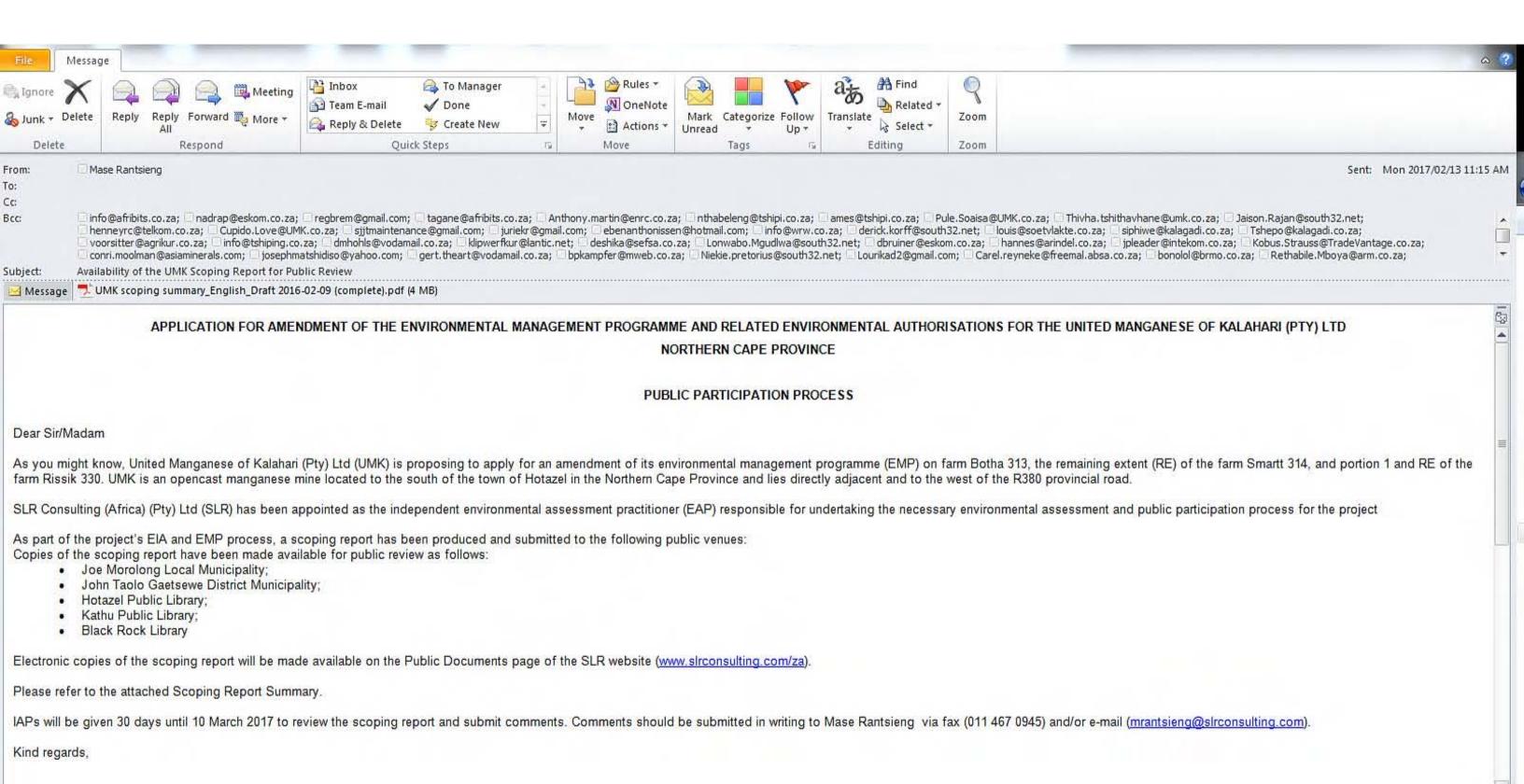
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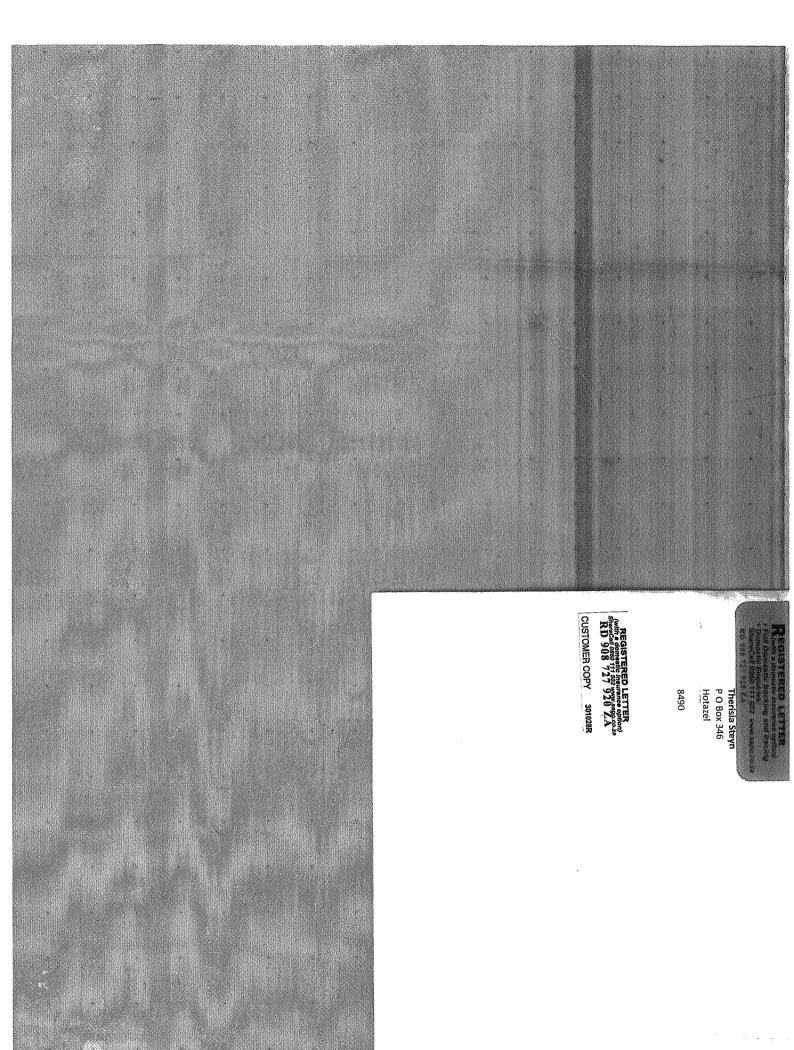
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Sent: 09 March 2017 03:13 PM

To: Mase Rantsieng

Subject: RE: Availability of the UMK Scoping Report for Public Review

Good day Mase;

Considering that the Groundwater and geochemistry will be done, please ensure that 1 CD and a hard copy of final EIA is submitted to DWS for detailed comments;

The IWWMP must be updated followed by a pre consultation meeting for the water use authorisation process.

Regards;

Adeyileka-Makungo Thivhonali Esther Environmental Officer Lower Vaal Proto CMA 053 836 7661 063 407 4336

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Kind regards,

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Good morning,

I received your writing in good order thank you. However, I would like to refer to the minutes of the public consultation where a few errors crept in.

I will send the corrections to you in due course.

Best regards

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Good afternoon all,

Please find attached a writing with regard to the abovementioned matter.

Best regards

Eben Anthonissen 073 163 4665



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Farm Perth 276 PO Box 117 Hotazel 8490

10 March, 2017

Dear Mrs. Medallie,

RE: Scoping Report and Public Participation

Thank you for including us this this amendment process, and I trust that from this process better management plans will develop that will ensure the peaceful and sustainable co-existence between UMK and relevant stakeholders directly affected through mining activities.

I do have some thoughts on the scoping report and matters that I addressed during the public participation meeting that took place on the 30th of January 2017 on which I would like to clarify and elaborate on:

1. De-proclaimed D3340 – The said road was de-proclaimed by the Department of Roads and Public Works during March 2013, duly published in the Provincial Gazette of that month and effectively closed, meaning that the area is enveloped by the property it was originally proclaimed from. Therefore, it is agricultural land managed by the relevant landowners. This particular road is primarily on the farm Perth, with a small portion on the farm Smartt, crossing the railway line and connecting with the R380 and it's on this road where the train derailment occurred in 2014. The importance of this road is that it is the only access point to Perth's vital agricultural infrastructure, it also divides a third party's mining area longitudinally, and it crosses the Witleegte watercourse twice. UMK used this road pre-2013 as an access point pending its application for certain waybills



connected with the main gate on the R380. The use of the de-proclaimed road was supposedly not included in the existing management program which explains why UMK's footprint is still present in the form of scattered dust suppressant material due to no rehabilitation. Some of the problems currently connected with this road includes:

- The landowner is liable for environmental degradation
- Dust generation
- Noise generation
- Access by unauthorized people
- Safety and security concerns
- UMK's primary mining contractor exits the mining area with earthmoving equipment, driving over the third party's mining area without authorization (exposing that third party with liabilities) to repair such equipment offsite and/or movement to different mines.

Recommendation/s: UMK to negotiate access with the landowner in order to reach agreements for use *OR* UMK to enter its mining area from the western side by means of the R3336 which is directly connected with the farm Botha.

2. Dust generation – as was mentioned in the public meeting, UMK's dust management programs do not include the farm Perth. During atmospheric stability in the colder months of the year, dust generated onsite accumulates in the low-lying Witleegte where the vital agricultural infrastructure is situated. Farmworkers are continuously exposed to high concentrations airborne particulates in their living quarters, where some have already been diagnosed with lung-related illnesses, possibly not due to inhalable dust, but altering quality of life nonetheless.

Recommendation: Expand the dust management network to Perth, with continuous interaction with the landowner and affected personnel regarding findings.



3. Blasting activities – Because Perth's vital agricultural infrastructure is already so closely located to UMK's existing activities (nearest neighbor to opencast operations by approximately 1km), damage to infrastructure has already occurred due to ground vibrations. These damages include newly built sheds, farmworkers' living quarters, and water reservoirs. By expanding UMK's operation even closer to the existing agricultural infrastructures (the northern section of the pit), possible damage may occur more frequently. Furthermore, I have mistakenly been recorded in the minutes of the meeting that I captured seismographic readings, where I in fact mentioned that UMK did have a seismograph at the farmhouse which was unfortunately stolen a few years ago due to a lack of security.

Recommendation/s: UMK to include Perth's agricultural infrastructure in the blast management plan with ongoing interaction with the landowner on findings, occurrences, damage and remedial impacts.

4. Surface Water – The expansion of the northern section of the pit will be much closer to the Witleegte watercourse, which in turn would directly affect the natural drainage pattern of the surface water, and indirectly affect the recharge of the area's groundwater.

Recommendation: Please follow with groundwater.

5. Groundwater quality and yield – UMK does have an integrated monitoring network that includes Perth, but information relevant to Perth has never been furnished to the affected landowner. The particular borehole and aquifer on Perth, which forms part of the monitoring network, has been compromised and the quality of the water deteriorated over time. During the last 18months of drought, the recharge to this borehole was inadequate and the borehole was never used for livestock watering as damage to the monopump equipment occurred because it ran dry (please keep in mind that a monopump in a borehole is a sealed unit and one cannot access the water levels without removing the whole installation). The chances of this aquifer to be under more stress are very likely



due to the expansion of the pit, in turn altering Perth's agricultural potential as the particular borehole is the only water resource on the property's western side.

Recommendations: A watertight, improved and expanded groundwater monitoring program with continuous interaction with the landowner on findings, occurrences and remedial impacts.

6. Transport System – An estimation of a 20% increase in road traffic on the already deteriorated R380 would prove to have an increased difficulty by using Perth's registered livestock crossing over the said road. Already livestock is moved over the road by making use of important warning signs and particularly at strategic times when road traffic has somewhat subsided. It did occur at various instances where mine contractors ignored the warning signs and the highly visible farmworkers, and willfully drove into the animals. Not only is this a dangerous operation to agriculture but also very dangerous towards ignorant and spiteful road users as injuries to livestock has economic impacts, but loss of human life due to ignorance is most important and highly preventable.

Recommendations: Please recommend as I currently do not have possible solutions.

7. Heritage Resources – The graveyard on Perth is situated close to the property's vital infrastructure and exposed to blasting damage and ground vibrations.

Recommendations: A seismograph located at the farmhouse may prove vital in determining vibration impacts, but also yearly site inspections to determine damage.

8. Socio Economic Impacts – The landowner is currently struggling to ensure the health and safety of his personnel as cumulative unmanaged mining activities are making it almost impossible. Apart from the financial implications on the landowner, the farmworkers' quality of life is also inhibited, as mentioned previously.



Recommendation: Better managed impacts from the mining sector's side with continuous

interaction with the landowner.

Finally, it is beneficial to communities by expanding the mine's operations but directly affected

stakeholders should not be forgotten as current expanded mining activities do have negative

socio-economic effects. The mine's interactions with negative affected stakeholders are limited

which causes a grave concern of frustration and irrational conducts that must be prevented by

see-through management and mitigation plans. After all, development is beneficial to everybody

when impacts are mitigated and remedied in a sustainable manner.

I trust you agree with me on the various matters.

Best regards

(This version was sent electronically and therefore not signed. A signed copy will be supplied on request)

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On behalf of Landowner – Perth 276





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Johannesburg

2060

LAND CLAIMS ENQUIRY:

- 1. Farm Botha 313
- 2. The Remaining extent (RE) of the farm Smartt 314,
- 3. Portion 1 and RE of the farm Rissik 330.

We refer to your letter dated: 07 February 2017

We confirm that as at the date of this letter no land claims appear on our database in respect of the Property. This includes the database for claims lodged by 31 December 1998; and those lodged between 1 July 2014 and 27 July 2016 in terms of the Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Act, 2014.

Whilst the Commission takes reasonable care to ensure the accuracy of the information it provides, there are various factors that are beyond the Commission's control, particularly relating to claims that have lodged but not yet been gazetted such as:

- Some Claimants referred to properties they claim dispossession of rights in land against using historical property descriptions which may not match the current property description; and
- 2. Some Claimants provided the geographic descriptions of the land they claim without mentioning the particular actual property description they claim dispossession of rights in land against.

The Commission therefore does not accept any liability whatsoever if through the process of further investigation of claims it is found that there is in fact a land claim in respect of the above property.

If you are aware of any change in the description of the above property after 19 June 1913 kindly supply us with such description so as to enable us to do a further search.

Yours faithfully

COMMUNICATION DIVISION

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION: NORTHERN CAPE

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DATE: 08/02/2017