAPs was notified of the availability of the final Scoping Report and of the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report.

### **5.3 EIA Phase**

#### **5.3.1 EIA results information dissemination**

If Covid regulations allow, the Community Committee will be workshopped on the results of the EIAR, then a combined Community and Public Meeting will be held where all IAPs will be provided with an opportunity to raise concerns, make comments and or suggestions to the EAP and the Applicant. The meeting will be held within the Municipal area in proximity to the communities.

## **5.3.2 Further IAP Engagement Sessions**

### **5.3.2.1 Authority Engagement**

The draft EIAR/EMPr will be provided to all relevant Departments from 13 July 2021 (including District and Local Municipal representatives) for their comments and inputs.

### **5.3.2.2 Community Engagement**

If Covid regulations allow, the EIAR information document will be distributed in the local community, and community members invited to the meeting.

The Community Committee will be workshopped on the results of the EIAR, then a combined Community and Public Meeting will be held (if permitted by Covid-9 Regulations) where all IAPs will be provided with an opportunity to raise concerns, make comments and or suggestions to the EAP and the Applicant. The meeting will be held within the Municipal area in proximity to the communities.

## **5.3.3 Availability of the EIAR/EMPrs**

The draft EIAR/EMPr will be made available for 30 calendar days. Notification will be sent to all registered IAPs indicating where copies of the report can be accessed. Hard copies of the reports will be submitted to relevant Authorities and will also be placed in the Public Places if permitted under the Covid 19 regulations. The report will be available for download or a Compact Disc can be posted on request. Provision will be made to facilitate access to the report by communities.

## **5.3.4 Comments and Responses**

All comments received during the Scoping and EIA Phases will be included in the CRR for the project and process. Responses to questions and comments will be provided in these reports, and where relevant, inputs will be incorporated into the final EIAR/EMPr.

## **5.4 Decision-making Phase**

### **5.4.1 Notification of DMRE Decision**

All registered I&APs will be notified of the decision.