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Attention: Stakeholder

WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED VENTILATION SHAFT AT THE SIPHUMELELE 1 MINE AT RUSTENBURG PLATINUM MINES (PTY) LTD - RUSTENBURG SECTION LOCATED NEAR RUSTENBURG WITHIN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The Applicant, Rustenburg Platinum Mines (Pty) Ltd (RPM), proposes to establish an additional ventilation shaft on an existing Mining Right area (NW30/5/1/2/2/80 MR). The proposed project is located within the Remainder of Portion 2, Klipfontein 300 JQ under the jurisdiction of the Bojanala District Municipality. The purpose of the project is to ensure the continuation of safe underground workings at the established Siphumelele Mine. The Mine's underground operations are extending to the south. In order to ensure underground workings are not hindered the ventilation shaft should be operational by 2018. The proposed ventilation shaft centre point is 25° 40' 17.58"S 27° 22' 46.66"E. The shaft final operational area will cover an area less than 8 000 m². The ventilation shaft will be linked to the Mine road leading from Photshaneng, via a gravel road.

2. LEGAL CONTEXT

Notice is given in terms of Section 31(1)(a)(i) of Government Notice Regulation (GNR 982) (04 December 2014) published under section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA) for submission of an application for Environmental Authorisation in respect of activities which will result in a change of the scope of an existing valid environmental authorisation where such change will result in an increased level or nature of impact which was not considered during the initial environmental authorisation process undertaken

An Application form for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the NEMA has been submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR). The DMR is the competent authority in this case as the project is directly related to primary extraction of ore [according to the Section 24C(2A) of the NEM: Amendment Act (No. 62 of 2008)]. The proposed project does not trigger any listed activities in terms of the 2014 NEMA Regulations.

3. STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION

WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has appointed as the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to manage the Environmental Authorisation process, on behalf of RPM. This process includes consultation with parties who may be affected by, or have an interest in, the Proposed Project. All registered stakeholders will be notified of the availability of the draft Environmental Management Programme (EMPR) once the report has been compiled and released for public review. Registered stakeholders will have a period of 30 days in which to review and comment on the draft report. The draft report will be updated to include any comments before final submission to the DMR. Please ensure that you respond to this notification to ensure you are notified of the draft report distribution date. Comments are welcomed throughout the environmental authorisation process.

Yours faithfully,



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