

Rachelle Stofberg

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 09 September 2013 10:11 AM
To: 'Philip A'
Cc: bergam@telkomsa.net; 'dries@tshipi.co.za'; 'andriesvdb1@gmail.com'; Vernon Siemelink; Emile van Druten; Nicolene Lotter
Subject: RE: Registering as an I&AP for project ENVASS Ref: 145_12-13
Attachments: Draft Schedule_Mamatwan Manganese_NEMA and MPRDA.pdf

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Good Morning Philip,

Thank you for your correspondence!

In light of your comments below, we respond accordingly and hereby confirm that:

1. You and your father-in-law are a registered I&APs and will be kept informed throughout the process.
2. We will provide you (and your father in law) with the relevant NEMA Scoping and EIA documentation as and when it becomes available.
3. The IWULA process has not commenced. The required discussions with your father-in-law towards land owner consent for submission of license applications will still be undertaken.
4. A formal Public Participation Process (undertaken in accordance with the the requirements of Chapter 6 (Regulations 54-57) of the EIA Regulations 2010) is ongoing, and all stakeholders, landowners and other parties is provided with the opportunity for comments and input.
5. An open house / public meeting will be held in due course where there will be a presentation detailing the proposed project, activities and anticipated impacts.
6. All comments received is documented in a issues and responses register (as per the requirements of Regulations 56 and 57 of the EIA Regulations 2010). Note the issues and response register shall be included in all Draft and Final Documentation to be distributed to the public for comment as well as to the Component Authority.
7. All comments raised to date shall be considered and incorporated into the terms of reference for the specialist studies and Plan of Study for the EIA.
8. Access to the property will be arranged with yourself and your father in-law before hand and by appointment only. ENVASS shall facilitate this as confirmed previously.
9. See attached an updated draft project schedule. NOTE this is a draft document and provided as guidance only and are subject to change depending on the various components and external factors that informs and influences the EIA process.
10. We are finalising specialist assessments (dates) and will provide you with contact details etc. as and when confirmed.

Don't hesitate to contact us should you have any queries .

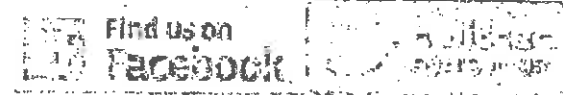
Sincerely,
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From: Philip A [mailto:ayres.phillip@gmail.com]
Sent: 09 September 2013 09:24 AM
To: Rachel Stoffberg
Cc: bergam@telkomsa.net; andries van den berg; Emile van Druuten; Nicolene Lotter
Subject: Re: Registering as an I&AP for project ENVASS Ref: 145_12-13

Hi Rachel

Thank you for your correspondence to date and my apologies for the late response. Please note, my father-in-law is currently battling with his internet. Therefore, he used my brother-in-law's email account over the weekend to send you our comments and concerns.

In terms of your correspondence with myself and my father-in-law regarding the impacts of the proposed manganese mine on my father-in-law's farm, please refer to our preliminary comments and concerns which was sent to you over the weekend of the 7th and 8th September 2013. As we understand it, the preliminary comments and concerns will assist you with the identification of required specialist studies. We trust that our comments will find their way into your terms of reference for the specialists to inform the plan of study for the EIA.

Please note that our preliminary, attached comments in no way waives our legal right as a directly affected party into the NEMA's / MPRDA Scoping and EIA process in order to comment and participate throughout the process as information and documentation progresses/becomes available.

Furthermore, please note and confirm the following:

- We are registered as directly affected parties and expect to be treated as such with regard the distribution and communication of information. In this context personal engagement and provision of Scoping and EIA documentation to us personally (especially my father-in-law) is appropriate and required;
- In terms of the National Water Act, early discussions with my father-in-law towards land owner consent for submission of license applications will be required, the provision of which is not implied;
- A formal Public Participation Process will commence, where opportunity for comment will be afforded following a presentation detailing the proposed project, activities and anticipated impacts;
- Our comments will be documented and confirmed with us in the Issues and response register and adequately addressed in specialist studies terms of reference for inclusion into the final specialist reports; and
- As mentioned in earlier correspondence, access to the property will be afforded to pre-arranged individuals only, facilitated by you upon appointment.

Titel
Naam AM (Dries)

Van: Van den Berg
Organisasie

Pos adres: Posbus 1083 Kuruman 8460
E pos bergam@telkomsa.net

Ek wil my kennisgewing ontvang deur:

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| Post | | Fax | | Email | X |
|------|--|-----|--|-------|---|

Dankie vir die kommunikasie waarmee ek betrek word.

Bekommernis

Volgens my mening is die stelling dat boerdery die ekologiese toestand vernietig, onvanpas.

Boedery lê my baie na aan die hart en ek boer al vanaf 1976. My doelstelling is om die beste te gee vir dier en veld.

Deur die jare het ons baie interessante diere, plante en voëls waargeneem en dit probeer bewaar.

Daar is heelwat reptiele onder andere die Pootlose akkedis wat nog nooit deur navorsers in die omgewing gevind is nie.

Die Pootlose akkedis is naby die plaashuis gevind en is tans in Noordwes Universiteit Potchefstroom waar dit besigtig kan word.

Droë bome word nie verwyder nie. Dit skep 'n habitat vir organismes en plantegroei.

Sedert 1991 word daar nie op die plaas gejag nie.

Nagdiere soos springhase word ook nie gejag nie.

Plaashuis

Die plaashuis is in 1922 gebou met kalkstene en klei. Daar is heelwat geskifte teen die mure.

Druwestok is in 1930 geplant.

Grafte van my voorouers

Vraag:

Wat gaan met die grafte en die huis gebeur?

Algemeen

Ek sluit reënval inligting in vanaf 1982 tot hede.

Diere wat al opgemerk is.

Aardvark

Bakoorjakkals

Bontmuishond

Duiker

Grondeekhoring

Ietermagog

Kleinkolmuskejaatkat

Kolhaas

Rachelle Stofberg

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 09 September 2013 09:04 AM
To: 'andries van den berg'
Subject: RE: Registrasie

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Goeiemore Dries,

Baie-dankie vir jou kommentaar. Hiermee bevestig ons jou I&AP registrasie en dat jou kommentaar formeel opgeneem word in die Publieke Deelname Proses.

Ons sal binnekort 'n formele respons op jou kommentaar lewer.

Groete
Rachelle

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From: andries van den berg [<mailto:andriesvdb1@gmail.com>]
Sent: 06 September 2013 09:08 PM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Subject: Registrasie

Rachelle

Ek is die eienaar van Mamatwan RE

Dries

Ratel
Rooijakkals
Rooikat
Rooimuishond
Springhaas
Steenbok
Stokstertmeerkat
Vlakvarke
Waaierstert muis
Witkwasmuishond

Voëls

Aasvoels (15)
Acaciagrismees
Baardmannetjie
Blouvalk
Bonthoutkapper
Bontrok laksman
Boskorhaan
Dikkop
Europese byvreter
Familievoël
Geelbekmeushoringvoël
Geelvink
Gevlekte lyster
Gompou
Grootoor uil
Hoefhoep
Janfrederik
Jap Japie
Kalahari wipstert
Kiewiet
Koester
Koningsblousysie
Korhaan
Kuifkophoutkapper
Lelspreeu
Lemoenduif
Namakwa duif
Noointjies uil
Nuwejaarsvoël
Pylstertrooibekkie
Rooibors laksman
Rooiwangnaguil
Sekretarisvoël
Swartkopvink
Swartpiek
Tarentale
Tinktinkie
Tortelduif
Troupand
Veldpatryse

Please provide us with the following:

- As mentioned, a project schedule with anticipated time frames and milestones for the Scoping and EIA phase, including the IWUL application.
- As discussed a list of specialist names anticipated to conduct work and scheduled site work dates.

Kind regards,

Philip Ayres

On Tue, Aug 13, 2013 at 5:02 PM, Rachelle Stofberg <rachelle@envass.co.za> wrote:

Hi Philip,

Noted, we will make the necessary arrangements as per instructions below. A list of specialists and info will be sent to you shortly.

Many thanks

Rachelle

From: Philip A [<mailto:ayres.philip@gmail.com>]
Sent: 13 August 2013 05:00 PM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Cc: bergam@telkomsa.net; andries van den berg
Subject: Re: Registering as an I&AP for project ENVASS Ref: 145_12-13

Hi Rachelle

Thanks for the quick response. I will send you my comments or queries before the 05 September 2013.

Concerning your questions:

Do we arrange with you for access?

Access must be arranged with my father in law (Dries van den Berg), or brother in law (Andries van den Berg at 076 150 6386). If you do not get hold of them you can contact me, so that I can assist. However, as requested by my father in law, we will appreciate it if you can keep me in the loop concerning your visits to the property so that I can assist where needed.

Can the specialist contact you directly?

As discussed with my father in law, it will be best if the initial arrangements with the specialist be made through you. Once we have met the specialist, they can contact us directly. However, can you please provide us with a list of specialist (name and field of study) whom might contact us beforehand, so that there are no uncertainties.

Regards and thank you,

Philip

On Mon, Aug 12, 2013 at 12:23 PM, **Rachelle Stofberg** <rachelle@envass.co.za> wrote:

Hi Philip,

Thank you for your email! We hereby confirm your registration as I&AP for this project and we will forward all correspondence to your email address.

The project is still its initial notification phase and the NEMA Scoping will be released in due course. If you have any comments or queries at this stage, please could you forward them to us as soon as possible / by 05 Sept, as we would consider these issues and include them in the Scoping Phases and Specialist Assessments if needed.

The first specialists are likely to go out late in Aug / Sept. Do we arrange with you for access? Can the specialist contact you directly?

Thanking you in advance!

Kind regards,

Rachele Stofberg

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From: Philip A [mailto:ayres.philip@gmail.com]
Sent: 12 August 2013 12:05 PM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Subject: Registering as an I&AP for project ENVASS Ref: 145_12-13

Hi Rachelle

My father in law (Dries van den Berg), as brought it under my attention that Mamatwan Manganese South Africa intends on undertaking a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessments process within the area of his farm and on his farm itself.

Can you please register me as an I&AP. I would appreciate it if you can send all correspondence to my email address ayres.philip@gmail.com

For clarity purposes, should we provide you with our comments and questions before the 05 September 2013?

Within your BID document you provided the EIA process to follow, what is your current project schedule?
When will access to my father in laws farm be required for specialists studies?

Kind regards,

Philip Ayres

084 466 1673

Rachelle Stofberg

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 08 August 2013 08:51 AM
To: 'dries@tshipi.co.za'
Cc: Vernon Siemelink; Nicolene Lotter; Emile van Drueten
Subject: EIA APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED MAMATWAN MINE, NORTHERN CAPE
Attachments: Registered Letter_Mamatwan Manganese Mine_30.07.13.pdf; Proposed Mamatwan Mine_Background Information Document_30.07.13.pdf

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Beste Dries,

Ons gasprek vroeër rakende die nuwe myn het verwysing.

Sien aangeheg die publieke deelname kennisgewings en agtergrond inligting vir die voorgestelde nuwe mangaan myn op Porsies 3, 8 & 18 van die Plaas Mamatwan 331. ENVASS is die omgewingskonsultante wat namens die Applikant die omgewingsimpakstudie en publieke deelname behartig en wil gevolglik met u, as grondeienaar konsulteer rakende die projek.

Ons hoor graag van u.

Vriendelike Groete,
Rachelle

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From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 20 November 2013 09:27 AM
To: 'Philip A'
Cc: Dries Van De Berg; bergam@telkomsa.net; Vernon Siemelink
Subject: RE: FW: amatwan comments

Hi Philip,

Thank you for your email. All your responses have been noted and we will action as per your request.

Kind regards
Rachelle

From: Philip A [mailto:ayres.phillip@gmail.com]
Sent: 20 November 2013 09:24 AM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Cc: Dries Van De Berg; bergam@telkomsa.net; Vernon Siemelink
Subject: Re: FW: amatwan comments

Hi Rachelle

Thank you for your email. We understand that your schedule is full and appreciate your response. Please see my comments in red below.

Regards,
Philip Ayres

Our discussion earlier has reference.

Firstly, our sincerest apologies for not responding to your email by Monday last week as promised. We have only now confirmed the information required. [PA: Understood, however, as mentioned in our discussion, continuous communication is important to us, and we would like to be kept informed on matters which effect us.]

In response to your questions raised in your email below, we can advise as follows:

Ecological and Heritage Assessments:

The scope / terms of reference for the ecological assessment was:

- Determine the potential biodiversity and ecological impacts;
- Habitat assessments and their associated levels of biodiversity importance;
- Species lists for each habitat and the identification of "species of significance";
- Identification of potential risks to biodiversity as a result of the plan development;
- A suggested monitoring program to determine long term impacts of development and biodiversity; and
- All findings would be assessed in their relation to the relevant Provincial Biodiversity Assessment and the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) Guidelines.

The Ecological site investigation and assessment has been completed, but the report is still being finalised. We will forward this report to you once finalised. [PA: Thank you. I would appreciate it if you can contact my father-in-law once the reports (ecology and archaeological) have been sent to us, to discuss the contents and the proposed plan of action.]

The Archaeological assessment is also completed – but currently being amended due to additional requirements. [PA: Noted].

Note the following please:

- ***Your comments and concerns raised to date was incorporated into the specialist assessments*** [PA: Thank you. The heritage value of the old farm house must be appreciated and acknowledged. Even more so, the family cemetery is of great concern to us and should be protected as far as possible.]
- ***All specialist assessments will be released during the EIA phase of the project.*** [PA: Noted]

Outstanding specialist studies

The following specialist assessments are still outstanding [PA: Noted]

- Visual
- Noise baseline
- Geohydrological
- Surface water
- Traffic

- Land capability

Project schedule going forward:

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| 4 | Draft Scoping NEMA | Nov 2013 |
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| 6 | Final Scoping NEMA | Feb 2014 |
| 7 | Scoping NEMA PPP 2 | Feb 2014 (21 days) |
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| 11 | Re-zoning (Municipality) | February – May 2014 |
| 12 | EIA NEMA PPP 2 | May 2014 (21 days) |
| 13 | Final EIA to Authority for Authorisation | May 2014 |
| 14 | Authorisation review and appeal | June – July 2014 |

This is an indicative schedule of the EIA process as requested. Note use this schedule as guidance only [PA: Noted]. This schedule is subject to change depending on the various components and external factors that informs and influences the EIA process [PA: Noted].

We are likely to have a PPP meeting / Open house in Jan / Feb 2014. You will be informed and invited accordingly [PA: It will be appreciated if the dates for this meeting be provided as soon as possible so that the necessary arrangements can be made for us to attend].

We will continue to arrange access for the remaining specialist assessments through you as requested. [PA: It will be appreciated if arrangements regarding the access of specialist to my father-in-laws property be done well in advance. The arrangements for the site visits of the two specialist that have been to the property thus far, was made on very short notice. Fortunately, at the time, arrangements could be made to accommodate the specialists but this may not always be the case. All arrangements must be made directly with my father-in-law or alternatively with my brother-in-law or myself. As mentioned previously, please keep in the loop concerning the arrangements so that I can assist where and if needed.]

The proposed mining method for this mine will be underground and not opencast mining [PA: Noted].

Please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence.

On Mon, Nov 18, 2013 at 12:58 PM, Rachelle Stofberg <rachelle@envass.co.za> wrote:

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Rachelle

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 08 November 2013 02:05 PM
To: 'Philip A'
Cc: Dries Van De Berg; bergam@telkomsa.net; Vuyokazi April
Subject: RE: FW: Toegan vir ekologiese spesialis

Hi Philip,

Eks tans besig om die inligting soos versoek deur jou epos by die spesialiste te bevestig.

Ek sal Maandag vir julle n formele respons op alle aspekte deurstuur.

Vertrou jul vind dit in orde.

Groete

Rachelle

From: Philip A [<mailto:ayres.philip@gmail.com>]
Sent: 08 November 2013 01:14 PM
To: Rachelle Stofberg

Cc: Dries Van De Berg; bergam@telkomsa.net; Vuyokazi April
Subject: Re: FW: Toegan vir ekologiese spesialis

Middag Rachelle

Ek wil net bevestig of jy my voorige epos ontvang het.

Groete,

Philip Ayres

2013/11/4 Philip A <ayres.philip@gmail.com>

Môre Rachelle

Vertrou dit gaan goed.

Net die volgende vra:

Ek wil net graag hoor wat is die huidige situasie met die studies wat gedoen is, en nog gedoen moet word op my skoonpa se plaas? Wat was gevind met die twee studies (Heritage & Ecology) wat alreeds gedoen is?

Waarna het die ekoloog gekyk wat laaste op die plaas was? Ons het ook gehoor dat die hoof myn aktiwiteite ondergrond gaan wees (onder die plaas deur), is dit waar?

Groete,

Philip Ayres

On Mon, Oct 14, 2013 at 1:53 PM, Rachelle Stofberg <rachelle@envass.co.za> wrote:

Beste Dries

Ons ekologiese spesialis (Vuyokazi April) is die week in Kuruman en sal graag jou plaas wil ondersoek. Ek wil graag met toestemming reel vir toegang tot jou eiendom vir haar. Sy sal die week (een of twee dae) toegang benodig om haar studie te kom voltooi. Haar kontak nommer is: 082 478 0613. Sys al jou skakel om te bevestig presies watter dae sy toegan benodig.

Hoor graag van jou,

Groete

Rachelle

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 19 September 2013 10:20 AM
To: 'Dries Van De Berg'
Cc: 'Tobias Coetzee'
Subject: RE: Toegan vir heritage specialist

More Dries,

Baie dankie! Ek het vir Tobias Coetzee jou nommer gegee en gese hy moet jou direk kontak. Tobias se nommer is: 082 821 3104

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From: Dries Van De Berg [<mailto:dries@tshipl.co.za>]
Sent: 19 September 2013 10:11 AM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Cc: bergam@telkomsa.net; Philip A
Subject: Re: Toegan vir heritage specialist

Rachelle

Jy kan voortgaan met reelings

Dries

On Wed, Sep 18, 2013 at 3:21 PM, Rachelle Stofberg <rachelle@envass.co.za> wrote:

Beste Dries,

Ek wil graag met toestemming reel vir toegang tot jou eiendom vir die heritage spesialis. Hy wil graag van vrydag tot maandag toegang he om sy studie te kom voltooi. Hy wil graag ook met jou gesels oor die huis en grafte asook enige ander goed met erfenis waarde.

Kan ek vir hom jou nommer gee sodat hy met jou kan nodige reelings maak?

Hoor graag van jou.

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Monica Niehof

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 25 February 2014 03:20 PM
To: Monica Niehof
Subject: FW: Public Participation Process Notification: Draft Scoping Report available for comment_Proposed Mamatwan Mine, Northern Cape NC/EIN IO/JRG/GNMAM/2013

From: Philip A [mailto:ayres.philip@gmail.com]
Sent: 24 February 2014 02:02 PM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Cc: Andries van den berg; Dries Van De Berg; Elaine Ayres; Vernon Siemelink; Nicolene Lotter; Emile van Druten; Judith Mlanda; Monica Niehof
Subject: Re: Public Participation Process Notification: Draft Scoping Report available for comment_Proposed Mamatwan Mine, Northern Cape NC/EIN IO/JRG/GNMAM/2013

Hi Rachelle

Thank you for excepting the comments after the specified date.

We will be awaiting your formal response.

Kind regards,
Philip

On Mon, Feb 24, 2014 at 11:22 AM, Rachelle Stofberg <rachelle@envass.co.za> wrote:

Hi Philip

Thank you for your comments! We will record these formally in the process. We will provide you with formal responses in due course.

Sincerely

Rachelle

From: Philip A [mailto:ayres.philip@gmail.com]

Sent: 24 February 2014 11:07 AM

To: Rachelle Stofberg; Andries van den berg; Dries Van De Berg; Elaine Ayres

Cc: Vernon Siemelink; Nicolene Lotter; Emile van Druten

Subject: Re: Public Participation Process Notification: Draft Scoping Report available for comment_Proposed Mamatwan Mine, Northern Cape NC/EIN I0/JRG/GNMAM/2013

Hi Rachelle

Trust all is well.

My apologies for sending you the following comments after the specified submission date.

Please take note of the following comments:

- Socio-economical - sustainability?
 - Throughout the document, reference is made to the sustainable nature of the mine, with regards to job creation and supplying an income to local communities. However, the mine has a relative short lifespan of only 10 years. Therefore, the jobs which are going to be created will only be available for 10 years (maybe 13 to 15 if the LoM is extended). The skills which lower educated employees of the mine acquire over the 10 years may put them in a position to further secure an income post-closure, although the available jobs will most likely be limited and mining orientated.

- In addition community programs driven by the mine, normally only exist while a mine is in operation. The reason for this is that the mine must lower its liability and the dependability of its employees before closure. Most community project which are taken over by the municipality or local forums fail over time due to a shortage of funds or expertise.
 - With reference to the above, I feel that a acknowledgement should be made to the fact that mining is not sustainable and that the mine will close one day leaving a "gap" within local communities. It is also a fact the potential farm land (wildlife and / or livestock) will be permanently altered and loss.
- Page 6 - Cumulative impacts identified - Increased traffic volumes
 - Currently there is a problem with the deterioration of the roads (gravel and tar) due to the high traffic of haulage trucks. Also, many contractors and employees on the mines do not respect other road users or the environment on the roads surrounding the mines (specifically on the gravel roads). Traveling at high speed with the incorrect tire pressure causes corrugated roads (which is the local believe).
 - High volume of litter can be seen next to the roads and at pedestrian pickup points which is visually upsetting and hazardous to livestock and wildlife.
 - Road kill - higher increase of traffic will lead to an increase of animals being killed by vehicles.
 - Dust from roads - the increase of traffic on the gravel roads will increase dust from the roads which is currently a problem.
- Page 7 - Noise, vibrations and shocks
 - Warning reverse sirens on vehicles can be disturbing (specifically at night, early mornings and at dusk)
- Page 16 - surname of Mr Dries van de Berg is incorrect spelled.
 - Page 31 - Project Motivation: Need and desirability - Socio-economic
 - Income generation through tourism - tourism within the area is a limited option. In the pass there has been an attempt to establish community upliftment projects (e.g. market place for the selling of hand crafted items or food) which was unsuccessful. However, within eco-tourism is an option.
- Page 33 - Desirability (placing) Question B1
 - I do not agree with the following sentence "*Leaving the area in its current state could potentially, if not adequately managed, result in degradation and transformation due to further overgrazing*".
 - Firstly, with this rationale, the area also as the potential to be fenced off and transformed into a nature reserve. This sentence feels a bit like bias speculation in favor of the applicant.
 - I do agree many farms in the area are currently overgrazed, but a note should be made that the area had recently gone through a drought which increase the likelihood of over grazing. However, certain farmers (such as my father in law) try not to overgraze their farms. And local farmers

who are over utilizing their properties could be educated to implement proper grazing strategies and thereby protecting the environment (combating the degradation of environment).

- It also states that "*Through implementing good practice environmental management measures and mitigation measures, it will ensure the both human and environment benefit from the development*". - with reference to the surrounding mines in the area, it is difficult to see in which way the environment has benefited from the establishment of these mines. By having the need to implement mitigation measures indicates that there will be negative impacts on the environment of which many impacts will be long-term or permanent (e.g. groundwater pollution, alteration of drainage patterns).
- Page 34 - Question B5
 - It is states that the area is **severely** disturbed. It is a fact that most of the environment has been altered through agriculture and mining activities, however, the use of "severe" creates the impression that there are little ecological systems still in place and that the area bares no ecological value. Please indicate that there are areas which are still ecological intact with healthy natural systems. For example, for many years no hunting has taken place on my father in laws farm which provides animals a safe area. The frequency of animals sightings, such as Kudu, increase during the winter (hunting season).
- Page 34 Question B7 - Depending on which guidelines are being used, all large scale mining projects will have unacceptable cumulative impacts.
- Page 58 - Alternatives - Railway loop
 - Is there an alternative route to the current railway loop which crosses my father in laws property?
- Post-closure
 - What is the proposed end land use for the area to be used for mining?
 - More focus should be placed on post-closure. This will not only benefit the environment and the local communities, but also the applicant because of a decrease in overall liabilities.

Kind Regards,

Philip

On Fri, Dec 20, 2013 at 1:18 PM, Rachele Stofberg <rachele@envass.co.za> wrote:

Dear Stakeholder / Interested and Affected Party

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We look forward to your valued comments!

Kind regards,

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- Faxing of written comments to 012 460 3071.

Dear Stakeholder,

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Fax: (012) 460 3071

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From: Rachelle Stofberg

Sent: 30 July 2013 01:41 PM

To: Rachelle Stofberg

Cc: Nicolene Lotter; Vernon Siemelink

Subject: PPP NOTIFICATION: SCOPING EIA APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED MAMATWAN MINE, NORTHERN CAPE

Importance: High



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Kind regards,

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From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 14 August 2013 02:02 PM
To: 'camel@vodamail.co.za'
Cc: Emile van Druten; Nicolene Lotter
Subject: Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party Registrasie_Mangaan Myn

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Beste Mnr. Venter,

Hiermee bevestig ons ontvangs van u skrywe en aansoek om registrasie as Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party vir die voorgestelde Mangaan Myn naby Hotazel.

U sal in kennis gestel word gedurende alle verwickelinge van die Omgewingsimpak proses.

Vriendelike groete,
Rachelle

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Title: Mr Surname: VENTER

Name: Hendrik P. Organisation: SALTRIM RANCHES (Pty) Ltd.

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From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 14 October 2013 04:05 PM
To: 'pyperp@iafrica.com'
Cc: Nicolene Lotter; Vernon Siemelink; Emile van Druten
Subject: I&AP_Mamatwan

Importance: High

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Dear Peter Andrew,

Thank you for your call and input into the Mamantwan Mine EIA process.

We hereby confirm the following:

1. You have been registered as and I&AP for this project. You will be kept updated throughout the EIA process and will have the opportunity to comment on all reports released for public input;
2. You are owner of Middelplaats 730;
3. You have grazing rights on Portion 1 of Farm 332 Middelplaats; and
4. The proposed mine will have a negative impact on your access to Farm Middelplaats 730.

Please could you confirm your contact details as indicated below:

Cell: 083 231 0479

Cell: 082 4574 323

Tel: 53 712 0750

Should you have any additional comments, please forward this to us in writing.

Sincerely,
Rachelle

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Opdrag van boorgat water wat ek vir my diens gebruik.

Besoeiding van water en omgewing.

Sekuriteits risiko met meer myne in die omgewing in phas aanvalle en vee dierskade.

Verandering van eiendoms waarde (inwoner wil lange in myn boorgat nie)

Pad infrastruktuur ges. skat met geen onderhoud en te veel gebruik.

Rachelle Stofberg

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 07 October 2013 10:00 PM
To: 'Du Toit Viljoen'
Cc: Vernon Siemelink; Nicolene Lotter; Emile van Druten
Subject: FW: Omgewings inpak studie_Registrasie B&AP
Attachments: PR Markram myn.pdf

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Beste Du Toit en Phillip,

Baie dankie vir julle korrespondensie. Hiermee bevestig ons julle registrasie as belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye vir die Mamatwan myn projek.

Julle kommentaar is aangeteken en sal geadresseer word in die EIA proses.

Vriendelike groete

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From: Du Toit Viljoen [<mailto:dutpit.viljoen@hotmail.com>]
Sent: 25 September 2013 06:38 PM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Subject: Omgewings inpak studie

Rachelle Stofberg

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 25 September 2013 08:29 AM
To: 'Du Toit Viljoen'
Subject: RE: Omgewings inpak

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More Du Toit,

Baie dankie vir jou korrespondensie. Hiermee bevestig ons jou registrasie as belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party vir die Mamatwan projek.

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From: Du Toit Viljoen [<mailto:dutoit.viljoen@hotmail.com>]
Sent: 24 September 2013 12:27 PM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Subject: Omgewings inpak

Aangeheg is rigestrasie

Groete

Dy Toit Viljoen

REGISTRATION FORM

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|---|---|
| Title: Mr | Surname: vd Merwe |
| Name: Phillip | Organisation: Hope Trust farming |
| Postal Address: PO Box 121, Dibeng, 8463 | |
| Tel: 083 379 7547 | Email: flipvdmerwe8@yahoo.com |
| I want to receive my notifications via post and Email | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Concerns that I would like to raise at this stage of the project</p> <p>Hope Trust is the owner of farm land close to the proposed new mines. The farm can only be used for farming extensively with animals like cattle, sheep, goats and game. This animals need good clean drinking water on a daily basis. My concern is that the operations of the new mines will have a negative effect on the natural water supply via boreholes in the area as happen around Kathu and that I would have no more drinking water for the animals. The new mines will attract people looking for work and behind them the criminals that will have a detrimental affect on security in the area. My experience is that if it is not tackle properly it could make farming impossible and deprived me of an income that I need to live from. One of the farms is in the family from 1897 and it is unthinkable that the operations of the mine could make it in possible to farm any longer. Dust on the grass could also make that the animals don't want to eat it. The operations of the new mines will also have a negative effect on the infrastructure specifically on the buildings, roads and the supply of electricity.</p> | |
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Rachelle Stofberg

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 23 September 2013 01:48 PM
To: 'Phillip Van Der Merwe'
Cc: Nicolene Lotter
Subject: RE: Registration Form Mamatwan mine

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Hi Phillip,

Thank you for your correspondence. We hereby confirm your registration as I&AP for the proposed project. Your comments are noted and will be incorporated and addressed in the EIA process. We will provide you with a formal response in due course.

Sincerely,

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From: Phillip Van Der Merwe [<mailto:flipvdmerwe8@yahoo.com>]

Sent: 21 September 2013 12:14 PM

To: Rachelle Stofberg

Subject: Registration Form Mamatwan mine

Ms Rachelle Stofberg

Attach please find my registration form.

Your sincerely

PR vd Merwe

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| Title: Mr. | Surname: MAKKRAM |
| Name: PHILLIP | Organisation: PAPS SUTTON |
| Postal Address: P.O. Box 69 DIBENG 8463 | |
| Tel: 0733389555 | Email: _____ |
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- 1) Boorgate vir water vir die gebruik droog op.
- 2) In die omgewing word die water asook die omgewing besaandel.
Met meer myne in ons omgewing word Vee- en Wilddiefstyk Risiko verhoog asook die kans vir Ploosaanvalle.
- 3) Ek wil nie langs in myn boernie dus gaan die grond minder werd wees, want niemand anders sal die grond by my wil koop.
Dus word my eiendom se waarde minder.
- 4) Paaie word op vernietig van te veel gebruik en geen onderhoud.

Monica Niehof

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 25 February 2014 03:25 PM
To: Monica Niehof
Subject: FW: Public Participation Process Notification: Draft Scoping Report available for comment_Proposed Mamatwan Mine, Northern Cape NC/EIN I0/JRG/GNMAM/2013

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From: flipvdmerwe8@yahoo.com [mailto:flipvdmerwe8@yahoo.com]
Sent: 17 February 2014 05:38 PM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Subject: Re: Public Participation Process Notification: Draft Scoping Report available for comment_Proposed Mamatwan Mine, Northern Cape NC/EIN I0/JRG/GNMAM/2013

Middag Rachelle die dokument wat jy vir my gestuur het. Dankie lekker dag. Flip vd Merwe
Sent from my BlackBerry® wireless device

From: Rachelle Stofberg <rachelle@envass.co.za>
Date: Mon, 17 Feb 2014 13:06:43 +0000
To: Phillip Van Der Merwe<flipvdmerwe8@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Public Participation Process Notification: Draft Scoping Report available for comment_Proposed Mamatwan Mine, Northern Cape NC/EIN I0/JRG/GNMAM/2013

More Phillip,

Ons sal jou beware ook so aanteken in die onderstaande paragrawe in die Finale Scoping Verslag – ek wil net bevestig of jy verwys na die paragrawe in die Draft Scoping Verslag of in die PPP dokument?

Groete
Rachelle

From: Phillip Van Der Merwe [mailto:flipvdmerwe8@yahoo.com]
Sent: 11 February 2014 06:29 PM

To: Rachelle Stofberg

Subject: Re: Public Participation Process Notification: Draft Scoping Report available for comment_Proposed Mamatwan Mine, Northern Cape NC/EIN I0/JRG/GNMAM/2013

Hallo Rachelle

Moet jy nie by paragrawe, 4.5.1, 5.5, 5.4, 5.5, en 5.7 ook noem van die besware nie wat ek ingestuur het nie?

groete

Phillip vd Merwe

On Tuesday, February 4, 2014 1:20 PM, Rachelle Stofberg <rachelle@envass.co.za> wrote:

Hi Phillip

Soos bespreek – hiermee ons webblad se skakel: <http://www.envass.co.za/downloads> . Click op Mamatwan en gaan na Annexure 3. Daar is n hele verslag op die Publieke Deelname Proses.

Ekt ook die verslag vir jou aangeheg.

Bel my gerus indien daar daar enige probleme is.

Groete

Rachelle Stofberg

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Sent: 04 February 2014 07:59 AM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Subject: Re: Public Participation Process Notification: Draft Scoping Report available for comment_Proposed Mamatwan Mine, Northern Cape NC/EIN I0/JRG/GNMAM/2013

Rachelle my cel number is 0833797547. Phillip
Sent from my BlackBerry® wireless device

From: Rachelle Stofberg <rachelle@envass.co.za>
Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2014 05:55:57 +0000
To: Phillip Van Der Merwe<flipvdmerwe8@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Public Participation Process Notification: Draft Scoping Report available for comment_Proposed Mamatwan Mine, Northern Cape NC/EIN I0/JRG/GNMAM/2013

Dear Philip

Please provide me with your contact details (cellphone). All comments and responses are included in the Scoping report in one of the Annexures.

Thank you
Rachelle

From: Phillip Van Der Merwe [<mailto:flipvdmerwe8@yahoo.com>]
Sent: 03 February 2014 06:12 PM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Subject: Re: Public Participation Process Notification: Draft Scoping Report available for comment_Proposed Mamatwan Mine, Northern Cape NC/EIN I0/JRG/GNMAM/2013

Hi Rachelle

You have acknowledge that you receive my complaints. In the report it is stated that no complaints was received. Please inform me what i must do to get my complaints in the report.

Regards

PR vd Merwe

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- Written submission to 394 Tram Street, New Muckleneuk, Pretoria, 0181
- Email addressed to Rachelle Stofberg at rachelle@envass.co.za
- Faxing of written comments to 012 460 3071.

Note: If you are aware of any other parties that may be interested in this project please feel free to pass this information on to them or alternatively provide us with their contact details.

We look forward to your valued comments!

Kind regards,

Rachelle Stofberg

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From: Rachelle Stofberg

Sent: 30 July 2013 01:41 PM

To: Rachelle Stofberg

Cc: Nicolene Lotter; Vernon Siemelink

Subject: PPP NOTIFICATION: SCOPING EIA APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED MAMATWAN MINE, NORTHERN CAPE

Importance: High

Dear Stakeholder,

INVITATION TO COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED MAMATWAN MANGANESE MINE, HOTAZEL AREA, NORTHERN CAPE

Notice is hereby given of a joint Public Participation Process in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) [as amended] and the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).

The Applicant, Mamatwan Manganese South Africa (Pty) Ltd., is intends to undertake a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process as well as an Integrated Water Use License Application as part of their application for a mining right, environmental authorisation and water use license for the proposed Mamatwan manganese mine. regarding the application is provided in the attached **Background Information Document (BID)**.

Should you wish to register as an interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for this project, require additional information or would like to submit comments on the project please contact **Rachelle Stofberg** or **Nicolene Lotter** using the following contact details:

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394 Tram Street
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Tel: (012) 460 9768
Fax: (012) 460 3071
E-mail: rachelle@envass.co.za / nicolene@envass.co.za

If you are aware of any other parties that may be interested in this project please feel free to pass this information on to them or alternatively provide us with their contact details.

Please forward your comments to us by 05 September 2013.

We look forward to your valued comments!

Kind regards,

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Rachelle Stofberg

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 11 November 2013 10:42 AM
To: 'hannetjiedekock@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: ENVASS REF: 145_12-13: REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTY: MAMATWAN MANGANESE SA

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Hi Hannetjie,

We hereby confirm your I&AP registration. Your comments and concerns are noted. These will be addressed in the EIA phase.

You will be kept updated as the EIA process unfolds. We will released the Draft Scoping Report soon.

Sincerely
Rachelle

-----Original Message-----

From: Hannetjie de Kock [<mailto:hannetjiedekock@gmail.com>]
Sent: 12 August 2013 08:43 AM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Cc: Jaco Fourie; Magda Fourie; jlootsjloots@gmail.com; Loots, Gielie (KIO SIS Mining Maintenance)
Subject: ENVASS REF: 145_12-13: REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTY: MAMATWAN MANGANESE SA

I am hereby registering as an interested & affected party regarding the proposed manganese mine. The requested details as follows:

TITLE: Mrs
SURNAME: de Kock
NAME: Johanna Magdalena
ORGANISATION: Private
POSTAL ADDRESS: PO Box 1213, Kathu, 8446
TEL: 0813935809
EMAIL: hannetjiedekock@gmail.com (preferred method of communication)
COMMENTS: I run an agricultural cattle and game breeding business on the Farm Leonard, District Kuruman, which falls in the immediate surroundings of the proposed mine. Amongst other concerns, we are particularly concerned with the impact the proposed development will have on the surface and groundwater quality and resources, air quality and the ecology.

Regards
JM de Kock
Hannetjie de Kock

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KATHU
8446
Tel 0813735809
hannetjiedekock@gmail.com

From: Jan Loots [<mailto:jloots@jloots@gmail.com>]
Sent: 20 September 2013 03:46 PM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Subject: Registration as interested and affected party: Mamatwan Manganese SA

I am hereby registering as interested and affected party regarding the new manganese mine at Mamatwan.

My details are as follows:

Title Mr
Surname Loots
Name Jan Hendrik
Organisation Private
Postal address Box 36, Kuruman, 8460
Tel 082 377 5668
Email jloots@jloots@gmail.com

Comments:

Nobody contacted me and only recently I obtained your address. The mine is less than 3 km from my farm border. A big new building was erected a few hundred meters from my fence. I run a guest farm with cattle and exotic game.

I am concerned about.:

1. Noise and air pollution to tourists, hunters and livestock.
2. The impact on ground water (Quantity and quality)
3. I farm with a few rare game species and already there is an increase of snares on the fence.
4. Jackal are not being kept under control in the mine area and are cause to species like springbok and impala not able to raise the young.
5. The overall ecology already suffers and and I will definitely going to lose income in my kind of farming.

Kind regards
Jan Loots

Rachelle Stofberg

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 23 September 2013 01:24 PM
To: 'Jan Loots'
Cc: Vernon Siemelink; Emile van Druten; Nicolene Lotter
Subject: RE: Registration as interested and affected party: Mamatwan Manganese SA
Attachments: SKMBT_C22013092313130.pdf

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Dear Jan Hendrik,

Thank you for your email. We hereby confirm that you have been registered as an I&AP for the proposed Mamatwan Mine Project.

Your comments and concerns are noted and will be incorporated into the EIA process for consideration. We will provide you with a formal response on your concerns raised in due course.

Please however note the following: We can confirm you were notified as per the requirements of Chapter 6 Regulation 54 of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2010), of the proposed mine. Please refer to the attached proof of registered letters sent to all relevant stakeholders.

We will keep you updated as the process unfolds.

Kind regards,
Rachelle

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REGISTRATION FORM

| | |
|---|--|
| Title: Mr | Surname: Loots |
| Name: Giediam Van Zyl | Organisation: Private - Farmer |
| Postal Address: PO Box 114 KATHU 8446 | |
| Tel: 0833007116 | Email: giedie.l@sanjoamarien.com |
| I want to receive my notifications via: | <input type="checkbox"/> Post <input type="checkbox"/> Fax <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email |

Comments / concerns that you would like to raise at this stage of the proposed project?

(Please use additional pages if required)

- I like to raise the following concerns:
- 1) Water: Underground water level is already critically low and bulk abstracting of water will cause "insufficient underground water".
 - 2) Dust: I am farming with exotic game and abnormal dust from blasting and mining activities will negatively impact the health of my animals and the quality of the game.
 - 3) The risk of trespassing: Since the contractor's hotel is erected on the farm next to mine I have to remove traps for game weekly from my fences. It is of great concern that the increase amount of trespassers will negatively influence the safe environment for both farmers and animals.

Rachelle Stofberg

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 03 September 2013 08:27 AM
To: 'Loots, Gielie (KIO SIS Mining Maintenance)'
Cc: Nicolene Lotter
Subject: RE: ENVASS REF: 145_12-13: REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTY:MAMATWAN MANGANESE SA

Morning Giele,

Noted and received, thank you. We will incorporate your comments and ensure that these are addressed accordingly.

Regards
Rachelle

From: Loots, Gielie (KIO SIS Mining Maintenance) [<mailto:gielie.loots@angloamerican.com>]
Sent: 03 September 2013 07:54 AM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Cc: Anna-Mart Loots
Subject: RE: ENVASS REF: 145_12-13: REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTY: MAMATWAN MANGANESE SA

Rachelle

I received a letter from your company to comment before 5 Sept. Although I have already raised my concerns I am sending this document again to ensure you have received it.

Please take note that I have added one more concern which is the contractor hostel right next to my farm. I already have problems with trespassing and attempted poaching and would like you to pay immediate attention to this problem.

Regards
Gielie

From: Rachelle Stofberg [<mailto:rachelle@envass.co.za>]
Sent: 12 August 2013 03:06 PM
To: Loots, Gielie (KIO SIS Mining Maintenance)
Subject: RE: ENVASS REF: 145_12-13: REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTY: MAMATWAN MANGANESE SA

Hi Gielie

Thank you for your correspondence!

We hereby confirm you as a registered I&AP for the Mamatwan Manganese Mine project and you will be kept informed and updated as the environmental process unfolds. Your comments and concerns are noted.

As per my email to Jaco, all potential impacts on surface and groundwater quality and resources, air quality and the ecology will be assessed through specialist assessments in the EIA phase. You will also be notified when the NEMA Scoping Report is released for public comment.

Find attached the Background Information Document for you perusal.

Don't hesitate to contact us should you have any queries.

Kind regards,
Rachelle

From: Loots, Gielle (KIO SIS Mining Maintenance) [<mailto:gielle.loots@angloamerican.com>]
Sent: 12 August 2013 03:05 PM
To: Rachelle Stoffberg
Subject: ENVASS REF: 145_12-13: REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTY: MAMATWAN MANGANESE SA

I am hereby registering as an interested & affected party regarding the proposed manganese mine. The requested details as follows:

TITLE: Mr
SURNAME: Loots
NAME: Gielliam van Zyl
ORGANISATION: Private
POSTAL ADDRESS: PO Box 114, Kathu 8446
TEL: 0833007116
EMAIL: gielle.loots@angloamerican.com (preferred method of communication)
COMMENTS: I run an agricultural business consisting of Game, Cattle, Sheep and Goat Farming on the Farm Heuningdraai, District Kuruman, which falls in the immediate surroundings of the proposed mine. Amongst other concerns, I am particularly concerned with the impact the proposed development will have on the surface and groundwater quality and resources, air quality and the ecology.

Regards

Gielliam van Zyl Loots
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Tel 0833006117
Email gielle.loots@angloamerican.com

Rachelle Stofberg

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 01 August 2013 08:21 PM
To: 'Natasha Chengapar'; Nicolene Lotter
Cc: jeffh@tshipi.co.za; justin@safika.co.za; brendan@tshipi.co.za
Subject: RE: Interested and Affected Party - proposed new mine
Attachments: Proposed Mamatwan Mine_Background Information Document_30.07.13.pdf

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Dear Natasha,

Thank you for your email. We hereby confirm Tshipi as a registered I&AP for the above-mentioned project. You will be kept informed and updated on the project as the environmental process unfolds.

You will be notified when the NEMA Scoping Report is released for public comment. Please find attached a copy of the BID as requested.

Don't hesitate to contact us should you have any queries.

Sincerely,

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From: Natasha Chengapar [<mailto:natasha@tshipi.co.za>]
Sent: 01 August 2013 05:07 PM

To: Rachelle Stofberg; Nicolene Lotter
Cc: jeffh@tshipi.co.za; justin@safika.co.za; brendan@tshipi.co.za
Subject: Interested and Affected Party - proposed new mine
Importance: High

Dear Rachelle and Nicolene,

We would like to register as an interested and affected party in respect of the proposed Mamatwan Manganese Mine, Hotazel Area, Northern Cape. Please send all available documentation and information regarding this project, including the BID to me.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Natasha Chengapa
Legal Counsel and Company Secretary



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Rachelle Stofberg

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 26 August 2013 08:15 AM
To: 'Mudau, Rudzani (Hotazel)'
Cc: Nicolene Lotter; Emile van Druten; Vernon Siemelink
Subject: RE: register as an Affected Party

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Dear Rudizani,

Thank you for your correspondence. We hereby confirm your registration as I&AP for the proposed Mamatwan Manganese mine. You will be kept informed throughout the environmental process.

We welcome your comments.

Kind regards,

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From: Mudau, Rudzani (Hotazel) [<mailto:Rudzani.Mudau@bhpbilliton.com>]
Sent: 26 August 2013 07:59 AM
To: Nicolene Lotter; Rachelle Stofberg
Subject: register as an Affected Party

Good day

I hereby apply to be registered as an Affected Party regarding your PROPOSED MAMATWAN MANGANESE MINE, HOTAZEL AREA, NORTHERN CAPE

Regards,



Rudzani Mudau
Environmental Superintendent, Hotazel Manganese Mines

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Rachelle Stofberg

From: Tumisang Tagane [ttagane@afribits.co.za]
Sent: 05 August 2013 02:48 PM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Cc: Nicolene Lotter; Emile van Druten
Subject: RE: Mamatwan Manganese

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Thanks Rachelle

Regards

Tumisang Tagane

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From: Rachelle Stofberg [mailto:rachelle@envass.co.za]
Sent: 03 August 2013 09:32 AM
To: Tumisang Tagane
Cc: Nicolene Lotter; Emile van Druten
Subject: RE: Mamatwan Manganese

Dear Tumisang,

Thank you for your email. We hereby confirm your registration as I&AP for the Mamatwan Manganese Mine project. You will be kept informed and updated as the environmental process unfolds.

Don't hesitate to contact us should you have any queries.

Kind regards,
Rachelle

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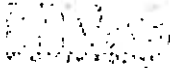
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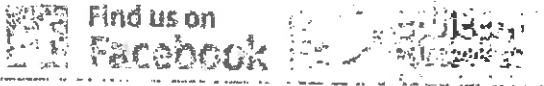
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From: Tumisang Tagane [<mailto:ttagane@afribits.co.za>]
Sent: 02 August 2013 01:56 PM
To: Rachelle Stoffberg
Subject: Mamatwan Manganese

Hi Rachelle

Please register me as I & AP. I will like to do business with Mamatwan in future.

Regards

Tumisang Tagane

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Rachelle Stoffberg

From: Rachelle Stoffberg
Sent: 12 August 2013 08:14 AM
To: 'Jaco Fourie - Areion'; Mammahannetjie; Magda Fourie Areion; Gielie Loots; jlootsjloots@gmail.com
Cc: Emile van Druuten; Vernon Siemelink; Nicolene Lotter
Subject: RE: ENVASS REF: 145_12-13: REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTY: MAMATWAN MANGANESE SA
Attachments: Proposed Mamatwan Mine_Background Information Document_30.07.13.pdf
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Dear Jaco,

Thank you for your correspondence!

We hereby confirm you as a registered I&AP for the Mamatwan Manganese Mine project and you will be kept informed and updated as the environmental process unfolds. Your comments and concerns are noted.

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Rachelle

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From: Jaco Fourie - Areion [<mailto:jaco@areion.co.za>]

Sent: 09 August 2013 10:34 AM

To: Rachelle Stofberg; Mammahannetjie; Magda Fourie Areion; Gielle Loots; jlootsjloots@gmail.com

Subject: ENVASS REF: 145_12-13: REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTY: MAMATWAN MANGANESE SA

I am hereby registering as an interested & affected party regarding the proposed manganese mine. The requested details as follows:

TITLE: Mr

SURNAME: Fourie

NAME: Jaco

ORGANISATION: Private

POSTAL ADDRESS: PO Box 2037, Kathu 8446

TEL: 0825675133

FAX: 0866130150

EMAIL: jaco@areion.co.za (preferred method of communication)

COMMENTS: I run an agricultural horse, cattle and game breeding business on the Farm Chelmsford, District Kuruman, which falls in the immediate surroundings of the proposed mine. Amongst other concerns, we are particularly concerned with the impact the proposed development will have on the surface and groundwater quality and resources, air quality and the ecology.

Regards

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Comments / concerns that you would like to raise at this stage of the proposed project?

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DANKU

Nico Smit

Rachelle Stofberg

From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 14 November 2013 11:57 AM
To: 'nico@sanyatibb.co.za'
Subject: I&AP registration

Importance: High

Beste Nico,

Jou faks aan ENVASS op 25/09/13 het verwysing. Hiermee bevestig on jou registrasie as belanghebbende party vir die Mamatwan Myn projek. Jou kommentaar is formeel aangeteken en sal in die EIA proses opgeneem word en geadresseer word.

Groete
Rachellel

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Portion 3 & 8 of the Farm Mamatwan No.331

Our Ref: 9/2/055/0002

Enquiries: Jenna Lavin
Edit view Tel: 021 462 4502
Edit view Email: jlavin@sahra.org.za
CaseID: 3629

Date: Friday September 20, 2013

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Letter

in terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Envass
394 Tram Street
New Muckleneuk
0181

Consultation in terms of section 40 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 2002, (Act 28 of 2002) for the approval of a scoping report for a mining right in respect of Manganese on the remaining extent, remaining extent of portion 3 and portion 8 of the farm Mamatwan No.331, situated in the Magisterial District of Kuruman, Northern Cape Region.

We have received notification of your application for an environmental management plan in respect of mining permit for manganese ore.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done in terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act. This must include the archaeological component as well as any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate mitigation, which may involve recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

In the EMP submitted to SAHRA, you indicate that an HIA will be completed. SAHRA endorses this recommendation and requires that the completed HIA comply with Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act as well as SAHRA's Minimum Standards for Impact Assessments (2007).

The Heritage Impact Assessment must assess impacts to all heritage resources including archaeology, palaeontology, geological heritage, significant structures, burial grounds and graves as well as any other heritage resources. An assessment of the significance of these resources must be provided as well as any proposed measures to mitigate the impact of the proposed development.

SAHRA looks forward to receiving this study before commenting further.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.



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Yours faithfully

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Thanking you in advance!

Warm regards,
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Please feel free to contact me should you have any concerns.

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Sent: 13 January 2014 09:07 AM
To: Rachelle Stofberg
Subject: Re: Public Participation Process Notification: Draft Scoping Report available for comment_Proposed Mamatwan Mine, Northern Cape NC/EIN I0/JRG/GNMAM/2013

Thank you for your indication that development is to take place in this area. Please note that SAHRA no longer accepts documents via email or through the post. In order for SAHRA to comment on this case you are required to lodge the application through our online application system, SAHRIS (www.sahra.org.za). You will first need to register and await for the confirmation email before you will be able to create the case on SAHRIS. If you require any assistance you can browse through the help tutorials on the website or alternatively give us a call at the office.

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Sent: Friday, 20 December, 2013 1:18:45 PM
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Dear Stakeholder / Interested and Affected Party

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS: PROPOSED MAMATWAN MANGANESE MINE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON R/E OF PORTION 3, PORTION 8 AND PORTION 18 AS WELL AS THE R/E OF THE FARM MAMATWAN 331 RD, NEAR HOTAZEL, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

A joint Public Participation Process (PPP) is undertaken for the proposed mining development. The process is undertaken to ensure compliance with regard to the requirements in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development

Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) [as amended], National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2010).

Notice is hereby given of the Public Participation Process in terms of Chapter 6 of the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2010 for the above-mentioned project. The NEMA Draft Scoping Report and Plan of Study are now available for comment for a period of 40 days from **20 December 2013 to 21 February 2014**. **[NOTE: Additional days added to the commenting period in order to compensate for the December festive period and public holidays]**.

Hardcopies of the DSR has been submitted to all Organs of State and relevant authorities. In addition a copy has been placed at the Ga-Segonyana Public library (C/o Voortrekker and Skool Streets, Kuruman) and is also available on the ENVASS website (www.envass.co.za) for download.

A Public Meeting / Open Day is planned to take place in after completion of the Scoping Phase. It is anticipated that this meeting will take place in February 2014.

Any comments / responses (fax, post or email) on the Draft Scoping Report must be received by ENVASS **by no later than 21 February 2014**). All comments must be directed to Rachelle Stofberg by any of the following methods:

- Written submission to 394 Tram Street, New Muckleneuk, Pretoria, 0181
- Email addressed to Rachelle Stofberg at rachelle@envass.co.za
- Faxing of written comments to 012 460 3071.

Note: If you are aware of any other parties that may be interested in this project please feel free to pass this information on to them or alternatively provide us with their contact details.

We look forward to your valued comments!

Kind regards,

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Dear Stakeholder,

INVITATION TO COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED MAMATWAN MANGANESE MINE, HOTAZEL AREA, NORTHERN CAPE

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The Applicant, Mamatwan Manganese South Africa (Pty) Ltd., is intends to undertake a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process as well as an Integrated Water Use License Application as part of their application for a mining right, environmental authorisation and water use license for the proposed Mamatwan manganese mine. regarding the application is provided in the attached **Background Information Document (BID)**.

Should you wish to register as an interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for this project, require additional information or would like to submit comments on the project please contact **Rachelle Stofberg** or **Nicolene Lotter** using the following contact details:

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Please forward your comments to us by 05 September 2013.

We look forward to your valued comments!

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Beste Willem en Gert

Vind aub hierby aangeheg die kennisgewing van die impakstudie ten opsigte van 'n voorgestelde mangaanmyn by Hotazel in die Noord Kaap. Neem aub kennis dat sou julle kommentaar wil lewer, die sluitingsdatum daarvoor 5 September 2013 is.

Vir jul verdere aandag

Vriendelike groete / Kind regards

Chris van Zyl

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From: Rachelle Stofberg
Sent: 25 February 2014 03:29 PM
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Subject: FW: Comments on the DSR of the proposed Mamatwan Manganese Mine, Hotazel (DENC Ref: NC/EIA/10/JTG/GA/MAM/2013)
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Dear Ms. Stofberg

Attached please find comments on the draft scoping report (DSR) of the above-mentioned proposed development. Thank you very much for allowing the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) to comment.

Kind Regards, Jacoline

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ATTENTION: Ms. Rachelle Stofberg (rachelle@envass.co.za)

RE: COMMENTS ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MAMATWAN MANGANESE MINE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON R/E OF PORTION 3, PORTION 8 AND PORTION 18 AS WELL AS THE R/E OF THE FAFRM MAMATWAN 331 RD, NEAR HOTAZEL, NORTHERN CAPE (DENC REF: NC/EIA/10/JTG/GA/MAM/2013)

1. DEPARTMENTAL MANDATE

- 1.1 The Directorate: Forestry Management (Other Regions) in the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) is mainly concerned about the potential impact on protected tree species. See the National Forests Act, Act 84 of 1998 (NFA) as amended, section 12(1)(d) read with s15(1) and s62(2)(c). The list of protected tree species was published in GN 877 of 22 November 2013. **No protected tree may be cut, destroyed, damaged or disturbed without a license.**
- 1.2 The DAFF is also responsible for the administration of the National Veld and Forest Fires Act, Act 101 of 1998 (NVFFA) as amended. Please take note of roles and responsibilities in terms of the NVFFA.

2. COMMENTS ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT (DSR)

- 2.1 Page 4 of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) refers to the legislative requirements. No reference was made to the Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act, Act 9 of 2009 (NCNCA) administered by the provincial Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC), although it was mentioned on page 30 under the provincial legislative framework. A Flora permit may be required in terms of the NCNCA for removal of indigenous, protected and specially protected vegetation.
- 2.2 Page 5 refers to the potential direct impacts identified. It is not clear whether destruction of flora will be covered in terms of the ecological impact under the 'destruction of sensitive habitat'. With a development footprint of ± 1090 ha, vegetation clearance and destruction of plant species of special concern may be significant as it is a semi-arid region.

- 2.3 Kindly ensure that you assess the potential impact on plant species of special concern i.e. endemic, protected, specially protected, endangered, etc. Please try to avoid areas with higher densities of slow growing protected trees and ensure that you develop an ecological sensitivity map. Sensitive areas should be avoided as far as possible.
- 2.4 Page 27 refers to the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act 84 of 1998) and stated that "the study area contains protected tree species identified in terms of Section 21 of the NFA". Kindly note that Section 21 of the NFA refers to access to forests other than State forests and is thus not applicable. See number 1.1 above for the relevant sections of the NFA.
- 2.5 Kindly provide an accurate estimation of the number of protected trees (per size class) to be potentially destroyed by the proposed development. The reason being that if a certain threshold value is reached, a biodiversity offset might be required to compensate for the permanent loss of slow growing protected trees. Ideally, this potential impact should be assessed during the EIA phase (in the specialist Ecological Assessment) to determine whether or not an offset is necessary. The information would also be needed at a later stage for the Forest Act License.
- 2.6 Page 28 of the DSR in reference to the NFA stated that "a permit for the removal / destruction of protected trees will be applied for with the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry..." Kindly note that the Department of Forestry is no longer affiliated with the Department of Water Affairs. It should read "Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)".
- 2.7 Page 34 question B5 refers to impact on sensitive natural areas and then indicated that the proposed site for the mine is within an area which is already severely disturbed. Kindly determine whether or not the proposed development falls in the Griqualand West Centre of Endemism and Kathu Bushveld Vegetation type as these are deemed important due to a large number of developments affecting it and the fact that none of the 'Kathu Bushveld' vegetation type is formally conserved with the exception of the Kathu Forest.
- 2.8 Page 43 refers to the Flora and table 6 lists the vegetation types in the province. The province is very large. Kindly be more specific and overlay the proposed development on the latest vegetation map to determine which vegetation types will be affected by the proposed development.
- 2.9 Page 43 stated that 'endangered' trees such as *Acacia erioloba*, *Acacia haematoxylon* and *Boscia albitrunca* are known to occur in the area. Kindly note the species mentioned are 'protected', not 'endangered' at this stage.
- 2.10 Page 43 refers to the 'National Forestry Act, 1998 (Act No. 30 of 1998)'. Kindly note it should read: National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998)
- 2.11 Page 66 confirmed that an ecological assessment will be undertaken during the EIA phase. Please forward a copy to this office for comments.

Yours truly,



Jacoline Mans
Chief Forester: NFA Regulation

