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Dear Sir/Madam

BACKGROUND INFORMATION LETTER

Combined Basic Assessment process for infrastructure and activities at Mogalakwena Complex, Limpopo Province, South Africa.

1. Introduction

Anglo American Platinum (AAP), Rustenburg Platinum Mines Mogalakwena Complex has identified several supporting infrastructure requirements to assist the mine in operating more efficiently.

The environmental authorisation process will entail a Basic Assessment (BA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998) (NEMA) 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations as amended, for additional infrastructure and associated activities at Mogalakwena Complex. In addition, the BA process will be undertaken to formalise the inclusion of the new mining right area into the Mogalakwena Complex's environmental authorisation. AAP has appointed SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (SRK) as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the BA and the associated Public Participation Process.

1.1 Purpose of background information letter

The purpose of this background information letter is to provide Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with:

- Initial information on the proposed project and the environmental authorisation process which will be followed;
- An opportunity to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and to comment on the proposed project and process; and
- Information on the next steps in the environmental authorisation process.

1.2 Background

Mogalakwena Complex is a wholly owned subsidiary of Anglo American Platinum Limited and is situated approximately 30 km northwest of the town of Mokopane within the Mogalakwena Local Municipal Area, under the jurisdiction of the Waterberg District Municipality in Limpopo Province of South Africa. Mogalakwena Complex operates under several existing approved Environmental Management Programme Reports (EMPRs), Water Use Licences (WULs) and Waste Management Licences (WMLs) and comprises the following key infrastructure:

- Two ore processing plants (North and South Concentrators);

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- Two tailings storage facilities (Vaalkop and Blinkwater);
- Five open pit mining areas; and
- Five main waste rock dumps.

2. Project Description

The proposed project will involve the following supporting infrastructure and activities:

- **Pre-Assembly Yard:** This area will be used to pre-assemble equipment and machinery which will be installed at the Mogalakwena Complex’s Third Concentrator (M3C); and
- **Cable Repair Yard:** The cable repair yard will be used to repair and connect cables for use within the southern area of the Mogalakwena Complex.

The above-mentioned infrastructure and activities will be located within the Mogalakwena Complex’s existing mining right and lease areas on the farms Zwartfontein 818 LR and Vaalkop 819LR.

3. Project Location

The proposed infrastructure shown in Figure 1 will be located within the existing mining right and surface lease areas of Mogalakwena Complex.

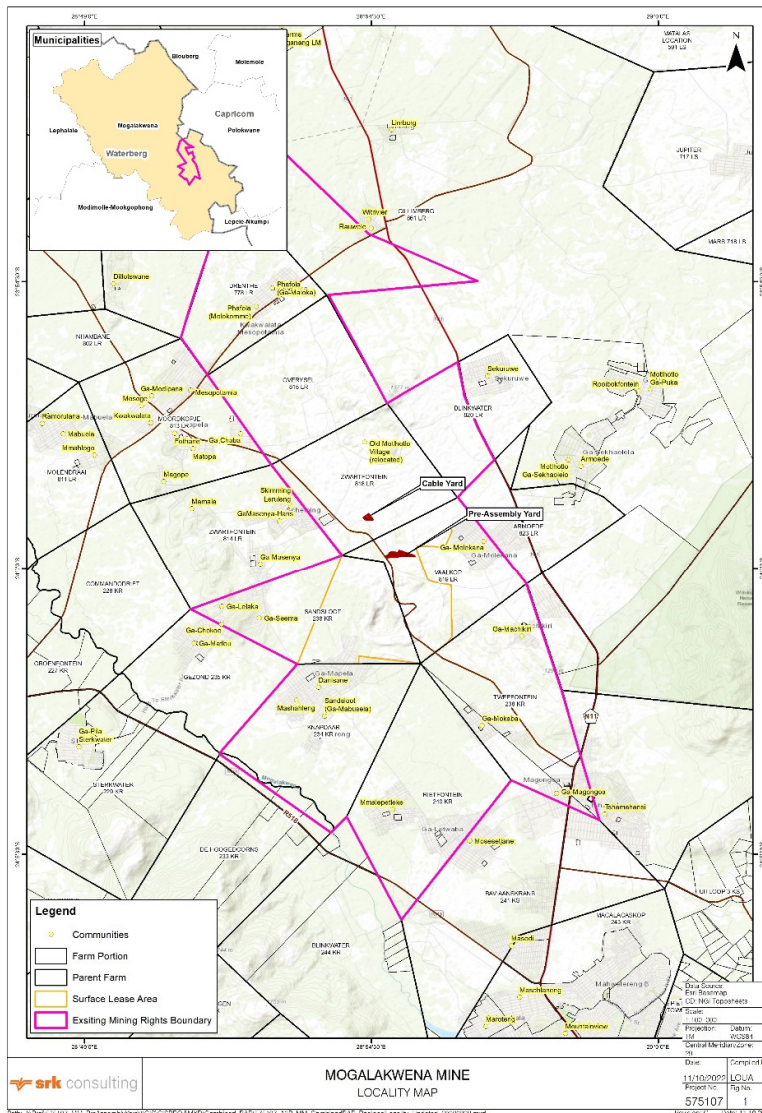


Figure 1: Location of the proposed supporting infrastructure and activities

4. Basic Assessment Process

Before the Mogalakwena Complex may commence with development of any of the additional infrastructure, certain environmental authorisations and amendments need to be undertaken in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations of 2014, as amended.

The listed activity applicable to this project is:

- **Listing Notice 1, Activity 27:** *The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation.*

The application for environmental authorisations in terms of NEMA will be submitted to the Limpopo Province's Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) for consideration.

The Basic Assessment process to be undertaken as part of the authorisation process is illustrated in the Figure 2.

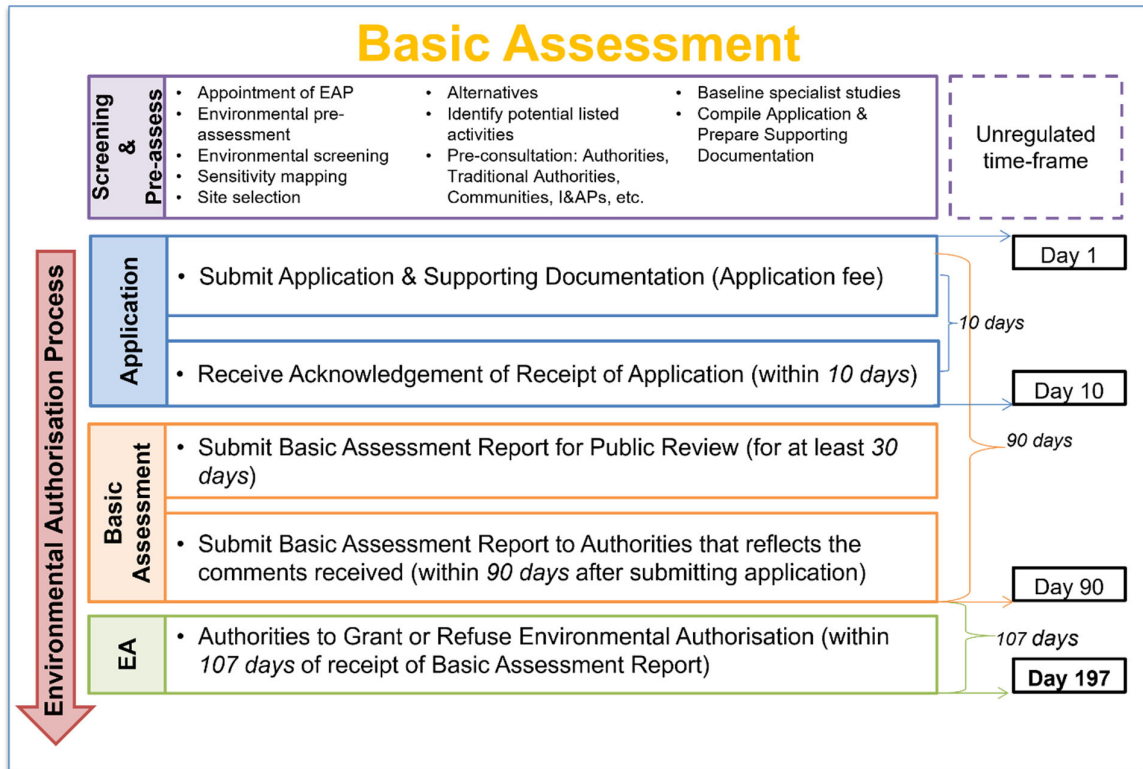


Figure 2: Illustration of the Basic Assessment Process

5. Public Participation Process

SRK will undertake the environmental authorisation process in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 6 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, as amended; and

As an important part of the environmental authorisation process, SRK will undertake a public participation process to engage I&APs to share information about the proposed project and process, and to provide them an opportunity to comment.

The public participation process which will be conducted as part of the BA process is summarised in Figure 3. During this process, I&APs will be identified, the project will be announced, and potential impacts of the proposed project will be identified and assessed.

Following the announcement of the project, the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will be made available for public comment, for a period of 30 calendar days. The report will then be updated to incorporate comments from I&APs, and the Final BAR will be submitted to the DMRE, who will in consultation with other authorities at provincial and local levels, decide on environmental authorisation for the proposed project.

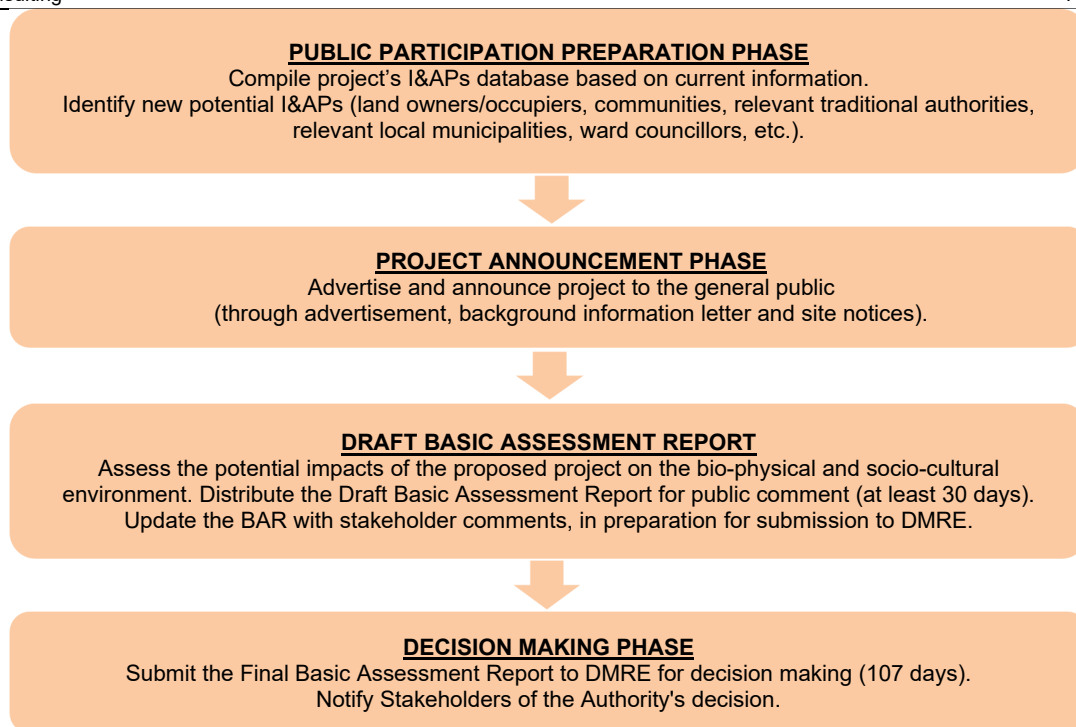


Figure 3: Basic Assessment Process

5.1 Invitation to register as an I&AP

Please note that you must register as an I&AP to be kept informed of the project activities and further opportunities to comment on the project. More documents will become available during the BA process. Your comments and suggestions on any aspect of the proposed project and authorisation process will ultimately assist the authorities to make an informed decision.

I&APs are encouraged to register and submit questions, comments and suggestions by completing the attached Registration and Comment Form and returning it to the SRK Public Participation Office (details below). Note that stakeholders will have further opportunity to comment on this project during the Basic Assessment Process.

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6. Next steps in the Environmental Authorisation process

Following this announcement of the proposed integrated project, the Draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available for public comment during October 2022. During this time registered I&APs will be informed of the availability of the report and will be provided with an opportunity to engage (via e-mail and/or telephonically) with the stakeholder engagement and project teams to discuss the contents of the DBAR and raise comments and concerns regarding the proposed project.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Yours faithfully,

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