



Project No.: AEC2588

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**NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE FOR THE PROPOSED SLUDGE DISPOSAL FACILITY AND PIPELINE ASSOCIATED WITH THE TREATMENT OF ACID MINE DRAINAGE IN THE EASTERN BASIN OF WITWATERSRAND GOLD FIELDS, GAUTENG PROVINCE**

*DEA REFERENCE NO.: 14/12/16/3/3/3/111*

Dear Stakeholder,

The Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA) was instructed by the National Government through the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, to manage AMD generated in the Western, Central and Eastern basins in the Gauteng Province. AECOM South Africa (Pty) Ltd (AECOM) has been appointed by the TCTA as the Principal Consultant in respect to the implementation of the Short Term Intervention (STI) measures for the treatment of Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) in the Eastern Basin of the Witwatersrand. This project is for the construction of a sludge disposal facility and pipeline associated with the treatment of AMD in the Eastern Basin. The project is located within the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality. Please see the attached Background Information Document (BID) for more information.

The environmental impact assessment process will be conducted according to the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and a waste management licence application process in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA). The National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) is the competent and decision making authority. AECOM has appointed Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to conduct the regulatory EIA processes for the proposed project.

In order to facilitate your participation in the EIA process and to receive further project information, please formally register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and submit any comments, questions or suggestions that you may have to Digby Wells on fax number: 086 583 5715; email: [steve.horak@digbywells.com](mailto:steve.horak@digbywells.com) or [vanessa.viljoen@digbywells.com](mailto:vanessa.viljoen@digbywells.com) or postal address: Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125. You are also welcome to contact us telephonically on (011) 789-9495.

You are welcome to address your comments, concerns or suggestions to Digby Wells through any one of the communication media below:

- By completing the I&AP registration and comment sheet and submitting it to the Digby Wells Stakeholder Engagement Office;
- In writing through a letter or other form of written submission; or
- By email, fax or telephone call to the Stakeholder Engagement office.

Regards

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**Stakeholder Engagement Consultant**

**Enclosed:**

- **Background Information Document**
- **Registration and Comment Sheet**