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BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT PROPOSED EVEREST NORTH PLATINUM MINE LOCATED IN THE THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY NEAR LYDENBURG, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

**MDEDET REF NO:17/2/3/E-100
NOVEMBER 2011**

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The aim of this document is to inform you as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for a mining right application in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) (MPRDA), application for environmental authorisation of listed activities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and associated EIA Regulations (GNR 544 and GNR545 of 18 June 2010), Integrated Water Use License Application (IWULA) in terms of Section 40 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA) and a Waste Management License application in terms of the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2009 (Act 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA) for the proposed Everest North platinum mine on the farm Vygenhoek 10 JT in the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality near Lydenburg in the Mpumalanga Province. A Mining Right Application (MRA) for the proposed platinum mine will be submitted to the Mpumalanga Department of Mineral Resources early in 2012. An Integrated Water Use License Application (IWULA) will be submitted to the Department of Water Affairs (DWA), Nelspruit Office for the water uses identified in terms of Section 21 of the NWA.

Digby Wells has been appointed by Sylvania Platinum Ltd (Pty) Ltd as independent environmental consultants to compile the necessary documents and undertake the required environmental and public participation processes in support of the above applications.

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Please ensure that you complete the attached registration and comment form. Kindly ensure that your comments reach us by no later than **3 December 2011**.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Sylvania Platinum Pty Ltd are planning to develop a new platinum mine known as the Everest North project in a joint venture with Aquarius Platinum. The proposed mine will involve both opencast and underground mining, waste rock and topsoil stockpiles and infrastructure at the Everest North Mine site and an upgrade to the front end of the existing mineral processing plant at Everest South with possible future expansion of the existing Everest South mine residue disposal facilities and supporting services and facilities at the mining area.

The main aim of the project is to mine the Upper Group 2 (UG2) Reef on the farm Vygenhoek 10 JT using a combination of underground and open pit mining methods. The main product of the mine will be a platinum group metal concentrate that will be sold with the existing product from the Everest South Mine. The estimated life of mine (LoM) is 8 years. The platinum resources are estimated at 5.27 million tonnes of the UG2 Reef. The total ore production is estimated at about 27,000 tonnes per month.

PROJECT LOCALITY

The proposed Everest North platinum mine, will be situated on the farm Vygenhoek 10 JT. The proposed site is located within the Groot Dwars river valley, approximately 28 km north east of Roosenekal and 30 km west of

Lydenburg in the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province (Plan 1).

DESCRIPTION OF MINING ACTIVITIES

Openpit Mining

A strip mining approach will be followed. Topsoil, overburden and excess rock will be removed and stockpiled adjacent to the pit. Ore will be blasted, stockpiled and loaded onto trucks. Mined ore will be transported to the concentrator plant and stockpiled on site. On an on-going basis the open pit will be backfilled and rehabilitated by replacing the rock followed by the subsoil followed by topsoil leaving the site of the underground portal unfilled.

The open pit operation will extend along the outskirts of the ore body on the farm Vygenhoek (approximately 5km). It is envisaged that that mining will start the open pit mine in the south and advance to the north over a one year period. The approximate depth of the proposed pit will be 70meters.

Underground Mining and Waste Rock Dump

There will be two decline shafts to access the underground workings. The declines will be placed in the initial open pit boxcut. The underground mine will extend in a northerly direction to the boundary of the Vygenhoek farm. Ore and waste will be separated underground. Ore will be transported to the run-of-mine stockpile via trucks.

Waste rock from the open pit will be used for backfilling and rehabilitating the open pit. The remaining waste rock from the open pit and that from the development of the underground mine

will be stockpiled on site and used for construction and/or the rehabilitation of areas such as screening berms, roads and the tailings dam. An option of a dedicated waste rock dump is also being considered.

Mineral processing plant and tailings dam

Ore produced by the mine will be processed at the existing Everest South UG2 concentrator plant. An upgrade of the front end of the plant may be required to blend the ore from Everest South with that of Everest North after accounting for the metal content in each. Co-processing of the ores will result in a co-deposition of the mine residue on the existing Everest South mine residue disposal facilities.

The project will investigate the feasibility of expanding these facilities for the combined future requirements of Everest North and Everest South, while confirming an alternative site for final deposition.

ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

The following associated infrastructure will be required for the proposed mine:

- temporary construction facilities and infrastructure;
- temporary handling and storage of general and hazardous waste, on-site change houses/ablution facilities with sewage treatment plant, possible incinerator for treating sewage screenings;
- surface water management: water supply dams, mine residue facility return water

dams, pollution control dams, clean and dirty storm water controls, river crossings;

- storage and handling of hazardous substances: fuel, lubricants, various process input chemicals, raw material stockpiles/bunkers, gas, burning oils, explosives;
- services: power lines, pipelines, conveyors, upgrade of gravel roads, telephone lines, communication and lighting masts, helipad;
- security and access control;
- lay down and storage yard areas;
- compressor house;
- stores, lamp rooms, workshops and wash bays;
- contractor camps; and
- medical station.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and Associated EIA Regulations (GN R.544 and R.545 of 18 June 2010)

Authorisation is required for listed activities to be assessed in the EIA as listed in terms of Sections 24 of NEMA and Associated EIA Regulations.

Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation Listing Notices of 2010:

Activity 9: The construction of facilities or infrastructure exceeding 1000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of water, sewage or stormwater – (i) with an internal diameter of 0.36 metres or more, or (ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more

Activity 10: The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity (i) outside urban areas

or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts.

Activity 12: The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the off-stream storage of water, including dams and reservoirs, with a combined capacity of 50000 cubic metres or more

Activity 13: The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the storage and handling of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 but not exceeding 500 cubic metres

Activity 20: Any activity requiring a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002, or the renewal thereof

Activity 22: The construction of a road outside urban areas (i) with a reserve wider than 13.5 metres and (ii) where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres;

Activity 3: The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the storage or storage and handling of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of more than 500 cubic metres

Activity 5: The construction of facilities or infrastructure for any process or activity which requires a permit or license in terms of the national or provincial legislation governing the generation or release of emissions, pollution or effluent and which is not identified in Notice No 544 or included in the list of waste management activities in terms of section 19 of the NEMWA

Activity 6: The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the bulk transportation of dangerous goods (iii) in solid form, outside an industrial complex, using funiculars or conveyors with a throughput capacity of more than 50 tons per day

Activity 15: Physical alternation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land for residential, retail, commercial, recreational,

industrial or institutional use where the total area to be transformed is 20 hectares or more.

Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) (MPRDA)

A Mining Right Application (MRA) will be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR), Mpumalanga Province in terms of the MPRDA 2002. Once an application has been accepted a Scoping report will be submitted to the DMR within 30 days of receipt of the acceptance letter.

The MPRDA requires that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) be compiled. The EIA/EMP report will be made available to the public for review before submission to the relevant authorities for environmental authorisation.

National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA)

An IWULA will be made to the DWA, Mpumalanga in terms of the NWA.

The potential water uses to be applied for as identified under Section 21 of the NWA are as follows:

- 21 (a) -taking water from a water resource;
- 21 (b) – storage of water;
- 21 (g) - disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource;
- 21 (j) - removing, discharging or disposing of water found underground if it is necessary for the efficient continuation of an activity or for the safety of people.

Digby Wells will confirm if there are any other water uses applicable to the project after a thorough review of the project and liaison with the DWA.

National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2009 (Act 59 of 2008)

The National Environmental Management Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008) includes a list of waste management activities that have, or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the environment (Government Gazette, 30 April 2009, General Notice 409). These activities require that a waste license in terms of NEM: WA to be obtained.

SPECIALIST REPORTS

A number of specialist studies will be undertaken to determine the status of the existing environment and to evaluate the potential impacts of the project on the natural and social environment. Studies to be undertaken include, but are not limited to:

- Topographical investigations
- Traffic Assessment;
- Ecology (Fauna and flora);
- Groundwater(hydrogeological) investigation;
- Surface water investigation;
- Aquatic biomonitoring
- Air quality;
- Noise impact assessment;
- Visual impact assessment;and

- Archaeological impact assessment.

The public and authorities will have input into these studies and will also be able to review the findings and make comments.

A copy of the Terms of Reference for the specialist studies is available on request.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP)

The PPP forms an integral part of the environmental authorisations for this project. Digby Wells will facilitate this process as required in terms of the MPRDA and Regulation 54, 55 and 56 of the NEMA. The PPP aims to provide the I&APs with an opportunity to participate in a meaningful and constructive manner and gives the platform for raising issues, comments and concerns in respect of the project. A public open day will be held to inform I&APs of the project and allow them to comment. The date is still to be confirmed.

All registered I&APs will be notified of the environmental reports compiled for public review and comment. A PPP Report will be compiled which will outline identified issues and concerns and proposed mitigation measures.





REGISTRATION AS AN I&AP

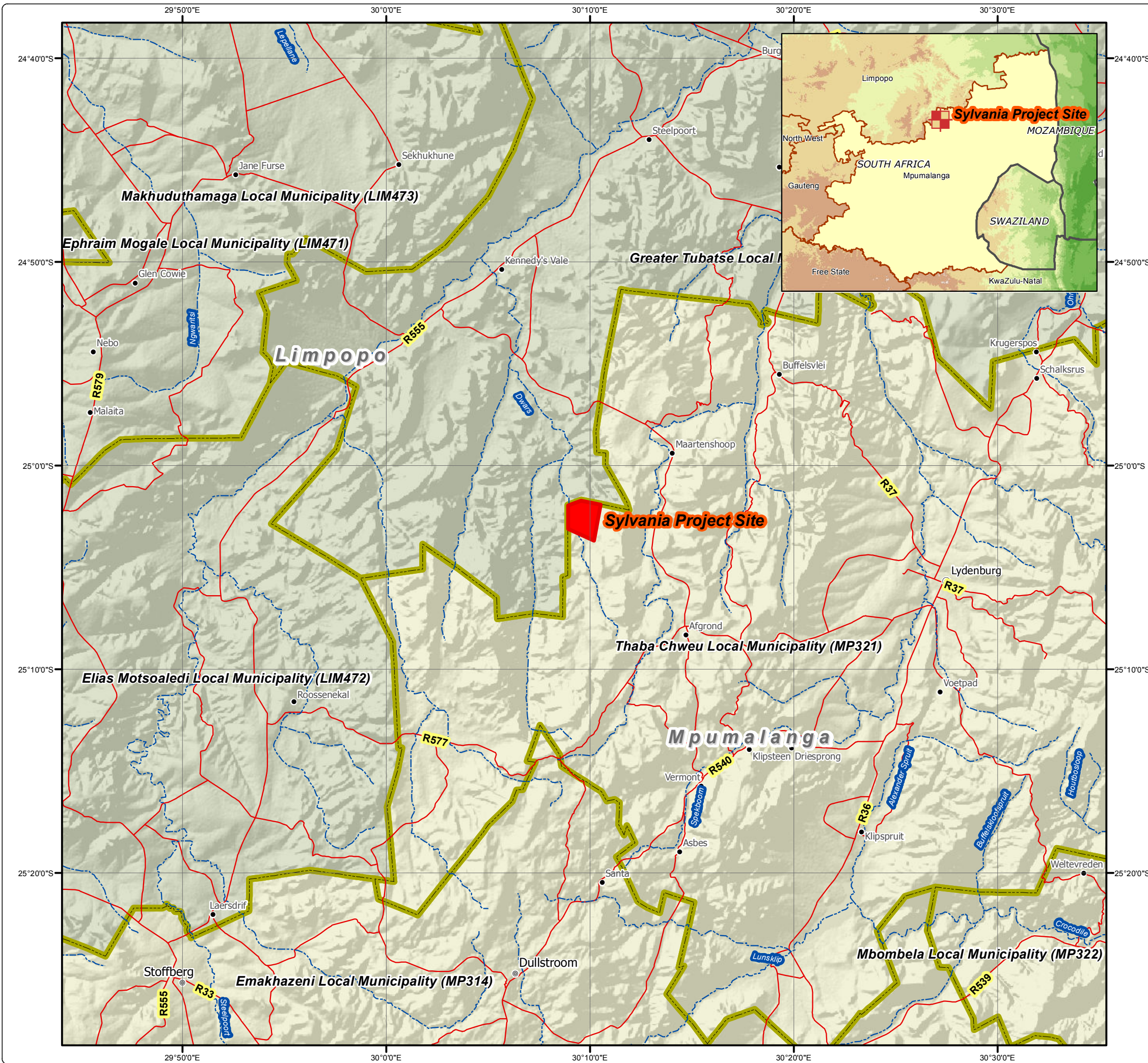
To ensure that you are registered as an I&AP, and are provided with an opportunity to comment on the project and that you receive updated project information, please complete the enclosed registration and comments sheet before **3 December 2011**. Refer to the attached registration form for contact details

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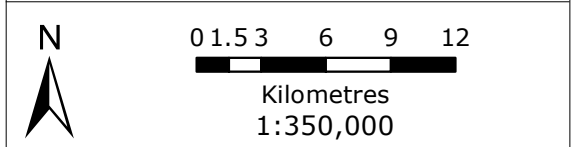
Regional Setting

Legend

- Major Town
 - ⊙ Secondary Town
 - Other Town
 - Settlement
 -  Local Municipalities
 -  Project Site
- Provincial Boundary**
-  Limpopo
 -  Mpumalanga














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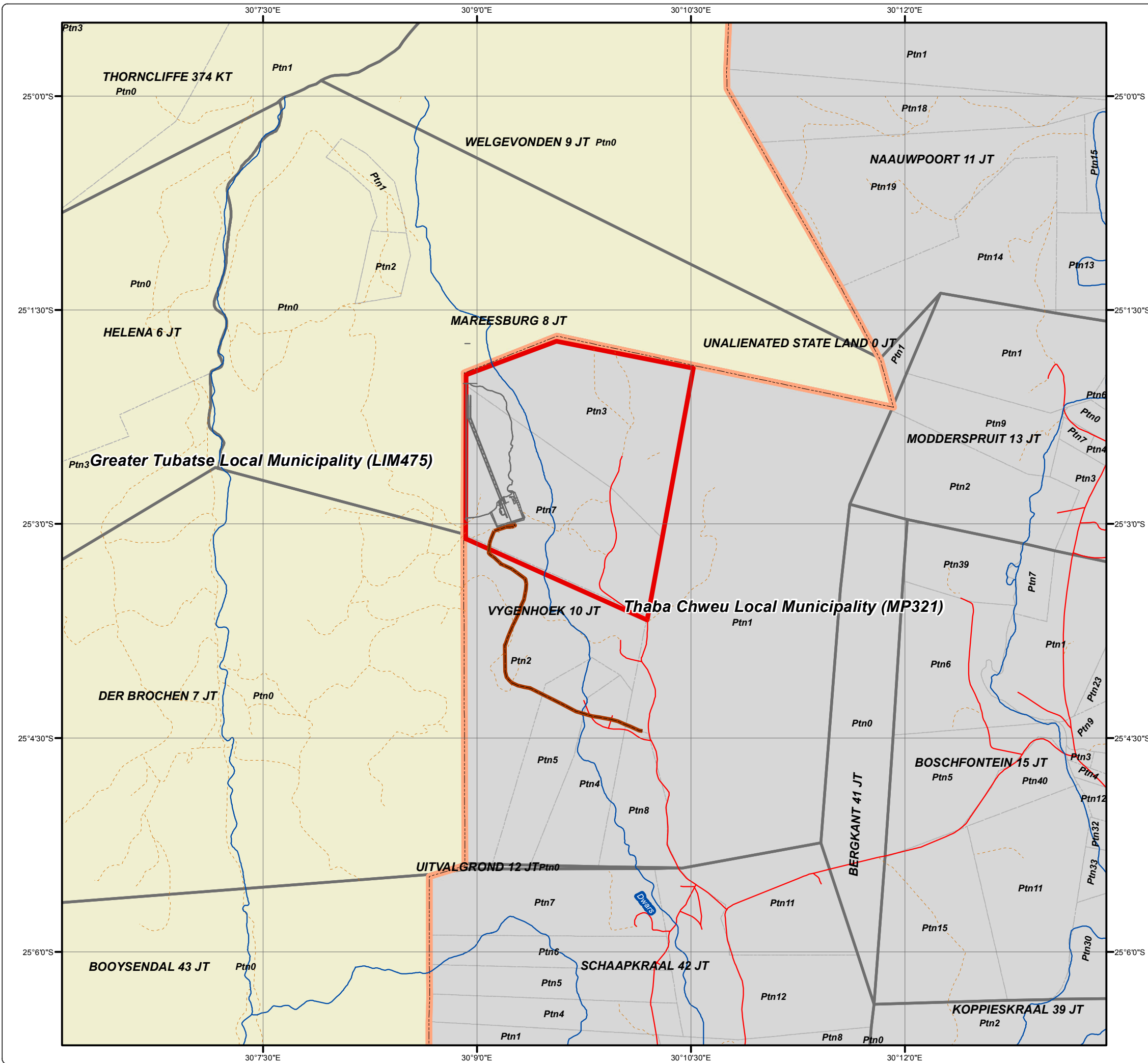


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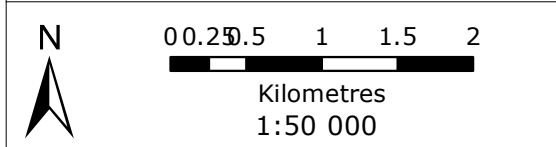
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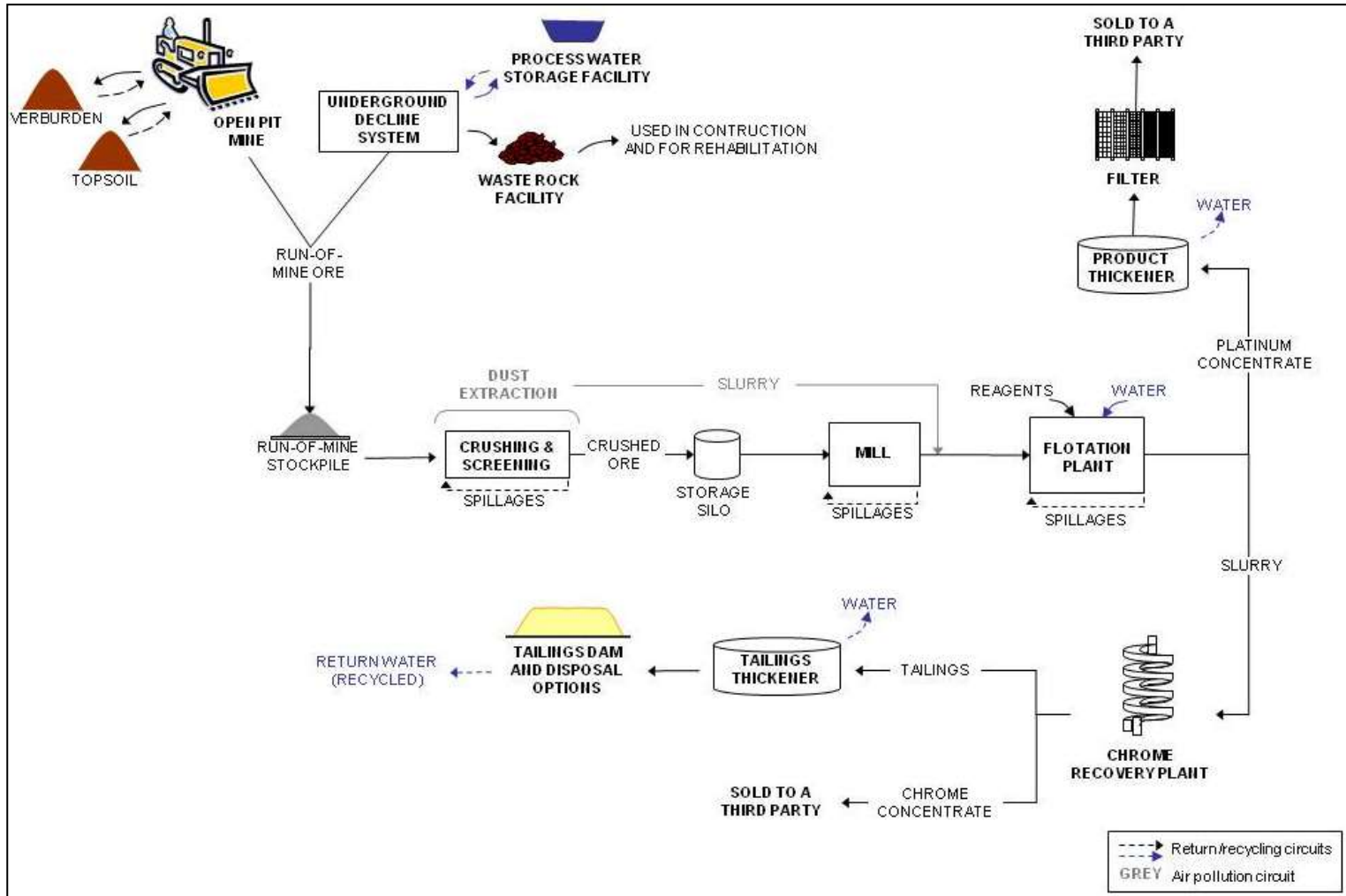
Legend

-  Mine Plan Infrastructure
 -  Road
 -  Rivers
 -  Arterial Roads
 -  Footpath
 -  Project Site
 -  Farm Boundaries
 -  Farm Portions
 -  Provincial Boundary
- Local Municipalities**
-  Greater Tubatse
 -  Thaba Chweu



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Plan 2: Process Description



REGISTRATION AND COMMENT FORM

**PROPOSED EVEREST NORTH PLATINUM MINE LOCATED IN THE THABA
CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY NEAR LYDENBURG, MPUMALANGA
PROVINCE**

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NOVEMBER 2011

Please complete this form and return it to Digby Wells Environmental to ensure that you are registered as an Interested and Affected Party by no later than **3 December 2011**.

By answering the questions below you will help us to develop a better understanding of your information requirements and the form also gives you the opportunity to raise concerns regarding the project. Additional pages may be attached to the registration form should this be required.

PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Title (Mr/Mrs/Dr/Prof):			
First Name:			
Surname:			
Please indicate whether you are registering as a Community / Organisation / Farm/ or Business and provide the name:			
Physical address:			
Postal Address:		Telephone:	
		Cell:	
		E-mail:	
		Fax:	
GENERAL INTEREST IN THE PROJECT			

Do you have any specific comments regarding the NEMA,MPDRA,IWULA and NEM:WA?



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If you know of anyone who should be informed about the project please provide their contact details below:

First Name:	
Surname:	
Community / Organisation / Farm:	
Contact Details:	

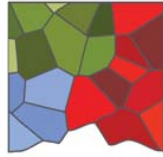
METHOD OF COMMUNICATION

What is your preferred method of correspondence? Please tick the appropriate box:		
	Fax:	Email:
	Post:	SMS:

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Thank you for your participation and time in completing this form.



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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED EVEREST
NORTH PLATINUM MINE LOCATED IN THE THABA CHWEU LOCAL
MUNICIPALITY NEAR LYDENBURG
MPUMALANGA PROVINCE
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This notice serves to inform you of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for a proposed Mining Right Application in terms of Section 22 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) (MPRDA), an environmental authorisation application of listed activities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 Of 1998) (NEMA), Associated EIA Regulations (GNR 544 and GNR 545 of 18 June 2010), Integrated Water Use License Application (IWULA) in terms of Section 40 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA) and Waste Management License Application in terms of the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2009 (Act 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA) for the proposed Everest North platinum mine in the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality near Lydenburg in the Mpumalanga Province.

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Applicant

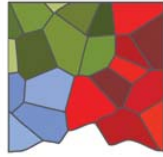
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Public Participation Process

Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant to undertake, environmental authorisations for the EIA required in terms of the NEMA, MPRDA, NWA and NEMWA. A Public Participation Process (PPP) is a legal requirement of the process. The purpose of the PPP is to share project information and to gather issues and concerns regarding the applications from interested and affected parties.

Should you wish to be registered as an interested and/or affected party and to receive further information or comment on the proposed project, please contact the person below by no later than **3 December 2011**.

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TEKOLO YA SEABE GO TIKOLOGO YA MOEPO WA PHOLATHINAMO WO O ŠIŠINTŠWEGO WA LEBOA LA EVEREST WO O LEGO KA MASEPALENG WA TIKOLOGO WA THABA CHWEU KGAUSWI LE LYDENBURGKA PHROBENTSHENG YA MPUMALANGA NOMORO YA TŠHUPETŠO YA MDEDET: 17/2/3/E-100

Tsebišo ye e šoma go le tsebiša ka ga tshepedišo ya Tekolo ya Seabe go Tikologo ya Kgopelo ya Tokelo ya Moepo wo o šišintšwego go latela Karolo ya 22 ya Molao wa Tlhabollo ya Methopo ya Diminerale le Phethroliamo, wa 2002 (Molao wa 28 wa 2002) (MPRDA), kgopelo ya tumelelo ya tikologo ya mešomo ye e ngwadilwego go latela Molao wa Bosetšhaba wa Taolo ya Tikologo, wa 1998 (Molao wa 107 wa 1998) (NEMA), Melawana ye e Amegago ya EIA (GNR 544 le GNR 545 ya 18 Juni 2010), le Kgopelo ya Laesentshe ya Tšhomišo ya Meetse ye e Kopantšwego (IWULA) go latela Karolo ya 40 ya Molao wa Meetse wa Bosetšhaba, wa 1998 (Molao wa 36 wa 1998) (NWA) le Kgopelo ya Laesentshe ya Taolo ya Ditšhila go latela Molao wa Bosetšhaba wa Taolo ya Ditšhila tša Tikologo, wa 2009 (Molao wa 59 wa 2008) (NEM:WA) ya moepo wa pholathinamo wo o šišintšwego wa Leboa la Everest ka Masepaleng wa Tikologo wa Thaba Chweu kgauswi le Lydenburg ka Phrobentsheng ya Mpumalanga.

Lefelo la Protšeke

Moepo wo o šišintšwego wa pholathinamo wa Leboa la Everest, o tla ba ka polaseng ya Vygenhoek 10 JT. Lefelo le le šišintšwego le ka gare ga moedi wa noka ya Groot Dwars, dikhilometara tše di ka bago tše 28 ka bohlabelaleboa la Roossenekal le dikhilometara tše 30 ka bodikela bja Lydenburg ka Masepaleng wa Tikologo wa Thaba Chweu, ka Phrobentsheng ya Mpumalanga.

Mokgopedi

Sylvania Platinum Pty Ltd

Tshepedišo ya go Kgatha tema ga Setšhaba

Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) e thwetšwe bjalo ka modiredi wa tša tikologo yo a ikemego go phethagatša ditumelelo tša tikologo tša Tekolo ya Seabe go Tikologo (EIA) tše di nyakegago mabapi le NEMA, MPRDA, NWA le NEMWA. Tshepedišo ya Go Kgatha tema ga Setšhaba (PPP) ke nyakego ya semolao ya tshepedišo ye. Maikemišetšo a Go Kgatha tema ga Setšhaba (PPP) ke go tsebiša setšhaba ka ga tshedimošo ya protšeke le go kgoboketša ditaba le dingongorego tša mabapi le dikgopelo go tšwa go batho bao ba nago le kgahlego le bao ba amegago. Ge o ka nyaka go ngwadišwa bjalo ka motho yo a nago le kgahlego le/yo a amegago le go hwetša tshedimošo ka botlalo goba ditshwaotshwao ka ga protšeke ye e šišintšwego, o kgopelwa go ikgokaganya le motho yo a ngwadilwego ka mo fase e sego ka morago ga la **3 Desemere 2011**.

Modiredi wa tša Tikologo:	Digby Wells Environmental
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27 January 2012

**PROPOSED EVEREST NORTH PLATINUM MINE LOCATED IN THE THABA
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INVITATION TO ATTEND A PUBLIC INFORMATION SHARING MEETING

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

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You are hereby invited to attend one of the public information sharing meeting to be held on:

Date	Time	Venue
11 February 2012	09h00 - 12h00	Boschfontein Primary School Boschfontien farm, Thaba-Chweu Local Municipality

The objectives of the public information sharing meeting will be to provide feedback on the contents of the draft scoping report for the proposed Everest platinum mine and to receive further inputs regarding the project for inclusion into the final Scoping Report .If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to register your comments in writing, please forward your comments to:

Digby Wells Environmental

Kabelo Mphake



7 December 2011

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**NOTIFICATION OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING REPORT
AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

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Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) hereby notifies you as a registered I&AP of the public review period of the Environmental Scoping Report for the Everest North platinum mine project. The Report is now available from **7 December 2011 to 1 February 2012** to all registered I&APs and to the general public for review and comment at the following locations:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Physical Address</i>	<i>Contact Details</i>
Lydenburg Public Library	NO 41 Viljoen Street, Lydenburg	Ms Rinky L Mabilu Head Librarian Tel:013 235 7412
Digby Wells Environmental	www.digbywells.com under Resources: Public Documents	Mr Kabelo Mphake (011) 789 9495
*The report will be made available to I&APs on Compact Disc (CD) upon request . Should you request the CD; it will be posted by registered postal services which may take up to 5 days to receive the document. Alternatively, the CD can be collected at Digby Wells Head Offices:		

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Location	Physical Address	Contact Details
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Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the timeframes to ensure inclusion in the Final Scoping Report that will be submitted to the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET).

We thank you for your input and cooperation and look forward to your comments

Queries and responses can be directed to:

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Kind Regards

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Yours sincerely

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17 February 2012

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**NOTIFICATION OF THE EXTENSION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT
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Dear Interested and Affected Party,

Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant to undertake public participation in support of a Mining Right Application in terms of Section 22 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) (MPRDA). An environmental authorisation application for listed activities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and Associated EIA Regulations (GNR 544 and GNR 545 of 18 June 2010) will be made. An Integrated Water Use License Application (IWULA) in terms of Sections 21 and 40 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA) will be submitted and Waste Management License Application in terms of the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2009 (Act 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA) for the authorisation of the proposed Everest North platinum mine in the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality near Lydenburg in the Mpumalanga Province.

As you may have been aware, the Draft Environmental Scoping Report for the EIA process was available from **6 December 2011** for public review. Due to requests from stakeholders, the public review period has been extended and the report will be available for your comment until **26 March 2012**.

The Draft Environmental Scoping Report is available for review and comment at the following locations:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Physical Address</i>	<i>Contact Details</i>
Lydenburg Public Library	N0 41 Viljoen Street, Lydenburg	Ms Rinky L Mabilu: Head Librarian Tel:013 235 7412
Bosfontein Primary School	Bosfontein farm,R540,Lydenburg	Mrs Meller: Headmaster
Digby Wells Environmental	www.digbywells.com	Mr Kabelo Mphake

<i>Location</i>	<i>Physical Address</i>	<i>Contact Details</i>
	under Resources: Public Documents	(011) 789 9495
*The report will be made available to I&APs on Compact Disc (CD) upon request . Should you request a CD; it will be posted by registered postal services which may take up to 5 days to receive the document. Alternatively, the CD can be collected at Digby Wells Head Offices: Fern Isle, Section 5, 359 Pretoria Avenue, Randburg, 2125.		

Please ensure that your comments are submitted to us by **26 March 2012** to ensure inclusion in the Final Scoping Report that will be submitted to the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET).

We thank you for your input and cooperation and look forward to your comments

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Kind Regards

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Figure 1 Tuck Shop on Vygenhoek Farm

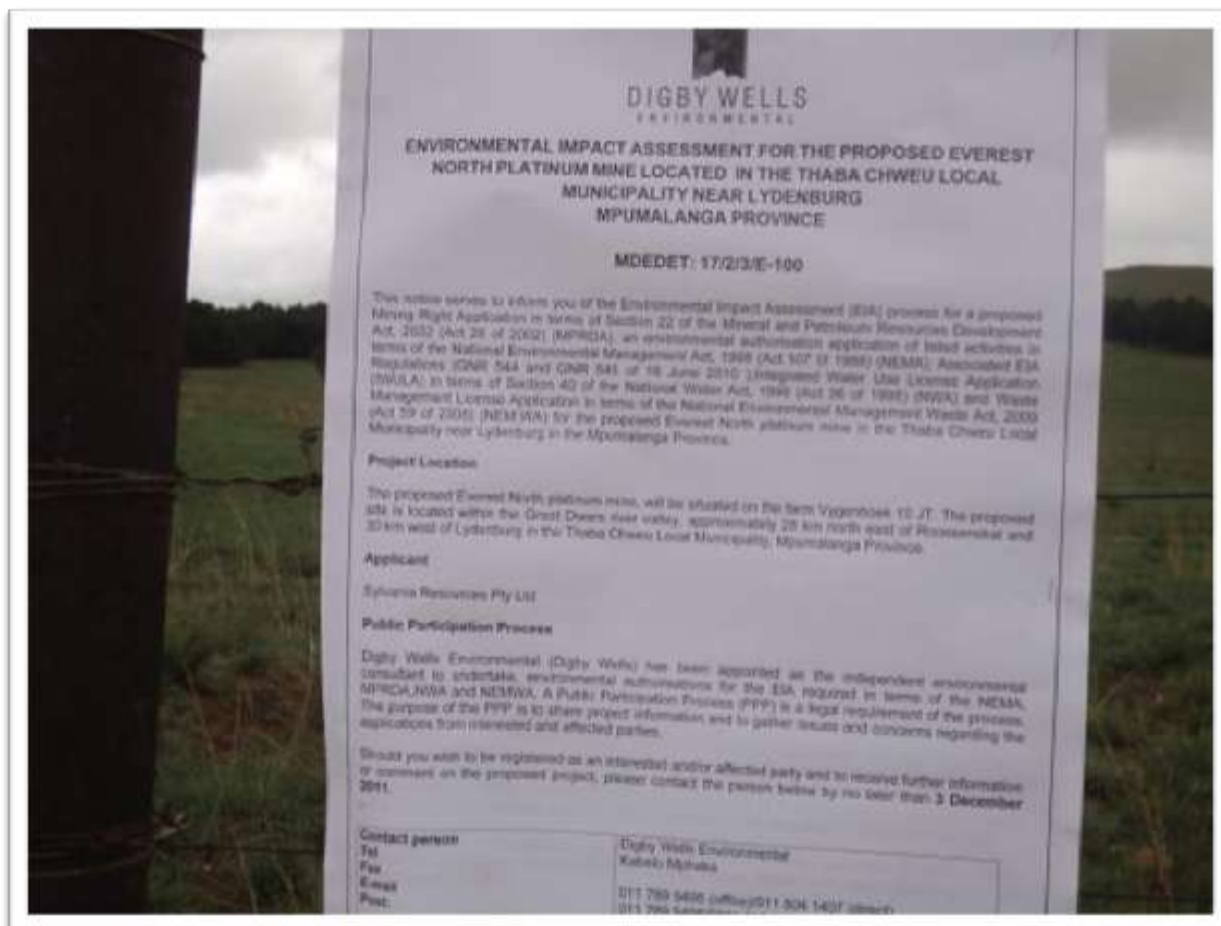


Figure 3 Fence on the Vygenhoek farm