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Dear Stakeholder

THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE CURRENT VLAKFONTEIN MINING OPERATION TO THE AREA KNOWN AS THE NORTHERN BLOCK, NEW ACTIVITIES INCLUDES AN OPENCAST MINE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AFRICAN EXPLORATION MINING AND FINANCE CORPORATION AEMFS SOC LTD, OGIES, MPUMALANGA

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FINAL SCOPING REPORT AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT

The African Exploration Mining and Finance Corporation LTD is a state-owned mine, operating its first open cast mine, Vlakfontein Mine, north west of the town of Ogies in the Mpumalanga Province on the Farm Vlakfontein 569JR. The N12 highway (Johannesburg to Emalahleni) traverses the southern portion of the site. Vlakfontein Mine is located approximately 110 km east of Johannesburg.

Vlakfontein Mine is currently mining coal by means of open cast mining method on the block known as Central Block. It is the intention to now expand Vlakfontein Mine's mining activities within the existing and approved mining boundaries in terms of existing Environmental Management Plan (EMP) authorisation number MP30/5/1/2/3/2/1(436)MR to the section known as North Mining Block (located on portion 3 of Vlakfontein 569JR).

SRK Consulting has been appointed by the African Exploration Mining and Finance Corporation LTD as an independent consultant to conduct the Environmental Authorisation; EMPR amendment process as well as undertaking the public involvement component.

We are pleased to announce that the Final Scoping Report is available for review for a period of 21 days, from 16 April to 9 May 2013.

The purpose of the review period for the Final Scoping Report is for stakeholders to verify that their issues and suggestions are reflected in the report, to raise further issues and suggestions, and to comment on the aspects to be covered by specialist inputs. The Final Scoping Report will be available at a number of public places in the project area, however, should you wish to have a copy of the full

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You can view the Final Scoping Report at any of the following public places:

PUBLIC PLACE	LOCALITY	TELEPHONE
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Your comment is important; please submit comments by **9 May 2013**.

Stakeholders can comment on the Scoping Report in any of the following ways

- Additional written submissions; and
- Comment by email, fax or telephone.

DUE DATE FOR COMMENT

9 May 2013.

Please submit comments to the public participation officers:

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Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information or clarification regarding the proposed project. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout the Public Participation Process.

Yours faithfully,

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