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COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING OF VARIOUS MINERALS IN FARM TAUNG 894 HN UNDER GREATER TAUNG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY WHITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF DR RUTH SEGOMOTSI MOPATI IN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE

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PROPONENT: BATLAPING BA GA PHUDUHUCWANA COMMUNITY

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Batlaping Ba Ga Phuduhucwana Community proposes to conduct prospecting activities in Farm Taung 894 HN within Greater Taung Local Municipality under the jurisdiction of Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mopatsi District Municipality in North West Province. The commodities to be prospected are: Coal, Natural Gas, Diamond, Gold, Oil, Rare Earth Minerals, Shale/slate, Zinc and Uranium. The prospecting activities will be undertaken over a period of 5 years. The proposed site is located in farm Taung 894 HN about 40 km south of Vryburg in the North West Province. The site is within the Greater Taung Local Municipality under the Jurisdiction of Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality. The Batlaping Ba Ga Phuduhucwana Community proposes to conduct prospecting activities in Farm Taung 894 HN within Greater Taung Local Municipality under the jurisdiction of Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mopatsi District Municipality in North West Province. The commodities to be prospected are: Coal, Natural Gas, Diamond, Gold, Oil, Rare Earth Minerals, Shale/slate, Zinc and Uranium. The prospecting activities will be undertaken over a period of 5 years. The proposed site is located in farm Taung 894 HN about 40 km south of Vryburg in the North West Province. The site is within the Greater Taung Local Municipality under the Jurisdiction of Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality.

1.1 THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT.

The purpose of this report is;

- To record all the comments received form the stakeholders and I&APs during the Public Participation Process period
- To compile all the responses and comments received and record them in a formal document.

Table 1: Comments made at the Meeting

Issue/ Comment	Commentator		Date of Comment	Means of Commenting	Response
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What is prospecting?	Kabelo Phatchanyane	Member of the Community	07/04/2016	Commented at the Public Meeting	Prospecting is searching for minerals through checking the availability, quantity and the quality.
What type of mining will it be? Opencast or underground.			07/04/2016		For now we are not able to tell the type of the mine as we are only doing the prospecting. The type of mine will come later when you as a community will have to design the mine that is more feasible
Are you an investor?	Mosadiotsile Molehare	Member of the community	07/04/2016	Comment raised at the meeting	No we are not investors but environmental assessment practitioners
Are you the ones who will do the prospecting or not?			07/04/2016	Comment raised at the meeting	No they are not going to do the prospecting. They are only involved in the environmental assessment and ensuring that we get a prospecting permit
What mineral are you prospecting? Is it salte or oil?	Robert Mahura	Community Member	07/04/2016	Comment raised at the meeting	As highlighted in the presentation and the BID, The commodities to be explored for are: Coal, Natural Gas, Diamond, Gold, Oil, Rare earth minerals, Shale/slate, Zinc & Uranium
Who will benefit from this activity?			07/04/2016	Comment raised at the meeting	The application has be lodged by the community and in return the full benefits for this is the community. You are the ones who are going to own everything.
What permit are we applying for?	NGK Ntokwa	Community Member	07/04/2016	Comment raised at the meeting	We are applying for a prospecting right of all those minerals that have been mentioned

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When you do the prospecting kindly move away from the houses as it might damage them			07/04/2016	Comment raised at the meeting	Thank you. That will form part of the mitigation measures when we do impact assessment.
I am worried about the poverty in Taung. People always come here in the name of prospecting and as the community we don't benefit anything. I suggest that we form a community forum to discuss all Mining issues	KF Lehuru	Community Member	07/04/2016	Comment raised at the meeting	Chief – Some of the question are not relevant to this meeting. We are yet to seat as a community on the 21st of April to discuss everything.
The department of water affairs has installed a pipe from Taung dam to the water treatment plant.	Bakang Mankuroane	Community Member	07/04/2016	Comment raised at the meeting	For us the project involves prospecting and not mining as many of you are thinking. We will ensure that we advise that during prospecting all built up infrastructure should be avoided.
Who is responsible of washing off the diamonds of the seef.			07/04/2016	Comment raised at the meeting	You arrange a meeting with Department of Water Affairs and discuss the matter further but our report will be submitted to DWS for review.

Table 2: Comments from IAPs and Stakeholders

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1) Batlhaping Ba Ga Phuduhucwana Community are potential Right Holder?	Edward Nyanyiwa	Interested and Affected Party	01/05/2016	Email	Yes
2) Batlhaping Ba Ga Phuduhucwana Community: Registered as what? A company? Trust? Clarity?			01/05/2016	Email	It is registered as a Trust
3) If are registered who are the representative?			01/05/2016	Email	Chief Tshepo Frederick Mankuroane
4) What is the Nature of Batlhaping Ba Ga Phuduhucwana Community?			01/05/2016	Email	Comprises of the Traditional Council-60% as nominated in terms of the Traditional Act and 40% elected members
It was not clearly explained in what section of MPRD Acts was the application lodged on the 4th March 2016			01/05/2016	Email	Application lodged in terms of section 16 of the MPRDA.

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In your proposal received by the North- West PHRA, it is indicated that the applicant has commissioned an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process as required by the national Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998) for an Application of the proposed prospecting of various minerals in farm Taung 894HN under Greater Taung Local Municipality within the jurisdiction of Dr Ruth Segomotsi in North West Province. North West PHRA has no objection to this project based on complying with all the necessary legislations and working closely with all the affected parties in this project.	Mr Motlhabane Mosiane	Coordinator : North West PHRA	14/04/2016	Fax	This has been noted and will be adhered to.

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1. The Department has reviewed the Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme and has an objection to the submission of the report to the Department of Mineral Resources. 1.1 The Basic Assessment Report must be compiled as outlined in Appendix 1 and Public Participation must be conducted as per Regulation	Ms Portia Krisjan	Rural Environmental and Agriculture Development. Director: Environmental Quality Management	18/05/2016	Fax	1.1 The Basic Assessment Report has been compiled as outlined in Appendix 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 and the Public Participation Process undertaken meets the requirements of Regulation 39-44(Chapter 6) of Regulation No. R 983 of the EIA Regulations, 2014. 1.2 The farm is not sub divided into portions. Prospecting will not be undertaken in any of the villages or homesteads or within 100 m of any built up infrastructure. Furthermore, it was stated during the meeting that although the whole farm of Taung 894 HN

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41(Chapter 6) of Regulation 983 of 2014 Regulations. 1.2 Farm portions on which prospecting activities will take place must be specified. The area specified in Farm Taung 894 HN and this area include villages around Taung, including the World Heritage site. 1.3 On page 24 is indicated that infrastructure on site include the old Buxton limestone quarry which has					would be prospected sensitive areas such as heritage sites, graveyards, Taung Dam and Buxton Limestone will not be prospected and will be demarcated as No-go areas. 1.3 The World Heritage Site has been noted and is demarcated as a sensitive area with a buffer zone of 200m, as shown in the Sensitivity Map attached as Annexure A2. Therefore no prospecting activities will be allowed to be undertaken within the buffer zone area.

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been declared World Heritage Site. 1.4 The proposed prospecting activities will have a detrimental impact on the Taung Skull World Heritage Site (TSWHS) 1.5 On Page 3 and 21 is also indicated that Kolong River is running on site and Taung Dam on the North East of the farm Taung 894 HN, and is not specified how they will be impacted by the activities and how to mitigate.					1.4 The above mentioned response in 1.3 refers. 1.5 The Taung Dam, Kolong River and all associated drainage areas have been demarcated as No-Go Areas and a buffer zone applied around these water bodies therefore no prospecting activities will be undertaken in these areas. The Impact Assessment on these areas has been included in the BAR **Section J (Table 6: Impact Assessment)** and mitigation measures have also been included.

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1.6 On page 53 of the report there is contradiction of what has been stated in Page 3, 21 and 24, therefore the report must be re-evaluated and compiled as required by Regulations. 2. The applicant is responsible for compliance with the provisions for Duty of Care and remediation of Environmental damage contained in Section 28 of the National					1.6 The contradiction on page 53 of the Report stated as "*there is no perennial stream traversing the site that could create environmental concerns such as water contamination*" has been re-evaluated to reflect that though there are streams traversing the site these will be demarcated as No-Go areas and a buffer zone of at least 100m will be maintained around these. 2. This has been noted and will be adhered to.

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Environmental Management Act, 1998(Act 107 of 1998)					

2. CONCLUSION

Tshikovha Environmental and Communication Consulting hereby confirm that all Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) and stakeholders were well informed of the proposed project. All Interested and Affected Parties and stakeholders demonstrated great interest by attending the public meeting and actively participating in dialogue during the meeting. The community in general appreciates the proposed development as they see it as an opportunity for economic development in the area. Concerns raised were with regard with what the project is really about and how will it benefit them.