

October 01, 2015

Project No. 1416935-Ann Letter-001

Dear Stakeholder

# APPLICATION BY SAMANCOR CHROME FOR A MINING RIGHT, ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION, WATER USE LICENCE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE ON THE FARM VARKENSVLEI 403 KQ, NORTH-WEST PROVINCE

Invitation to register as an interested and affected party Availability of Draft Scoping Report for public review

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On 22 September 2015 Samancor Chrome submitted an application to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) for a mining right on portions 0, 1 and 2 of the farm Varkensvlei 403 KQ. In terms of the new EIA Regulations GN R.982/983/984/985 that commenced on 8 December 2014, an application for a mining right triggers an application for environmental authorisation, which must be supported by a scoping and impact assessment process and which must also be submitted to the DMR. In terms of changes in the legislation on waste management (GN R.632/633) that commenced on 24 July 2015, Samancor Chrome will also apply for a waste and water management licence.

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Thursday, 01 October 2015 to Friday, 30 October 2015

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August 26, 2016

Project No. 1416935-Ann Letter-002

Dear Stakeholder

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## Pape, Ursula

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**Sent:** 26 August 2016 08:41 PM

**To:** Pape, Ursula

**Subject:** RE-APPLICATION BY SAMANCOR CHROME FOR A MINING RIGHT AND AN

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26 August 2016

Document No. 1416935 Re-Appy Letter 001

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Senior Stakeholder Engagement Specialist

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3 February 2017

Project No. 1416935-Ann Letter-003

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Draft EIA Report available for public review and comment from Friday 3 February 2017

#### Dear

We would like to thank all the stakeholders who have commented on the Draft Scoping Report. The EIA team is pleased to inform you that the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Draft Environmental Management Programme are now available for public review.

## Draft EIA/EMPr Report available for public review

The Draft EIA Report and Draft Environmental Management Programme is available for a public review period of 30 days, from **Friday 3 February 2017** to **Monday 06 March 2017**.

In terms of the EIA Regulations under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Section 24 O), the purpose of the public review period is for stakeholders to verify that the comments they raised during the Scoping Phase have been considered in the environmental specialist studies, and to provide them with the opportunity to comment on the findings of the specialist studies and the recommended mitigation and monitoring measures.

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We would like to thank you once again for your active participation in the environmental authorisation process. Should you have any questions, need more information, wish to comment or have neighbours/friends/colleagues that should be informed about the proposed project, please contact me at (011) 254 4805, fax 086 582 1561 or email: <a href="mailto:samancorv@golder.co.za">samancorv@golder.co.za</a>.



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## **Registration and Comment Sheet**



Friday, 03 February to Monday 06 March 2017

Your comments are an important contribution to this permitting process. We would like to interact directly with you and encourage you to register as a stakeholder. By registering, we will be able to keep you updated as this project moves forward and respond to any questions or concerns that you may wish to raise.

		PERSON	AL DETAI	LS						
Name	Surname		Title	Orga	Organisation / Department (If applicable)					
	1	CONTACT	INFORMA	TION						
Cell Number	Land	and Line Contact Number		Fax Number		Preferred Language				
		Office								
		Home								
E-mail	Postal Address				P	Postal code				
		LAND	OWNERS							
If your property falls within mining right application area farm name and erf and portion	, please	e tell us you								
WOULD YOU LIKE	TO REC	SISTER AS A	N INTERE	STED A	AND AFFE	CTED PA	ARTY	?		
_	er me as an interested and affected party for this project so that I further information and notifications as the project develops			NO						
Preferred Method of Communication (Mark with an X)		POST			E-MAIL		FAX			
In terms of GNR 982 (EIA Regulations) I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:		Date								
		Signature								

For internal use to confirm capture of stakeholder details into the stakeholder database		
Stakeholder database		
reference number	Signature of data capturer	

You are welcome to use different pages should you so wish.			
I have the following comments on the Draft EIA Report and/or the public consultation process:			
Please ask the following of my colleagues / friends to environmental authorisation process:	register as Interested and Affected Persons for this		
NAME	CONTACT DETAILS		

## PLEASE RETURN THE REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET TO:

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