

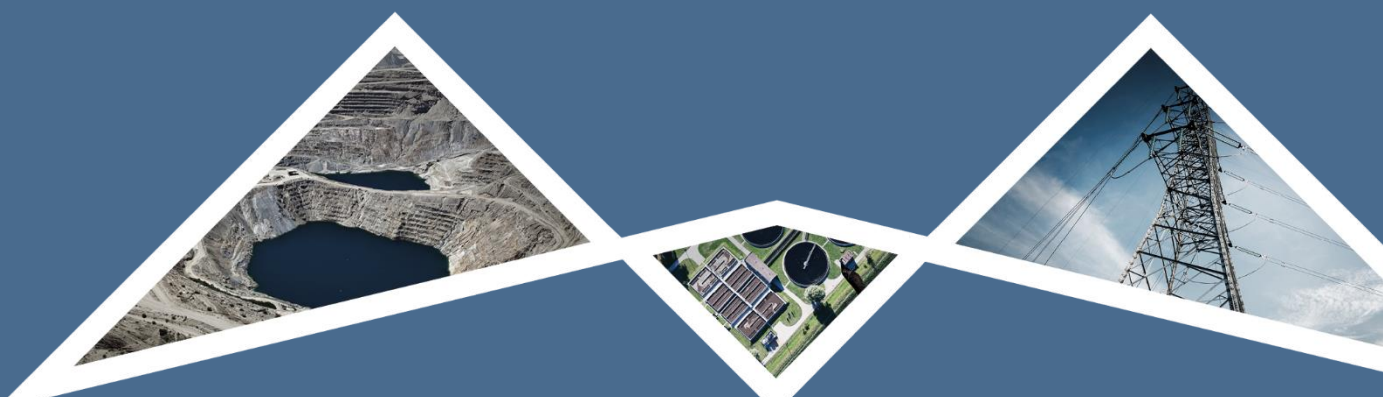


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# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT

PROPOSED HARMONY FSS6 RECLAMATION PIPELINE

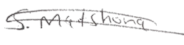





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Abbreviation List:

DMRE	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
I&AP	Interested and Affected Party
MPRDA	Mineral and Petroleum Resource Development Act
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act
PPP	Public Participation Process
PPR	Public Participation Report

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited (hereafter referred to as the applicant) has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS) as Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with compiling the necessary reports and undertaking the statutory consultation processes in support of applications for:

- Environmental Authorisation (EA) in accordance with the NEMA- Listed activity/ies:
  - GNR 983: Listed Activities: 46; and
  - GNR 985: Listed Activities: 12.
- Water Use Licence (WUL) in accordance with the National Water Act – NWA (Act 36 of 1998) –
  - Listed Water uses: Section 21 (c) and Section 21 (i).

The applicant wishes to reclaim the Free State South (FSS) 6 Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) through the Tswelopele Beneficiation Operations (TBO) Saaiplaas Plant. The applicant plans to construct a new reclamation pump station at FSS 6 TSF and slurry transfer pipeline from FSS6 TSF to Brand A Pump Station to transport reclaimed slurry. Once at Brand A, the slurry will be pumped into a sump and transported to the Saaiplaas Plant via an existing pipeline. The proposed slurry pipeline (From FSS6 TSF to Brand A Pump Station) is approximately 5.9km in length and will be constructed above ground, within existing servitudes.

The proposed linear activity will be located on portions 1 (Re), 1 and 7 of the Farm Klippan 14 Welkom RD; and portions 0, 1, 5, 10 and 15 of the Farm Saaiplaas 690 Ventersburg RD within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality, Free State Province. The proposed pipeline is located approximately 10 km south-east of central Welkom and 8 km north of the town Virginia. The starting point, middle point and ending point of the proposed activity is as follows:

- Start (FSS6 TSF): 28°2'21.21"S and 26°48'33.58"E;
- Middle: 28°1'5.24"S and 26°48'48.57"E; and
- End (Brand A Pump Station): 28°1'25.54"S and 26°49'53.44"E.

## 2 OBJECTIVES OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

South Africa, being one of the countries with the most progressive constitutions, enshrined the public's right to be involved in decisions that may affect them in its Constitution. Section 57(1) of the new Constitution that provides: "*The National Assembly may (b) make rules and orders concerning its business, with due regard to representative and participatory democracy, accountability, transparency and public involvement*". This provision, along with several others gave rise to many new trends in South African legislation. In environmental legislation, the idea of public participation (or stakeholder engagement) features strongly and especially the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, NEMA) and the recent regulations passed under the auspices of this Act makes very strict provisions for public participation in environmental decision-making.

Public participation can be defined as... "*a process leading to a joint effort by stakeholders, technical specialists, the authorities and the proponent who work together to produce better decisions than if they had acted independently*"<sup>1</sup>. From this definition, it can be seen that the input of the public is regarded as very important indeed.

The PPP is designed to provide sufficient and accessible information to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in an objective manner to assist them to:

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<sup>1</sup> Greyling, T. (1999) Towards Managing Environmental Disputes: Appropriate Public Participation. Prepared for Conference on Environmental Dispute Resolution 10-11 June 1998, Fourways, Gauteng, Manyaka Greyling Meiring (Pty) Ltd, South Africa



- During the EIA Process:
  - Contribute relevant local information and knowledge to the environmental assessment;
  - Verify that their issues have been recorded;
  - Comment on the findings of the environmental assessments; and
  - Provide relevant local information and knowledge to the environmental assessment.

The PPP is a requirement of several pieces of South African Legislation and aims to ensure that all relevant I&APs are consulted, involved and their opinions are taken into account and a record included in the reports submitted to Authorities. The process ensures that all stakeholders are provided this opportunity as part of a transparent process which allows for a robust and comprehensive environmental study. The PPP for the necessary authorisation required for the proposed Harmony FSS6 Reclamation Pipeline Project needs to be managed sensitively and according to best practises in order to ensure and promote:

- Compliance with international best practice options;
- Compliance with national legislation;
- Establishment and management of relationships with key stakeholder groups; and
- Encouragement of involvement and participation in the environmental study and authorisation/approval process.

As such, the purpose of the PPP and stakeholder engagement process is to:

- Introduce the proposed project and process for the authorisation project;
- Explain the environmental authorisation;
- Determine and record issues, concerns, suggestions, and objections to the project;
- Provide opportunity for input and gathering of local knowledge;
- Establish and formalise lines of communication between the I&APs and the project team;
- Identify all significant issues for the project; and
- Identify possible mitigation measures or environmental management plans to minimise and/or prevent negative environmental impacts and maximise and/or promote positive environmental impacts associated with the project.

This Public Participation Report (PPR) lists all verbal and written issues raised by I&APs and stakeholders from the 30-day initial notification and call to register period and the BAR review and comment period from the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to date. A breakdown of the PPP is given within the remaining sections of this PPR.

## **2.1 LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

The PPP must comply with all environmental legislation that requires public participation as part of an application for authorisation or approval; namely:

- The National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No. 107 of 1998); and
- The National Water Act (NWA, Act 36 of 1998).

Adherence to the requirements of the above-mentioned Acts will allow for an Integrated PPP to be conducted, and in so doing, satisfy the requirement for public participation referenced in the Acts. The details of the Integrated PPP are provided below.



### **3 IDENTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (I&APS)**

An initial I&AP database has been compiled from historic projects in the area and Windeed searches to obtain the contact details of the surrounding landowners. The I&APs referred to in the PPR include:

- Pre-identified and registered landowners and surrounding landowners;
- Pre-identified and registered key stakeholders;
- Regulatory authorities;
- Specialist interest groups; and
- All I&APs who responded to the initial notifications and requested to be registered.

Efforts to pre-identify key I&APs involved various avenues such as consultation with the proponent and known landowners within the study area, review of related previously conducted studies, and identification of key interest groups and authorities within the vicinity of the study area and municipality. Refer Appendix B 1 for the Key Stakeholder/I&AP Database.

All landowners whose properties are within the study area have been notified about the project via post, fax and/or email as well as through advertisements and/or site notices inviting them to participate in the EIA process. Refer to Appendix B 2 for the landowner, key stakeholder and I&AP initial notifications.

#### **3.1 LIST OF AUTHORITIES IDENTIFIED AND NOTIFIED**

The following authorities, but not limited to, were notified of the proposed project and invited to participate in the public participation process:

- Department Mineral Resources and Energy;
- Lejweleputswa District Municipality;
- Matjhabeng Local Municipality;
- Free State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development;
- Free State Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs;
- Free State Department of Public Works and Infrastructure;
- Free State Department of Police, Roads and Transport;
- Free State Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs;
- Free State Development Corporation;
- National Department of Transport;
- National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment;
- National Department Of Agriculture, Land Reform And Rural Development;
- National Department of Mineral Resources and Energy;
- National Department of Rural Development and Land Reform;
- National Department of Water and Sanitation; and
- South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).

#### **3.2 LIST OF OTHER KEY I&APS AND STAKEHOLDERS IDENTIFIED AND NOTIFIED**

The following key I&APs, but not limited to, were notified of the proposed project and invited to participate in the public participation process:

- Samada Diamante Pty Ltd;
- Steenwyk Pty Ltd;
- Willow Valley Poultry Farm;
- Eskom Holdings Soc. Ltd;
- Transnet Soc Ltd;
- South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI);
- South African National Roads Agency Ltd: Eastern Region;
- Vrystaat Landbou/ Free State Agriculture (Provincial Affiliate of the AgriSA);
- Birdlife SA;
- Free State Wetland Forum;
- WESSA: Northern Area;
- Matjhabeng Ratepayers Association;
- Matjhabeng Publicity Association; and
- Local Ward Councillor

## 4 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECT PARTIES

This section provides details on the notifications that were distributed as part of the consultation process to date.

### 4.1 INITIAL NOTIFICATION OF LANDOWNERS AND I&APS

The PPP commenced on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 with an initial notification and call to register ending on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Notification during this initial consultation was given in the manner described below.

#### 4.1.1 REGISTERED LETTERS, FAXES AND EMAILS

Notification letters registered mail in English, Afrikaans and Sesotho were distributed to pre-identified I&APS through either registered mail, faxes, and/or emails. Please refer to Appendix B 2 for initial notification and proof of initial notification.

The notification documents included the following information:

- List of anticipated activities to be authorised;
- Sufficient detail of the proposed development to enable I&APs to assess/surmise what impact the development will have on them or on the use of their land;
- The purpose of the proposed project;
- Details of the application processes associated with proposed activities;
- Details of the affected properties (including a locality map);
- Details of the South African environmental legislation that must be adhered to;
- Date by which the I&AP must register and send comments through to EIMS;
- Contact details of the EAP.

#### 4.1.2 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements describing the proposed project and EIA process were placed in the Vista Newspaper (in English and Afrikaans) with adequate circulation in the vicinity of the study area on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The newspaper adverts included the following information:

- Project name;
- Applicant name;
- Project location;





- Nature of the activity;
- Legislative requirements; and
- Relevant EIMS contact person for the project.

Please refer to Appendix B 3 for proof of adverts placed.

#### **4.1.3 SITE NOTICE PLACEMENT**

Seven (7) A1 Correx site notices (in English; Afrikaans and Sesotho) were placed at 7 locations along, within and surrounding the perimeter of the proposed project study area on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The on-site notices included the following information:

- Project name;
- Applicant name;
- Project location;
- Map of proposed project area;
- Project description;
- Legislative requirements; and
- Relevant EIMS contact person for the project.

Posters were placed at public venues such as the local shops, government offices and library as far as possible. Please refer to Appendix B 4 for proof of site notice and site notice distribution.

#### **4.2 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES OF REPORTS AND OTHER STUDIES**

Notification (in English, Afrikaans and Sesotho) regarding the availability of the Basic Assessment Report and associated appendices has been provided to pre-identified and registered I&APs were distributed through either fax, registered mail and/or emails where contacts were available. The notification includes details regarding where a hard copy of the report can be accessed.

Contact details have been provided to I&APs if they require assistance accessing the information or require copies of the report.

The Basic Assessment report and associated appendices have been made available for public review and comment from the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021 until the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at the Welkom Public Library.

#### **4.3 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES**

The table below provides a summary of the opportunities provided to I&APs for participation in the public participation process to date.

Table 1: Opportunities Provided for Public Participation

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PHASE				
ACTION	DESCRIPTION	PUBLICATION/PLACE	DATE	
Initial Public Notification	Newspaper advertisements	Vista Newspaper	14 October 2021	



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PHASE			
(announcement of project and call to register)	Placement of site notices.	7 A1 site notices (English, Afrikaans and Sesotho) within and around the study area (7 placement locations).	15 October 2021
	Notification of landowners, occupiers, and other key I&APs.	Affected landowners and key I&APs were notified via email, fax, and/or post.	13 October 2021
BA report public review and comment	Notification of landowners, occupiers, and other key I&APs.	Affected landowners, legal occupiers, and key I&APs were notified via email, fax, and/or post.	26 November 2021

## 5 NOTIFYING INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES OF THE DECISION

Interested and Affected Parties will be notified via either fax, registered mail and/or email, where contact details are available of the decision once available including the appeal process should they wish to appeal the decision.

## 6 RECORD OF ISSUES RAISED

The comments presented in Appendix B 5 are those that have been received and addressed from 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to date and will be updated post the public review period of the BA Report.

### 6.1 HOW ISSUES RAISED WERE ADDRESSED

Issues raised were addressed in a transparent manner and included in the compilation of the Basic Assessment Report for the Proposed Harmony FSS6 Reclamation Pipeline Project in the following manner:

- Issues raised were used quantitatively to calculate the significance of impacts both real and perceived; and
- Issues raised were used to provide further suggestions and recommendations with regard to potential management options for impacts.

### 6.2 SUMMARY OF ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED

To date comments have been received as per below:

- SAHRA requests for the Heritage Studies to be uploaded on the SAHRIS platform for review and comments.
- Eskom Transmission requested shapefiles and Eskom requirements for working under Eskom powerlines was received.
- Telephonic I&AP registrations.
- Correspondence from Transnet Soc Ltd indicating that their pipelines will not be affected by the proposed development.

All comments and/or queries received are included in this report and presented in Appendix B 5 and Appendix B 6 for submission to the competent authority, the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE). Please refer to Appendix B 6 for proof of correspondence.



## **7 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMENDATIONS**

The comments and issues raised through the public participation have been considered and used inform the compilation of the Basic Assessment report. This report will be updated for submission to the DMRE (the competent authority), following the 30-day public review period of the Basic Assessment Report and associated appendices.

## Appendix B1: I&AP Database

Please note that in an effort to protect the personal information of the Registered I&AP's the contact information of the I&APs will not be made publicly available. Should you require access to this document for the purposes of fulfilling your obligations under the NEMA EIA Regulations or other lawful right, please feel free to contact the EIMS Information officer at 011 789 7170 or [popia@eims.co.za](mailto:popia@eims.co.za)

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# Interested and Affected Parties 1439

Title	Name	Surname
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## Adjacent Landowner

Mr	Lungile Ntombizenhlanhla Nomazuzu	Madlala
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Mr	Dennis Skhumbuzo	Macozoma
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Ms	Maria Elizabeth Susanna	Coertze
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Mr	Salmon Vermaak	Coertze
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## Landowner

Mr	Harry Ephraim	Mashego
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	Boipelo Pride	Lekubo
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Mr	Willem Daniel	Zwarts
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Mr	Nicolaas Johannes	Van De Walt
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Mr	Peter William	Steenkamp
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## Pre-identified

Mr	Stefan	Hanekom
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Mr	Francois	Wilken
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	Hanelline	Smit
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	Nacelle	Collins
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	Mathabiso	Letsaba
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	John	Wesson
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## Pre-identified: Organ of State

Mr	Malebo	Baloi
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	M.V.	Duma
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	Thobile	Duma
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Mr	John	Geeringh
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	Thami	Hadebe
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Ms	Natasha	Higgitt
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Ms	Jeanine	Julies
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	Cas	Landman
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Title	Name	Surname
	T	Lekhara
	Mmadikeledi	Malebe
Ms	Grace	Mkhosana
	Moliehi	Moeng
	Motsamai	Mokoena
	Motsamai	Mokoena
Mr	M	Mokonoto
	Mamokete	Mpatane
	Azwihangwisi	Mulaudzi
Mr	Alberto	Myburgh
Ms	Hunadi	Ndema
	Jeaane	Nel
Mr	Miriam	Phasha
Ms	Michelle	Phenya
	Mabule	R.
	Degracia	Ranoto
Mr	Pale	Saila
Ms	Doreen	Sithole
Ms	Millicent	Solomons
Mr	Robinson	Thekiso
	Sipho	Thomas
	Danie	Krynauw
	Nkosinjane	Speelman
Mr	T	Tsoaeli
Ms	Palesa	Kaota
Mr	Khaya	Mqeke
<b>Pre-identified: Ward Councillor</b>		
	David	Masunyane
<b>Registered</b>		
	William	Kotze
	Paul	Bartels

## Appendix B2: Proof of Initial Notification

Please note that in an effort to protect the personal information of the Registered I&AP's, proof of the actual notification documents submitted to I&AP's will not be made publicly available. Should you require access to this document for the purposes of fulfilling your obligations under the NEMA EIA Regulations or other lawful right, please feel free to contact the EIMS Information officer at 011 789 7170 or [popia@eims.co.za](mailto:popia@eims.co.za)

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14 October 2021

Our ref: 1439/SK/sm

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir or Madam:

**NOTIFICATION REGARDING OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED HARMONY FSS6 RECLAMATION PIPELINE, IN THE MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA.**

Harmony Gold Mining Company Ltd., hereafter referred to as the applicant has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with undertaking the required environmental authorisation processes (including the statutory public participation), and to compile and submit the required documentation in support of an application for:

- Environmental Authorisation (EA) in accordance with the NEMA- Listed activity/ies:
  - Listing Notice 1, Activities 10 and 19.
- Water Use Licence (WUL) in accordance with the National Water Act – NWA (Act 36 of 1998) - Listed activity/ies:
  - Listed Water uses: Section 21 (c) and Section 21 (i) (if applicable).

Additional listed activities and/or water uses may be identified during the process.

The Applicant is planning to reclaim the Free State South (FSS) 6 Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) through the TBO Saaiplaas Plant. The Applicant plans to construct a new reclamation pump station at FSS 6 TSF and a slurry transfer pipeline from FSS6 TSF to the Brand A Pump Station to transport reclaimed slurry. The reclaimed slurry will then be pumped to the TBO Saaiplaas Plant via an existing pipeline. The proposed slurry pipeline is approximately 5.9 km in length and will be constructed above ground.

The proposed pipeline traverses the following properties: portions 1 (Re), 1 and 7 of the Farm Klippan 14 Welkom RD; and portions 0, 1, 5, 10 and 15 of the Farm Saaiplaas 771 Ventersburg RD within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality, Free State Province. The proposed pipeline is located approximately 9.5 km south-east of central Welkom and 8.5 km north of the town Virginia. The pipeline has the following coordinate points:

- Start: 28°2'21.21"S and 26°48'33.58"E;
- Centre: 28°1'5.24"S and 26°48'48.57"E; and
- End: 28°1'25.54"S and 26°49'53.44"E.

EIMS will be following the procedures defined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GRN982 of 2014, as amended) for undertaking a Basic Assessment process. In accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, a public participation process will be undertaken. You are hereby invited to register and comment on the proposed project and application/s. In order to ensure that you are identified and registered as an I&AP and that your comments are captured, please submit your name, contact details, the reason for your interest or any comments, in writing or

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telephonically, to EIMS by no later than 15 November 2021. Please note that only registered I&AP's will be informed of future project information and opportunities for participation.

By registering as an I&AP you consent to the collection and processing of your personal information as per the EIMS Privacy Notice available at [www.eims.co.za/public-participation](http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation). In order to avoid missing out on opportunities for public participation please submit I&AP registrations, or any queries, comments, or concerns with regards to this application, as soon as possible to EIMS at:

Contact Person: Sinalo Matshona

EIMS Reference Number: 1439

Postal Address: P.O. Box 2083; Pinegowrie; 2123

Telephone: (011) 789 7170/ Fax: (086) 571 9047

E-mail: [Saaiplaas@eims.co.za](mailto:Saaiplaas@eims.co.za)

Please include the project reference number 1439 in all correspondence.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind Regards,

Sinalo Matshona

04 Oktober 2021

EIMS Verwysingsnommer: 1439/SK/sm

Aan wie dit mag aangaan

Geagte Meneer of Mevrouw:

**KENNISGEWING RAKENDE DIE GELEENTHEID OM DEEL NEEM AAN DIE OMGEWINGS GOEDKEURING AANSOEKPROSES VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE HARMONY FSS6 HERWINNINGSPYPLYN, IN DIE MATJHABENG PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT, VRYSTAAT PROVINSIE, SUID AFRIKA.**

Harmony Gold Mining Company Ltd., hierna verwys as die aansoeker het Environmental Impact Management Services (Edms) Bpk (EIMS) aangestel as Omgewingspraktisyn (EAP) om die nodige omgewingsmagtigings Aansoek prosesse (insluitend publieke deelname) te handhaaf en om die nodige dokumente te voltooi en in te dien vir die volgende:

- Omgewingsmagtiging (EA) ingevolge die National Wet op Omgewingsbestuur – NEMA (Wet 107 van 1998)- Gelyste Aktiwiteit/e:
  - Noteringskennisgewing 1 (GN 983), Aktiwiteite 10 en 19.
- Watergebruiklisensie (WUL) ingevolge die Nasionale Waterwet – NWA (Wet 36 van 1998) - Gelyste Aktiwiteit/e:
  - Afdeling 21 (c) en Afdeling 21 (i) (as van toepassing).

Bykomende gelyste aktiwiteite en/of lisensies kan tydens die proses geïdentifiseer word.

Die Aansoeker beplan om die Vrystaat Suid (FFS) 6 Slik Stoorfasiliteit deur die TBO Saaiplaas Aanleg te herwin. Die Aansoeker beplan om 'n nuwe herwinningspompstasie by FSS 6 TSF en 'n pyplyn wat slik oordra van FSS6 TSF na die Brand A-pompstasie te bou om herwinde slik te vervoer. Die herwinde slik sal gepomp word na die TBO Saaiplaas Plant deur middel van 'n bestaande pyplyn. Die voorgestelde pyplyn sal ongeveer 5.9 km lank wees en sal bo die grond binne bestaande serwitute gebou word.

Die voorgestelde pyplyn deurkruis die volgende eiendomme: Porsies 1 (Re), 1 en 7 van die plaas Klippan 14, Welkom RD; en Porsies 0, 1, 5, 10 en 15 van die plaas Saaiplaas 771, Ventersburg RD in die Matjhabeng Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Vrystaat Provinsie. Die voorgestelde pyplyn is ongeveer 9.5 km suidoos vanaf sentraal Welkom en 8.5 km noord van Virginia. Die pyplyn het die volgende koördinate:

- Begin: 28°2'21.21"S en 26°48'33.58"E;
- Middel: 28°1'5.24"S en 26°48'48.57"E; en
- Einde: 28°1'25.54"S en 26°49'53.44"E.

EIMS sal die aansoekprosedures vir Omgewingsgoekeuring (EA) volg soos omskryf in die Omgewingsimpak Assesserings (EIA) Regulasies (GNR982 van 2014, soos gewysig), vir die onderneming van 'n basiese assesseringsproses. In ooreenstemming met Hoofstuk 6 van die EIA Regulasies, sal 'n openbare deelnameproses onderneem word. U word hiermee uitgenooi om te registreer en kommentaar te lewer op die voorgestelde projek en aansoek/e. Om te verseker dat u geïdentifiseer word en geregistreer is as 'n Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party (I&AP) en dat u kommentaar vasgevang word, moet u, u naam, kontakbesonderhede, die rede vir u belang of enige kommentaar, skriftelik of

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telefonies aan EIMS voorsien teen 15 November 2021. Let daarop dat slegs geregistreeerde I&APs in kennis gestel sal word van toekomstige projek inligting en geleenthede vir deelname.

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Kontak Persoon: Sinalo Matshona

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Sluit die projekverwysingsnommer 1439 by alle korrespondensie in.

Kontak gerus die ondergetekende as u enige navrae het.

Vriendelike Groete,

Sinalo Matshona

04 October 2021

Nomoro ya rona ya tshupiso: 1439/SK/sm

Ho ya amehang

Mohlophehi kapa Mofumahadi ya Ratehang:

**TSEBISO MABAPI LE SEBAKA SA HO NKA KAROLO TUMELLONG YA MEHATO YA KOPO YA TIKOLOHO BAKENG SA PROJEKE E SISINTSWENG YA HARMONY FSS6, MASEPALENG WA SEBAKENG WA MATJHABENG, PROVENSENSG YA FREE STATE, AFRIKA BORWA.**

Harmony Gold Mining Company Ltd., mona e le mokopi e kgethile Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) e le Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) bakeng sa ho thusa mabapi le mehato ya ho fana ka tumello ditabeng tsa tikoloho (ho kopanyelletsa le ho nka karolo ha semolao ha sechaba), ho bokella le ho romela ditokomane tse hlokalahalang ho tshhetsa kopo bakeng sa:

- Environmental Authorisation (EA) ka ho dumellana le NEMA- Lenane la mosebetsi kapa mesebetsi:
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Lenane la mesebetsi e eketsehileng / kapa tshebediso ya metsi di ka tsebahatswa ha bohato bo tswellapele.

Mokopi o rera ho busetswa Free State South (FSS) 6 Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) ka tshebediso ya TBO Saaiplaas Plant. Merero ya kopo ya ho haha seteishene se secha sa pompo ya pusetso FSS 6 TSF le phetisetso ya phaephe ya slurry ho tloha FSS6 TSF ho fihla ho Setsi sa Pump sa Brand A bakeng sa ho fetisetsa pusetso ya slurry. Pusetso ya slurry e tla boela e fetisetswe Setsing sa TBO Saaiplaas ka phaephe e teng hona jwale. Peipi e sisintsweng ya slurry e bolelele bo ka bang 5.9 km mme e tla hahwa ka hodim'a mobu hoo e ka bang ho tse leng teng.

Peipi e sisintsweng e haola thepa e latelang: dikarolo 1 (Re), 1 le 7 tsa Polasi ya Klippan 14 Welkom RD; le 0, 1, 5, 10 le 15 tsa Polasi ya Saaiplaas 771 Ventersburg RD ka hara Masepala wa Sebakeng wa Matjhabeng, Provenseng ya Free State. Peipi e sisintsweng e fumanwa ho e ka bang 10 km ka borwa-bochabela ba bohare ba Welkom le 8 km ka leboya la toropo ya Virginia. Peipi e na le ditshupiso tse latelang:

- Qalo: 28°2'21.21"S le 26°48'33.58"E;
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EIMS e tla latela mehato e bontshitsweng ka ho Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GRN982 of 2014, jwale kaha e fetotswe) bakeng sa ho sebedisa mohato wa Tekanyetso ya Mantlha. Tumellanong le Kgaolo 6 ya Melao ya EIA, ho tla latelwa tsamaiso ya ho nka karolo ha setshaba. O mengwa ho ingodisa le ho fana ka tlhahiso projekeng e sisintsweng le di/kopong. E le ho netefatsa hore o a tsejwa le ho ngodiswa o le I&AP le hore ditlahiso tsa hao di a nkuwa, ka kopo romela lebitso la hao, dintlha tsa puisano, lebaka la ho thahasella ha hao kapa tlhahiso le ha e le efe, ka ho

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ngola kapa ka mohala ho EIMS pele ho la 15 November 2021. Hle ela hloko hore ke feela batho ba ngodisitsweng le I&AP ba tla fuwa boitsebiso ka diprojeke tsa ka moso le menyetla ya hore ba nke karolo.

E le ho qoba ho foswa ke menyetla ya ho nka karolo ha setshaba, hle romela boingodiso ba I&AP kapa dipotso leha e le dife, ditlhaliso kapa dingongoreho mabapi le kopo ena hanghang ho EIMS ho:

Motho yo ho ka Buisanwang le Yena: Sinalo Matshona

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Ka kopo bontsha nomoro ya tshupiso ya projeke e leng 1439 mangolong kaofela.

Ka kopo ikutlwe o lokolohile ho ikopanya le ya saenneng ka tlase mona haeba o na le dipotso kapa dingongoreho.

Ditumediso tse Mofuthu,

Sinalo Matshona



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**NOTIFICATION: ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION PROCESS.**

Harmony Gold Mining Company Ltd., hereafter referred to as the applicant has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with undertaking the required environmental authorisation processes (including the statutory public participation), and to compile and submit the required documentation in support of an application for:

- Environmental Authorisation (EA) in accordance with the NEMA- Listed activity/ies:
  - o Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983), Activities 10 and 19.
- Water Use Licence (WUL) in accordance with the National Water Act – NWA (Act 36 of 1998) - Listed activity/ies:
  - o Listed Water uses, Section 21 (c) and section 21 (i) (if applicable).

Additional listed activities and/or water uses may be identified during the process.

The Applicant is planning to reclaim the Free State South (FSS) 6 Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) through the TBO Saaiplaas Plant. The Applicant plans to construct a new reclamation pump station at FSS 6 TSF and a slurry transfer pipeline from FSS6 TSF to the Brand A Pump Station to transport reclaimed slurry. The reclaimed slurry will then be pumped to the TBO Saaiplaas Plant via an existing pipeline. The proposed slurry pipeline is approximately 5.9 km in length and will be constructed above ground.

The proposed pipeline traverses the following properties: portions 1 (Re), 1 and 7 of the Farm Klippan 14 Welkom RD, and portions 0, 1, 5, 10 and 15 of the Farm Saaiplaas 771 Ventersburg RD within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality, Free State Province. The proposed pipeline is located approximately 9.5 km south-east of central Welkom and 8.5 km north of the town Virginia. The pipeline has the following coordinate points:

- Start: 28°2'21.21"S and 26°48'33.58"E;
- Centre: 28°1'5.24"S and 26°48'48.57"E; and
- End: 28°1'25.54"S and 26°49'53.44"E.

EIMS will be following the procedures defined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GNR982 of 2014, as amended) for undertaking a Basic Assessment process. In accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, a public participation process will be undertaken. You are hereby invited to register and comment on the proposed project and application/s. In order to ensure that you are identified and registered as an i&AP and that your comments are captured, please submit your name, contact details, the reason for your interest or any comments, in writing or telephonically, to EIMS by no later than 15 November 2021. Please note that only registered i&AP's will be informed of future project information and opportunities for participation.

By registering as an i&AP you consent to the collection and processing of your personal information as per the EIMS Privacy Notice available at [www.eims.co.za/public-participation](http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation). In order to avoid missing out on opportunities for public participation please submit i&AP registrations, or any queries, comments, or concerns with regards to this application, as soon as possible.

Please include the project reference number 1439 in all correspondence.

**TSEBISO: MOHATO WA TUMELLO YA KOPO YA TIKOLOHO**

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Ka kopo bontsha nomoro ya tshupiso ya projekete leng 1439 mangolong kaofela

**KENNISGEWING: AANSOEKPROSES VIR OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING**

Harmony Gold Mining Company Ltd., niema verwy as die aansoeker het Environmental Impact Management Services (Edms) Bpk (EIMS) aangestel as Omgewingspraktisyn (EAP) om die nodige omgewingsmagtigings aansoek prosesse (insluitend publieke deelname) te handhaaf en om die nodige dokumente te voltooi en in te dien vir die volgende:

- Omgewingsmagtiging (EA) ingevolge die National Wet op Omgewingsbestuur – NEMA (Wet 107 van 1998): Gelyste Aktiwiteit/ie:
  - o Noteringskennisgewing 1 (GNR 983), Aktiwiteite 10 en 19.
- Watergebruikslicensie (WUL) ingevolge die Nasionale Waterwet – NWA (Wet 36 van 1998) – Gelyste Aktiwiteit/ie:
  - o Afdeling 21 (c) en Afdeling 21 (i) (soo van toepassing).

Blykomende gelyste aktiwiteite en/of lisensies kan tydens die proses geïdentifiseer word.

Die aansoeker beplan om die Vrystaat Suid (FSS) 6 Silik Steerfasiliteit deur die TBO Saaiplaas Aanleg te herwin. Die Aansoeker beplan om 'n nuwe herwinningspomptasie by FSS 6 TSF en 'n pyllyn wat silik oordra van FSS6 TSF na die Brand A-gumpstasie te bou om herwinde silik te vervoer. Die herwinde silik sal gepomp word na die TBO Saaiplaas Plant deur middel van 'n bestaande pyllyn. Die voorgestelde pyllyn sal ongeveer 5.9 km lank wees en sal bo die grond binne bestaande serawitute gebou word.

Die voorgestelde pyllyn deurkruis die volgende eiendomme: Porsies 1 (Re), 1 en 7 van die plaas Klippan 14, Welkom RD; en Porsies 0, 1, 5, 10 en 15 van die plaas Saaiplaas 771, Ventersburg RD in die Matjhabeng Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Vrystaat Provinsie. Die voorgestelde pyllyn is ongeveer 10 km suidboos vanaf sentraal Welkom en 8 km noord van Virginia. Die pyllyn het die volgende koördinate:

- Begin: 28°2'21.21"S en 26°48'33.58"E;
- Midde: 28°1'5.24"S en 26°48'48.57"E; en
- Einde: 28°1'25.54"S en 26°49'53.44"E.

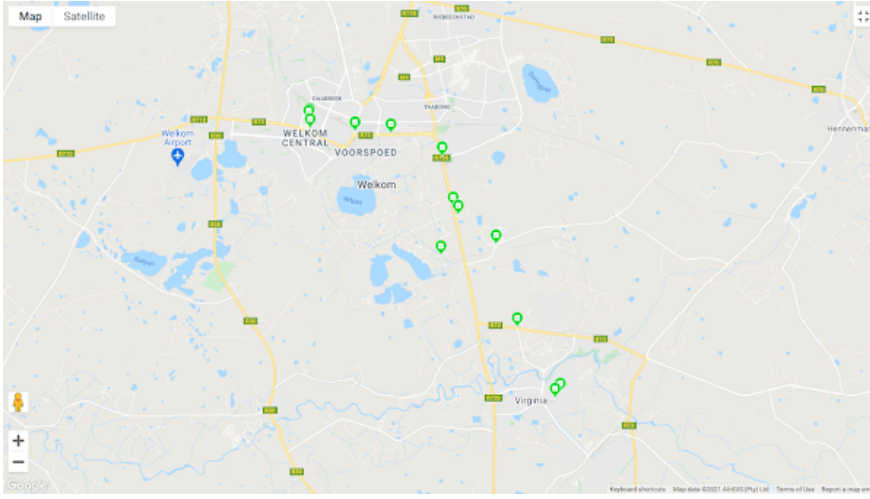
EIMS sal die aansoekprosedures vir Omgewingsgoekouting (EA) volg soos omskryf in die Omgewingsimpak Assessering (EIA) Regulasies (GNR982 van 2014, soos gewysig), vir die onderneming van 'n basiese assesseringproses. In ooreenstemming met Hoofstuk 6 van die EIA Regulasies, sal 'n openbare deelnameproses onderneem word. U word hiermee uitgenooi om te registreer en kommentaar te lewer op die voorgestelde projek en aansoek/ie. Om te verseker dat u geïdentifiseer word en geregtig is as 'n belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party (i&AP) en dat u kommentaar uitgesoek word, moet u, u naam, kontakbesonderhede, die rede vir u belang of enige kommentaar, skottelk of telefonies aan EIMS voorsien teen 15 November 2021. Let daarop dat slegs geregistreerde i&APs in kennis gestel sal word van toekomstige projek inligting en geleentheid vir deelname. Deur as 'n i&AP te registreer, gee u toestemming dat u persoonlike inligting versamel en verwerk kan word volgens die EIMS-privaatheidskennisgewing beskikbaar by [www.eims.co.za/public-participation](http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation). Om te verhoed dat u geleentheid vir openbare deelname misloop, moet u registreer as 'n i&AP en enige navraag, kommentaar of belangemerkings rakende hierdie aansoek so gou as moontlik. Sluit die projekverwysingsnommer 1439 by alle korrespondensie in.



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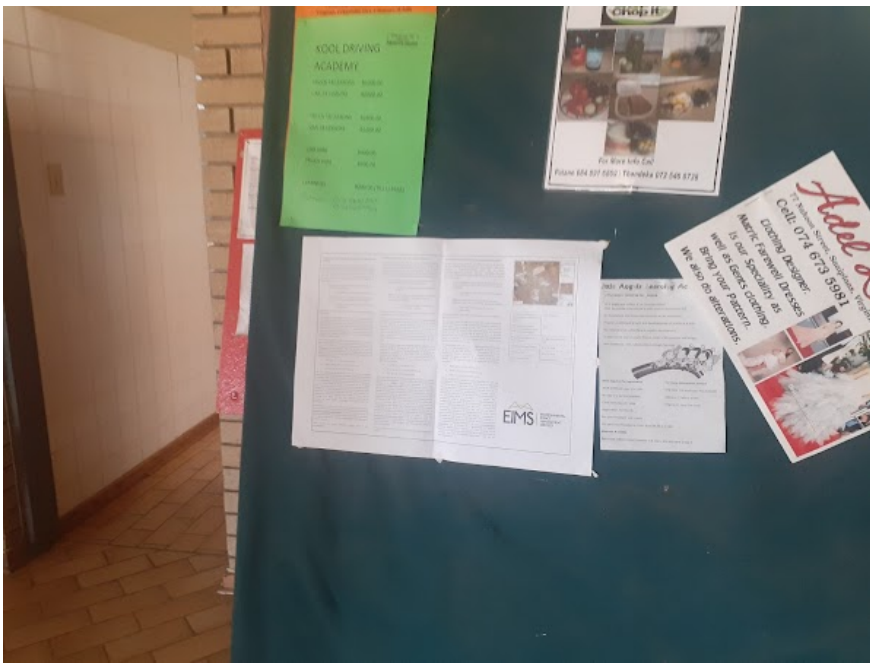
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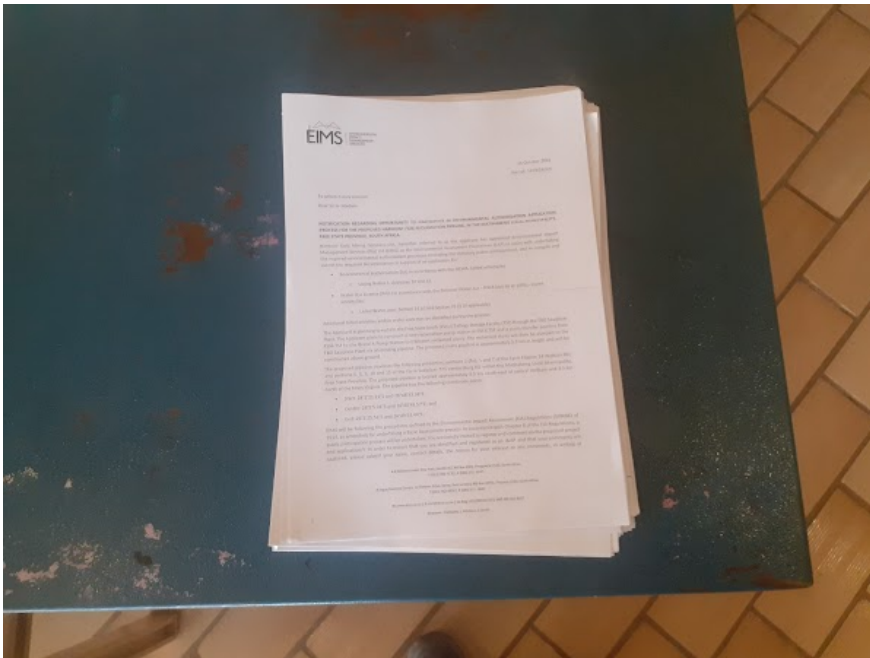


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# Comments and Responses 1439

**Mr John Geeringh**

Date 2021/10/13 Method Email

**Comment**

Please send me a KMZ file of the proposed pipeline route.

**Response**

Dear John, Thank you for your correspondence. Please find attached the kmz file of the proposed new pipeline route as requested. Should you have further queries or comments, please feel free to contact EIMS.

**Ms Natasha Higgitt**

Date 2021/10/13 Method Email

**Comment**

Good afternoon, Please note that all development applications are processed via our online portal, the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) found at the following link: <http://sahra.org.za/sahris/>. We do not accept emailed, posted, hardcopy, faxed, website links or DropBox links as official submissions. Please create an application on SAHRIS and upload all documents pertaining to the Environmental Authorisation Application Process. As per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA), an assessment of heritage resources must form part of the process and the assessment must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA. Once all documents including all appendices are uploaded to the case applications, please ensure that the status of the cases is changed from DRAFT to SUBMITTED. Please ensure that all documents produced as part of the EA process are submitted as part of the application.

**Response**

SAHRA's comments were noted, no formal response is required.

**Thami Hadebe**

Date 2021/10/13 Method Email

**Comment**

Dear Ms Matshona, Your wayleave application with reference 1439/SK/sm dated 13 October 2021 has reference. Transnet Pipelines, a division of Transnet SOC Limited, is not affected by the proposal. Your awareness of the existence of Transnet's pipeline servitudes and concern for their integrity is highly appreciated. This authorisation shall be valid for 48 months from the date - 13 October 2021.

**Response**

Dear Thami, Thank you for your correspondence and response to our notification. Kindly note that your comments regarding the Transnet pipelines has been noted. Should you have further comments, please feel free to contact EIMS.



## Appendix B6: Correspondence Document

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