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Our Ref: NWP/DMR/30/2015

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Golder Associates
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Dear Sir/Madam

COMMENTS ON THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE MINING RIGHT APPLICATION IN RESPECT OF PORTION 1, PORTION 2 AND THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM VARKENSVLEI 403 KQ, SITUATED ACROSS THE BORDER BETWEEN NORTH WEST AND LIMPOPO PROVINCE

- 1. The Scoping Report submitted in respect of the above-mentioned mining right application and received by this Department on 05 October 2015, including a site inspection undertaken by the Department official Ms. Thembekile Makuwa with Ms. Heather Booysen of Samancor Chrome on 02 November 2015 has reference.
- 2. Following the review of the Scoping Report the Department has identified that all issues have been addressed adequately within the report. In this regard, this Department recommends that::
 - a) Detailed mitigation measures for all identified impacts must be presented in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and draft Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).
 - Comments received from interested and affected parties must be addressed and incorporated in the report.
 - c) Should the applicant intend to use borehole water for mining purposes, a water use license application should be submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation.
 - d) In addition to all specialist studies identified during the Scoping Phase which will form part of the EIA report, a Blast Plan should also be included in the EIA report and it should consider possible impacts of the mine on villages located near the proposed mining site.



The probable occurrence of red data species such as the Giant Bullfrog, African Rock python and Yellow-throated Sandgrouse on site should be further investigated and confirmed by a specialist.

- f) The description of the environment on site must include any watercourse located on the property, including all activities proposed on the watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse. Quantities of dangerous goods (such as fuel) must also be specified. This information is important to determine whether certain listed activities should have been included in the scope of this project.
- 3. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact this office at the above mentioned numbers.

Yours faithfully

Ms. Portia Krisjan

Director: Environmental Quality Management

North-West Province: Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development

Date: 20/11/2015

Cc: Samancor Chrome (Pty) Ltd

[Ms. Heather Booysen]

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TO Chief Saltiel Ramokoka

Care Of Mr P Marakalla, Mantserre Business

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FROM Antoinette Pietersen

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1416935-298836-2 SAMANCOR CHROME EIA/EMP REPORT

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Samancor Chrome Limited Postnet Suite 803 Benmore Sandton 2010

Attention: Mr Thabo Eric

RE: FEEDBACK FROM RMDEC MEETING ON THE MATTER BETWEEN SAMANCOR CHROME LIMITED AND BAPHALANE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Reference is hereby made to the RMDEC meeting held on 23rd June 2016 and regarding an objection lodged against an application for a mining right of Samancor Chrome Limited by Baphalane Development Trust

It was resolved that Samancor Chrome Limited should do the following:

- Convene focused group meetings with the Business forum, Baphalane Development Trust and any other communal structures.
- Convene a public participation meeting with the entire community of Bapahalane.
- The meeting proceedings should address amongst others Equity (community stake), Social and Labour Plan, Socio-economic and Environmental impacts the proposed operation, Procurement and other opportunities.

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The proof and results of the above mentioned consultation should be submitted to this office within a period not exceeding sixty (60) days from the date of this letter.

Hoping you will find this in order

Regards

Regional Manager

Limpopo Region
Date: ... Dl. Suly 2016

Public Meeting

Mantserre Community Record of Proceedings of Public Meeting 20 July 2016 12H00

Opening and Welcoming: A hymn was sung and the meeting was opened with a prayer. Mr Saltiel Ramokoka welcomed all in attendance and requested that the attendance register be signed by attendees as this was an official meeting.

Remarks on the Proceedings of the meeting:

The meeting was attended by

- Kgosi Ramokoka and members of BaPhalane Ba Mantserre Traditional Council.
- Representatives from the Department of Mineral Resources
- Samancor representatives
- · Golder Associates Africa (Pty) Ltd
- Community members

The attendance register was circulated, but some members of the audience refused to sign and started disrupting the meeting. Signatories on the few pages of the attendance register are mainly divided into people who signed as ordinary members of the community and youth. The group that did not want the meeting to go ahead mentioned that they do not want Samancor in their area. The feeling was that Samancor is treating the locals with disrespect because the first round of consultation was not done in the proper procedural way and now Samancor is trying to bully the community into accepting an unfair deal. They shouted that Kgosi Ramokoka knows that the council of traditional leaders agreed that such meetings with developers/mines in North West should not be allowed because Samancor does not negotiate in good faith. It was mentioned that even in Burgersfort Samancor has been chased away. It however became clear that not everybody in attendance did not want Samancor because there was a group that was shouting back saying that they wanted Samancor to operate in their area because this meant that they will get jobs. The group that wanted Samancor to operate encouraged members of the traditional council to call the police.

As the situation threatened to get out of control because the two opposing groups from the local community were becoming too rowdy and confrontational with each other it was decided that the meeting should be called off and it was then officially closed with the permission of Kgosi Ramokoka.

This record of proceedings was compiled for Samancor by Moses Mahlangu of Margen Industrial Services, PO Box 12822 Leraatsfontein 1308, who attended as a facilitator.

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Enquiries: Ms. M.M. Sathekge Ref: LP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (10130) EM

E-Mail Address: Mapula.Sathekge@dmr.gov.za Sub-Directorate: Mine Environmental Management

The Director(s): Samancor Chrome Limited Postnet Suite 803 Private Bag X9 BENMORE 2010

Attention: Ms. Heather Booysen
CC: Etienne Roux/ Antoinette Pietersen

SCOPING REPORT (SR) SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR A MINING RIGHT APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (NEMA), 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMENDED READ WITH REGULATION 21 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014 IN RESPECT OF THE FARM VARKENSVLEI 403 KQ, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF THABAZIMBI: LIMPOPO REGION.

The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment received by the Department on 23 September 2016 has reference.

- 1. The Department has evaluated the submitted SR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2(2) of NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 and it is hereby accepted in terms of regulation 22(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.
- You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.
- 3. Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to this office with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). This includes but is not limited to the South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA), Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET), Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof of attempts that were made to obtain comments should be submitted.

- 4. In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the EIAR and EMPr:
- a) Details of the future land use for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning in 20-30 years.
- The total footprint of the proposed development should be indicated. b)

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- Should a Water Use License be required, proof of such application needs to be submitted. c)
- Possible impacts and effects of the development on the ecology with regard to lowland-highland d) interface in the locality should be indicated.
- Possible impacts and effects of the development on the surrounding industrial area should be e) indicated.
- f) Information on services required on the site, e.g. sewage, refuse removal, water, electricity, etc. and the supplier(s)' agreement/ confirmation should be submitted.
- g) A construction and operational phase of the EMPr should include impacts mitigation and monitoring measures.
- Should blasting be required, appropriate mitigation measures should be provided. h)
- 5. The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 with regards to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.
- 6. Please ensure that the EIAR includes the A3 size locality maps of the area and illustrates the exact location of the proposed development. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:
 - Maps are relatable to one another;
 - Co-ordinates:
 - Legible legends;
 - Indicate alternatives:
 - Scale and
 - Vegetation types of the study area.
- 7. Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subjected to any permits or authorisations in terms of the provisions of any Specific Environmental Management Acts (SEMAs), proof of such application will be required.
- 8. You are requested to submit three (3) hard copies of the EIAR and EMPr and at least one electronic copy (CD) of the complete EIAR and EMPr to this office.
- 9. Your attention is brought to Section 24F of the NEMA which stipulates that "no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority".

Yours faithfully

RÉGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION

LIMPOPO REGION

DATE: 12-01-2017

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The impacts of the proposed facility on avifauna and bats must be assessed in the EIA phase. e)

Possible impacts and effects of the development on the surrounding industrial area should be f)

Information on services required on the site, e.g. sewage, refuse removal, water, electricity, etc. g) and the supplier(s)' agreement/ confirmation should be submitted. h)

A construction and operational phase of the EMPr should include impacts mitigation and

monitoring measures.

- Should blasting be required, appropriate mitigation measures should be provided. i)
- 5. The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 with regards to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.
- 6. Please ensure that the EIAR includes the A3 size locality maps of the area and illustrates the exact location of the proposed development. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:
 - Maps are relatable to one another;
 - Co-ordinates;
 - Legible legends;
 - Indicate alternatives:
 - Scale and
 - Vegetation types of the study area.
- 7. Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subjected to any permits or authorisations in terms of the provisions of any Specific Environmental Management Acts (SEMAs), proof of such application will be required.
- 8. You are requested to submit four (4) hard copies of the EIAR and EMPr and at least one electronic copy (CD) of the complete EIAR and EMPr to this office.
- 9. Your attention is brought to Section 24F of the NEMA which stipulates "that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority".

Yours faithfully

REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION

LIMPOPO REGION

CC Att: Etienne Roux- Golder Associates Africa (Pty) Ltd - Fax: 086 582 1561



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Attention: Thabo Fhatuwani Eric

ACCEPTANCE FOR A MINING RIGHT IN TERMS OF SECTION 22 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT 28 2002: SAMANCOR CHROME LIMITED ON THE FARM VARKENSVLEI 403 KQ, IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF THABAZIMBI.

I refer to the abovementioned matter and I confirm that your application for a mining right of Chrome ore and Platinum Group Metals in terms of section 22(1) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) has been accepted.

In terms of Section 22 (4) of the Act, you are therefore required to submit the following:

- to notify in writing and consult with the landowner or lawful (a) occupier and any other affected party; and
- to consult with the Department of Land Affairs if the land is (b) state owned, in the event that the land is subject to land restitution consult office of the Commission of Restitution for Land Rights and submit the result of such consultation to this office on or before the 02nd November 2016.

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Acceptance of your application does not grant you the right to commence with prospecting operations. Your application will be evaluated / processed and a recommendation on the granting / refusal of the right will be forwarded to the Minister or her delegate. Any person operating without a prospecting / mining right or mining permit will be in contravention of Section 5(4) of the MPRDA and would be guilty of an offence in terms of the relevant Act.

Should it/transpire at later stage that an old order right encumber the area under application, the Department will be entitled to refuse this application based on the fact that an old order right for the same minerals, has already been granted to another entity, as the granting thereof would be contrary to the provisions of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002/19 of 28 of 2002).

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REGIONAL MANAGER

LIMPOPO REGION: POLOKWANE

DATE: 20. September 2016



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For attention: Mr Desmond McManus Fax: 086 2333 976

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION LODGED IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) READ WITH REGULATION 19 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014 FOR MINING RIGHT AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURAL ACTIVITIES ON THE FARM VARKENSVLEI 403 KQ, SITUATED IN WATERBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF LIMPOPO REGION.

The above matter has reference

I refer to the abovementioned matter and confirm that your application for an Environmental Authorisation herein referred to as "EA" lodged on 12 August 2016 is hereby acknowledged.

Acknowledgement of your application does not grant you permission to commence with **Mining** activities. Commencement of a listed activity without an environmental authorisation constitutes an offence in terms of Section 49A (1) (a) of NEMA, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) as amended and upon conviction for such an offence, a person is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

NB: Regulation 45 of 2014 EIA Regulations stipulates that "an application in terms of these Regulations lapses and a competent authority will deem the application as having lapsed, if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless extension has been granted in terms of regulation 3(7)."

Kind Regards

REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION

LIMPOPO REGION

DATE: 22/08/2016



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Attention: Fhatuwani Eric Thabo

ACCEPTANCE FOR A MINING RIGHT: SAMANCOR CHROME LIMITED ON THE FARM VARKENSVLEI 403 KQ, IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF THABAZIMBI.

I refer to the abovementioned matter and I confirm that your application for a mining right of **Chrome and Platinum Group Metals** in terms of section 22(1) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) has been accepted.

In terms of Section 22 (4) of the Act, you are therefore required to submit the following:

- (a) Notify in writing and consult with the landowner or lawful occupier and any other affected party; and
- (b) Consult with the Department of Land Affairs if the land is state owned, in the event that the land is subject to land restitution consult office of the Commission of Restitution for Land Rights and submit the result of such consultation to this office on or before the **02 December 2015 (30 days).**

Acceptance of your application does not grant you the right to commence with mining operations. Your application will be evaluated / processed and a recommendation on the granting / refusal of the right will be forwarded to the Minister or her delegate. Any person operating without a prospecting / mining right or mining permit will be in contravention of Section 5(4) of the MPRDA and would be guilty of an offence in terms of the relevant Act.

N.B Notwithstanding the fact that reasonable care was taken in verifying the existence of rights, permits and prior applications this office reserves the right to consider and/or effect the provisions of sections 9(1) (a), 9 (1) (b) and 22 (2) (b) of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002 as Amended).

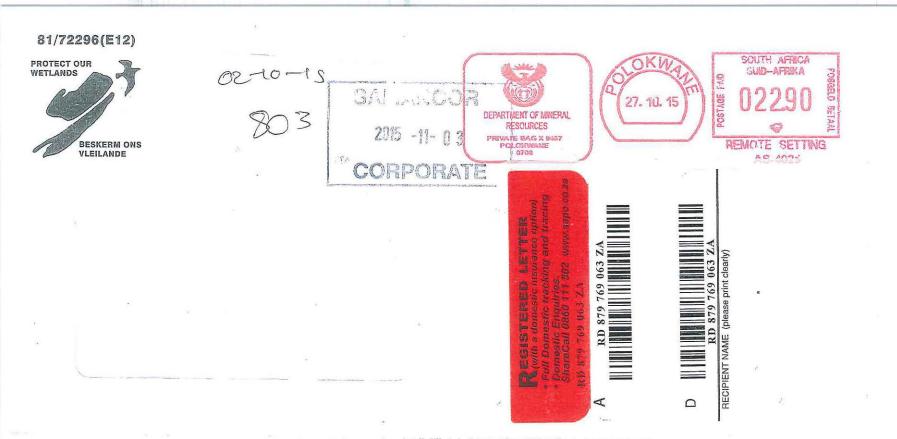
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Yours faithfully

REGIONALMANAGER

LIMPOPO REGION: POLOKWANE

DATE: 23/10/15





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Dear Sir/Madam

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE MINING RIGHT APPLICATION. IN RESPECT OF PORTIONS 0: 1 AND 2 AND THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM VARKENSVLEI 403 KQ, MADIBENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE.

- The draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) submitted for comment and received by this
 Department on 14 March 2016 has reference.
- 2) The Department has reviewed the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and has no objection to the submission of the final Environmental Impact Assessment Report to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) for consideration. However, the following issues should be addressed and included in the final EIA report:-
 - The Environmental Impact Assessment Report must include measures regarding protection of livestock and people from hazardous excavations (e.g. fencing of the mining area).
 - (The "comment, and response" section of the E.A report indicates that the mine will operate 24 hours while other sections of the report indicate that the mine will operate between 06h00 -- 20h00. Kindly rectify this issue as it has an impact on the surrounding communities in terms of noise and visual impacts.



It is also noted that the EIA report did not contain all specialist studies which were undertaken for this project. Only a summary and reference to the findings of the studies was provided in the report. Please be advised that all EIA reports to be submitted to the Department for comment in future should include all specialist studies that were undertaken.

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- d) All comments received from registered interested and affected parties should be addressed and included in the final EIA report.
- 3) The Department recommend that the proposed groundwater monitoring must be done in consultation with the Department of Water and Sanitation to ensure that corrective measures are implemented in instances where groundwater pollution was identified.
- 4) Considering large extent at which vegetation may be cleared, plant species of conservation importance (if any) must be removed from the demarcated mining area prior to the commencement of mining and they must either be relocated outside of the mining area or donated to the South African National Biodiversity Institute.
- 5) Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact this office at the above mentioned numbers.

Yours faithfully

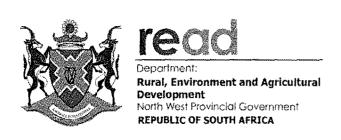
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Director: Environmental Quality Management

North-West Province: Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development

Date: 25/04/2016





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Dear Sir/Madam

COMMENTS ON THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE MINING RIGHT APPLICATION IN RESPECT OF PORTION 1, PORTION 2 AND THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM VARKENSVLEI 403 KQ, SITUATED ACROSS THE BORDER BETWEEN NORTH WEST AND LIMPOPO PROVINCE

- 1. The Scoping Report submitted in respect of the above-mentioned mining right application and received by this Department on 05 October 2015, including a site inspection undertaken by the Department official Ms. Thembekile Makuwa with Ms. Heather Booysen of Samancor Chrome on 02 November 2015 has reference.
- 2. Following the review of the Scoping Report the Department has identified that all issues have been addressed adequately within the report. In this regard, this Department recommends that::-
 - Detailed mitigation measures for all identified impacts must be presented in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and draft Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).
 - b) Comments received from interested and affected parties must be addressed and incorporated in the report.
 - c) Should the applicant intend to use borehole water for mining purposes, a water use license application should be submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation.
 - d) In addition to all specialist studies identified during the Scoping Phase which will form part of the EIA report, a Blast Plan should also be included in the EIA report and it should consider possible impacts of the mine on villages located near the proposed mining site.



The probable occurrence of red data species such as the Giant Bullfrog, African Rock python and Yellow-throated Sandgrouse on site should be further investigated and confirmed by a specialist.

- The description of the environment on site must include any watercourse located on the property, including all activities proposed on the watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse. Quantities of dangerous goods (such as fuel) must also be specified. This information is important to determine whether certain listed activities should have been included in the scope of this project.
- 3. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact this office at the above mentioned numbers.

Yours faithfully

Ms. Portia Krisjan

Director: Environmental Quality Management

North-West Province: Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development

Date: 20/11/2015

Cc: Samancor Chrome (Pty) Ltd

[Ms. Heather Booysen]

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DATE 1 October 2015

TO Branch Manager SA Post Office Ltd Halfway House 1685 **PROJECT No.** 1416935

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Attention:

Antoinette Pietersen

RE: COMMENTS ON THE SCOPING REPORT IN RESPECT OF AN APPLICATION FOR A MINING RIGHT, ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION, WATER USE LICENCE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE ON THE FARM VARKENSVLEI 403 KQ WITHIN MOSES KOTANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERBERG DISTRICT

- The above matter refers.
- The Department has reviewed the content of the Scoping Report (SR) dated October 2015, complied by Golder Associates and received by the Department on 16 October 2015 and submits the following comments:
 - 2.1 A portion of the proposed development site that is adjacent to the boundary of the North-West Province falls under Zone 4 in terms of the Environmental Management Framework for the Waterberg District, which is a zone for mining focus areas. In this zone, the main water utilisation will be necessary to support mining and industrial activities in this zone. Activities should not be allowed to proceed unless the necessary water allocation and permits are in place.
 - 2.2 As per the C- Plan the proposed development site falls within the following category:
 - Ecological Support Area 1 in which ecosystem functionality and connectivity allowing for limited loss of biodiversity pattern must be maintained;
 - 2.1 In light of the above groundtruthing of the environmental attributes must be undertaken and appropriate mitigation and/or biodiversity offset measures that can be used to compensate for the loss of biodiversity as a result of the proposed development must be submitted as part of EIAR;
 - 2.2 The Mining and Biodiversity Guidelines must be considered in respect of this application:

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- Further studies to confirm the presence or absence of the Giant Bullfrog (*Pyxicephalus adspersus*), African Rock python (Python sebae natalensis), Yellow-throated Sandgrouse (Pterocles gutturalis) and other Red Data Species must be undertaken in respect of this application;
- A licence to cut, destroy and/or damage protected flora and fauna if found on site must be obtained from the Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries and Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism:
- 2.5 A Water Use Licence and/or Authorisation (WULA) must be obtained from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) prior to installation of a new borehole on site.
- 2.6 A traffic impact assessment must be undertaken which must include but not limited to, the anticipated traffic impacts, and mitigation measures thereof during both the construction and operational phases of the proposed development;
- 2.7 All the requirements of the Department of Mineral Resources in respect of this application must be adhered to:
- 2.8 Please note that in terms of section 24F(1) of NEMA and notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act; "no person may commence an activity listed in terms of section 24(2)(a) or (b) unless the competent authority has granted an Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the activity, and no person may continue an existing activity listed in terms of section 24(2)(d) if an application for an EA is refused"; and
- 2.9 Commencement of this proposed development prior to an EA being granted by the relevant competent authority (Department of Environmental Affairs) is prohibited and such non-compliance will result in a directive being issued to address the non-compliance, including an order to stop the activity as well as instituting criminal and/or civil proceedings to enforce compliance.

Please do not hesitate to contact this Department should you have further queries in this regard.

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Attention: Mr Thabo Eric

RE: FEEDBACK FROM RMDEC MEETING ON THE MATTER BETWEEN SAMANCOR CHROME LIMITED AND BAPHALANE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Reference is hereby made to the RMDEC meeting held on 23rd June 2016 and regarding an objection lodged against an application for a mining right of Samancor Chrome Limited by Baphalane Development Trust

It was resolved that Samancor Chrome Limited should do the following:

- Convene focused group meetings with the Business forum, Baphalane Development Trust and any other communal structures.
- Convene a public participation meeting with the entire community of Bapahalane.
- The meeting proceedings should address amongst others Equity (community stake), Social and Labour Plan, Socio-economic and Environmental impacts the proposed operation, Procurement and other opportunities.

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The proof and results of the above mentioned consultation should be submitted to this office within a period not exceeding sixty (60) days from the date of this letter.

Hoping you will find this in order

Regards

Regional Manager

Limpopo Region
Date: ... Dl. Suly 2016



OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL LAND CLAIMS COMMISSIONER: NORTH WEST PROVINCE

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BY E-MAIL: apietersen@golder.co.za

Dear Sir/Madam

POSSIBLE LAND CLAIM IN TERMS OF THE RESTITUTION OF LAND RIGHTS ACT, 1994 (ACT NO.20 OF 1994) AS AMENDED.

Your letter dated the 18th of November 2015 regarding the above matter refers.

According to our database, there is no land claim lodged on the below mentioned property:

Portion 1,2 and remaining extent of the farm Varkensvlei 403 KQ.

However, it is possible that a claim for the property is registered with a different name in our database. Please forward us another name by which the property is known. This will enable us to re-visit our database and records to determine if there are any restitution claims lodged in respect of the property.

The Commission of Restitution of Land Rights has taken reasonable care to ensure accuracy in compiling the above information. However the Commission shall not be held legally liable for any damages, which any person may suffer as a result of the information given above.

In conclusion, please note that all future enquiries should be forwarded to Ms K.W Mothupi who could be reached at the following contact details: Tel. (018) 389 9600, Fax: (018) 389 9641, E-mail: KWMothupi@ruraldevelopment.gov.za.

Yours faithfully

MR L.J BOGATSU CHIEF DIRECTOR

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