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1. INTRODUCTION

Environmental Impact Management services (Pty) Ltd. (EIMS) has been appointed by Forzando Coal Mines (Pty) Ltd. to assist with undertaking the necessary environmental authorisation application for the Kalabasfontein Project. This application is for the extension of the current mining areas (under Section 102 of MPRDA (Act No. 28 of 2002)) by inclusion of contiguous areas which are held under Prospecting Rights 1035PR & 1170PR into the Forzando South Coal Mining Right (380MR).

The project footprint falls within the Msukalingwa Locality Municipality, Mpumalanga. The project area covers Portions 7, 8, RE, 11 and 13 of Farm Kalabasfontein 232 IS. The mining area is situated 20 kilometres north of Bethal and 20 kilometres east of Ga-Nala (Kriel). This Public Participation Report (PPR) has been compiled as an Appendix to the Scoping Report that has been prepared in support of the EA application and the WULA.

1. OBJECTIVES OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

South Africa, being one of the countries with the most progressive constitutions, enshrined the public’s right to be involved in decisions that may affect them in its Constitution. Section 57(1) of the new Constitution that provides: “*The National Assembly may (b) make rules and orders concerning its business, with due regard to representative and participatory democracy, accountability, transparency and public involvement”.* This provision, along with several others gave rise to many new trends in South African legislation. In environmental legislation, the idea of public participation (or stakeholder engagement) features strongly and the NWA and the recent regulations passed under the auspices of this Act makes very strict provisions for public participation in environmental decision-making.

Public participation can be defined as..."*a process leading to a joint effort by stakeholders, technical specialists, the authorities and the proponent who work together to produce better decisions than if they had acted independently*" (Greyling, 1999, p. 20). From this definition, it can be seen that the input of the public is regarded as very important indeed.

The PPP is designed to provide sufficient and accessible information to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in an objective manner to assist them to:

* During the Scoping Phase:
* Register for the project;
* Raise issues of concern and suggestions for enhanced benefits;
* Verify that their issues have been recorded;
* Assist in identifying reasonable alternatives; and
* Provide relevant local information and knowledge to the environmental assessment.
* During the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Phase:
* Contribute relevant local information and knowledge to the environmental assessment;
* Verify that their issues have been considered in the EIA process; and
* Comment on the findings of the environmental assessments.
* During the decision-making phase:
* Obtain information on the outcome, i.e. the competent authority’s decision, and how and by when the decision can be appealed.

The PPP is a requirement of several pieces of South African Legislation and aims to ensure that all relevant I&APs are consulted, involved and their opinions are taken into account and a record included in the reports submitted to Authorities. The process ensures that all stakeholders are provided this opportunity as part of a transparent process which allows for a robust and comprehensive environmental study. The PPP for the necessary authorisation and amendment processes for Forzando South Coal Mine needs to be managed sensitively and according to best practises in order to ensure and promote:

* Compliance with international best practice options;
* Compliance with national legislation;
* Establishment and management of relationships with key stakeholder groups; and
* Encouragement of involvement and participation in the environmental study and authorisation/approval process.

As such, the purpose of the PPP and stakeholder engagement process is to:

* Introduce the proposed new infrastructure, facilities and any amendments to existing licences;
* Explain the environmental authorisations and amendments (if any) required;
* Determine and record issues, concerns, suggestions, and objections to the project;
* Provide opportunity for input and gathering of local knowledge;
* Establish and formalise lines of communication between the I&APs and the project team;
* Identify all significant issues for the project; and
* Identify possible mitigation measures or environmental management plans to minimise and/or prevent negative environmental impacts and maximise and/or promote positive environmental impacts associated with the project.

This PPR lists all verbal and written issues raised by I&APs and stakeholders from the 30-day initial notification and call to register period, from the 20th June 2018 to date. I&APs have also been notified of the period of the availability of the Scoping Report for public review and comment, which commenced on the 10th July 2018 until the 10th August 2018. In order to present the findings of the Scoping Report to the public and to solicit comments on the report, a public meeting will be held on the 25th July 2018 at the Bethal Public Library (Danie Nortje Street, Contact Bettie Jordan, 017 624 3029) from 13h00 to 15h00. A breakdown of the PPP is given within the remaining sections of this PPR.

* 1. LEGAL COMPLIANCE

The PPP must comply with all environmental legislation that requires public participation as part of an application for authorisation or approval; namely:

* The Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act No. 28 of 2002 - MPRDA);
* The National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998 - NEMA); and
* The National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998 – NWA).

Adherence to the requirements of the above-mentioned Acts will allow for an Integrated PPP to be conducted, and in so doing, satisfy the requirement for public participation referenced in the Acts. The details of the Integrated PPP are provided below. The PPP further follows the requirements of Sections 17 to 19 of GNR 267 (2017) promulgated under section 26(1)(k) and 41(6) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), as amended.

1. IDENTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (I&APS)

An initial I&AP database has been compiled from an existing database provided by the client and Windeed searches. The I&APs referred to in the PPR include:

* Pre-identified and registered landowners and surrounding landowners;
* Pre-identified and registered key stakeholders;
* Regulatory authorities;
* Specialist interest groups; and
* All I&APs who responded to the initial notifications and requested to be registered.

Efforts to pre-identify key I&APs involved various avenues such as consultation with the proponent and known landowners within the study area, review of related previously conducted studies, and identification of key interest groups and authorities within the vicinity of the study area and municipality. Refer APPENDIX 2 a for the Key Stakeholder/I&AP Database.

All landowners whose properties are within the study area have been notified about the project via post, fax and/or email as well as through advertisements and/or site notices inviting them to participate in the EIA process. Refer to APPENDIX 2 b for the landowner, key stakeholder and I&AP initial notifications.

* 1. LIST OF AUTHORITIES IDENTIFIED AND NOTIFIED

The following, but not limited to, Government Authorities were notified of the proposed project:

* Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs
* Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development and Tourism
* Mpumalanga Department of Health
* Mpumalanga Department of Human Settlement
* Mpumalanga Department of Mineral Resources
* Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport
* Mpumalanga Department of Social Development
* Mpumalanga Department of Water and Sanitation
* Mpumalanga Lakes District Protection Group
* Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency
* National Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
* National Department of Environmental Affairs
* National Department of Mineral Resources
* National Department of Rural Development and Land Reform
* National Department of Water and Sanitation
* Gert Sibande District Municipality
* South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL)
* Eskom Holdings SOC Limited
* Transnet SOC Limited
* Msukaligwa Local Municipality

* 1. LIST OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS IDENTIFIED AND NOTIFIED
* Mpumalanga Landbou (Agri SA Mpumalanga)
* Endangered Wildlife Trust
* SANBI - Working for Wetlands
* Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)
* Eskom
* AFGRI-SA
* SANPARKS
* Birdlife South Africa
* Federation for a Sustainable Environment
* Homeland Mining and Energy SA (HMESA)

1. NOTIFICATION OF **INTERESTED AND AFFECT** PARTIES

This section provides details on the notifications that were distributed as part of the consultation process to date.

* 1. INITIAL NOTIFICATION OF LANDOWNERS AND I&APS

The PPP commenced on the 20th of June 2018 with an initial notification and call to register ending on the 20th of July 2018. Notification during this initial consultation was given in the manner described below.

* + 1. REGISTERED LETTERS, FAXES AND EMAILS

Notification letters (in English and Afrikaans), faxes, and/or emails were distributed to all pre-identified key I&APs including government organisations, Non-Government Organisations, relevant municipalities, ward councillors and other organisations that might be affected. Please refer to APPENDIX 2 b for the Key Stakeholder and I&AP initial notification.

The notification documents included the following information:

* List of anticipated activities to be authorised;
* Sufficient detail of the proposed development to enable I&APs to assess/surmise what impact the development will have on them or on the use of their land;
* The purpose of the proposed project;
* Details of the application processes associated with proposed activities;
* Details of the affected properties (including a locality map);
* Details of the South African environmental legislation that must to be adhered to;
* Date by which the I&AP must register and send comments through to EIMS;
* Details of Scoping Report Period and Public Meeting details and
* Contact details of the EAP.
  + 1. Background Information Document (BID)

A Background Information Document (BID) in English was prepared and distributed by post with the registered letters, faxes and e-mails and made available on the EIMS website ([www.eims.co.za](http://www.eims.co.za)). The BID contains the following information:

* Project name;
* Applicant name;
* Project location (including map of study area);
* Description of the EA application process, EIA flow chart, and public participation process;
* Information on future document review opportunities;
* A detailed questionnaire/ I&AP registration form; and
* Relevant EIMS contact person for the project.
  + 1. NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTs

Advertisements describing the proposed project and EIA process were placed in newspapers with circulation in the vicinity of the study area. The initial advertisements were placed in the Ridge Times (English advert) on 22 June 2018 and the Highvelder (English and Afrikaans adverts). The newspaper adverts included the following information:

* Project name;
* Applicant name;
* Project location;
* Nature of the activity;
* Legislative requirements; and
* Relevant EIMS contact person for the project.

Please refer to APPENDIX 2 e proof of advertisement placements.

* + 1. SITE NOTICE PLACEMENT

Twenty-one (21) A1 Correx site notices (in English and ) were placed at 21 locations along and within the perimeter of the proposed project study area on the 20th of June 2018. The on-site notices included the following information:

* Project name;
* Applicant name;
* Project location;
* Map of proposed project area;
* Project description;
* Legislative requirements; and
* Relevant EIMS contact person for the project.

Posters, BIDs, site poster handouts were left at the Bethal Public Library and the Local Municipality Office (next to the library). Please refer to APPENDIX 2 d for proof of site notice placement and poster placement.

1. NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES OF REPORTS AND OTHER STUDIES

Notification regarding the availability of the Scoping Report has been provided to registered I&APs in the following manner:

* Notification letters (in English and Afrikaans ), faxes, registered mail and/or emails were distributed to all pre-identified key I&APs as well as &APs registered during the initial notification period; and
* Notification documents included details on the duration of the Scoping Report review period, as well as where the report will be available for public review.

The Scoping Report will be made available for public review from 10 July 2018 until 10 August 2018 for a period of 30 days. In order to present the findings of the Scoping Report to the public and to solicit comments on the report, a public meeting will be held on the 25th July 2018 at the Bethal Public Library (Danie Nortje Street, Contact: Bettie Jordan on 017 624 3029) from 13h00 to 15h00.

TABLE 1: OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

| PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PHASE | | | |
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| ACTION | DESCRIPTION | PUBLICATION/PLACE | DATE |
| Initial Public Notification (announcement of project and call to register) | Newspaper advertisements (English and Afrikaans). | Ridge Times and Highvelder | 22nd June 2018 |
| Placement of site notices. | 21 A1 site notices (English and Afrikaans) within and around the study area (21 placement locations).  Poster placement in Bethal Town | 20th June 2018 |
| Notification of landowners, occupiers, and other key I&APs. | Affected landowners and key I&APs were notified via email, fax, and/or post. | 20th June 2018 |
| Scoping Phase | Notification of landowners, occupiers, and other key I&APs. | Affected landowners, legal occupiers, and key I&APs were notified via email, SMS, fax, and/or post. | 10th July 2018 |
| Scoping phase public meeting | Notification of landowners, occupiers, and other key I&APs. | Affected landowners, legal occupiers, and key I&APs were notified about the public meeting which included date, venue and time, via email, fax, and/or post. | 25th July 2018 |

1. INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

Please refer to APPENDIX 2 a for the I&AP database of landowners, legal occupiers, and other key stakeholders.

* 1. ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ALL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Please refer to Section 5.

* 1. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS RECEIVED: FEEDBACK TO INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

Please refer to Section7.2 and TABLE 2 for a summary of the comments or issues raised by the I&APs and responses provided to them.

* 1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES INTERESTS

Please refer to Section 5.

* 1. NOTIFYING INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES OF THE DECISION

Interested and Affected Parties will be notified via fax, registered mail and/or email of the decision once available including the appeal process should they wish to appeal the decision.

1. RECORD OF ISSUES RAISED

The issues and responses below are those that have been provided and addressed from 20th June 2018 to date and will be updated once the public review period of the Scoping Report has been completed. Please refer to APPENDIX 2 f for the record of correspondence with I&APs.

* 1. HOW ISSUES RAISED WERE ADDRESSED

Issues raised were addressed in a transparent manner and included in the compilation of the Scoping Report for proposed Kalabasfontein Project, in the following manner:

* Issues raised were used quantitatively to calculate the significance of impacts both real and perceived; and
* Issues raised were used to provide further suggestions and recommendations with regard to potential management options for impacts.
  1. SUMMARY OF ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED

All comments and/or queries received are included in this report and summarised in TABLE 2for submission to the competent authority (DMR).

TABLE 2: SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED BY I&APS DURING THE NOTIFICATION PROCESS:

| Name | Date | Method | Issues | Response | Aspect |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| G.Kotzen | 2018/06/21 | Email | Good day  Attached please find a completed Interested & Affected Parties Registration Form. | Dear Mr Kotzen,  Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Kalabasfontein Project. Please note that you have been registered on the project database. As a registered I&AP you will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the Environmental Scoping Report and Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Associated Appendices when they become available.  Please feel free to contact me should you have any further comments or queries. | Registration |
| Cllr M.J. Mtsweni (Ward 15) | 2018/06/27 | Email/Telephonic | To: EIMS  From :Cllr M.J Mtsweni  Date:25/06/2018  Subject Registration and Comment 1244  Sir/madam  I Cllr MJ Mtsweni in Ward 15 Govan Mbeki Municipality requasted to be the part of the hole process farm dwellers are affected in that area  Your positive response in this regard will be highly appreciated. | Dear Cllr. Mtsweni,  Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Kalabasfontein project.  Kindly note that you have been added to the project database. As a registered I&AP you will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Reports when they are made available.  Should you have any further comments or queries please do not hesitate to contact me. | Registration |
| Cllr MJ Mtsweni | 2018/06/28 | Email | Good Morning  Thank you so much emails received  Please give me some few time I wll organise it for you all the details you ask  Regard  Cllr M.j Mtsweni | Good Morning Mr Mtswei,  I trust this email finds you well. I have attached the project Background Information Document and Questionnaire to this email for your consideration.  Could you please advise me if you have a list of occupiers and contact details for the project area (ie. Farm Kalabasfontein) for inclusion on the project I&AP database? Alternatively, is there a way you can inform the occupiers about the project and ask them to contact EIMS.  I will give you a call later today to discuss.  Should you have any comments or queries please feel free to contact me. | Legal Occupiers Registration |
| Natasha Higgitt | 2018/06/20 | Email | Good afternoon,  Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the proposed development. Please note that all development applications are processed via our online portal, the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) found at the following link: http://sahra.org.za/sahris/.  Please create an application on SAHRIS and upload all documents pertaining to the Environmental Authorisation Application Process. As per section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA), an assessment of heritage resources must form part of the process and the assessment must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA.  Once all documents including all appendices are uploaded to the case application, please ensure that the status of the case is changed from DRAFT to SUBMITTED. Please ensure that all documents produced as part of the EA process are submitted as part of the application, and are submitted to SAHRA at the beginning of the Public Review periods. Once all these documents have been uploaded, I will be able to issue an informed comment as per section 38(4) and 38(8) of the NHRA. | Hi Natasha,  Thank you for your correspondence.  Please note that I will upload the documents to SAHRA in due course. | SAHRA  Registration |
| Ria Barkhuizen  (SANRAL) | 2018/06/28 | Email | Good day  This email is an acknowledgement of receipt for your enquiry.  Please note that your enquiry will be evaluated and a response provided within 30 days, in line with requirements of Section 29 of the Spatial Planning and Land Use management Act (Act No.16 of 2013) read with Section 3 of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act (Act No.3 of 2000).  Should you not receive any response within 30 days, kindly follow up on the enquiry by responding to Jan Oliver who will be dealing with it and will convert back to you. He can be contacted on (012) 426-6200 / 6242. | Dear Ria,  Thank you for your correspondence. As per your advice, I will follow-up with Mr Oliver should he not respond within 30days.  Should SANRAL have any further comments or queries please feel free to contact me. | Registration |
| Nadia Hetzel | 2018/06/28 | Email | Dear Cheyenne,  Kindly find attach hereto correspondence for your attention.  “OUR REF: JOHAN SMUTS 1 NADIA HETZEL  YOUR REF: CHEYENNE MUTHUKARAPAN IEIMS REFERENCE NUMBER: 1244  28 June 2018  ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT SERVICES (PTY) LYD  BY E-MAIL: kalabasfontein@eims.co.za  Dear Ms Muthukarapan,  RE: ENVIRONMENTAL LICENCING PROCESSES FOR THE KALABASFONTEIN PROJECT  IN THE MSUKALINGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVICE  We refer to the abovementioned and confirm that we act on behalf of AFGRI Agri Services herein, who is an interested and affected party.  We further refer to the notification regarding the opportunity to participate in the environmental licencing processes for the Kalabasfontein Project in the Msukalingwa Local Municipality Mpumalanga Province that you send to our client on 20 June 2018.  Kindly find attach hereto the interested and affected parties registration form that we completed and sign. Kindly send all future communication and documentation to our offices.  Kindly also indicate when you are available for a meeting with our offices regarding the abovementioned matter.  We trust you find the above in order and await your reply.  Yours faithfully,  BOSHOF” | Dear Nadia,  Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Kalabasfontein Project.  Kindly note that you have been registered as an I&AP on the project and as such will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the Environmental Scoping Report and Environmental Impact assessment report and associated appendices when they are made available. Furthermore, please note that your request for a meeting has been noted and sent to the applicant. I will revert back to you in due course with feedback from the applicant.  Should you have any further comments or queries please do not hesitate to contact me. | Registration  Request for meeting |
| John Geeringh (Eskom) | 2018/06/20 | Email | Please send me a KMZ file of the proposed mining area so I can check against Eskom infrastructure and future planning. | Dear John,  Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Kalabasfontein Project. Kindly find attached the requested KLM file. The new sections are portions 0, 7, 8, 11, 13.  Should you have any further queries or comments please feel free to contact me. | Request for information |
| John Geeringh (Eskom) | 2018/06/20 | Email | 1. Please find attached general requirements for works at or near Eskom infrastructure. The proposed portions is bounded by the Eskom traction line next to the railway line on the north-eastern side. Although the mining will be underground, Eskom and other infrastructure must be safeguarded against possible ground collapse as well as underground fire risks. 2. “Eskom requirements for work in or near Eskom servitudes. 3. Eskom’s rights and services must be acknowledged and respected at all times. 4. Eskom shall at all times retain unobstructed access to and egress from its servitudes. 5. Eskom’s consent does not relieve the developer from obtaining the necessary statutory, land owner or municipal approvals. 6. Any cost incurred by Eskom as a result of non-compliance to any relevant environmental legislation will be charged to the developer. 7. If Eskom has to incur any expenditure in order to comply with statutory clearances or other regulations as a result of the developer’s activities or because of the presence of his equipment or installation within the servitude restriction area, the developer shall pay such costs to Eskom on demand. 8. The use of explosives of any type within 500 metres of Eskom’s services shall only occur with Eskom’s previous written permission. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least fourteen working days prior notice of the commencement of blasting. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued in terms of the blasting process. It is advisable to make application separately in this regard. 9. Changes in ground level may not infringe statutory ground to conductor clearances or statutory visibility clearances. After any changes in ground level, the surface shall be rehabilitated and stabilised so as to prevent erosion. The measures taken shall be to Eskom’s satisfaction. 10. Eskom shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of or damage to any property whether as a result of the encroachment or of the use of the servitude area by the developer, his/her agent, contractors, employees, successors in title, and assignees. The developer indemnifies Eskom against loss, claims or damages including claims pertaining to consequential damages by third parties and whether as a result of damage to or interruption of or interference with Eskom’s services or apparatus or otherwise. Eskom will not be held responsible for damage to the developer’s equipment. 11. No mechanical equipment, including mechanical excavators or high lifting machinery, shall be used in the vicinity of Eskom’s apparatus and/or services, without prior written permission having been granted by Eskom. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least seven working days’ notice prior to the commencement of work. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued by the relevant Eskom Manager 12. Note: Where and electrical outage is required, at least fourteen work days are required to arrange it. 13. Eskom’s rights and duties in the servitude shall be accepted as having prior right at all times and shall not be obstructed or interfered with. 14. Under no circumstances shall rubble, earth or other material be dumped within the servitude restriction area. The developer shall maintain the area concerned to Eskom’s satisfaction. The developer shall be liable to Eskom for the cost of any remedial action which has to be carried out by Eskom. 15. The clearances between Eskom’s live electrical equipment and the proposed construction work shall be observed as stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993). 16. Equipment shall be regarded electrically live and therefore dangerous at all times. 17. In spite of the restrictions stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993), as an additional safety precaution, Eskom will not approve the erection of houses, or structures occupied or frequented by human beings, under the power lines or within the servitude restriction area. 18. Eskom may stipulate any additional requirements to highlight any possible exposure to Customers or Public to coming into contact or be exposed to any dangers of Eskom plant. 19. It is required of the developer to familiarise himself with all safety hazards related to Electrical plant. 20. Any third party servitudes encroaching on Eskom servitudes shall be registered against Eskom’s title deed at the developer’s own cost. If such a servitude is brought into being, its existence should be endorsed on the Eskom servitude deed concerned, while the third party’s servitude deed must also include the rights of the affected Eskom servitude. “ | Good Morning John,  Thank you for your correspondence. Your comments have been passed onto the client for consideration and will be included in the Public Participation Report. | Registration  Eskom requirements |
| Robert Davel | 2018/07/04 | Email | Good day  Mpumalanga Agriculture is the provincial affiliate from Agri SA in Mpumalanga.  We represent a substantial percentage of commercial farmers in the province. At this stage we host 35 farmers associations from over Mpumalanga.  Our main objective is to assist our members with the sustainable production of food. In Mpumalanga there will always be great competition between agriculture and mining for the same arable land.  In this case it is our duty to make sure that food security and the interests of our members will not be place at risk by the Environmental Notification, Background Information Document and Comment form for the proposed Kalabasfontein Project.  Forzando South 380MR  MP30/5/1/1/2/1035PR  MP30/5/1/1/2/1170PR  Ref: LW/kr/1244  For that reason we request to be registered as interested and or affected party to both applications for prospecting rights.  Please confirm our registration by email at mplandbou@mweb.co.za | Dear Robert,  Thank you for your correspondence on the Kalabasfontein Project. Kindly note that you have been added to the project database. As a registered I&AP you will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the Environmental Scoping Report and Environmental Impact Assessment Report and associated appendices once they are made available.  Should you have any further comments or queries please feel free to contact me. | Registration |
| Rhulani Chavalala (DAFF) | 2018/07/05 | Email | Hi  Kindly register Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as an interested and affected party, comments will be made on the Environmental Scoping Report | Dear Rhulani,  Thank you for registering on the Kalabasfontein Project.  Should you have any further comments or queries please feel free to contact me. | Registration |
| Sindy Madlelela | 2018/06/22 | Email | CV Submitted | Dear Sindy,  Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Kalabasfontein Project. Please note that your CV has been passed onto the mine for their consideration.  Furthermore, could you kindly confirm your registration on the project database? | CV |

1. ADDRESSING COMMENTS AND CONCERNS RAISED BY THE INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

Please refer to Section 7.1.

1. CONCLUSIONS AND RECCOMENDATIONS

The majority of the received comments to date refer to registration and agriculture. All comments received were responded to and the issues raised to date are addressed in the Scoping Report. The PPR will be updated and resubmitted to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) (the competent authority), following the 30-day public review period of the Scoping Report.