

**SEKOKO COAL (PTY) LTD
SEKOKO WATERBERG COLLIERY**

**AMENDMENT OF MINING RIGHT IN TERMS OF THE MINERALS AND PETROLEUM
RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (MPRDA; ACT 28 OF 2002) AND NATIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (NEMA; ACT 107 OF 1998)**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

Sekoko Coal (Pty) Ltd obtained a Mining Right and Environmental Authorisation for the Sekoko Waterberg Colliery in August 2011 and March 2012 respectively (Mining Right Application No: G100614005; Authorisation reference: 12/1/9-7/2-W11). In terms of these authorisations, the mining area comprises the following properties: Minnasvlakte 258 LQ, Smitspan 306 LQ, Massenberg 305 LQ and Remainder of Hooikraal 315 LQ. In terms of this Mining Right, the mine would produce up to 5 Million tons per annum (Mtpa) of coal. Following discussions with Eskom regarding requirements for coal supply to various power stations, it has been determined that the annual output of coal from the mine can be increased from 5 Mtpa to 10Mtpa. In order to accommodate this requirement, Sekoko Coal is proposing to include the farms Swanepoel Pan 262 LQ, Olieboomsfontein 220 LQ; Duikerfontein 263 LQ and Vetleegte 304 LQ within the Mining Right area, and is also proposing an amendment to their approved Mine Work Programme and infrastructure layout. Sekoko holds valid new order Prospecting Rights on all the above-mentioned properties.

In support of the above-mentioned expansion of the Mining Right area and amendment to the Mine Work Programme, an amendment to Sekoko Coal's existing Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) must be compiled and approved by the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) in accordance with the requirements of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) (MPRDA). In order to amend the existing EMPr, Sekoko Coal is required, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA), to undertake an EIA for the project in order for Sekoko Coal to obtain the following:

- » An Environmental Authorisation from Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) for all intended activities listed in EIA Regulations GN R.544, GN R.545 and GN R.546 that are not included in the current Authorisation.
- » Approval from the DMR for an amendment to the existing EMPr, which will be supported by the EIA; and
- » A water use licence for the water uses associated with the proposed mining activities on the project site/s not already authorised in terms of the existing permits.

The nature and extent of the expansion to the Sekoko Waterberg Colliery is explored in more detail in this document.

WHAT DOES THIS DOCUMENT TELL YOU?

This document aims to provide interested and/or affected parties (I&APs), with:

- » Information on the proposed amendment application process for the Sekoko Waterberg Colliery.

- » An overview of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and environmental studies being undertaken to assess the proposed project.
- » Details of how you can become involved in the EIA process, receive information, or raise issues, which may concern and/or interest you.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The Sekoko Waterberg Colliery is located within the Lephalale Local Municipality, which forms part of the Waterberg District Municipality of the Limpopo Province. The proposed mining area will involve opencast and underground coal mining on the following farm portions:

1. Minnasvlakte 258 LQ
2. Smitspan 306 LQ
3. Massenberg 305 LQ
4. Remainder of Hooikraal 315 LQ
5. Swanepoel Pan 262 LQ
6. Olieboomsfontein 220 LQ
7. Duikerfontein 263 LQ
8. Vetleegte 304 LQ

Note that the farms listed from point 1 - 5 have been authorised by the DMR and LDEDET. The scope of this EMPr amendment and EIA process will include all 8 farm portions listed above due to the required increase in output of coal that is planned to be mined as well as the amendment to the approved Mine Work Programme and infrastructure layout. The purpose of the Waterberg Colliery will be to mine coal for both the local power stations within the Waterberg area as well as for the export markets. A processing plant and various mine related infrastructure will be erected within an appropriate location within the mining area, depending on the final mining plan. Opencast mining will initiate on the farm Smitspan for the first 5 years at which stage only a 1-stage washplant for coal processing will be required. From year 4 to 20 opencast mining will be accompanied by underground mining, at which point a 2-stage plant will be required. During this period it is highly likely that opencast and possibly underground mining will commence on other areas within the mining right boundary. The total life of mine is expected to be beyond 60 years.

The main infrastructure associated with the mine includes:

- » Coal storage areas and stockpiles.
- » Wash plant and associated infrastructure.
- » Water storage and reticulation infrastructure.
- » Office and maintenance area/s.

- » Power supply infrastructure including on surface substations and power lines (<11kV in capacity).
- » Ventilation fans.
- » Access roads.
- » Railway line.
- » Pipeline for water supply. Water is expected to be available from the Mokolo-Crocodile Water Augmentation Project (MCWAP) Phase 2.
- » Coal discard dumps.
- » Topsoil and spoil stockpiles.

Currently a bankable feasibility study (BFS) is being undertaken for the project to demonstrate the feasibility of the 10Mtpa coal mine. Through this BFS process, feasible alternatives project alternatives will be developed for further investigation.

WHY UNDERTAKE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT?

Before the proposed project may proceed, an amendment to the mine's existing Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) must be compiled and approved by the DMR in accordance with the requirements of the MPRDA (Act No. 28 of 2002). In addition, any activities associated with the mine which are not already authorised in terms of the current Environmental Authorisation must be approved in terms of NEMA (Act 107 of 1998). In order to amend the EMPr and obtain Environmental Authorisation for any additional activities, a full EIA process (including Scoping and Impact Assessment) is required to be undertaken. In addition, the EIA will be required to support the Water Use License application for the project.

An EIA is an effective planning and decision-making tool. It allows the environmental consequences resulting from the establishment and operation of a technical facility to be identified and appropriately managed. It provides the opportunity for the developer to be fore-warned of potential environmental issues, and dialogue with affected parties.

Sekoko Resources has appointed Savannah Environmental, as independent consultants, to undertake a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project for the area as identified, and amend the existing Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the mine in support of the Mining Right amendment application. As part of these environmental studies, I&APs will be actively involved through the public involvement process.

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED PROJECT?

A number of potential environmental impacts (social and biophysical) associated with the proposed project have been identified. These include:

- » Impacts on air quality and human health.
- » Impacts on surface and groundwater.
- » Impacts on ecology.
- » Impacts on soils and geology.
- » Impacts on heritage resources.
- » Noise impacts.
- » Impacts on the social and socio-economic environment.
- » Visual impacts.
- » Traffic / transportation impacts.

Specialist studies to assess the above impacts will be undertaken in two phases:

1. A desk-top Scoping Study, wherein potential issues associated with all alternatives identified will be evaluated.
2. A detailed assessment of potentially significant impacts identified in the Scoping Phase. A comparative assessment of all identified feasible alternatives will be undertaken. Practical and achievable mitigation measures will be recommended in order to minimise potentially significant impacts identified. These recommendations will be included within the amended EMPr for this project.

The potential environmental impacts associated with not undertaking the proposed project will also be explored through the EIA process. Specialist studies will be informed by existing information, field observations and input from the public participation process. As an I&AP, your input is considered an important part of this process, and we urge you to become involved.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

The sharing of information forms the basis of the public involvement process and offers you the opportunity to become actively involved in the EIA from the outset. Comments and inputs from I&APs during the EIA process are encouraged in order to ensure that potential impacts are considered within the ambit of the study.

The public involvement process aims to ensure that:

- » Information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is made available to I&APs for review.
- » Participation by potential I&APs is facilitated in such a manner that I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the application.
- » Adequate review periods are provided for I&APs to comment on the findings of the draft Scoping and EIA reports.

In order to ensure effective participation, the public involvement process includes the following steps:

- » Notification of the commencement of the EIA process, including the placement of adverts in printed media and in the study area and distribution of notifications to interested and affected parties (I&APs).
- » On-going consultation during the Scoping and EIA studies.
- » An opportunity to comment on the draft Scoping and EIA reports.
- » Public feedback meetings and focus group meetings.
- » Notification of the decision issued by the DMR, LDEDET and DWA.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN I&AP

In terms of the EIA Regulations, your attention is drawn to your responsibilities as an I&AP:

- » In order to participate in this EIA process, you must register yourself on the project database.
- » You must ensure that any comments regarding the proposed project are submitted within the stipulated timeframes.
- » You are required to disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which that you may have in the approval or refusal of the application for the proposed project.

HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED

1. By responding (by phone, fax or e-mail) to our invitation for your involvement which has been advertised in newspapers.
2. By returning the attached Reply Form to the relevant contact person.
3. By attending the meetings to be held during the course of the project. As a registered I&AP you will automatically be invited to attend these meetings. Dates for public meetings will also be advertised in newspapers.
4. By contacting the consultants with queries or comments.

5. By reviewing and commenting on the draft Scoping and EIA Reports within the stipulated 30-day review periods.

If you consider yourself an I&AP for this proposed project, we urge you to make use of the opportunities created by the public involvement process to provide comment, or raise those issues and concerns which affect and/or interest you, and about which you would like more information. Your input into this process forms a key element of the EIA process.

By completing and submitting the accompanying Reply Form, you automatically register yourself as an I&AP for this project, and are ensured that your comments, concerns or queries raised regarding the project will be noted.

COMMENTS AND QUERIES

Direct all comments, queries or responses to:

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**SEKOKO COAL (EDMS.) BPK.
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**WYSIGING VAN MYNREG KRAGTENS DIE WET OP DIE ONTWIKKELING VAN
MINERALE EN PETROLEUMHULPBRONNE (MPRDA; WET 28 VAN 2002)
EN DIE NASIONALE WET OP OMGEWINGSBESTUUR (NEMA; WET 107 VAN 1998)**

AGTERGRONDINLIGTINGSDOKUMENT (AID)

Sekoko Coal (Edms.) Bpk. het in onderskeidelik Augustus 2011 en Maart 2012 'n Mynreg en 'n Omgewingsmagtiging vir die Sekoko Waterberg Steenkoolmyn bekom (Mynreg Aansoeknommer: G100614005; Magtiging Verwysingsnommer: 12/1/9-7/2-W11). Kragtens hierdie magtigings bestaan die mynbougebied uit die volgende eiendomme: Minnasvlakte 258 LQ, Smitspan 306 LQ, Massenberg 305 LQ en die Restant van Hooikraal 315 LQ. Kragtens hierdie Mynreg sal die myn tot 5 miljoen ton steenkool per jaar (Mtpa) produseer. Na afloop van besprekings met Eskom betreffende die vereistes rondom die voorsiening van steenkool aan verskeie kragstasies, is bepaal dat die myn se jaarlikse lewering van steenkool van 5 Mtpa tot 10 Mtpa verhoog kan word. Ten einde aan hierdie vereiste te voldoen, stel Sekoko Coal voor dat die plaas Swanepoel Pan 262 LQ, Olieboomsfontein 220 LQ, Duikerfontein 263 LQ en Vetleegte 304 LQ by die Mynreggebied ingesluit word en dat hul goedgekeurde Mynwerkprogram en infrastruktuur-uitleg gewysig word. Sekoko beskik oor geldige nuwe orde Prospekterrekte op al die bogenoemde eiendomme.

Ter ondersteuning van die bogenoemde uitbreiding van die Mynreggebied en die wysiging van die Mynwerkprogram, moet Sekoko Coal se bestaande Omgewingsbestuursprogram (OBPr) ooreenkomstig die Wet op die Ontwikkeling van Minerale en Petroleumhulpbronne, 2002 (Wet 28 van 2002) (MPRDA) gewysig en deur die Departement Mineraalhulpbronne (DMH) goedgekeur word. Ten einde die bestaande OBPr te wysig, moet Sekoko Coal, kragtens die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet 107 van 1998 (NEMA)), 'n OIE vir die projek onderneem ten einde die volgende te bekom:

- 'n Omgewingsmagtiging van die Limpopo Departement Ekonomiese Ontwikkeling, Omgewingsake en Toerisme (LDEDET) vir al die voorgename aktiwiteite wat in die OIE-regulasies van Staatskennisgewing R544, R545 en R546 gelys is wat nie by die huidige Magtiging ingesluit is nie;
- goedkeuring van die DMH vir 'n wysiging aan die bestaande OBPr, wat deur die OIE gerugsteun sal word; en
- 'n lisensie vir watergebruik vir die gebruike van water wat gepaard gaan met die voorgestelde mynboubedrywighede op die projekterrein(e) wat nie reeds onder die bestaande permitte gemagtig is nie.

Die aard en omvang van die uitbreiding van die Sekoko Waterberg Steenkoolmyn word van naderby in hierdie dokument ondersoek.

WAARVAN LIG HIERDIE DOKUMENT U IN?

Hierdie dokument poog om belangstellende en/of geaffekteerde partye (B&GP's) te voorsien van:

- » inligting oor die voorgestelde proses rondom die wysiging van die aansoek vir die Sekoko Waterberg Steenkoolmyn;

- » 'n oorsig van die Omgewingsimpakevalueringproses (OIE) en omgewingstudies wat onderneem word om die voorgestelde projek te evalueer; en
- » besonderhede van hoe u by die OIE-proses betrokke kan raak, inligting kan ontvang of vraagstukke kan opper wat u dalk kan raak en/of vir u van belang kan wees.

OORSIG VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE PROJEK

Die Sekoko Waterberg Steenkoolmyn is in die Lephhalale Plaaslike Munisipaliteit geleë, wat deel vorm van die Waterberg Distriksmunisipaliteit in die Limpopo-provinsie. Die voorgestelde mynbougebied sal oop en ondergrondse steenkoolmynbou op die volgende plaasgedeeltes behels:

1. Minnasvlakte 258 LQ
2. Smitspan 306 LQ
3. Massenberg 305 LQ
4. Restant van Hooikraal 315 LQ
5. Swanepoel Pan 262 LQ
6. Olieboomsfontein 220 LQ
7. Duikerfontein 263 LQ
8. Vetleegte 304 LQ

Let asseblief daarop dat die plase wat gelys is onder punt 1 – 5 reeds deur die DMH en LDEDET gemagtig is. Weens die nodige verhoogde lewering van steenkool wat volgens plan gemyn sal word en weens die wysiging van die goedgekeurde Mynwerkprogram en infrastruktuur-uitleg, sal die bestek van hierdie OBPr wysiging en OIE-proses al agt plaasgedeeltes insluit wat hierbo gelys is. Die doel van die Waterberg Steenkoolmyn sal wees om steenkool vir die plaaslike kragstasies in die Waterberggebied, sowel as vir die uitvoermarkte, te ontgin. 'n Verwerkingsaanleg en verskeie infrastruktuur wat met mynbou verband hou, sal op 'n gepaste plek in die mynbougebied opgerig word, wat sal afhang van die finale mynbouplan. Oop mynbou sal vir die eerste vyf jaar op die plaas Smitspan 'n aanvang neem, waarna 'n enkelstadium wasaanleg vir die verwerking van steenkool benodig sal word. Tussen jaar 4 en jaar 20 sal oop sowel as ondergrondse mynbou plaasvind, op welke stadium 'n tweestadium aanleg benodig sal word. Tydens hierdie tydperk is dit hoogs waarskynlik dat oop en moontlik ondergrondse mynbou in ander dele binne die grense van die Mynreg 'n aanvang sal neem. Na verwagting sal die totale leeftyd vir mynbou langer as 60 jaar wees.

Die vernaamste infrastruktuur wat met die myn gepaard gaan, sluit die volgende in:

- » Bergings- en opgaargebiede vir steenkool;
- » 'n wasaanleg en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur;
- » opgaar- en netwerkinfrastruktuur vir water;

- » 'n kantoor en instandhoudingsgebied(e);
- » infrastruktuur vir die voorsiening van elektrisiteit, insluitend bogrondse substasies en kraglyne (<11 kV in vermoë);
- » ventilasiewaaiers;
- » toegangspaaie;
- » 'n spoorlyn;
- » 'n pyplyn vir watertoevoer (Water sal na verwagting uit die Kokolo-Krokodil Aanvullingsprojek (MCWAP) Fase 2 beskikbaar wees.);
- » steenkooluitskothope; en
- » bergingsgebiede vir bogrond en deklaagmateriaal.

Tans word 'n bankwaardige bedryfbaarheidstudie (BBS) vir die projek onderneem ten einde die bedryfbaarheid van die 10 Mtpa steenkoolmyn te demonstree. Bedryfbare projekalternatiewe wat verdere ondersoek verg, sal deur hierdie BBS-proses ontwikkel word.

WAAROM WORD 'N OMGEWINGSIMPAAKEVALUERING ONDERNEEM?

Alvorens die voorgestelde projek mag voortgaan, moet die myn se bestaande Omgewingsbestuursprogram (OBPr) ooreenkomstig die vereistes (Wet 28 van 2002) gewysig en deur die DMH goedgekeur word. Daarbenewens moet enige aktiwiteite wat met die myn gepaard gaan en nog nie reeds onder die huidige Omgewingsmagtiging gemagtig is nie, kragtens NEMA (Wet 107 van 1998) goedgekeur word. Ten einde die OBPr te wysig en Omgewingsmagtiging vir enige bykomende bedrywighede te bekom, moet 'n volledige OIE-proses (insluitend Bestekopname en Impakevaluering) onderneem word. Daarbenewens sal die OIE benodig word om die aansoek om 'n Lisensie vir Watergebruik te ondersteun.

'n OIE is 'n doeltreffende beplannings- en besluitnemingswerktuig. Dit bring mee dat die omgewingsverwante gevolge wat voortspruit uit die oprigting en bedryf van 'n tegniese aanleg, geïdentifiseer en na behore bestuur word. Dit bied die ontwikkelaar die geleentheid om vooraf gewaarsku te wees teen potensiële omgewingsvraagstukke en om met geïmpakteerde partye in gesprek te tree.

Sekoko Resources het Savannah Environmental aangestel as onafhanklike konsultante om 'n Bestekopname- en Omgewingsimpakevaluering te onderneem ten einde alle potensiële omgewingsimpakte wat met die voorgestelde projek vir die geïdentifiseerde gebied gepaard gaan te identifiseer en te evalueer, en om die bestaande Omgewingsbestuursprogram (OBPr) vir die myn te wysig ter ondersteuning van die aansoek om die wysiging van die Mynreg. As deel van hierdie omgewingstudies, sal B&GP's aktief betrokke raak deur die openbare deelnameproses.

WAT IS DIE POTENSIËLE OMGEWINGSIMPAKTE WAT MET DIE VOORGESTELDE PROJEK GEPAARD GAAN?

'n Aantal potensiële omgewingsimpakte (maatskaplik en biofisies) wat met die voorgestelde projek gepaard gaan, is geïdentifiseer. Dit sluit die volgende in:

- » Impakte op luggehalte en menslike gesondheid
- » Impakte op oppervlak- en grondwater
- » Impakte op ekologie
- » Impakte op grond en geologie
- » Impakte op erfenishulpbronne
- » Geraasimpakte
- » Impakte op die maatskaplike en sosio-ekonomiese omgewing
- » Visuele impakte
- » Verkeers-/Vervoerimpakte.

Spesialisstudies om die bogenoemde impakte te evalueer, sal in twee fases onderneem word:

1. 'n Kantoor (desk-top) Bestekopnamestudie, waartydens potensiële vraagstukke wat met al die geïdentifiseerde alternatiewe gepaard gaan, geëvalueer sal word.
2. 'n Gedetailleerde evaluering van potensiële wesenlike impakte wat tydens die Bestekopnamefase geïdentifiseer is. 'n Vergelykende evaluering van alle geïdentifiseerde uitvoerbare alternatiewe sal onderneem word. Praktiese en uitvoerbare versagtingsmaatreëls sal aanbeveel word ten einde die potensiële wesenlike impakte wat geïdentifiseer is, te verminder. Hierdie aanbevelings sal in die gewysigde OBPr vir hierdie projek vervat word.

Die potensiële omgewingsimpakte wat gepaard gaan met die nie-onderneming van die voorgestelde projek, sal ook deur die OIE-proses ondersoek word. Spesialisstudies sal toegelig word deur bestaande inligting, veldwaarnemings en insette wat uit die openbare deelnameproses voortspruit. As 'n B&GP, word u insette as 'n belangrike deel van hierdie proses geag, en ons moedig u aan om betrokke te raak.

OPENBARE DEELNAMEPROSES

Die deel van inligting vorm die grondslag van die openbare deelnameproses en bied u die geleentheid om uit die staanspoor aktief by die OIE betrokke te raak. Kommentaar en insette van B&GP's tydens die OIE-proses word aangemoedig ten einde te verseker dat oorweging geskenk word aan potensiële impakte binne die omvang van die studie.

Die openbare deelnameproses poog om te verseker dat:

- » inligting wat al die tersaaklike feite met betrekking tot die aansoek bevat, aan B&GP's beskikbaar gestel word vir oorsig.
- » deelname deur potensiële B&GP's op so 'n wyse gefasiliteer word dat hulle 'n redelike geleentheid gegun word om kommentaar te lewer oor die aansoek.
- » toereikende besigtigingstydperke aan B&GP's gebied word om kommentaar te lewer oor die bevindinge van die konsep Bestekopname- en OIE-verslag.

Ten einde doeltreffende deelname te verseker, sluit die openbare deelnameproses die volgende stappe in:

- » Kennisgewing van die aanvang van die OIE-proses, insluitend die plasing van advertensies in die drukkersmedia en in die studiegebied, sowel as die verspreiding van kennisgewings aan belangstellende en geaffekteerde partye (B&GP's).
- » Deurlopende raadpleging tydens die Bestekopname- en OIE-studies.
- » 'n Geleentheid om kommentaar te lewer oor die konsep Bestekopname- en OIE-verslag.
- » Openbare terugvoer- en fokusgroepvergaderings.
- » Kennisgewing van die besluit wat deur die DMH, die LDEDET en die Departement van Waterwese uitgereik is.

U VERANTWOORDELIKHEDE AS 'N B&GP

Kragtens die OIE-regulasies, word u aandag gevestig op u verantwoordelikhede as 'n B&GP:

- » Ten einde aan hierdie OIE-proses deel te neem, moet u uself op die projek se databasis registreer.
- » U moet toesien dat enige kommentaar rakende die voorgestelde projek binne die gestipuleerde tydsraamwerke ingedien word.
- » Daar word van u verlang om enige regstreekse sake-, finansiële-, persoonlike- of ander belang wat u dalk mag hê in die goedkeuring of afkeuring van die aansoek vir die voorgestelde projek, bekend te maak.

HOE OM BETROKKE TE RAAK

1. Deur te reageer (telefonies, per faks of per e-pos) op ons uitnodiging vir u betrokkenheid wat in koerante geadverteer is.
2. Deur die aangehegte Antwoordvorm aan die tersaaklike kontakpersoon terug te besorg.
3. Deur die vergaderings by te woon wat gedurende die verloop van die projek gehou sal word. As

'n geregistreerde B&GP sal u outomaties uitgenooi word om hierdie vergaderings by te woon. Datums vir openbare vergaderings sal ook in koerante geadverteer word.

4. Deur die konsultante te kontak met navrae of kommentaar.
5. Deur oorsig en kommentaar te bied oor die konsep Bestekopname- en OIE-verslag, en wel binne die gestipuleerde 30-dae oorsigtydperke.

Indien u uself as 'n B&GP vir hierdie voorgestelde projek ag, moedig ons u aan om gebruik te maak van die geleentheid wat geskep word deur die openbare deelnameproses om kommentaar te lewer of daardie vraagstukke en knelpunte te opper wat u raak en/of waarin u belangstel en waarvoor u meer inligting verlang. U insette in hierdie proses vorm 'n belangrike deel van die OIE-proses.

Deur die meegaande Antwoordvorm in te vul en in te dien, registreer u uself outomaties as 'n B&GP vir hierdie projek en verseker u dat kennis geneem word van die kommentaar, knelpunte of navrae wat u betreffende hierdie projek opper.

KOMMENTAAR EN NAVRAE

Rig alle kommentaar, navrae of antwoorde aan:

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Vir dokumentasie wat met die projek gepaardgaan, besoek
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**PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SEKOKO WATERBERG COLLIERY NEAR LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE
NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR
AMENDMENT OF THE EXISTING MINING RIGHT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS REGISTRATION AND REPLY FORM**

Return completed reply form to: **Gabriele Wood** of **Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd**

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Please provide your complete contact details:

Name & Surname:			
Organisation & Designation:			
Postal Address:			
Telephone:	Cellphone:		
Fax:	E-mail:		

Would you like to register as an interested and affected party (I&AP)? YES
 (please tick the relevant box) NO

Note: Please register as an I&AP to receive further correspondence regarding the EIA process for the project. Once registered on the project database, your contact details MAY be included in public documentation.

Please state your interest in the project (add additional pages if necessary):

Please list your questions, views or concerns regarding the project (add additional pages if necessary):

Please provide contact details of other persons who you regard as a potential interested or affected party:

Name & Surname:			
Organisation & Designation:			
Postal Address:			
Telephone:	Cellphone:		
Fax:	E-mail:		

What is your preferred language of correspondence? (please tick the relevant box)

English	<input type="checkbox"/>
Afrikaans	<input type="checkbox"/>



(Sien keersy vir Afrikaans)

**KENNISGEWING VAN 'N OMGEWINGSIMPAKEVALUERINGSPROSES
UITBREIDING VAN DIE SEKOKO WATERBERG STEENKOOLMYN
OPENBARE DEELNAMEPROSES REGISTRASIE EN KOMMENTAAR VORM**

Stuur voltooide registrasie/kommentaar vorm aan: **Gabriele Wood** van **Savannah Environmental (Edms.) Bpk**

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Verduidelik u belangstelling in hierdie projek (gebruik addisionele bladsye indien nodig):

Lys u vrae, opinies of besorghede in verband met hierdie projek (gebruik addisionele bladsye indien nodig):

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11 February 2013

Dear Stakeholder,

**PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SEKOKO WATERBERG COLLIERY NEAR LEPHALALE,
LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR
AMENDMENT OF THE EXISTING MINING RIGHT AND ENVIRONMENTAL
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In support of the above-mentioned expansion of the Mining Right area and amendment to the Mine Work Programme, an amendment to Sekoko Coal's existing Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) must be compiled and approved by the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) in accordance with the requirements of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) (MPRDA). In addition, any activities associated with the mine which are not already authorised in terms of the current Environmental Authorisation must be approved in terms of NEMA (Act 107 of 1998).

In order to amend the EMPr and obtain Environmental Authorisation for any additional activities, a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process (including Scoping and Impact Assessment) is required to be undertaken. In addition, the EIA will be required to support the Water Use License application for the project.

Sekoko Resources has appointed **Savannah Environmental**, as independent consultants, to undertake a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project for the area as identified, and amend the existing Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the mine in support of the Mining Right amendment application. As part of these environmental studies, I&APs will be actively involved through the public involvement process.

Please find herewith the **Background Information Document** for the proposed Sekoko Colliery expansion project. Please could you kindly confirm that you would like to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) on the project's database. By registering on the database, you will receive all information relating to the project and will be provided with an opportunity to provide comment and input into the EIA process.

Please could you kindly submit your formal comments by sending written correspondence. All comments received will be submitted in the Scoping and EIA reports which will be submitted to the DEA. Comments can be made as written submission via fax, post or email.

AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, a Draft Scoping Report will be available for public review and comment by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and stakeholders. You will be informed of the 40-day public review period in writing in due course.

PUBLIC MEETING

In order to facilitate comments on the Draft Scoping Report, a public meeting will be convened during the public review period of the Draft Scoping Report. All I&APs will be informed on the public meeting details. The aim of the public meeting is to provide you with more information regarding the proposed project (including technical details, project process and timeframes etc.), to provide a summary of the findings of the Draft Scoping Report undertaken, to invite comment on the proposed project, and to further discuss possible issues of specific concern to you which may need to be addressed. You will be receive an invitation to this meeting shortly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout the process.

Kind Regards

MRS GABRIELE WOOD
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND SOCIAL CONSULTANT
SAVANNAH ENVIRONMENTAL

(not signed, sent via email)

Gabriele Wood

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Cc: gabriele@savannahsa.com
Subject: Proposed Expansion of Sekoko Waterberg Colliery near Lephalale, Limpopo Province - Notice of Environmental Impact Assessment for the Amendment of the Existing Mining Right and Environmental Authorisation
Attachments: Sekoko Expansion EMPR amendment (Stakeholder Notification Letter) Feb13.pdf; Sekoko Mine BID Afr.pdf; Sekoko Mine BID Eng.pdf; Reply Form.pdf

Dear Stakeholder

The proposed expansion of the Sekoko Waterberg Colliery near Lephalale in the Limpopo Province has reference. This serves to notify you of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process that will be undertaken in support of the amendment of the exiting mining right and environmental authorisation.

Please find the project notification letter, background information document (BID) and a reply from attached for your consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to register on the project's database or if you require any further information on the project.

Kind Regards

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- Marapong Community Library (1456 Setlhora Street, Marapong)
- AgriSA: Lephhalale (Albert Street, Lephhalale)

The report is also available electronically on the website: www.savannahSA.com. Requests for copies of the report can be made to Savannah Environmental.

The 30-day public review period is from **26 February 2013 to 28 March 2013**. Please submit written comment by **28 March 2013**.¹

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¹ Please take note that the public review period as advertised in the Star Newspaper on Wednesday 20 February 2013 and the Mogol Pos on Friday 22 February 2012 is incorrect. The 30-day public review period ends on 28 March 2013 and not 29 March 2013 as previously advertised. A correction notice has been placed in these newspapers.

PUBLIC MEETING

All interested and affected parties are invited to attend a public feedback meeting to be held as follows:

- » Date: 6 March 2013
- » Time: 17h30
- » Venue: Mogol Club Cnr. Nelson Mandela and George Wells Street, Lephhalale

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