



Summary of Comments Received from Stakeholders

Stakeholder Engagement Process as part of the compilation of the Environmental Management Plan in the application for a Prospecting Right

Farms 87 and 88, Barkly West

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On request for stakeholder registration, only seven (7) stakeholders registered to attend a meeting and based on this limited interest it was agreed that individual key stakeholder meeting would be held at venues most convenient to these persons. Registered stakeholders with whom meetings were held include:

- (i) Mr van der Merwe and Sons (Adjacent Land Owner): Meeting held at residence;
- (ii) Mr Fourie (Land Owner): Meeting held on farm;
- (iii) Mr Rifles (Dikgatlong Ward 6, Councillor): Meeting held at the Rooikoppies Community Hall; and
- (iv) Mr Potgieter (Magareng Ward 5, Councillor): Meeting held at residence in Warrenton.

Other registered stakeholder with whom meetings were not held includes:

- (i) Mr Botes (Adjacent Landowner): Mr Botes was not available for a meeting and it was agreed that further telephonic discussion will suffice.
- (ii) BirdLifeSA, Ms Shene-Verdoorn (Non-Governmental Organisation): The request to meet was not acknowledged. Ms Shene-Verdoorn is based in Johannesburg and it is expected that a key stakeholder meeting might be requested at a later date. Ms Shene-Verdoorn stated in an email dated 29 August 2013 that written comments will be submitted shortly.
- (iii) Ms Anderson (Private Person): Submitted initial comments via email and stated that a meeting might be requested after review of the Environmental Management Plan.

Mr Vorster could not be contacted before the planned dates for key stakeholder meetings. His contact details were not available on the title deed and he could not be located during the days during which site visits and key stakeholder meeting were held. Based on information provided by other landowners in the area, he was subsequently reached on 30 August 2013. He agreed that his verbal telephonic comments can be included and that further discussion would be required as he is not in agreement with the planned prospecting activities.

1. Summary of comments received from Stakeholders (Interested and Affected Parties)

All stakeholders are invited to add and/ or correct the record of these meetings and comments received.

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Ms Tania Anderson – Email - 18 August 2013 (Comment on Behalf of BirdLife SA)		
1.	Part of the farm identified for prospecting falls within an Important Bird Area (IBA). Mining is not an appropriate activity within an IBA which is there for the conservation of important habitat of threatened, range restricted and other protected bird species.	The feasibility of the mine has not yet been established. Appropriate mitigation regarding the protection of avifauna and avifaunal habitat must be implemented. Prospecting activities are regarded to have a relatively insignificant impact on avifaunal habitat. To address cumulative impacts of the industry, rehabilitation objectives to restore disturbed areas to its natural state as far as are practicable before disturbance must be achieved.

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2.	Based on the review of the Environmental Management Plan will provide further comments.	The Environmental Management Plan will be made available for review.

Mr van der Merwe and Sons (Adjacent Land Owner): Meeting - 27 August 2013

1.	Prospecting activities has been undertaken on various farm portions in the area, including farm portion owned by Van der Merwe and Sons .	No response.
2.	High unemployment rates (also specifically including workers retrenched from mothballed and/or closed mining operations) has resulted in high crime related to theft.	It is not anticipated that the prospecting activities will attract unemployed persons seeking employment to the site. Management measures to ensure site security (as to not incentivise persons to travel to the site to look for employment must be implemented).
3.	Water quality in the Hartsvier is imposing limitation of the crops that can be cultivated on farms dependent on this water resource.	Mitigation measures to manage any potential water quality impact must be implemented. Management measures related to the potential contamination of surface water and groundwater resulting from leaching of hazardous substances from construction equipment and storage areas, waste management, soil erosion, domestic and sewage effluent disposal, hydrocarbon contamination and fluids discharged during drilling.
4.	Other land portion owned by Mr van der Merwe has been subject to prospecting activities and typical issues include negligence such as leaving farm gates open which compromises security.	No response.
5.	Mining companies do not fulfil their obligations in terms of land rehabilitation.	Rehabilitation objectives must be achieved and financial guarantees in this regard must be provided.

Mr Fourie (Regional Land Owner): Meeting - 27 August 2013

1.	Confirmed that prospecting have been undertaken on land portions owned by him. Some of this information could possibly be made available to Petra Diamonds.	With thanks, the available information will be sourced and reviewed.
2.	Farm portion is not directly adjacent to the proposed prospecting area but would like to be kept informed of development.	To be kept informed.

Mr Potgieter (Magareng Ward 5, Councillor) – Meeting - 27 August 2013

1.	Clarified that Farms 87 & 88 is in relative close proximity to the Communal Property Association (CPA) owned land which is located towards the east of the Spitskop Dam.	Noted.
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2.	New employment opportunities would be beneficial to the communities located in the region. High employments rates are prevalent.	Noted.
3.	Would like to be kept informed.	To be kept informed.

Mr Rifles (Ward Councillor of Affected Ward): Meeting - 28 August 2013

1.	Confirmed that information will be provided to the communities at a community meeting to be held on the 29 th of August 2013.	No feedback has been received to date regardless of follow-up calls. Any comments received and responses to such comments will be included in the consultation records as part of the final submission of the Environmental Management Plan due on the 13 th of October 2013.
2.	The communities in Magareng has been benefiting from mining related job opportunities in which falls within Dikgatlong. Any future mine development within the municipality should be to the benefit of the communities within Dikgatlong.	Noted. Opportunities for employment are severely limited during the prospecting phase. In the event that a viable reserve is determined and that a mining right is applied for and approved, this comment must be considered.
3.	The unemployment rate in Dikgatlong is exceptionally high.	Noted. Refer above.

Mr Vorster (Adjacent Land Owner) – Telephonic Discussion: 30 September 2013

1.	Mr Vorster is strongly opposed to any prospecting and mining activities in proximity to his farm due to the increased crime rate associated with the influx of people resulting from such operations.	Noted. It is not anticipated that the prospecting activities will attract unemployed persons seeking employment to the site. Management measures to ensure site security (as to not incentivise persons to travel to the site to look for employment must be implemented).
2.	The prospecting and mining activities will result in visual impacts that will negatively affect the quality of the experience of visitors to his game farm.	The visual impact of the prospecting operations will be temporary and short-term. Mitigation measures to manage impacts must be implemented. This might include the management of aspects such as light pollution at night, visible dust emissions and the extent of activities on site (such as accommodation).
3.	The accommodation of persons on the planned prospecting site as well as the prospecting activities is undesirable.	Accommodation must be provided in nearby towns and no persons (apart from security personnel) will be allowed to stay on site.
4.	Stated that the prospecting activities and the associated activities will further negatively impact on the water quality of the Hartsriver which is already of poor quality and impose further limits on the use of this water	Mitigation measures to manage any potential water quality impact must be implemented. Management measures related to the potential contamination of surface water and groundwater resulting from leaching of hazardous substances from construction equipment and storage areas, waste management, soil erosion,

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	resource for farming purposes.	domestic and sewage effluent disposal, hydrocarbon contamination and fluids discharged during drilling.
5.	Requested further discussion regarding the application.	The Environmental Management Plan will be made available for review and further discussion will be held.