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Dear Gideon

Please find the points captured from our meeting held on 27 March 2014:

- The cumulative impacts of mining in the area must be considered. Other mines in the area include: Mafube, Glencor, OpsiCoal, Hakhano Coal, Canyon Coal, Silver Unicorn (prospecting on Olifantslaagte) and Fountain Capital
- Fence to be constructed along the "new road"
- Farm dwellers are in the area, but it has been confirmed that they will not be affected by the proposed mining activities
- Use of the siding by agricultural, forestry and mining companies pose a risk in terms of safety since a bottleneck effect will be experienced at this point. There will be noise and dust issues are expected in this area as well.
- Clearly defined dust control measures are to be stipulated
- The life of mine (20 years), the size of mining area (800 hectares) and the fact that no residence will be allowed on site was explained.
- The potential impacts on groundwater to the Zonneblom farm was mentioned as there are existing groundwater impacts due to other mining activities in the area, namely the limited availability of groundwater
- Practical implementation measures are to be listed in the EMP. Details required are: dates, responsible persons and contact details. This will result in a more detailed Mine Management Plan.
- No issues regarding acid mine drainage are experienced currently, however decanting might be experienced in the future.
- The details of other stakeholders were provided: Jan Roux from Driefontein Farm (082 388 3722), WP Roux (082 262 1471), Mahlangu (contact details to be obtained from Dept of Land Affairs), Koos de Klerk from Afgri Silos (083 677 8224) and Komati Land Forest (offices are in Belfast)

Please feel free to add any points that we may have missed. If there are any additional queries do not hesitate to contact either myself or Adithi at the contact details below.

Kind regards

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MEETING NOTES



Job Title	Proposed Rietvlei Opencast Coal Mine
Project Number	42030
Date	24 April 2014
Time	13:00 – 15:00
Venue	On Site
Subject	Community/Landowner Meeting
Client	Rietvlei Mining Company (Pty) Ltd
Present	See Appendix A

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Ashlea Strong (AS) opened the meeting by introducing the team members present and outlining the purpose of the meeting. AS provided the attendees with a brief outline of the Proposed Project. During the discussion a phone call was received from Ms Lindiwe Mahlangu a member of the Mamusi Community. Ms Mahlangu requested that the meeting be stopped and postponed to a later date as the community was unaware of this meeting. A request was made by Ms Mahlangu that a formal letter be sent to the community to request a meeting. AS apologised stating that WSP and the Rietvlei Mining Company were unaware that the community was not informed about the meeting as the Landowner had been requested to make the relevant arrangements. AS stated that the meeting would be closed and that a new meeting would be arranged following the correct channels and procedures. The meeting was then closed and all community members were given the opportunity to leave.

The meeting continued with the authority representatives present (i.e. the Department of Land Reform and the Land Claims Commission). A number of issues were discussed which include:





- Concerns were raised with regards to the graves that have been identified on site, with specific reference to where they will be relocated and how the family members will be identified.
- It was stated by the department that there are land claims on the proposed site and that these issues will be resolved within the department itself. WSP will acknowledge these land claims in the report but will not contact the claimants.
- Direct stakeholders are very important and they must be identified and addressed correctly through a transparent process. All engagement with direct stakeholders should go through the Department of Land Affairs as they are the landowner.
- A second meeting was proposed by the department as they needed to discuss the project internally. It was suggested that the meeting be held in the next 2-3 weeks. This meeting will include all direct stakeholders namely the two departments (Department of Land Reform and the Land Claims Commission), existing tenants and the Mamusi Community. The department requested that a formal letter be sent to the department to arrange this meeting so that all direct stakeholders can be informed in the correct manner.

Appendix A – Attendance Register




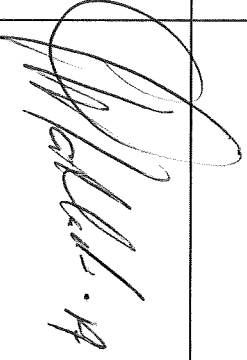
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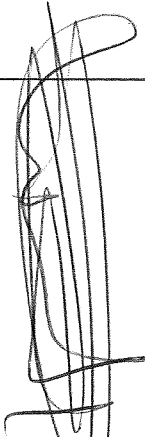
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MEETING NOTES



Claire Dendy

Job Title	Proposed Rietvlei Opencast Coal Mine
Project Number	42030
Date	24 April 2014
Time	11:00-12:30
Venue	Driefontein Farm
Subject	Stakeholder Engagement Meeting
Client	Rietvlei Mining Company (Pty) Ltd
Present	Ashlea Strong (AS), Claire Dendy (CD), Brenda Sibiya (BS), Jan Roux (JR)

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1. Ashlea Strong provided the farmer with a brief overview of the project.
2. Q (JR): I will send an email to WSP once I have consulted with Mr G Anderson as he has gone through this process before. It will contain all my concerns with the project.
A (AS): That will be the best method in order for all your concerns to be recorded. If possible could you send it through before the 5 May which will allow the comments to be placed in the Final Scoping Report.
3. Q (JR): When will the project start?
A (AS): We are currently finalising the scoping report. The next step will be to start the environmental impact assessment (EIA) process. The final EIA report is scheduled to be submitted at the end of the year with the hope that a decision will be made early next year. Following this the tender process will begin in order to identify a suitable contactor. The construction phase should commence during 2015 if no delays are encountered. There are a number of licenses and authorisations that are needed before the project can begin including the water use licenses and the mining right. The Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET) must make a decision before these other licenses and authorisations are approved.
4. Q (JR): I have some concerns with regards to the realignment of the Pan Siding road as this road is currently my access road and taking an alternative route will increase costs. The road will also cause additional dust and the mine will create water problems.
A (AS): The movement of the road is predicted to only take place in approximately 10 years when the mine starts to move south. The idea is to move the road around the boundary of the farm. Although the prospecting right includes the area on the other side of the railway line, this area will not be mined. Air Quality assessments will be done to assess the level of dust that could be generated from the mine and road. The development of the mine is predicted to start in the middle of the study area moving towards the north and then the south.
5. Q (AS): Do you sublet any other farm?
A (JR): No, I don't but I would like to in the future.
6. AS: The draft scoping report will come out of review on the 5 May 2014 where after WSP will add any additional comments received and finalise the report. The scoping report gives the reader a general understanding of the baseline environment. The EIA report will contain more details with regards to impacts, mitigation strategies and a number of specialist studies proposed in the scoping report.
7. Q (JR): Is there coal under my farm?
A (AS): There are large quantities of coal found in this area of the province, however for the exact

details one would need to contact the Council of Geoscience.

8. Q (JR): Will the mine affect the quality of the water I am obtaining from three natural springs. I have concerns regarding potential flooding that will affect the quality of the water.
A (AS): There are a number of specialist studies that will be undertaken to investigate ground water, surface water and possible acid mine drainage. A clean and dirty water system will be recommended in the Environmental Management Programme. A stormwater plan will also be implemented to make sure that no dirty water is released into your water sources.
9. Q (JR): Will the Box Cut method be used correctly?
A (AS): There is a risk of the mine not implementing the strategy correctly however, the DMR is becoming strict with regards to the enforcement of mitigation measures in an attempt to ensure that mines implement the recommendations made. One of the ways that compliance is assessed in through undertaking annual internal and external audits.
10. Q (JR): Will a fence be set up around the mine?
A (AS): A fence would be constructed around the mine property as safety and security is a priority. No housing will be available on site and all labour will be obtained from Middleburg and the surrounding the communities.
11. Q (JR): Will they take our drivers?
A (AS): The mine will require a certain level of skill and identification. No illegal immigrants will be allowed to work on the mine.
12. Q (JR): What does WSP do once authorisation is given?
A (AS): We usually take a step back; the mine will continue to implement the EMPR. They usually have their own environmental department to help implement the EMPR through internal and external auditing. This is not guaranteed to be done by WSP and could be done by another company. It is usually requested that audits are done annually to make sure the mine is implementing the EMPR. If they want to become IOS 14001 compliant they will also need to be audited. Audits are also required by the Department of Water Affairs with regards to Water Use Licenses.
13. Q (JR): Do you have anything to do with the leasing of the land?
A (AS): We are only required by legislation to liaison with the landowner which is the Department of Land Affairs (DLA). However it is best practise to inform the famers that are leasing directly from the DLA or indirectly from these farmers.
14. Q (JR): How will the coal be exported from the mine? If they use the roads; traffic is going to be a problem especially on the R555.
A (AS): The coal will be either exported by road or railway. A traffic study will be conducted to assess the impact that the mine may have on the roads.