



DIGBY WELLS

ENVIRONMENTAL

Project No: AEC2588

23 June 2014

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 FROM THE EASTERN BASIN OF WITWATERSRAND GOLD FIELDS, GAUTENG PROVINCE

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Dear Stakeholder,

Digby Wells Environmental (hereafter Digby Wells) on behalf of the applicant, Department of Water Affairs (hereafter DWA), hereby gives notice to registered Interested and Affected parties with respect to:

- **Announcement of the Availability of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) for Public Comment;**
- **Invitation to a Public Meeting to present the DSR to be held on, Wednesday, 23 July 2014.**

The TCTA was instructed by the National Government through the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, to manage Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) emanating from the Eastern Basin of the Witwatersrand Gold Fields in the Gauteng Province. AECOM South Africa (Pty) Ltd (hereafter 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 AMD from the Eastern Basin. The treatment of AMD from the Eastern Basin will result in the generation of high density sludge, which will need to be disposed of. This project is for the construction of a sludge disposal facility and pipelines associated with the treatment of AMD from the Eastern Basin. The project is located within the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality.

Availability of DSR for public comment

The DSR will be available for **forty (40) days** for public comment from **Monday, 23 June 2014** to **Monday, 4 August 2014**, and will be available at the following public places:

Location	Address	Contact
Printed Copies		
Springs Public Library	55, 5th Street, Springs	Mrs Van Aswegen
Bakerton Library	Bakerton Community Centre, Corner Tea Bush & First Avenue, Bakerton, Springs	Ms Sive Gaqa
Digby Wells Environmental	Fern Isle, Section 5, 359 Pretoria Avenue, Randburg	Ms Vanessa Viljoen
Electronic Copies		
The reports will also be available on the following website: www.digbywells.com (under Public Documents) Phone and request a CD copy at (011) 789 9495		

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How to comment on the Draft Scoping Report

Stakeholders are invited to comment on the DSR by directing your comments, concerns or suggestions to Digby Wells through any one of the following communication media below:

- By completing the attached comment sheet and submitting it to the Digby Wells Stakeholder Engagement Office;
- By sending a letter, or other form of written submission; or
- By email, fax or telephone to the Stakeholder Engagement Office.

Invitation to Public Meeting

The Public Meeting will provide stakeholders with an opportunity to:

- Discuss the contents of the DSR in detail and view maps of the proposed project based on consultation to date with affected land owners;
- Verify that issues and concerns raised during the initial consultation process were captured correctly; and
- Clarify any questions or issues or raise further comments.

It is important that you register for the Public Meeting in advance - please use the enclosed reply sheet and return it to the Stakeholder Engagement Office by **Wednesday, 9 July 2014**. This will allow us to send you any information you require in advance of the Public Meeting. The Public Meeting will be held as follows:

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 23 July 2014	18:00 – 20:00	Stable Inn Conference Centre, Springs

Should you require any additional information please feel free to contact Steve Horak or Vanessa Viljoen at Tel: (011) 789 9495, Fax: 086 583 5715, Post: Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125 or email: steve.horak@digbywells.com or vanessa.viljoen@digbywells.com.

Regards,



Steve Horak

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Enclosed

- *Comment Sheet*