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Dear Sir/Madam

Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for Proposed Construction of the Gamsberg Zinc Mine and Associated Infrastructure near Aggeneys, Northern Cape Province: Notification of Draft Scoping Report for comment

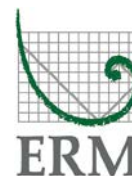
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Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Ltd (herein referred to as Black Mountain), who is part of Vedanta Resource plc, proposes to establish the Gamsberg Zinc Mine, Concentrator Plant and associated infrastructure near the town of Aggeneys, Northern Cape. An Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) needs to be completed in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) before the proposed project may proceed. The Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC) is the decision making authority for the environmental authorisation for the proposed project. Black Mountain has appointed Environmental Resources Management (ERM) as the independent environmental assessment practitioner to conduct the ESIA.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the following upcoming milestones:

- *Draft Scoping Report* and *associated Plan of Study* available for comment between **Wednesday, 31 October** to **Friday, 14 December 2012**; and
- Invitation to public meetings during November 2012.

Draft Scoping Report (DSR) available for comment

In terms of Section 56 (7), the Draft Scoping Report is released for a 40 day authority comment period. A copy of the DSR is currently available on the project website www.erm.com/gamsberg-ESIA. A copy of the DSR will be submitted to you shortly. The DSR is available at the following public places:

Public place	Contact details
Pofadder Public Library	054 933 0221
Pofadder Local Municipal Offices	054 933 1000
Springbok municipal offices	027 712 8000
Springbok Library	027 718 8136
Aggeneys Public Library	054 983 2760
Pella Public Library	082 793 5548
Pella Local Municipality	054 971 0062

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How to comment on the DSR

Authorities can comment on the DSR in any of the following ways:

- By writing a letter or producing additional written submissions; and/ or
- By email or fax to ERM.

Invitation to public meetings

Authorities are invited to attend one of the following public meetings:

Venue	Date	Time
Pofadder Community Hall	27 November 2012	16:00 - 18:00
Pella Community Hall	28 November 2012	16:00 - 18:00
Aggeneys Recreational Club	29 November 2012	16:00 - 18:00

Should you have any questions, need more information, or wish to raise issues of concern or suggestions, please contact **Paul Monare** at **Tel: (011) 798 4300**, **Fax: 086 292 7318** or **email: gamsberg@erm.com**.

Yours sincerely
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