

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 AND COMMENT ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

On 22 September 2015 Samancor Chrome applied for a mining right on portions 0, 1 and 2 of the farm Varkensvlei 403 KQ. This application includes both opencast and underground mining, and the ore will be processed by wet methods. 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 must also apply for a waste management licence and a water use licence.

The proposed project area is located in the Magisterial District of Waterberg in the Limpopo Province, about 13 km west of the town of Northam and 80 km north of Rustenburg. The farm lies on the border between the North West and Limpopo Provinces and the proposed mining operation will stretch across the provincial border.

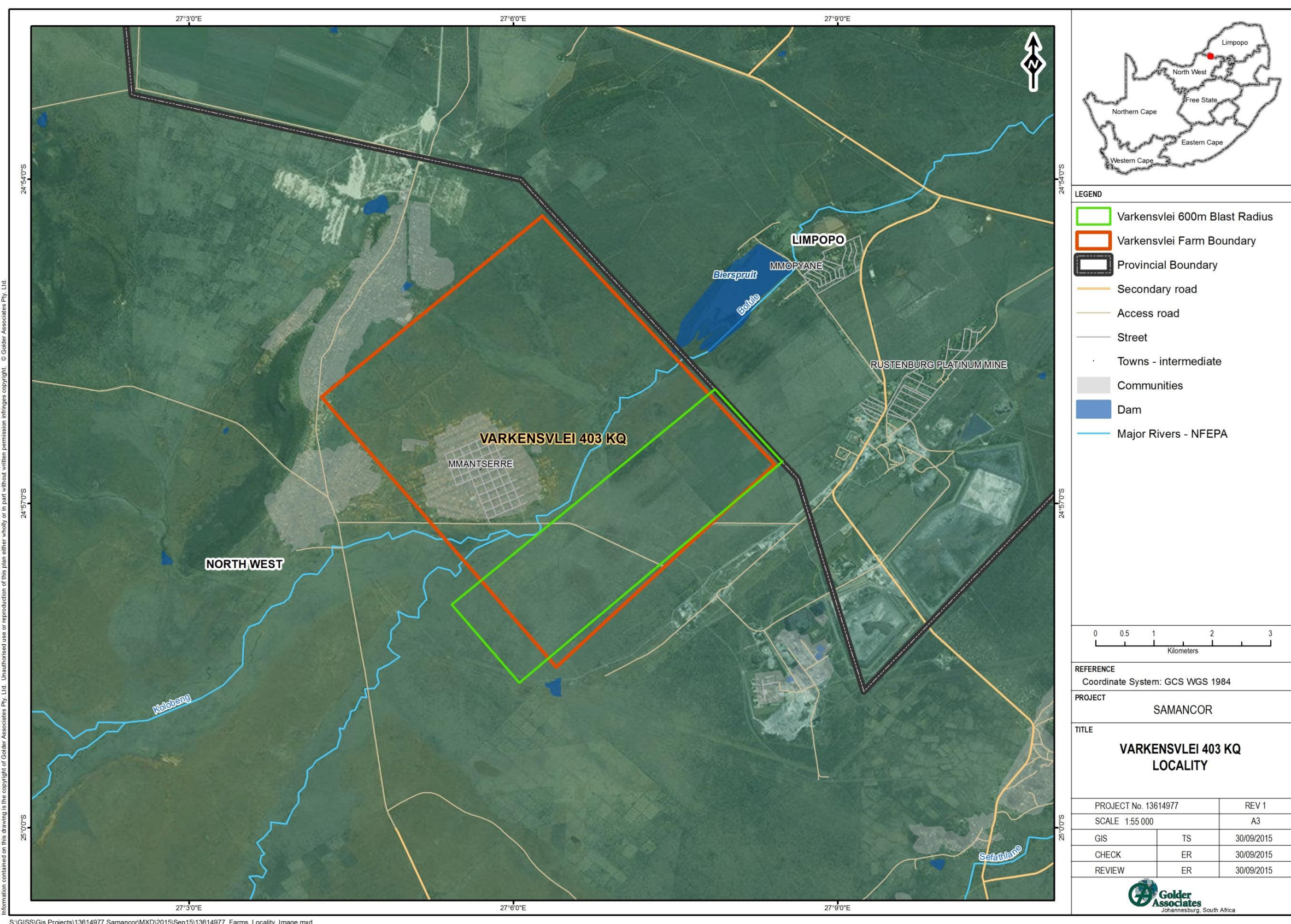
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INVITATION TO REGISTER AS INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY AND TO COMMENT

Stakeholders are invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and to participate in the above process by commenting on the Draft Scoping Report and/or identifying issues of concern and suggestions for enhanced benefits.

The Draft Scoping Report will be available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from **Thursday 01 October to Friday 30 October 2015**. The report, as well as an on-line Registration and Comment Sheet, will be available at the public places listed below and also on the following website: www.golder.com/public.



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RE-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 – LP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1(0130) EM

INVITATION TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY AND COMMENT ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

On 12 August 2016 Samancor Chrome reapplied for a mining right on portions 0, 1 and 2 of the farm Varkensvlei 403 KQ. This application included both opencast and underground mining, and the ore will be processed by wet methods. 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 Department of Mineral Resources (DMR). In terms of changes in the legislation on waste management (GN R.632/633) that commenced on 24 July 2015, Samancor Chrome must also apply for a waste management licence and a water use license.

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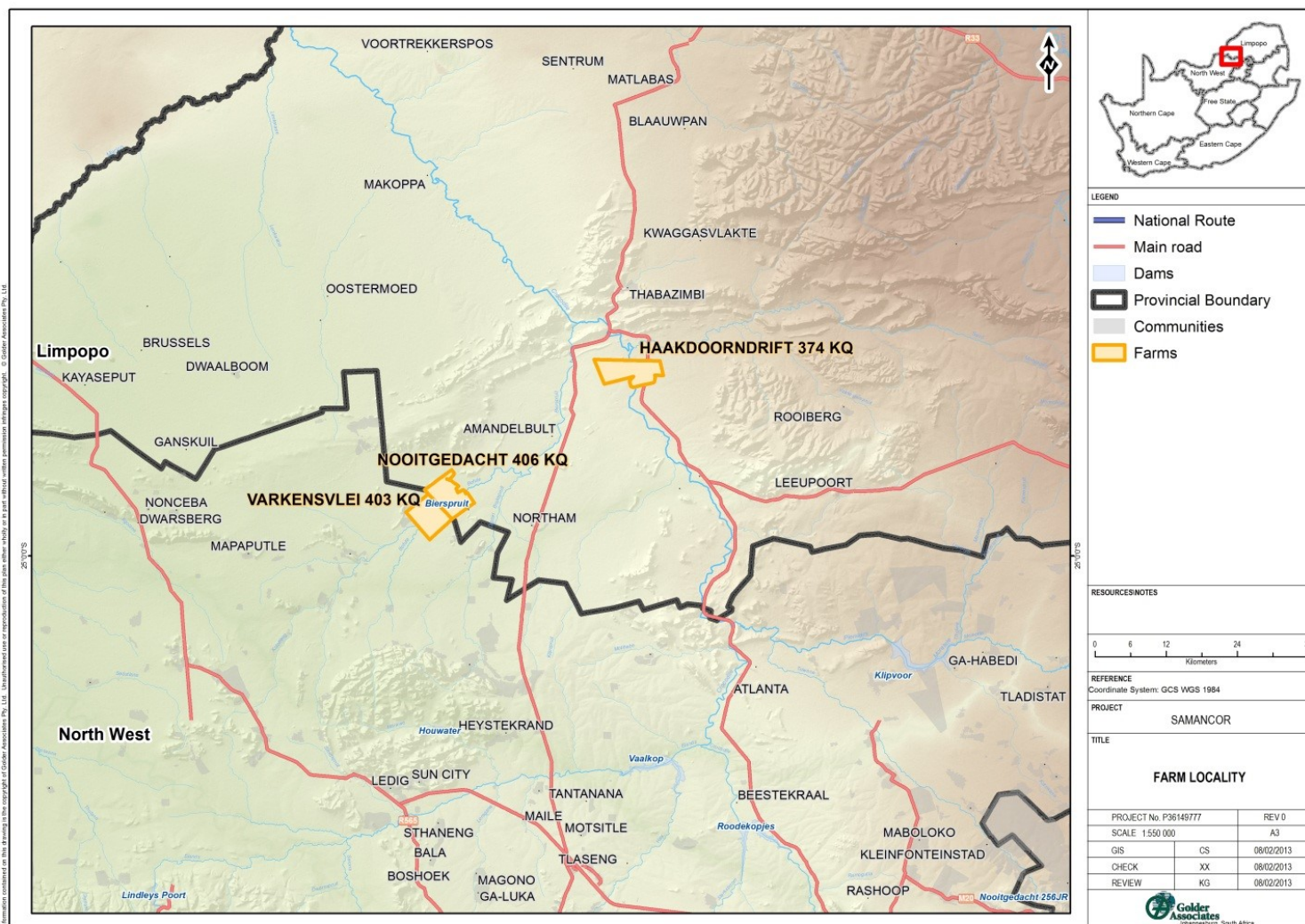
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Subsequent to its previous application to the DMR, Samancor is required to undertake a re-submission of the above mentioned Draft Scoping Report, providing further opportunity for stakeholder input. Stakeholders are invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and to participate in the above process by commenting on the Draft Scoping Report and/or identifying issues of concern and suggestions for enhanced benefits.

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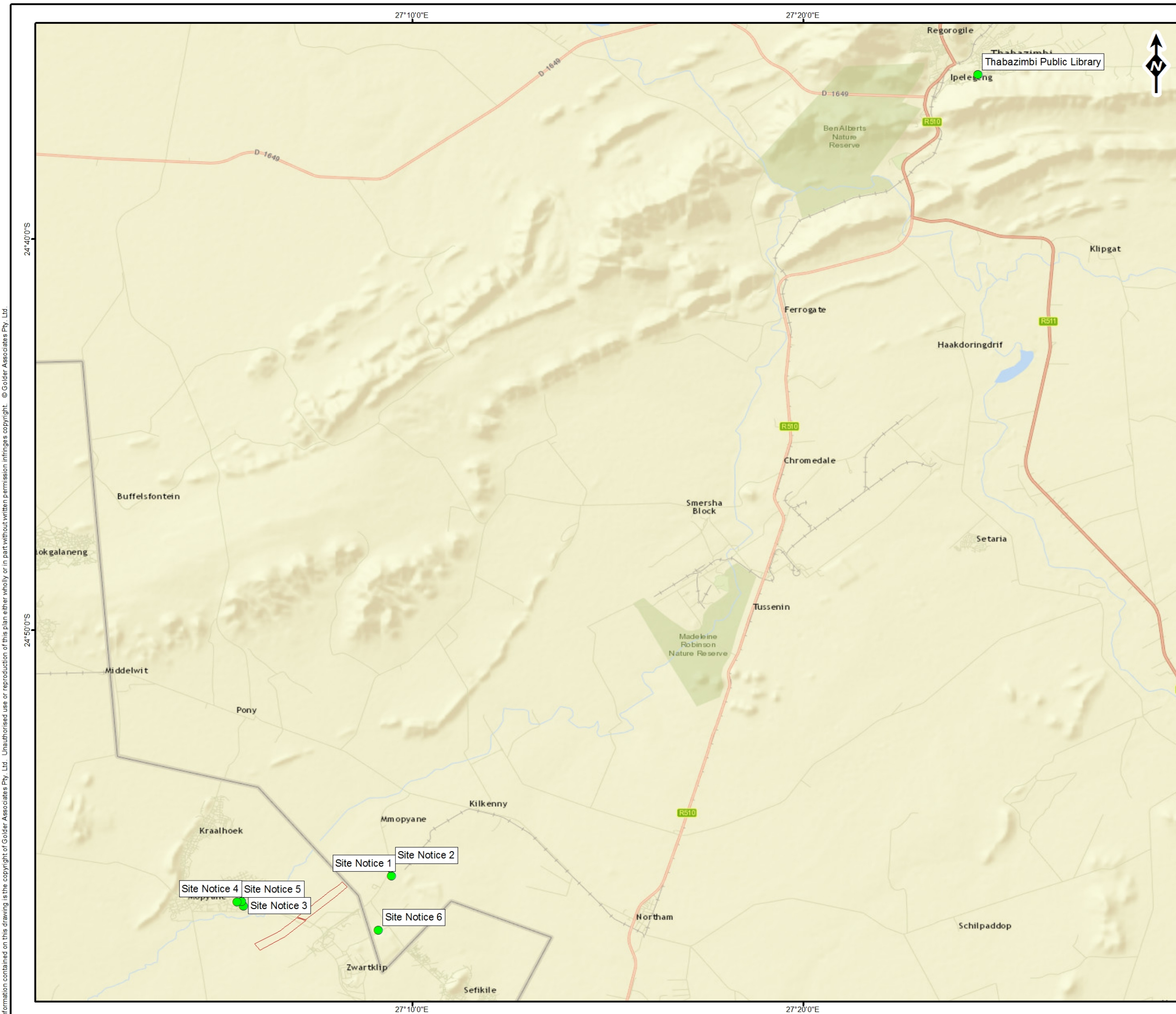


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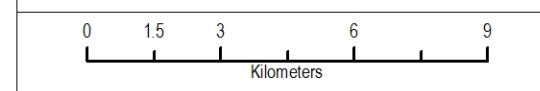
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- Varkensvlei Pit Area



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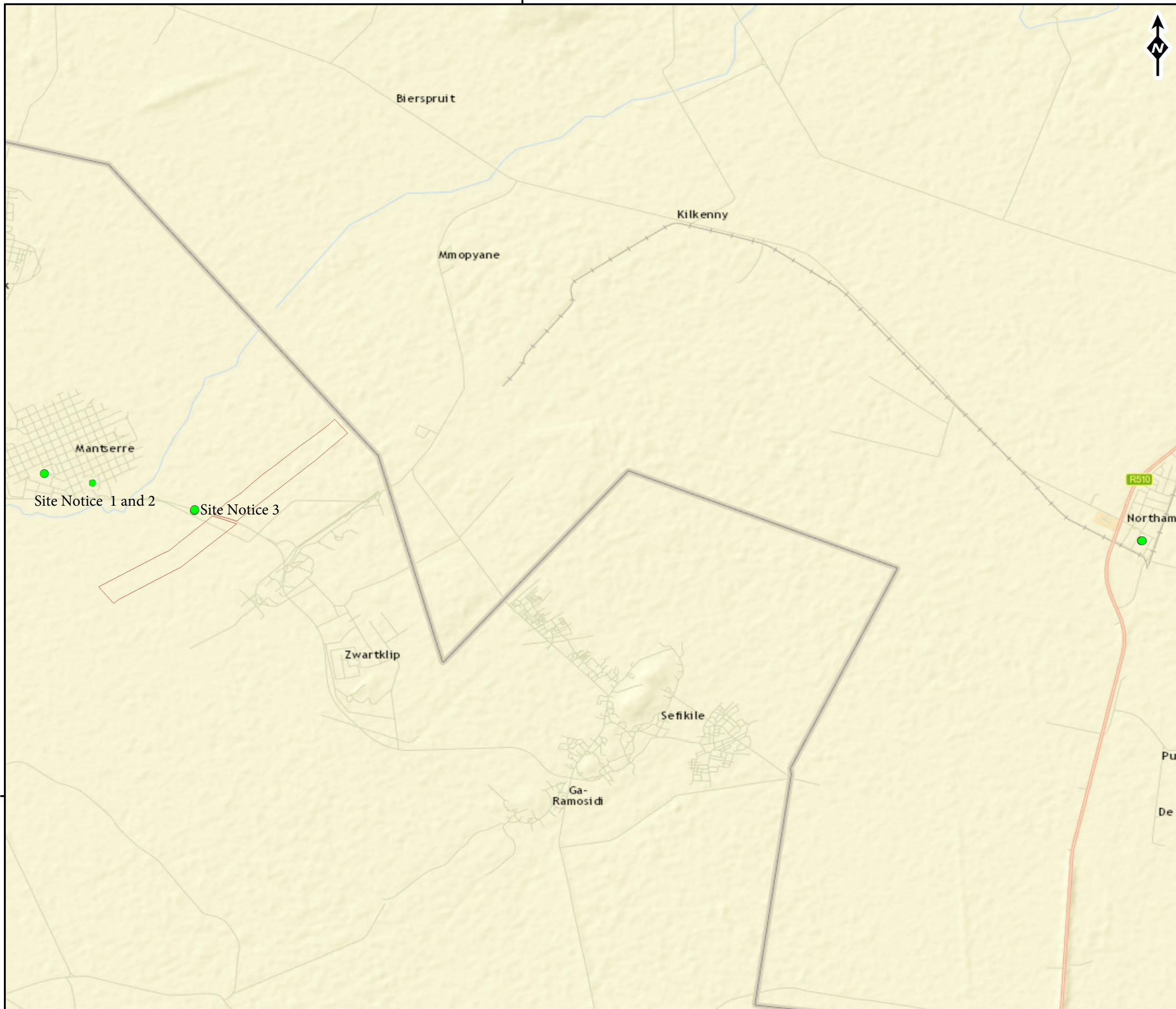
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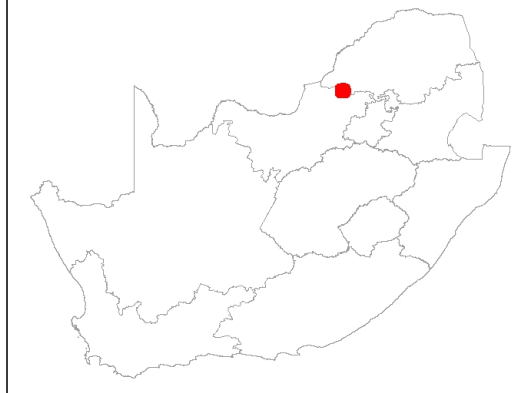


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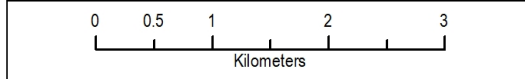
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DATE 29 August 2016

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REQUIRED:
 YES (Please email / fax to Golder Associates)

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Pape, Ursula

From: Pape, Ursula
Sent: 30 August 2016 09:12 AM
To: 'Paulus Marakalla'
Cc: Roux, Etienne; Chauke, Johannes
Subject: FW: RE-APPLICATION BY SAMANCOR CHROME FOR A MINING RIGHT AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION, WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE ON THE FARM VARKENSVLEI 403 KQ, NORTH-WEST PROVINCE

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	'Paulus Marakalla'	
	Roux, Etienne	Delivered: 2016/08/30 09:13 AM
	Chauke, Johannes	

Dear Mr Marakalla

Our apologies for the intrusion at your home yesterday. We don't ordinarily arrive at people's homes with documents without prior notice. Our intention yesterday was to deliver the Samancor Chrome Scoping Report to a public place accessible to the Mantserre Community but unfortunately the Mantserre Tribal Offices were close and our driver was informed that there is no other suitable place in the area. Instead of bringing the document back to Johannesburg, we thought it best to try and have it made available to the Mantserre community by delivering it to either yourself or to Chief Ramokoka as Community Representatives.

Could you kindly acknowledge receipt of the Scoping Report delivered yesterday by either replying on this email or by signing and returning the attached issue slip. Should you require any information regarding this re-application, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Kind regard

Ursula Pape | Project Assistant | **Golder Associates Africa (Pty) Ltd.**
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26 August 2016

Document No. 1416935 Re-Appy Letter 001

Dear Ms Pape

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

Samancor Chrome (Samancor) operates two chrome ore mining complexes and three ferrochrome plants in South Africa and is one of the world's largest integrated producers of ferrochrome. The company holds prospecting rights on the farm Varkensvlei 403 KQ in the Magisterial District of Waterberg in the Limpopo Province, about 13 km west of the town of Northam and 80 km north of Rustenburg.

On 12 August 2016 Samancor Chrome resubmitted 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 must therefore apply for a waste management licence.

Samancor Chrome will be undertaking several listed activities applicable to the proposed project that require environmental authorisation via the EIA process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and the EIA Regulations. In terms of the recent changes in legislation, the DMR is the competent authority for the consideration of the applications for a mining right, environmental authorisation and a waste management licence. The Department of Water and Sanitation must consider the application for a water use licence, which will be applied for.

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The Draft Scoping Report is available for public review and comment from **Friday, 26 August 2016 to Monday, 26 September 2016.**

The Draft Scoping Report contains:

- A description of the proposed mining activities;
- An overview of the EIA process, including public participation;
- A description of the existing environment in the proposed project area;
- The identified environmental issues and potential impacts;
- The proposed scope of specialist studies planned for the Impact Assessment phase;

- A list of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs); and
- A Comments and Responses Report (CRR) listing the comments raised by I&APs during the EIA that was done in 2013. Comments received during this authorisation process will be added to the CRR.

AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

The Draft Scoping Report will be available for public review and comment from **Friday, 26 August 2016 to Monday, 26 September 2016**. The Draft Scoping Report and on-line Registration and Comment Sheet can be downloaded from our website: <http://www.golder.com/public>. The Draft Scoping Report will also be made available for review at the following public places:

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Your comments are valuable

Please provide your comments by e-mail, post, fax or telephonically to the Golder Associates Public Participation Office at the contact details provided below.

Comments on the Draft Scoping Report must be submitted *before or on* **Monday, 26 September 2016**. Comments received will be acknowledged and recorded in the Scoping Report, which must be submitted to the DMR on or before 26 September 2016.

REGISTER AS AN I&AP

Stakeholders are invited to register as I&APs, and to participate in the EIA/EMPr process in any of the following ways:

- Completing the enclosed Registration and Comment Sheet or on-line via the Golder website and submitting it to the Public Participation Office; and
- Submitting any comments you may have or the request to be registered by mail, e-mail, letter, fax or telephonically to the contact details indicated below.

Please contact me should you have any questions, would like more information, to obtain a copy of the Draft Scoping Report; or would like to contribute comments. You can reach me at the following contact details:

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I look forward to your participation in the project.

Sincerely,

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Due Date for Comments
Monday 26 September 2016

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