

## LEFA COLLIERY COMMENTS AND RESPONSE SHEET

Comments	Response
<p><b>Badenhorst, Relene</b></p> <p>Pollution: Water, Air, Noise, Quality of life, property value, Diminishing water supply, Safety and Security, Traffic, damaged buildings and Health Hazard</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>Bakewell, Mike</b></p> <p>1. How will mining operations affect the stability of the ground?</p> <p>2. I have 250 fruit trees planted. What effect will the air pollutants have on trees and fruit?</p> <p>3. My borehole is 76 meters. How will this affect the quality and gravity of drinking and irrigation water?</p> <p>4. I stay in a quiet country agricultural village. Will my life be disrupted by increased traffic both on the roads and in the area?</p> <p>5. Will the blasting have any detrimental effects on the structure of the buildings?</p>	<p>1. Mining will take place 80m below surface with the bord-and-pillar method. Pillars are specifically designed for the type of coal and depth of mining. Other mitigation measures include the prohibition of stripping of pillars after mining has been concluded. This method will ensure stability of the ground</p> <p>An Air quality study will be undertaken in the EIA process far before any mining will be approved. This study will give more clarity on the possibilities of air pollutants and the types and concentrations concerned.</p> <p>All impacts relating to the quality of groundwater and the water balance will be investigated and answers provided as part of the requirements for the Water Use License to be conducted. Various studies will be undertaken in this EIA process to determine the effect of the mine on water resources.</p> <p>If the mine is approved, there will definitely be an influx of people to the area. The traffic will definitely increase in and around the mine as people will be using the roads to and from their homes and work.</p> <p>No blasting is planned for the physical mining activities of coal. It is possible that ad hoc blasting might be necessary if underground obstacles such as geological formations are encountered. If this is the case, various</p>

<p>6. Will sand and dust generated from the dumps and transport of the area effect our environment and lifestyles?</p> <p>7. I am a retired pensioner. Will there be any health issues arise from these proceedings?</p>	<p>legal processes will have to be followed before blasting can take place. Strict blasting regulations need to be followed and any damage caused by blasting will be part of the responsibility of the mine.</p> <p>The residue stockpiles will be situated on the infrastructure area on Wenen. It is possible that dust and sand from these stockpiles can be blown in the wind, causing an effect on the environment and lifestyle. The air quality assessment that will form part of the studies to be undertaken in the EIA process will give more clarity on the impact of dust.</p> <p>As mentioned above, dust from the residue stockpiles and coal dust is two of the possible aspects that may cause health issues.</p>
<p><b>Blignaut, SB (Jeoff), Bliganut JC (owner)</b></p> <p>Our greatest concern is the pollution, traffic, water and our properties will be worth nothing. The properties around us don't belong to the collieries and therefore we don't want to live in a mining environment.</p> <p>These properties belong to our community. Where will we go to? We don't want houses full of cracks and not knowing if we will have water the next day.</p> <p>We spent thousands of rands on our properties and it's a bird haven around us. And you people want to take all this away from a happy community.</p> <p>Would like you people to know that you are in for a battle.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. In terms of the properties, Ergosat Pty Ltd will have to approach directly impacted parties in future. All other impacts will be mitigated in the EMPr to such a degree where it can be managed via mitigation measures if possible.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p><b>Briedenhann, CJJ; Briedenhann, E</b></p> <p>Mining in the area will be harmful to our environment, health and wellbeing</p>	<p>Noted</p>

Email: Please note my Objection, with the limited information that was presented at the meeting held on the 10th November 2016, I have attached a list with some of the concerns and comments regarding above. Coenrad objected to the said mining right application.

The meeting held on 10 November 2016 was a waste of time as none of our questions could be answered.

Mining in Vaalkrag Plots will be harmful to our environment, health and wellbeing.

The environmental responsibility of the mining operations is protection of the air, land and water and from the meeting it was indicated that the above will not be guaranteed.

Noted

As mentioned in the Public meeting held on 10 November 2016, the purpose of the meeting was not to be able to answer all questions posed. The meeting introduced the EIA process to the community and explained to them that the reason for the meeting was primarily to get people registered for the process to follow. It was also explained that the EIA process is currently in its Scoping phase which is the initial phase where the environment is “analysed” to identify issues that will be prominent. It also gives opportunity to identify any other specialist studies that will be needed. It was also explained in this meeting that there will be two critical periods in the EIA phase where the community will have to opportunity to review and comment on reports produced, the scoping report for public view and the EIA report for public view. We did however, record questions and issues in the meeting held on 10 November 2016, and where REC Services Pty Ltd could not provide answers, it was made clear that these questions would be recorded and answered as more information becomes available.

Comment noted.

Noted. All aspects of Air, land and water will be investigated in detail as part of the specialist studies to be conducted. The results of these studies are still pending.

<p>If a mining right is given to Ergosat, the displacement of the/ a community will occur. We will be forced of our land by expanding mining activities and subsidence and contamination of our environment. Contamination of our air, land and water- and the Vaal River.</p> <p>Our health will be affected as the community will be exposed to possible coal dust by inhalation, possibility of radiation exposure and chronic diseases will increase</p> <p>Our water supply via boreholes will be affected as the mining activity will harm our water table, change the flow of groundwater It will also remove water and funnels and holes will be created that can / will collapse.</p> <p>Possibility of acid mine water that is a big problem in SA as well as sinkholes that will form and cause serious damage and loss of lives. The community security and safety will be at risk. All the pollution, air, dust, noise, water.</p>	<p>Noted. The total extent of the underground mining has been indicated in the presentation on t10 November 2016, and is also included in the scoping report for public view.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted. All aspects of water will be investigated in detail as part of the specialist studies to be conducted. The results of these studies are still pending.</p> <p>Noted. Acid mine drainage is a possibility and preventative measures will be investigated.</p>
<p><b>Briedenhann, CJJ</b></p> <p>1. What do you mean with a water use license of Section 40 of the National Water Act of 1998?</p> <p>2. Fauna and Flora is going to be affected</p>	<p>A water use license (WULA) needs to be undertaken to ensure that all water uses are approved by the Department of Water Affairs and Sanitation. This is in accordance to Section 40 of the National Water Act. There is a list of Activities listed in Section 21 of the Act that needs a water use licence. All water uses and potential contamination of water, and water balances need to be submitted as part of this application.</p>

3. Environmental will be affected, we have lots of birdlife and wild animals like steenbokkies etc in the veld and Wetlands for birds (fish eagles).

4. Visual impact is going to be a big problem

5. Air pollution will influence people with Asma, Noise impact will affect the animals and humans, Gas will affect all people living here (CO, H2S and Methane)

6. Water pollution and water usage. Water will dry up. The taste of water will change to horrible tasting.

7. Removing coal will leave Dolomite witch (is left) can absorb moisture and can hydrate and in years to come can disintegrate & collapse (sinkholes may appear)

8. Property evaluation will be affected, house prices will fall tremendously (nobody wants to live near a coal mine)

9. Safety, crime will increase tremendously

10. Traffic is going to increase (transport of coal)

11. Blasting impact will cause cracks in houses

12. Dust will effect grazing (crops and on houses)

Fauna and Flora studies will be undertaken as part of the specialist studies concerned. It must be noted that the mine is an underground mine and that fauna and flora will not directly be affected by mining. It is possible that secondary factors such as coal dust and pollution of water resources could indeed affect Fauna and Flora.

Noted. Mammals, Avi-Fauna (birds), Wetlands and surface water studies will be conducted as part of the specialist studies to be included in the EIA phase of the project.

The visual impact of the shafts and dumps will be a problem. A visual impact assessment will form part of the specialist studies to be conducted for the EIA phase.

Noted. Air pollution is of concern and will be associated with the mine. More mitigation measures in this regard will be included in the EIA report once the Air quality assessment has been concluded.

A water use license application will be lodged that will include all water uses. All aspects of the geo-hydro and WULA requirements will be undertaken in the EIA phase.

No dolomite present in the Geology of this site. Please refer to the section pertaining to the Geology in the Scoping report.

Noted

Noted

Noted. It is planned that the coal will be transported via an overland conveyor and not by road. No blasting is planned for the mining activities.

<p>13. Is the Guptas or any other African state involved in this mine?</p> <p>14. Please explain excluding areas within 100m from any public roads, residential or public areas.</p> <p>15. What is the use of farming if water dries up?</p> <p>16. Roads are not built for heavy traffic</p> <p>17. Where is the workers going to live</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>No, this is not a Gupta owned mine. This mine is planned by Ergosat Pty Ltd.</p> <p>We are not sure what is meant by this.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Mining companies does not provide accommodation. It is expected that properties be bought by the working force in the various towns, and if not, that they will travel from their homes to the mine via public or private transport.</p>
<p><b>Burger, Gerrit</b></p> <p>First email:</p> <p>It the mine goes ahead, we will never sell a house there again. It will cost us millions. I hope there is another plan?</p> <p>Second email</p> <p>Hi. The meeting turned out bad. Everyone wants to appeal. You cannot go to such a meeting as unprepared.</p> <p>1. Who is the company that wants to mine the land and who are the directors?</p>	<p>The plan of the applicant is to apply for the mining right on the specified areas.</p> <p>Noted. The meeting was held as a registration meeting and to gather questions and issues. It was not the intention to have answers to all questions.</p> <p>The company that wants to obtain the mining right is Ergosat Pty Ltd. Information pertaining to the directors are private and the company is a legal entity. It is however noted that a Director can be legally held responsible in terms of non-compliance in respect of the NEMA act. Directors are CRD De Bruin and J Coetzee.</p>

<p>2. The directors have two choices, or they buy out everyone in and around the mine area that will be affected, or they will have long court cases that will stop them from mining.</p> <p>3. The people above ground are negative and it is expected that our property prices will decrease and that our water will get polluted and disappear.</p> <p>4. It seems that this mine will have a long and court bound road ahead.</p>	<p>Noted. Any processes in terms of land acquisition or negotiations will be handled by Ergosat Pty Ltd in a later stage of the planning of the mine.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><b>de Villiers, Fanie</b></p> <p>My family have lost our farm because of previous coal mining in the area. It was a lush vegetable farm with ample underground water supply until their mining activities stopped all underground water supply. Our bore holes ran dry within a week and we consequently had to stop the vegetables enterprise. We had to sell the farm because of that.....be careful...there is only one interest here...that is not going to be the people of the area. I am a supplier to the mining industry for more than 18 years...it is still the same. Scrutinising everything is the key in these affairs</p>	<p>Noted. We agree that all issues should be put on the table. Thorough investigations are needed in terms of all the issues listed. It is important to keep the basic rights of all people concerned.</p>
<p><b>du Toit, Michelle M</b></p> <p>My main concern is not only our water but what about our safety and calm life style we have on the small holdings all of that will change if a mine is started. a lot of us grew up on these small holdings and the land has been in our families for years. The traffic on our roads will increase, the road is just fixed. If they provide us with other water would we have to pay for it? Currently we all have bore holes providing us. Our buildings will crack and who's going to pay for that? This is truly very worrying</p>	<p>Noted. If a mine is approved, traffic will increase. Water from any other resources will be priced. Cracking buildings will have to be investigated and Ergosat will need to negotiate the repair of such buildings, provided that it is because of the mining activities that it cracked.</p>

**J A H Ehlert and N J W de Wet**

The comments follow are limited to some of the main concerns, further comments may arise when these main concerns are answered and discussed in your next phases on the possibility of mining for coal in the area indicated in your information memorandum and consultation document dated 26 October 2016.

Main concerns: Most are of environmental impact issues, from these main environmental impact issues a list of sub-issues, if you like, may arise which may also have an impact on the total study.

Environmental impact issues:

1. Terrain, soil, agriculture land, drainage of waste products, effect of floods etc.

2. Fauna and Flora.

3. Traffic on R716,

4. Pollutants, dust, smoke, smells, coal acid, noise, waste produces/products etc.

5. WATER!?? NO compromise (one of most important, without water no life) pollute, drainage of bore holes with mine activity, etc.

Noted

Terrain and soil impacts noted. Drainage of waste products will be limited by means of liners, sumps and the Pollution Control Dam.

Impacts on Fauna and Flora will be investigated in the specialist biodiversity studies to be undertaken as part of the EIA phase of the project assessment.

Noted. Traffic will be assessed as part of the traffic impact assessment to be included as a specialist study in the EIA phase.

Noted

Noted. Noted. All aspects of water will be investigated in detail as part of the specialist studies to be conducted. The results of these studies are still pending. A water use license (WULA) needs to be undertaken to ensure that all water uses are approved by the Department of Water Affairs and Sanitation.

<p>6. Blasting and vibration impact underground on structures, (some of these private houses are more than 150 years old built of clay bricks).</p> <p>7. Visual impact (Letabo).</p> <p>8. Prevailing winds (See 4).</p> <p>9. Safety of AH population.</p> <p>10. Compound/houses for workers.</p> <p>Above are a few pointer, we await your Scoping Report on the 21 November 2016</p>	<p>Noted. No blasting as part of mining is going to be used. If there is blasting needed, strict blasting mitigation measures will be implemented. Any damages as a result of blasting must be inspected and communicated through to the mine.</p> <p>Noted. Lethabo is already built and is not linked to this EIA. However, the shafts will have a visual impact on the environment and will be analysed in the Visual impact assessment.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Workers will have to source housing in town or be transported to work from home.</p>
<p><b>Lindeque, Pieter C; Lindeque, JH</b></p> <p>First email:</p> <p>1. Contamination of drinking water</p> <p>2. Noise Disruptions</p> <p>3. Damage to existing infrastructure</p> <p>4. Possible sinkholes after rehabilitation</p> <p>5. Air pollution</p> <p>6. Effects of blasting below ground on infrastructure</p>	<p>Noted. Drinking water is a main concern and some kind of discussion and negotiations will have to be undertaken by the mine in this regard. Monitoring of existing boreholes and the status quo will be compared to future sampling, and the results will indicate if any drink water contamination has occurred.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. Measures to ensure stability of the soil is included in the scoping report.</p> <p>Noted</p>

<p>Second email:</p> <p>May I also kindly request that you forward me the minutes for the meeting held 10 November 2016. There was a power cut during the said meeting which caused some disturbance.</p>	<p>The minutes of the meeting is contained in the scoping report that is available for public view.</p>
<p><b>Lingard, IA</b></p> <p>1) Timeframes</p> <p>2) Water quality and amounts needed? How will it influence our water? We have good water here. If the water quality is influenced, our property values will fall.</p>	<p>Planned start of mine within 6-8 years.</p> <p>The mine operation does not have a washing plant. The water quality will be monitored before the mine and continuously after the mine has started. The mine will also monitor boreholes to detect any changes in water availability.</p>
<p><b>Liquorish, MS</b></p> <p>1. The public meeting held in Deneysville was a waste of time and was not a valid consultation as you were not able to provide any answers to the many questions asked. In addition there was not proper notification of the meeting to be held. The community of Veekraal were at no stage informed about a meeting and there were no public notices posted in the area informing the community of the meeting. I came across the meeting by mistake on facebook on a note sent out by the DRAC.</p>	<p>As mentioned in the Public meeting held on 10 November 2016, the purpose of the meeting was not to be able to answer all questions posed. The meeting introduced the EIA process to the community and explained to them that the reason for the meeting was primarily to get people registered for the process to follow. It was also explained that the EIA process is currently in its Scoping phase which is the initial phase where the environment is “analysed” to identify issues that will be prominent. It also gives opportunity to identify any other specialist studies that will be needed. It was also explained in this meeting that there will be two critical periods in the EIA phase where the community will have to opportunity to review and comment on reports produced, the scoping report for public view and the EIA report for public view. We did however, record questions and issues in the meeting held on 10 November 2016, and where REC Services Pty Ltd could not provide answers, it was made clear that these</p>

2. If you are unaware the Veekraal community is approximately 3.2km's from Deneysville and is prominently signposted. I am sure you have seen the signpost whilst driving on the R716.

3. I purchased my property (Plot 10 Veekraal) approximately 4 years ago. I have spent substantial sums of money in refurbishing the property. I bought it for the peace and quiet, the bird life, the community and for the low crime rate. I live full time on the property. Clearly having a mine a short distance from my property will negate all the items I bought the property for and will lead to a substantial financial loss

4. You have been unable to tell us who the customer for the coal will be and vaguely mention Lethaba. However there is a separate process being undertaken by New Vaal collieries for a life of mine extension, therefore your mine is definitely not needed.

5. If you ship to Sasol you will need to truck the coal which will lead to destruction of roads (newly rebuilt but not suitable for the multiple heavy duty trucks that will be needed).

6. Noise pollution, dust pollution and water pollution will all have a direct impact on me and my property. In addition the mine dumps will be substantial also leading to a change in the landscape and frankly visual pollution.

7. It is inevitable that the crime will increase in our area.

questions would be recorded and answered as more information becomes available. Public notices were placed in and around the mine and in Deneysville town which indicated the date and time of the meeting held on 10 November 2016. Two adverts were placed in 2 local newspapers that also indicated the above.

We are aware of the Veekraal community after the initial communications send to us. The community is situated between Deneysville and the proposed mining site. Various parties of the Veekraal community is now registered.

Noted. The primary drive for the mine is supply to Lethabo. If this cannot be done, alternatives will be considered.

Noted. If the roads are to be used by truck to SASOL for example, road upgrades to accommodate this step will be needed.

Noted.

Noted. Yes with the influx of people to the community, crime will also exponentially increase.

<p>8. Your mine will inevitably degrade the beauty of the area and there is a high chance that the area will be left permanently scarred as there is ample evidence of mining companies becoming insolvent and no rehabilitation happening for years, if ever.</p>	<p>Noted. Shafts will cause a visual impact. In terms of rehabilitation, the new financial provisions make it impossible to become insolvent in order to skip out on the responsibility of rehabilitation. Physical money has to be given as sureties/ financial provisions before a mine can start operating.</p>
<p>9. The area is highly reliant on tourism and also agriculture. No one will want to come to an area with a coal mine inevitably resulting in substantial loss to the community.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>10. As mentioned you were unable to provide any answers to our questions during the public meeting and therefore you have definitely not fulfilled your mandate for public consultation. You can only consult if you can give answers, Failure to provide answers means there is no consultation.</p>	<p>We are still in the public participation stage.</p>
<p>11. There is substantial bird life and small game in the area. The area is also home to fish eagles. The noise and pollution generated by the mine will inevitably chase away this wildlife.</p>	<p>Noted. Biodiversity specialist studies will be included in the EIA phase.</p>
<p>12. Everyone outside of Deneysville is reliant on either borehole or river-water. Your mine will have a direct detrimental impact on both sources of water.</p>	<p>Noted. A surface water study will be conducted and bio monitoring forms part of this. This will serve as a baseline for future sampling.</p>
<p>13. I disagree with your distances mentioned in your submission document. I am not sure on what basis they have been measured but I can assure you the edge of the mine is far closer to Veekraal and Deneysville than you mention. I believe you are intentionally trying to mislead people. The edge of the mining property is 7.8km's from the edge of Deneysville and 4.6kms from the entrance to Veekraal (a quick check on google maps will confirm)</p>	<p>Noted. The BID indicated a broad location of around 10km from different towns. The distance is in fact 7.8km as indicated by you.</p>
<p>I strongly object to the application and as more information becomes available I intend to lodge more detailed objections. I would also like to note that even</p>	<p>Noted. All, information to be supplied will be contained in the Scoping report.</p>

<p>though I have registered as an interested and affected party I have not received any information promised at the public meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Maloka, PP; Maloka, RM</b></p> <p>1. Having the mine here is going to have a huge impact on our water usage because mines usually use up a large amount of water.</p> <p>2. I was very comfortable staying here, now I have to move due to business. If this investigation is approved, the land owners should value our own houses not the Environmental Consultants.</p> <p>3. Enough time to look for a new place must be provided.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><b>Marais, GMC; Marais, NF</b></p> <p>1. What will happen to our boreholes (Acid drainage will do this). The water will be contaminated</p> <p>2. Our houses will crack (the walls)</p> <p>3. To many machines and people working at the mine will disturb our piece.</p> <p>4. The air will become more polluted than it is now and my father is living with me and he has lung cancer. What will happen to him??? Methane will release.</p> <p>5. What about the little animals in the field and their food? The natural life will be disturbed</p> <p>6. The heavy machines, bakkies etc. will cause heavy traffic jams and hold-ups</p> <p>7. Damage and pollute our ecosystem</p> <p>8. It will leave our lands barren</p>	<p>Boreholes levels and quality will be monitored. If any change in quality of quantity is seen, compensation will have to be given by Ergosat Pty Ltd</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Your concern has been noted. The air quality assessment will give more clarity on the air pollution potential of the mine.</p> <p>Animals and plants in the field will not be disturbed. The application is for an underground mine and the infrastructure area will be situated on cultivated land.</p> <p>Noted. The Traffic impact assessment will evaluate this.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Lands will not be disturbed as it is an underground mine.</p>

<p>9, Our water will drain away</p> <p>10. It will bring huge amounts of waste earth and rock to surface</p>	<p>Water will be monitored any effect of the mine on water will need to be compensated.</p>
<p><b>Meintjes, PL; Meintjes, Rene</b></p> <p>While mining, underground toxins will go into our water, thus polluting it. Water will be pumped out for the mining company to continue underground, where will that leave us? We do not want municipal water.</p> <p>Mining may also make it difficult for a community to produce its own food by taking up agricultural or grazing land or by polluting the soil or air.</p> <p>If we are supplied municipal water, rather than the water we have, will the mining company rather compensate us so that we can find another place to live?</p>	<p>Noted. Arrangements in terms of water availability and pollution thereof will be communicated by Ergosat Pty Ltd.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>This can only be determined once the extent of the impact of the mine is determined.</p>
<p><b>Meintjes, Stefan H</b></p> <p>What about our water and peacefulness in the area</p>	<p>Arrangements in terms of water availability and pollution thereof will be communicated by Ergosat Pty Ltd.</p>
<p><b>Rasmussen, John</b></p> <p>It is my opinion that there has not been proper notification and information provided regarding your intensions re: the Lefa Colliery Mining Project/ application.</p> <p>Please be aware that the Veekraal community is approximately 3.2 km from Deneysville. I have recently purchased a property (Plot 54 Veekraal), in order to get away from all forms of pollution such as noise, dust and water pollution, and most importantly to become self-sustaining.</p> <p>I have ploughed a large amount of my life savings to realize my goals and am very concerned that should your Lefa Colliery Mining Application be allowed my</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

<p>purchase would have been in vain, and I would personally suffer a loss. I was not informed until recently of your plans.</p> <p>I feel as a community we would have to object to the Lefa Colliery Mining application to avoid the pollution, and also destruction of our roads and clean environment we enjoy in the Veekraal/ Deneysville area. I have no doubt that the mine dumps will lead to a negative change in the landscape in all aspects.</p> <p>Your failure to provide detailed answers means there is no consultation provided to us. Your distances and measurements provided seem to be questionable.</p> <p>It is for these reasons that I strongly object to the application</p>	<p>Noted. The residue wastes stockpiles will be situated within the infrastructure are on Wenen.</p> <p>We are still in the public participation process.</p>
<p><b>Schmidt , Anrich</b></p> <p>1) As effected party I would like access to all information that will affect us as home owners.</p> <p>2) As residents and effected party I would like to know if our properties are going to be brought and if, at what price (market related or are you just going to take it?)</p> <p>3) Are we still going to have water and if what is the quality going to be? Can it be guaranteed?</p> <p>4) How is the air and noise pollution going to affect us?</p>	<p>Noted. All information will be made available to date in the scoping report and more information will be available in the EIUA report at a later stage.</p> <p>Buying out of properties will only be considered once it is established if the mine will be less than 100m deep. If so, negotiations will be done with the mine directly. This will be done in the year before the mine will be planned for operation. In other instances, if the mine does have an effect on the groundwater resources, negotiations will also be done.</p> <p>Water cannot be guaranteed. If the mine workings have an effect on water, it will have to go into talks with the mine.</p> <p>Not known at this stage. An Air quality assessment and Noise Impact Assessment will form part of the EIA process to follow.</p> <p>The EIA process will still take a year to be finalised, then the Water Use License also would need approval. After the EIA, there will have to be an</p>

<p>5) When is this all going to happen? I have invested in our property. When it was said the power station is going to be build we placed everything on halt, now again everything must be placed on halt. (When is this going to stop)</p> <p>6) Where are the stockpiles going to be as well as the waste rock dumps and dams?</p>	<p>approval from DMR in terms of the mining right. Only after this approval will the mine be in a position to complete their planning for the mine and construction. We cannot say for sure but it is unlikely that the mine will start operation before 5 years from now.</p> <p>The stockpiles, waste dumps and dams will all be situated within the area indicated as the infrastructure area, on the farm Wenen. Please see the Scoping report for more details.</p>
<p><b>Sherman, Gayle</b></p> <p>Pollution - air &amp; water, devaluation of property, interruption of borehole water supply, increased traffic and damage to recently repaired road, security risk, corruption in view of current state of affairs of coal supply and Eskom in the country, climate change - pursue renewable energy instead</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><b>Snygans, Nico Johan ; Snygans, Nico johan (Jnr)</b></p> <p><b>Nico Johan Snygans (Jnr)</b></p> <p>I think the main concern here is what effect the proposed mining project will have on our current water supply. I'm also sure that our quality of life on the property will be affected due to pollution caused by the proposed mining project.</p> <p>Water?</p> <p>Property Value?</p> <p>Noise/air pollution</p>	<p>Noted. The water quality and supply is one of the main concerns. Water quality monitoring and measures in terms of the water availability will be discussed with Department of Water Affairs and Sanitation.</p>
<p><b>Van Pletzen, Megan</b></p> <p>With regard to the Lefa Colliery Mining Application I would like to oppose any mining activities by Lefa Coliery.</p>	

1. The public meeting held in Deneysville was a waste of time and was not a valid consultation as you were not able to provide any answers to the many questions asked. In addition, there was not proper notification of the meeting to be held. The community of Veekraal were at no stage informed about a meeting and there were no public notices posted in the area informing the community of the meeting. I came across the meeting by mistake on Facebook on a note sent out by the DRAC.

2. If you are unaware the Veekraal community is approximately 3.2km's from Deneysville and is prominently signposted. I am sure you have seen the signpost whilst driving on the R716.

As mentioned in the Public meeting held on 10 November 2016, the purpose of the meeting was not to be able to answer all questions posed. The meeting introduced the EIA process to the community and explained to them that the reason for the meeting was primarily to get people registered for the process to follow. It was also explained that the EIA process is currently in its Scoping phase which is the initial phase where the environment is "analysed" to identify issues that will be prominent. It also gives opportunity to identify any other specialist studies that will be needed. It was also explained in this meeting that there will be two critical periods in the EIA phase where the community will have to opportunity to review and comment on reports produced, the scoping report for public view and the EIA report for public view. We did however, record questions and issues in the meeting held on 10 November 2016, and where REC Services Pty Ltd could not provide answers, it was made clear that these questions would be recorded and answered as more information becomes available. Public notices were placed in and around the mine and in Deneysville town which indicated the date and time of the meeting held on 10 November 2016. Two adverts were placed in 2 local newspapers that also indicated the above.

We are aware of the Veekraal community after the initial communications send to us. The community is situated between Deneysville and the proposed mining site. Various parties of the Veekraal community is now registered.

3. I purchased my property (Plot 30 Veekraal) approximately 3 years ago. I have spent substantial sums of money in refurbishing the property. I bought it for the peace and quiet, the bird life, the community and for the low crime rate. I live full time on the property. Clearly having a mine a short distance from my property will negate all the items I bought the property for and will lead to a substantial financial loss.

Noted

4. You have been unable to tell us who the customer for the coal will be and vaguely mention Lethaba. However there is a separate process being undertaken by New Vaal collieries for a life of mine extension, therefore your mine is definitely not needed.

Noted. The primary drive for the mine is supply to Lethabo. If this cannot be done, alternatives will be considered.

5. If you ship to Sasol you will need to truck the coal which will lead to destruction of roads (newly rebuilt but not suitable for the multiple heavy duty trucks that will be needed).

Noted. If the roads are to be used by truck to SASOL for example, road upgrades to accommodate this step will be needed.

6. Noise pollution, dust pollution and water pollution will all have a direct impact on me and my property. In addition the mine dumps will be substantial also leading to a change in the landscape and frankly visual pollution.

Noted.

7. It is inevitable that the crime will increase in our area.

Noted. Yes with the influx of people to the community, crime will also exponentially increase.

8. Your mine will inevitably degrade the beauty of the area and there is a high chance that the area will be left permanently scarred as there is ample evidence of mining companies becoming insolvent and no rehabilitation happening for years, if ever.

Noted. Shafts will cause a visual impact. In terms of rehabilitation, the new financial provisions make it impossible to become insolvent in order to skip out on the responsibility of rehabilitation. Physical money has to

9. The area is highly reliant on tourism and also agriculture. No one will want to come to an area with a coal mine inevitably resulting in substantial loss to the community.

10. As mentioned you were unable to provide any answers to our questions during the public meeting and therefore you have definitely not fulfilled your mandate for public consultation. You can only consult if you can give answers, Failure to provide answers means there is no consultation.

11. There is substantial bird life and small game in the area. The area is also home to fish eagles. The noise and pollution generated by the mine will inevitably chase away this wildlife.

12. Everyone outside of Deneysville is reliant on either borehole or river-water. Your mine will have a direct detrimental impact on both sources of water.

13. I disagree with your distances mentioned in your submission document. I am not sure on what basis they have been measured but I can assure you the edge of the mine is far closer to Veekraal and Deneysville than you mention. I believe you are intentionally trying to mislead people. The edge of the mining property is 7.8km's from the edge of Deneysville and 4.6kms from the entrance to Veekraal (a quick check on google maps will confirm)

I strongly object to the application and as more information becomes available I intend to lodge more detailed objections. I would also like to note that even though I have registered as an interested and affected party I have not received any information promised at the public meeting.

be given as sureties/ financial provisions before a mine can start operating.

Noted

We are still in the public participation stage.

Noted. Biodiversity specialist studies will be included in the EIA phase.

Noted. A surface water study will be conducted and bio monitoring forms part of this. This will serve as a baseline for future sampling.

Noted. The BID indicated a broad location of around 10km from different towns. The distance is in fact 7.8km as indicated by you.

Noted. All, information to be supplied will be contained in the Scoping report.

<p><b>Van Pletzen, Miempie</b></p> <p>To whom it may concern.</p> <p>With regard to the Lefu Colliery Mining Application, I also strongly oppose any mining activities and intent to lodge more detailed objections as more information becomes available.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>van Wyk, Manie J; van Wyk, Liza</b></p> <p>1. Does the Law of South Africa allow underground mining under residential areas? How will underground water be affected? If water is affected, how will mine overcome the problem?</p> <p>Will the mine be willing to buy all property above mining area?</p> <p>If we need to relocate, how will property value determent?</p> <p>How will the air in the surrounding area be affected or polluted?</p> <p>Vaal Power smallholdings area is very peaceful and quiet. How will night time be affected by mining noise?</p>	<p>The law does not allow any mining within 100m of any structures. This includes vertical and horizontal profiles.</p> <p>It is not yet clear how the underground water will be affected by the mine. There are various studies that will be undertaken. If the underground water is affected, compensation will have to be agreed upon. All issues in terms of groundwater to be addressed in the WULA.</p> <p>The mine will have to take this into consideration of the mining activities are within 100 m of any structures.</p> <p>Property evaluations will be done via negotiations and market value determinations.</p> <p>The air quality impact assessment will be undertaken by a qualified practitioner and the results included in the EIA phase.</p> <p>Mining schedules have not yet been determined. However it is envisaged that the mine will run most of the time. Mining will take place around 100 m below the surface and the screening plant will also be located underground. This means that only activities associated with the stockpiles, delivery system of coal to the surface and any transport</p>

<p>We have a low crime rate. How will resident's safety be affected?</p> <p>If residential area stay as is, how will night time be affected by neighbouring mine?</p> <p>Transport of coal to Letabo, via road trucks or conveying belt.</p> <p>2. I do not see my family and I too have the same quality of life that we have now with a neighbouring mine that pollutes the air and draw unfriendly elements to our area. A lot will be compromised by us if mine do get their rights to mine.</p> <p>3. We know that the coal is needed for power.</p> <p>I'm willing to sell my two properties to the mine at a relocated value and not market value.</p> <p>When I move, I will need the same infrastructure as what I have now with the same bond value. i will not compromise by ending up with more debt than what I have now.</p> <p>4. I bought my properties in 2014 and I'm at the beginning of renovating. Now I'll have to wait to see what the future holds. i can carry on with renovations with the knowing that i may have to move. The sooner the mine buys my property, the sooner I can start with my new beginning.</p> <p>Vaalpower properties should not be allowed to be sold to the public.</p>	<p>arrangements will cause most noise. A Noise impact assessment will be undertaken.</p> <p>Crime rate will increase with an influx of people.</p> <p>Most mining noise will be on Wenen.</p> <p>If coal can be transported to Lethabo as planned, an overland conveyor will be used.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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**Viljoen, Machiel**

I'm disturbed to have learned about your intention to start a mining operation in close proximity of where my family and I stay without you having engaged us about the issue. I believe that I am an affected party and I want to register as an affected party in all processes going forward.

I have been told that questions that were posed during a meeting in Deneysville did not provide sufficient answers and therefore I am of the opinion that more such meeting need to be held and that a REAL attempt need to be made to contact and invite ALL affected parties. This includes not only property owners and residents in the Free State but also those in the Gauteng area close to the Vaal river. One such party is a developer that is planning the development of a boutique hotel on the Gauteng side adjacent to the river. This is an example of an affected party that stand to be very negatively impacted by the development of such a mining operation, and therefore he needs to be engaged and concerns needs to be addressed.

I, as owner and resident at plot 28 of the Veekraal community, hereby wish to register severe objection and opposition to the proposal, because I am of the opinion that such a move will adversely affect me in the following aspects.

1. Decline in property value.
2. Increase in crime rate.
3. Increased air pollution due to dust, smoke and exhaust gasses due to operations, wind and blasting.

Noted. Please note that we are still conducting the public participation process. We are still identifying potential I&APs and we are still committed to engage with the communities.

The meeting held in Deneysville on 10 November 2016 was to inform the public of the proposed mining right application and the EIA requirements. It was also a way of registration of interested and Affected parties.

2 Adverts were placed in the local newspapers that advertised the meeting. 3 site notices were put up in and around the mining site on areas easily noticeable. Some notices were also erected at certain key points within Deneysville Town. Pieter van der Merwe spent around 2 weeks going from door to door and informing potential interested and Affected parties of the process. The documentation he handed out to people did also indicate the meeting of 10 November 2016. Another meeting will be held later in the process when all the specialists studies have been undertaken and more information is available.

Noted.

<p>4. Increased noise pollution.</p> <p>5. Increased light pollution at night - I have purchased this property specifically to practice astronomy, which would now become compromised.</p> <p>6. Increased water pollution due to ground water contamination and a lack of control and containment.</p> <p>7. Adverse impact on local fauna and flora.</p> <p>8. Negative and destructive impact on the road infrastructure on which the local community is heavily dependent.</p> <p>9. Unacceptable aesthetic impact due to the nature of mining - in an area that attracts much tourism.</p> <p>10. Increase in prostitution and other vice that are inherent phenomena associated with mine workers and truck drivers.</p> <p>11. Risk of a failure to rehabilitate after operations cease - a very typical occurrence in the mining sector in South Africa.</p> <p>I trust that the public engagement process will continue and that the Environmental Impact Assessment will be made available in the spirit of transparency.</p>	<p>The Scoping report, EIA report and EMPr will be made available for public view as required by the 2014 EIA regulations.</p>
<p><b>Witherden, Alan</b></p> <p>I write as mandated by the Veekraal Owner's Association, an entity that represents the property owners of Veekraal, a community of plots about five kms East of the projected colliery and of which I am the Chairman. My Members are copied on this email for their edification and for your information.</p> <p>It is noted with concern that we have not received any notification nor have any public notices of the intended mining development been made nor has any effort</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. Please note that we are still conducting the public participation process. We are still identifying potential I&amp;APs and we are still committed</p>

been made to inform the Veekraal owners of the intended mining application. This is particularly relevant as we occupy prime land close to the intended colliery.

Our properties are prime given that they represent an idyllic and tranquil lifestyle on the banks of the Vaal River whilst the natural fauna and flora are in abundance and appreciated. Our members have invested heavily in their properties the value of which will be destroyed by any mining development such as that intended by yourselves.

We further note that water quality in the Vaal river has been under pressure for some time. It is likely that mining activities in such close proximity to the river will seriously exacerbate the situation and which would adversely affect the local fauna and flora, as well as human and agricultural activities in the area. Accordingly, as an affected party, the VOA requests a copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment that you are required to have completed prior to embarking on any actual development of the mine in terms of the Environmental Management Act.

As Veekraal owners, we find it peculiar that other rural communities in the same area as the envisaged mine would not have the same, or even more intense objections. We would like to be given the assurance that other communities in

to engage with the communities. In terms of the 2014 EIA regulations, we need to notify all landowners and people in control of the land, as well as adjacent landowners. We also put up site notices and advertise in the local newspapers. Any person interested or affected may register and because of your mail, you are now part of the registered interested and/or affected parties. We are still in the initial stages of the EIA and the only work conducted as far is the identification and registration of Interested and / or affected parties. The public meeting had its purpose to introduce the process and get people on the register.

Noted. The mining operation will be an underground mine and activities associated with mining on the surface will be concentrated in infrastructure area situated on Wenen. We do note your point around the property values.

Mining activities will be structures far away from the Vaal River and no activities of any kind are planned close to the Vaal. No water will be used to wash coal as there will be no coal washing.

The VOA will be notified as soon as the Scoping report is available for public view, and once again when the EIA report will be available within next year. Please also note that development of the mine will only be undertaken a few years from now, as not only the EIA will be required, but the Water Use License and the actual mining right itself.

Noted. We cannot notify a large extent of area or property as the law would guide us in that manner, but however, if you have the name and

<p>the area were engaged and that their concerns were noted and addressed. If, like us at Veekraal, they were omitted from your public engagement, we see that as grounds for an extension of the public engagement process and that further consultation takes place with affected parties. Not only should the Free State parties be invited, but also river property owners on the Gauteng side, where developers are planning a boutique hotel and nature reserve that would most definitely like to be heard on this issue.</p> <p>Kindly note that we are formally objecting to both the development as well as lack of proper stakeholder consultation and information and that we oppose the intended development. Kindly also further note that we reserve our rights fully to, if the need should arise, formally lodge a legal challenge against this intended development and that, should your actions necessitate such legal actions, we will specifically ask for a punitive cost order against yourselves (i.e. the entity and its directors).</p> <p>Please formally register us as an affected and interested party and similarly ensure that we are included in any communication and briefings in relation to the intended development.</p>	<p>contact information of the said boutique hotel, you are welcome to send it to us and we could notify them.</p> <p>Noted. As mentioned before, we are currently in the process of stakeholder identification and consultation. Please note that the 2014 EIA regulations give opportunity to appeal any decision.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>Willow Creek River Development</p> <p>Geldenhuys, Johnny (Willow Creek Estate Manager)</p> <p>Submission of an official appeal against the Coal mine as per the appeal as prepared by <b>Advocate Marius Van Wyngaard</b> on behalf of himself and the Vaal Power Community.</p> <p>Submission of a list of questions and concerns which have been raised by the community affected by the proposed mining right.</p>	<p>Noted. Please see the EIA regulations in terms of Appeals. The EIA regulations is structured in such a way as to allow for the EIA and comments from the public any official appeals should be lodged against a decision by the department. It is likely that the DMR or Environmental department would advise you to participate in the EIA process which is a legal process and thereafter have the opportunity to appeal any decision.</p>

Submission of a copy of a document labelled Vaal Power Community Public protest.

From the submissions as explained above, it is clear that the community affected by the proposed mining right is extremely concerned about their constitutional rights which are being impaired and which will further be negated as a result of the actions or the omissions on the part of REC Services Pty Ltd the environmental consultant acting on behalf of the applicant Ergosat Pty Ltd. It is further with respect clear that the community is vehemently opposed for the proposed mining right to be granted to the application.

It is trite that the Constitution of the RSA guarantees inter alia the following rights: right to an environment not harmful to their health or well-being (Section 24); Section 25, Section 27, Section 12, Section 33. 32, 10

It is submitted that Section 24 places a positive duty on the state to protect the environment for the benefit of future and present generations

From the said submissions, it is clear that the community was not furnished with sufficient and or accurate information by the consultant company in order for the community to have participated meaningful and with the necessary knowledge in the public participation process which they were invited to participate in by the Consultant Company.

It is submitted that the invitation to public participation and the subsequent meeting was only done to pay lip service to the letter of the relevant legislation but that the invitation and participation had no substance as a result of insufficient and inaccurate information

Noted.

Noted

All public consultation is done in accordance with the minimum requirements of the EIA regulation of 2014 and under Section 41 of GN N.983 of 2014. We are currently in the initial public participation stage and all information is in line with the requirement of the initial public participation process. The initial public participation has by no means the aim of providing detailed information on the project. Its aim is to furnish the community with information regarding: Basic Assessment or Scoping and EIA is needed, nature and location of the proposed activity, where further information on the application can be obtained, the manner in which and the person to whom representation in respect of the application or proposed application may be made.

History has taught us that various mining operations were commenced with by unknown entities who totally disregarded the environmental laws which omissions caused tremendous hardship to effected communities

Notwithstanding various enquiries from the community the Consultant Company was unable to furnish the community with any information as to the status of the applicant company. The community is in the dark as to the validity of the applicant company and the Consultant Company is in no position to advice the community as to the status and composition of the applicant company. Surely the community is entitled to know whether or not the applicant company is not also one of the many companies who will have a total disregard for all environmental laws and who will eventually only cause hardship to the community.

As stated above, the state has a duty to protect the community.

It is further submitted that the community herein can only be protected and their constitutional rights be upheld if they are to be furnished with the necessary information as requested in the two separate submissions as above.

The public meeting and ground work done up to date has its aim to identify and register potential interested and Affected parties in the process as per Regulation 42 of GN No. 982

The intention of this meeting was not to provide answers to all questions posed as it is far too early in the process and as much more studies will need to be done.

Noted

The applicant company is a legal entity and is named Ergosat Pty Ltd. The applicant company is subjected to various proofs and documentation to the Department of Mineral Resources that is submitted together with a mining right application. DMR as the custodian of Mineral resources validates the applicant company. All mining rights issued is published with various conditions and DMR conducts audits to make sure that environmental compliance is achieved. All new regulations such as the new financial provision regulations is aimed at transparency and requires concurrent rehabilitation and actual available rehabilitation funds.

Noted.

The entire purpose of the EIA process is to gather information such as requested and to ensure measures are put in place to mitigate any adverse effects to a level that can be managed.

Without the necessary information, the community will not be able to participate meaningful in the public process.

It is submitted that Section 33 incorporates the basic rules of natural justice such as the right to be heard and the right to be furnished with reasons for administrative actions. A right closely related to the right to reasons for administrative decisions is the right of access to information as set out supra.

As a result of what has been set out above your kind assistance is therefore requested to take the necessary steps in order to see to it that the community is furnished with the necessary information and that all further processes in order to procure the proposed mining right be put in abeyance until such a time that the constitutional right of the community can be upheld and the community is assured of a fair and meaningful public participation in order for them to protect their collective interests.

**Questions/ comments from Annexure A submission:**

We appeal that the EIA process is stopped immediately due to the fact that there was no substantial information shared which make it impossible to comment on the issues that concern us. We suggest that a meaningful information meeting should be scheduled urgently.

As it stands now, a coal mine on the farm Wenen will have a detrimental effect on Willow Creek Estate and the surrounding properties will plunge to worthless value and no further properties and erven will be sold to be developed on Willow Creek and the surroundings, because of the negative impact on the environmental, pollution, crime, roads, underground water, and many more.

Noted. The community will have an opportunity to see information contained in the scoping and EIA reports.

Noted

The EIA process has the aim in identifying issues and concerns. It is part of the process to gather and note issues and concerns. The EIA process is the vehicle to public participation and therefore is the process that will legally be used to capture such concerns and to mitigate impacts in such a way that the collective interests can be protected.

Noted. You are not supposed to comment on the information received yet. The EIA process makes provision for registration, and for commenting and review of the Scoping Report which will contain more information. As explained in the public meeting, the EIA report will be the second opportunity for the public to comment on the EIA where all mitigation measures of specialist studies will be included.

Noted. Willow Creek is not within the mining area but the establishment of the mine would have an effect on the property values.

There will be absolutely no future for the development, developer, or the current owners. No resale value to all the properties at market related process, negotiated through an ombudsman

We therefore seek the following information. Who is Ergosat, who is their directors, Shareholders all contact information, February balance sheet with all assets and liabilities, done by a reputed auditing firm in South Africa.

All contact details of the Regional Manager that REC Services Pty Ltd will report the EIA results to and reporting to the minister of mining.

What tender procedure was followed and who appointed REC Services Pty Ltd

Other questions:

1. Does the law of South Africa allow underground mining under a residential area?

2. How will the underground water be affected? If water is too be affected, how the mine will overcome this problem, to supply fresh water to Vaal power community.

3. What impact will the air pollution have on the immediate surroundings, people, livestock, gardens, agricultural farming, maize, vegetables, and bird breeders?

Noted

Ergosat is a legal Entity. Directors are as follow: CRD De Bruin; J Coetzee. All legal information pertaining to

The EIA application is submitted the DMR Free State. No official or manager has been assigned to this project.

REC services Pty Ltd has a long service history. REC was appointed because of their service history with the applicant.

No mining within 100 m of any structure is allowed. This includes horizontal and vertical distance.

It is not sure at this stage how underground water will be affected. If water is affected; compensation or buy out will have to be considered.

An Air quality assessment will be conducted and the results of the assessment will be made available in the EIA report to be compiled.

<p>4. What will the noise impact be during the day and night with the crush and screen plant?</p>	<p>The crush and screen plant will be located underground. A Noise impact assessment will be conducted.</p>
<p>5. We have a low crime rate, how will the safety of residence be affected?</p>	<p>Crime will increase with increase in workers. If this is constant, police will have to incorporate it into their budget. Other structures such as sector policing can also be considered.</p>
<p>6. If residential areas stay as it is, how will property values be affected by the neighbouring mine?</p>	<p>Not able to indicate this. Various people are of the opinion that property values will plummet. Others think that an influx of people will increase the demand in housing and therefore increase property value.</p>
<p>7. Transport of coal by road and conveyor belt, impact on our roads and safety of our road users.</p>	<p>Already answered in the sections above</p>
<p>8. What impact will rain pollution have on the ground and to the Vaal river</p>	<p>Already answered in the sections above</p>
<p>9. Coal mines bring toxic gasses, how will the mine handle these gasses.</p>	<p>No burning or combustion of coal will be undertaken. Coal will be burned at Lethabo Power station.</p>
<p>10. The Ergosat mining will use a mechanised bord-and-pillar method. How safe is this method and what is the impact of possible ground collapsing.</p>	<p>The method is used for continuous mining. The exact sizes of the pillars are worked out to ensure that the roof cannot collapse.</p>
<p>11. Where will water be sourced from for mining operations and for daily use for the workers?</p>	<p>Already answered in the sections above</p>
<p>12. What will the impact be on houses in terms of cracking and subsidence?</p>	<p>Already answered in the sections above</p>
<p>13. What will happen to all the waste brought to the surface and where will it be kept/ disposed of? Normally this waste becomes toxic when it comes into contact with water and air.</p>	<p>Waste will be disposed of in the Residue waste stockpiles on the infrastructure area. The stockpiles will be lined and will have a Pollution control dam.</p>

<p>14. How will the mine deal with health issues that will come to the area because of the mine?</p>	<p>Already answered in the sections above</p>
<p>15. Coal fires, burning or smouldering coal seams, coal storage piles are a significant environmental problem for our ground and Vaal River.</p>	<p>No coal fires are planned.</p>
<p>16. What direct impact will the mine have on our environment in the sense of our wild birds, wild animals like the rare Rain fellow deer? The big mouth yellow fish conservation area is in this part of the Vaal River next to Willow Creek. How will the mine and the pollution affect them?</p>	<p>Already answered in the sections above</p>
<p>17. The surroundings does not belong to the mine, these properties belong to the community of the Vaal Power Holdings, We as owners of these properties have spent a lot of money on our properties, for our pension. What compensation is there for us as land owners of the Vaal Power Holdings?</p>	<p>Already answered in the sections above</p>
<p>18. Our farming will be highly affected by the proposed mine.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>19. We request that the mine test all the water boreholes on their own cost on each property and give us a certificate of the quality and the amount of water that is produced per hour so that we can be guaranteed off our water.</p>	<p>Water quality and quantity testing has already been done and will continuously be monitored to detect any changes in quality or quantity.</p>
<p>20. What impact will the underground blasting have on the environment?</p>	<p>No blasting is planned. If blasing has to be used, it will be subject to strict regulations.</p>
<p>21. Will the community benefit from the mine in terms of work creation?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>22. How many workers will work in the mine and where will they stay</p>	
<p>23. Degrading this area from a residential and rural farming to a mining area.</p>	

Pienaar, Willem

With regard to the Lefa Colliery Mining Application I would like to make the following comments.

1. I attended the public meeting held in Deneysville. I feel that it was a waste of time and it was not a valid consultation as you were not able to provide any answers to the many questions asked.

2. I did not ask the question I wanted to because the power went out due to heavy weather and the meeting turned a bit chaotic. **My question is: Why is land with no coal reserves included in the area stipulated on the maps supplied,** I know for a fact there are no coal reserves because the coal seam stops on the 3<sup>rd</sup> farm east of our farm, I was there when the Geologists came to inspect the drill core samples and they said the drilling can stop on that farm because the coal seam stops there. They did not even bother to drill on our neighbour's or our farm because it was not worth to do so.

3. We purchased our property (Farm Goedehoop 727) approximately 9 years ago. We have spent substantial sums of money in refurbishing the property. We bought it for the peace and quiet, the bird life, the community and for the low crime rate. Buying the farm was part of our planning to be in a position to sustain ourselves when we go on pension (and live on the farm permanently) which will be in the next 4 years. We plan and is already busy with the infrastructure to do Hydroponic vegetable farming for an income. Clearly having a mine a short distance from our property will negate all the items we bought the property for and will lead to a substantial financial loss.

4. To whom will the coal be transported, if you ship the coal to Sasol or Eskom (Letabo) you will need to truck the coal which will lead to destruction of roads

(newly rebuilt but not suitable for the multiple heavy duty trucks that will be needed).

5. Noise pollution, dust pollution and water pollution will all have a direct impact on us and our property. In addition the mine dumps will be substantial also leading to a change in the landscape and frankly visual pollution.

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7. The mine will inevitably degrade the beauty of the area and there is a high chance that the area will be left permanently scarred as there is ample evidence of mining companies becoming insolvent and no rehabilitation happening for years, if ever.

8. The area is highly reliant on tourism and agriculture. No one will want to come to an area with a coal mine inevitably resulting in substantial loss to the community.

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10. There is substantial bird life and small game in the area. The area is also home to fish eagles. The noise and pollution generated by the mine will inevitably chase away this wildlife.

11. Everyone outside of Deneysville is reliant on either borehole or river-water. Your mine will have a direct detrimental impact on both sources of water.

I strongly object to the application and as more information becomes available I intend to lodge more detailed objections.

## LEFA COLLIERY COMMENTS ON SCOPING REPORT AND RESPONSE SHEET

Comments	Response
<p><b>Torley, Nicola</b></p> <p>On behalf of New Vaal Colliery, we request the following comments or questions arising from the Scoping Report for Ergosat (Pty) Ltd be addressed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Scoping Report states that a contract with Eskom is still to be reached. It also states in the table of impact identified (section v) Impacts identified) on page 58 under “Coal Removal and Transport” when discussing the impacts on air that “Transport of coal from the mine to the various clients or processing plant will cause deterioration in air quality..”.</li> <li>2. Under the assessment of impacts, the impact on groundwater quality is not adequately addressed. During operational and decommissioning/closure phases there will most likely be an impact on the quality of the groundwater resources. Whilst this will no doubt be investigated in the specialist studies, it is not adequately addressed in the Scoping Report.</li> <li>3. Whilst “wet dust suppression” techniques may be employed in some areas, what measures will be put in place to minimize dust from the overburden and coal stockpiles?</li> <li>4. The impacts of dewatering mine water and storing it on a surface holding dam are not addressed at all in the Scoping Report. What are these impacts and what measures will be in place to prevent such things and leaking of contaminated water in the groundwater, overflow etc.?</li> </ol>	<p>The impact on air quality will be determined by the air quality specialist.</p> <p>Noted. The scoping report objective is to identify the issue with ground water as was raised. The specialist study input will cast more light on the matter.</p> <p>There have to be measure to address this matter. It will be included in the specialist report and in the Environmental Management Program Report to follow.</p> <p>Thank you for the comment. This will be discussed further in the Environmental Impact Report. The nature of water storage for dewatering will eventually be addressed by the mining engineers.</p>

5. Please clarify if the refuelling station will have above or below ground storage tanks, and what measures will be in place to prevent contamination from leakages?

6. During the decommissioning phase the statement is made that “Groundwater levels are expected to recover”. This statement can be very misleading in light of the fact that the specialist studies still need to take place. It also creates the impression that there will be no impact on the groundwater after mining has ceased. This is most likely not going to be the case. The potential impacts must be clearly stated so that I&APs are aware.

7. Anglo American owns a significant amount of surface rights in the areas from the proposed project area to the Lethabo Power Station. Please clarify the route of the overland conveyor, and over which properties will run?

8. The Scoping Report refers to wetlands in the project area. How many of the wetlands are in the area that will be under mined? What will the impacts be of this?

9. The Background Information Document (BID) refers to water recharge figure. With a recharge of 22 billion liters of water per annum how is Lefa Colliery going to deal with the water entering the mining area and seeping through in to the underground workings. Are there plans for water release or water treatment?

10. Under “Decommissioning phase” it is stated that concurrent rehabilitation of the mine will have to be undertaken with opencast mining. The rest of the document refers to underground mining methods. Could you please clarify what the rehabilitation plan entails?

It still need to be determined whether refuelling will be aboveground or not. Conventional measures for fuel leakage prevention will be a normal practice to be implemented and monitored.

The groundwater study by the geohydrological specialist will cast more light on this question or comment.

The route of the overland conveyor is still conceptual at this stage and cannot be clarified, confirmed or be finalised.

There are a few wetland sections close to the Vaal River. The extent of these wetlands will be assessed by the wetland specialist. Mining is anticipated not be closer than 500m from the Vaal River. It appears that these wetlands will not be affected.

This aspect will be handled in the WULA. In conjunction with the mining engineering team. Water release and treatment is obviously very important.

<p>11. The BID makes references to New Vaal Colliery. This information is not accurate. Who supplied the information regarding New Vaal Colliery? New Vaal wants for the record to state that there is no shortage of coal supply and stocks at New Vaal. The New Vaal coal stockyards has the highest stored coal volume at any of the South African power stations.</p>	<p>Rehabilitation plan will address the rehabilitation of the aboveground workings. The details of these plans are still to be formulated. The application process are in its early stages. (Scoping).</p> <p>This information was received from the mining engineers, but it will be taken up with them.</p>
<p><b>Geyser, Johan</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I attended your info session in Deneysville ward 20. According to your presentation we were brought under the impression that the mining will take place in ward 19 and 20 (according to your maps). However in your report you mention ward 18 and 19. You also send info to Cllr Gaigher which is the ward councillor of ward 18 (Vaal park) you did not have any meeting with the residents of ward 18 yet. Where will the mine be as in your presentation ward 19 and 20 or your published report ward 18 and 19.</li> <li>2. The people in ward 19 and 20 (where the mine will be according to your presentation) are DEPENDANT ON GROUND WATER like boreholes. If your mine activities deprive them of water which is a basic human right will the mine company take responsibility and undertake to supply them with water.</li> <li>3. You state in your report that” pillars left behind could be partially extracted toward the end of a panel being mine or toward the end of the life of mine” Does that mean stooping. If that mean stooping there will be no roof support and sinkholes on surface will appear. This will rob people</li> </ol>	<p>This matter will be revisited during the EIA Phase. Clarity on the ward boundaries and the relevant councillors will be obtained. The public participation process still continues which can clarify this issue.</p> <p>Compensation for the loss of ground water will be the responsibility of the mining applicant. The nature of compensation is still to be determined.</p> <p>The question is noted. This required detailed discussion with the mining engineering specialist.</p>

<p>of their properties and lively hood. If you are planning to mine in ward 18 even more people are involved.</p> <p>4. Your presentation very vague about who the owner of the mine is of what you want to do with the coal.</p> <p>5. This is a holiday town. The mine will kill our only income, How will they compensate us.</p>	<p>Noted. Information on various matters are still evolving.</p> <p>The actual mine (above ground) is approximately 13 km's from Deneysville. The mmocro economy of the town may benefit in terms of housing for employees and more "feet" for shopping.</p>
<p><b>Burger, Wantie</b></p> <p>My telephonic discussion with Pieter this morning Wednesday 4 Jan 2017 refers;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The economic impact / effects / damage that has already been caused to Willow Creek River Development as a result of the LEFA COLLIERY coal mine, Scoping Report and proposed EIA.</li> <li>2. As co-owner and developer (Groenewers Pty Ltd) and co-building owner (Seraf Development Pty Ltd) has certain consequences / reactions which have already occurred since the announcement and informed statement of the proposed Lefa Colliery mine to the public;</li> <li>3. Gammont Development SA., a large and well-known developer in the Pretoria / Equestria area sent an "Offer to Purchase" to Groenewers on 4 October 2016 for the 60 remaining plots at Willow Creek to purchase at an amount of R30 000 000 (Thirty Million Rand), accepted and signed by both parties, without prejudice to a final susceptibility investigation. The purpose of the developer buying the plots was to be set up in collaboration with the services of Seraf, on each of the 60 plots, luxury housing for sale and leasing. (R250 000 000, two hundred and fifty</li> </ol>	<p>The points, concerns and financial consequences to the future development of Willow Creec raised, are acknowledged and appreciated at this stage. The recommendation that a discussion with the applicant is to take place is seen as a positive step/ option in an effort to resolve the issue(s). It will be important however to consider the outcome of the Environmental Impact Assessment that is still to take place and completed which may cast more light on the subject and the potential impact on the environment.</p> <p>The feedback on the comment can be provided once a discussion with the applicant was conducted.</p> <p>Noted and included herewith in the EIA</p>

<p>million rand project over a three to five year period) The developer is well known for his several major developments in Pretoria. The "Offer to Purchase" was officially cancelled on 29 Nov 2016, the reason immediately given, because of the proposed mine. The evidence is attached.</p>	
<p>4. A current owner of a property at Willow Creek, which is already in it's final stage of planning his building plans with our architect, and construction would have begun during Jan 2017, everything stopped because of the proposed mine.</p>	Noted
<p>5. A current owner of a property at Willow Creek, who also planned to build, has given notice that we have to sell his property.</p>	Noted
<p>6. A current house owner at Willow Creek also gave notice that we have to sell his house and property.</p>	Noted
<p>7. During Nov / Dec 2016 there were several visits by potential buyers of plots, with the vision to build, however once they were told about the proposed mine, they have shown no further interest to continue with the process. Willow Creek had an impassable access road (R517) for about 5 years, and as a result of this, could do no successful marketing. Under the guidance of a petition by Willow Creek and thousands of supporters, the Free State roads department finally succumbed to the pressure, and the R517 was finally completed on March 1, 2016. It gave Willow Creek a brief period of marketing to which we sold three plots, built four houses and two developers approached us.</p>	Noted

<p>8. For the period of the EIA (3 years) no marketing can be done, and if the mine is approved, no potential client will be interested to buy property or to build a house on Willow Creek.</p> <p>9. All Willow Creeks drinking water comes from three boreholes, at the same depth as that of the proposed mine. The proposed mine will ensure the water cut. Attached is the coordinates of the boreholes.</p> <p>10. The point made in the Scoping report that the area has been planned as mine land for a long time is not the truth, Willow Creeks land has been in our family's possession since the 1940`s as agricultural land.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. The Gero hydro report addresses all ground water issues and gives an in-depth review of the water table. Mining will be around 100 m deep. Groundwater will be more shallow. All mitigation measures regarding water loss or contamination is presented in the Impact Assessment and EMPr.</p> <p>Noted. The planned area was investigated in a specialist transport planning report for the proposed development of a new coal fired power station. This document titled “Proposed coal fired power station and associated infrastructure in the Northern Free State: Environmental Impact Assessment; Specialist transport planning report, 2006” confirmed the proposed mining area as a main coal body and coal resource called “coalbrook 2” that have been identified prior to 2006 in investigations. This report was available as part of a public document and is the basis on to which the statement was made in the Scoping Report</p> <p>The fact that the land has been in possession of your family since 1940 will mean that the possession of your land will be prior to the planning of the mine. However, the mining right application does not physically affect your land but will effect Social, Economic. Your land is not part of the mining right application area.</p>
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<p>11. From the above mentioned, you can see that the damage that has been done to Willow Creek is very large, and under certain points quantifiable.</p> <p>12. The question is, who will be held responsible for this and what the starting point for a solution of this will be? The longer it takes, the greater the damage. I suggest that you get in touch with your client as soon as possible with possible suggestions on how the matter will be taken further and resolved.</p> <p>I await your response.</p>	<p>Acknowledged. The socio-economic damage of willow creek is definitely one of the discussion points in this EIA and will be taken into consideration in the attached Social Impact Assessment.</p> <p>The questions and information around willow creek is included in this report. The impact assessment and specialist studies also included recommendations regarding Willow Creek. The applicant is aware of these questions. The decision regarding the mine is subject to the consideration of all facts, all impacts and all assessments in terms of the mine by the competent authorities for a final decision.</p>
<p><b>Geldenhuis, Johnny</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. My letter dated 15 November 2016 refers.</li> <li>2. Kindly note that we have received some feedback from the relevant role players herein but that the community is still vehemently opposed for the mining right to be granted to the applicant for inter alia the reasons as set out in my previous letter.</li> <li>3. Kindly note further that we as home owners and the developer at the Willow Creek Development (situated within the boundaries of the proposed mine) have invested millions of rand's in our properties. It is quite obvious that the values of our properties are being influenced negatively since the existence of an application for the mining license (supra) has become public for all potential future buyers in the development have indicated that they are not interested in buying properties in the said development until the application for the mining</li> </ol>	<p>The comments is noted and appreciated. The outcome of the Environmental Impact Assessment process will indicate that level of impact on the property values. One has to take into account that the actual aboveground mining site containing the infrastructure will only be in the order of 5ha and will not be visible from the Willow Creek Estate area, due to topographic "barriers".</p> <p>It is acknowledged that the mine area will impact on the sense of place and is described in the impact assessment and EMPr.</p>

<p>license has been finalised. It goes without saying that any mining operations as proposed on our doorsteps will devalue our property prices and it will make it impossible for us to sell our properties. We will therefore all suffer huge damages which will not only be financial in nature.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Our rights herein are reserved</li> <li>5. You kind co-operation is appreciated.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Swanepoel, Thomas</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why is area T,U,V,W,S not include in the Mining license area?</li> <li>2. We stay on Frisch Gewacht 1162. Why can't it be exclude from the Mining License area?</li> <li>3. Why can't the Mining license just stopped at S,T,Y</li> <li>4. Is it possible if we can stay on at Frisch Gewacht 1162? If yes what will be the implication?</li> <li>5. What will happen with surrounding farms underground water?</li> <li>6. Is it possible if the bore holes can dry up?</li> <li>7. Is it possible that the underground water can be contaminated with the mining process?</li> <li>8. If the underground water dry up or is contaminate by the mining process, what assistance the people that are affected by this will get from ERGOSAT (Pty) Ltd.</li> <li>9. If we must relocate and can't stay on at Frisch Gewacht 1162. How will the land be purchased. The money been paid out for all land will it be tax free?</li> <li>10. Will there be an extra compensation paid out after land is purchased for relocation?</li> </ol>	<p>It is unfortunately unclear what is meant by T U V W S.</p> <p>The boundaries of the mining right area is according to the boundaries of the prospecting right area onto which the prospecting right were granted earlier.</p> <p>It will be possible to stay on the farm while mining operations are taking place. If the ground water is affected compensation in an applicable form will be provided by the mining applicant.</p> <p>The contamination levels if any will be determined by the geo hydrological assessment that firms part of the environmental impact assessment stage of the project.</p> <p>In the unlikely event of a farmer to relocate, the nature and extent as well as time frames of the compensation will be determined at this stage.</p>

<p>11. If mining license area been approved and purchase agreement riches what is the time span given for relocation. (How many months will be allowed for relocation?)</p> <p>12. If you don't what to relocate or sell your land what will the implication be?</p>	
<p><b>Van Breda, Sanet</b></p> <p>Finality is not given on the following aspects are simply referred to further investigations to be done. My objection therefore still remains for the application and more specifically with regard to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Geology of the area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. groundstructure;</li> <li>b. sinkholes;</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Groundwater <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Water is exclusively provided by boreholes</li> <li>b. Groundwater contamination</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Fixed structures / buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the impact on the existing structures when dynamite is shot - has already led to the "crusher" business to have cracks in the house on my property;</li> <li>b. the insurance excludes this.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>The geology of the area is well known and discussed in the scoping report. The aspect of sinkholes and ground structures are normally covered by the mining engineers involved in the project.</p> <p>The potential impact and extent of ground water pollution will be determined in the ground water study to be part of the Environmental Impact Assessment part of the process that is still underway.</p> <p>Impacts related to blasting will be closely monitored and verify by specialist during the proposed mining operation. The nature and extent of blasting in an open pit mine such as a quarry is usually of a higher intensity compared to that of an underground coal mine. This coal mine will have only limited and sporadic, contained blasting due to modern mining methods.</p> <p>The impact of light (illumination pollution) on the area will be mitigated through mitigation measures usually determined by the light intensity and</p>

<p>4. Light pollution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Height of the buildings to be erected</li> <li>b. What is the distance that the light will have a direct impact on the surrounding area?</li> </ul> <p>5. Air pollution</p> <p>6. Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the proposal for housing for the workers?</li> <li>b. What is the Municipalities police regarding urban development?</li> <li>c. Will it be provided that the mine will buy property for housing?</li> </ul> <p>Kindly confirm that I am registered as I&amp;AP.</p>	<p>height of the light sources and type of lighting. This will be addressed in the Visual Impact Assessment to be conducted.</p> <p>Air pollution will be assessed by specialists in the field during the environmental impact assessment stage.</p> <p>Housing for the workforce on site is nowadays not promoted by the mining industry and workers have to find their own accommodation. In terms of the policy of the municipality on township establishment, it is unclear what is meant in this instance.</p> <p>In terms of purchasing of property for the purposes of workers accommodation, cannot be determined at this early stage in the project.</p>
<p><b>Liquorish, Mark</b></p> <p>Apart from objection noted previously I would just like to add the following items regarding your scoping document.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As mentioned there is already a life of mine extension proposal for New Vaal Collieries and as admitted by yourselves at the meeting they have a contract with Lethaba until 2030 so absolutely no need for the for another mine.</li> <li>2. I suggest you read the document pertaining to the Life of Mine extension for New Vaal as it has a significant impact on your review. Two additional</li> </ol>	<p>The life of mine extension for New Vaal Collieries will be brought under the intention of the applicant, if the applicant is not aware of this matter. If the applicant is aware of this matter it will be an issue for the applicant to consider.</p>

mines in our area would be environmentally catastrophic. I will be happy to give you a copy should you need it.

3. It is absolutely clear that in the development phase of your mine blasting will be necessary. You denied this but there is no other way to open the mine shaft.
4. You still clearly cannot measure distances and refer my original objection. Your scoping document has not corrected your inaccuracies.
5. I have had no acknowledgement of my original objection. Surely that can't be too difficult to do. Please acknowledge receipt of this mail as well.
6. I will fight this tooth and nail.

With regard to the Lefa Colliery Mining Application I would like to make the following comments.

1. The public meeting held in Deneysville was a waste of time and was not a valid consultation as you were not able to provide any answers to the many questions asked. In addition there was not proper notification of the meeting to be held. The community of Veekraal were at no stage informed about a meeting and there were no public notices posted in the area informing the community of the meeting. I came across the meeting by mistake on facebook on a note sent out by the DRAC.

Blasting may be necessary but the level of intensity and duration will be determined depending on mining circumstances. In general, only limited blasting will be required due to advanced mining methods.

Comment noted.

Comment noted.

Noted. The initial meeting was an introduction meeting that did not have the aim to have answers to all questions. The projects has been communicated to the community via the requirements of the 2014 EIA regulations and include notifications of the meeting to be held, that was part of the Background Document and Site notices. Our initial notification sparked the notification posted by the DRAC.

2. If you are unaware the Veekraal community is approximately 3.2km's from Deneysville and is prominently signposted. I am sure you have seen the signpost whilst driving on the R716.

3. I purchased my property (Plot 10 Veekraal) approximately 4 years ago. I have spent substantial sums of money in refurbishing the property. I bought it for the peace and quiet, the bird life, the community and for the low crime rate. I live full time on the property. Clearly having a mine a short distance from my property will negate all the items I bought the property for and will lead to a substantial financial loss.

4. You have been unable to tell us who the customer for the coal will be and vaguely mention Lethaba. However there is a separate process being undertaken by NewVaal collieries for a life of mine extension, therefore your mine is definitely not needed.

5. If you ship to Sasol you will need to truck the coal which will lead to destruction of roads (newly rebuilt but not suitable for the multiple heavy duty trucks that will be needed).

6. Noise pollution, dust pollution and water pollution will all have a direct impact on me and my property. In addition the mine dumps will be substantial also leading to a change in the landscape and frankly visual pollution.

7. It is inevitable that the crime will increase in our area.

Yes, we are aware of the Veekraal community. Once again, we are currently moving towards the EIA phase of the project and you are welcome to invite other Veekraal residence to comment on the EIA report.

Noted. The Social impact assessment addressed most of the concerns listed and was included in the Impact Assessment in the EIA report.

Lethaba will be the customer. If the mine is not needed as stated, the risk assessments and decisions regarding this will determine the feasibility of the mine.

The aim of the mine is to present coal to Lethabo Power station. An overland conveyor is planned for this. Please refer to the impact assessment in the EIA report and the specialist Traffic Assessment.

Noted. All the listed impacts have been assessed in the Impact Assessment of the EIA report. The EMPr will indicate mitigation measures to be implemented as per the recommendations of the various specialist studies.

8. Your mine will inevitably degrade the beauty of the area and there is a high chance that the area will be left permanently scared as there is ample evidence of mining companies becoming insolvent and no rehabilitation happening for years, if ever.

9. The area is highly reliant on tourism and also agriculture. No one will want to come to an area with a coal mine inevitably resulting in substantial loss to the community.

10. As mentioned you were unable to provide any answers to our questions during the public meeting and therefore you have definitely not fulfilled your mandate for public consultation. You can only consult if you can give answers, Failure to provide answers means there is no consultation.

11. There is substantial bird life and small game in the area. The area is also home to fish eagles. The noise and pollution generated by the mine will inevitably chase away this wildlife.

12. Everyone outside of Deneysville is reliant on either borehole or river-water. Your mine will have a direct detrimental impact on both sources of water.

Noted. With the influx of people into the area that is associated project, it is inevitable that crime will be an issue. Please refer to the Social impact Assessment.

Noted. Companies have to give a bank guarantee for rehabilitation as et out in the Mine Works Programme.

Visual impacts have been assessed and mitigation measures included in the EMPr. Please see the Visual Impact Assessment

The mandate for public participation was not to have all the answers, but to engage the community as explained in our meeting.

Please refer to the biodiversity studies provided in the EIA report.

Noted. The mine and its potential impacts on groundwater and surface water has been included in the Impact Assessment in the EIA report. All impacts and mitigations have been included in the EMPr and mitigations can be seen in the Geo-hydro study attached in the EIA.

<p>13. I disagree with your distances mentioned in your submission document. I am not sure on what basis they have been measured but I can assure you the edge of the mine is far closer to Veekraal and Deneysville than you mention. I believe you are intentionally trying to mislead people. The edge of the mining property is 7.8km's from the edge of Deneysville and 4.6kms from the entrance to Veekraal (a quick check on google maps will confirm)</p> <p>I strongly object to the application and as more information becomes available I intend to lodge more detailed objections.</p>	<p>No, it was already explained on the meeting that an error was made with the measurement. The layout maps in the Report shows and confirms the extent of the mining project and its proximity to the communities.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p><b>Pepe Marais</b></p> <p>To whom I may concern.</p> <p>I am the owner of one of the homes at Willow Creek. I have just invested my life's savings to build a house in this tranquil estate.</p> <p>I am of the understanding that three other sites for open mines have been identified by Anglo America far away from this location to service Lethabo power station and do not understand the reason for this new proposed mine by another company. I would like to understand this fact better.</p> <p>Secondly, I find it counter the constitution of South Africa that consideration can be given to a mine of this nature without agreement of what will happen to the value of our properties, the impact on our lifestyles and the general quality of lives in this area. It is our basic human right not to have to go through this, or</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. The mine proposed is not part of an Anglo affiliation and is privately owned. The mine is located close to Lethabo Power station that makes it a more economical option for ESKOM. These kind of negotiations are not determines and this pre planning and planning phase of the project will determine the feasibility of such a mine.</p> <p>Noted. A full Social Impact Assessment including Economic impacts have been undertaken and included in the EIA document. Various economic and social impacts have been identified and assessed. All mitigation measures</p>

to stand to lose our financial investments into this area.

I am of the view that the use of the power crises we face as a country as a reasonable argument is actually a cover up for the gains of the pockets of a minority of directors of this mine.

I see in the documentation that input of local community was noted without any clarity given thereafter.

It would be unconstitutional and unlawful to proceed without clearly understanding:

- would the mine owners be willing to buy our properties at current value since no one can perceive the impact on our community based on what is on paper?
- who are the owners of this proposed mine?
- why is there a need for this mine of three other sites are already approved and agreed upon?
- what is the life span of the current open mine at Lethabo and where is that mine in its cycle?

I vehemently object against the development of this mine.

have been included in the EMPr and for the consideration of the environmental authorities.

Noted.

Input of the community is in this comment and response sheet.

Noted.

Impacts will first be determined by monitoring programmes

Ergosat Pty Ltd

Closer and more economical

Not sure. Ergosat is not in ny way affiliated with a mine at Lethabo

noted

**Comments received on the Scoping Report**

**Advocate Marius Van Wyngaard**

1 .My letter dated 15 November 2016 refers.

2. Kindly note that we have received some feedback from the relevant role players herein but that the community is still vehemently opposed for the mining right to be granted to the applicant for inter alia the reasons as set out in my previous letter.

Noted

3. Kindly note further that we as home owners and the developer at the Willow Creek Development (situated within the boundaries of the proposed mine) have invested millions of rand's in our properties. It is quite obvious that the values of our properties are being influenced negatively since the existence of an application for the mining license (supra) has become public for all potential future buyers in the development have indicated that they are not interested in buying properties in the said development until the application for the mining licence has been finalised. It goes without saying that any mining operations as proposed on our doorsteps will devalue our property prices and it will make it impossible for us to sell our properties. We will therefore all suffer huge damages which will not only be financial in nature.

Noted

4. Our rights herein are reserved.

5. Your kind co - operation is appreciated.

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