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1. INTRODUCTION

Public Participation is one of the most important aspects of the environmental authorisation process. This stems from the requirement that people have the right to be informed about potential decisions that may affect them and that they must be afforded an opportunity to influence those decisions. Effective public participation also improves the ability of the competent authority to make informed decisions and result in improved decision-making as the views of all parties are considered.

The Public Participation Process:

- Provides an opportunity for interested and affected parties (I&AP) to obtain clear, accurate and comprehensive information about the proposed activity, its alternatives or the decisions and the environmental impacts thereof;
- Provides I&AP with an opportunity to indicate their viewpoints, issues and concerns regarding the activity, alternatives and/or the decisions;
- Provides I&AP with the opportunity of suggesting ways of avoiding, reducing or mitigating negative impacts of an activity and for enhancing positive impacts;
- Enables an applicant to incorporate the needs, preferences and values of the affected parties into the activity;
- Provides opportunities to avoid and resolve disputes and reconcile conflicting interests;
- Enhance transparency and accountability in decision - making

Public Participation therefore allows interested and affected parties the opportunity to give their viewpoints and influence the process and the decisions of the competent authority.

2. PROCESS FOLLOWED

The following process was undertaken to facilitate the public participation for the proposed project:

2.1 Newspaper Advertisement

Advertisements, notifying the public of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) application and process and requesting I&AP's to register their comments with AGES, was placed in both English and Sepedi in the Daily Sun on the 17th of October 2012 in accordance with regulation 54(2)(c) of the EIA Regulations of 2010.

In addition the availability of the Draft Scoping Report for public review was advertised in the Daily Sun on the 4th of January 2013. The availability of the Draft EIA Report and the Public Meetings to be held on the 20th and 21st of August (refer to Section 3.3 of the EIR) were likewise advertised in the Daily Sun on the 6th of August 2013.

2.2 Site notices

In order to inform surrounding communities and adjacent landowners of the proposed development, notice boards (in accordance with regulation 54(2)(a) and 54(3) of the EIA Regulations) were erected at the Mphahlele, Tau-Mankotsana and Barok-Ba-Nkwana Tribal Authorities, as well as the public library in Apel, Gwara-Gwara School in Nkotokwane and the Bopedi Shopping Centre in Apel on the 17th of October 2012.

2.3 Direct Notification of Identified I&AP's

Key stakeholders, who included the following sectors, were directly informed by post, email or fax of the proposed development on the 17th of October 2012:

- The owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site;
- The owners and occupiers of land within 100 metres of the boundary of the site or alternative site who are or may be directly affected by the activity;
- Mphahlele Tribal Authority;
- Baroka Ba Nkwana Traditional Authority;
- Tau-Mankotsana Traditional Authority (Nchabaleng);

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- Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET)
- Department of Mineral Resources (Limpopo)
- Department of Water Affairs
- Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
- Limpopo Department of Roads and Transport
- Department of Land Affairs
- Department of Rural Development and Land Reform: Limpopo
- Department of Cooperative Governance Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA)
- SANRAL (northern region)
- Limpopo Roads Agency (RAL)
- South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) (Limpopo)
- Regional Manager of Land Development for ESKOM
- Municipality Manager from the Sekhukhune District Municipality
- Municipality Manager from the Fetakgomo Local Municipality
- Municipality Manager from the Capricorn District Municipality
- Municipality Manager from the Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality
- ESKOM
- AGRI Limpopo
- Other mines in the area

Please note that Public Participation process was started during the Scoping phase of the project, and will extend to the EIA Phase. A final Comments and Response Report, detailing

all comments from the I&APs have been included in the EIA.

2.4 Focus Group Meetings

An introductory focus group meeting was held on 24 October 2012 at Nkwe Platinum with representatives from the Mining Committee of the Mphahlele Tribal Authority. Refer to Appendix A9 of the EIR for key notes of the meeting.

2.5 Draft Scoping Report

The EIA Regulations specify that I&AP's must have an opportunity to verify that their issues have been captured. A period of 30 days (4 January 2013 till 4 February 2013) was made available for public comment on the Draft Scoping Report as part of the environmental impact assessment process. The availability of the Draft Scoping Report was announced via personal notification letters to all the registered I&AP's on the distribution list on the 4th of January 2013. The availability of the Draft Scoping Report for review was additionally advertised in the Daily Sun on the 4th of January 2013.

In addition, the Scoping Report was distributed for comment as follows:

- Published on the AGES website at www.ages-docs.co.za;
- Electronic copies on request; and
- Hard copies at the Mphahlele Tribal Authority Offices, Tau-Mankotsana Traditional Authority, Baroka Ba Nkwana Traditional Authority, as well as the Public Library in Apel. Hard copies were also provided to Mr. Maredi Mphahlele from the Mphahlele Tribal Authority (Refer to Appendix A7 of the Draft EIR).

2.6 Final Scoping Report

The Comments and Response Report and Scoping Report was updated after the draft review to incorporate the comments received and issues raised by I&APs. The final Scoping Report was made available to I&APs (for 30 days from the 8th of March 2013 till the 9th of April 2013) and the LEDET. Please note that the following statement was included in the review notification:

"Please note that the applicant has recently been granted the prospecting right for the farm Government Ground 503 KS, and subsequently the farm portion was added to the final Scoping Report. No infrastructure is planned for the farm Government Ground 503 KS."

The availability of the Final Scoping Report was announced via personal notification letters to all the registered I&AP's on the distribution list on the 13th of March 2013. In addition, the Scoping Report was distributed for comment as follows:

- Published on the AGES website at www.ages-docs.co.za;
- Electronic copies on request; and
- Hard copies at the Mphahlele Tribal Authority Offices, Tau-Mankotsana Traditional Authority, Baroka Ba Nkwana Traditional Authority, as well as the Public Library in Apel (Refer to Appendix A7 of the Draft EIR).

2.7 Draft EIA Report

A period of 30 days was made available for public comment on the draft EIA Report as part of the environmental impact assessment process (from the 20th of August till the 19th of September 2013). The availability of the draft EIA Report was announced via personal notification letters to all the registered I&AP's on the distribution list (Refer to Appendix A3 of the Draft EIR). The availability of the Draft EIA Report for review was additionally advertised in the Daily Sun on the 6th of August 2013.

In addition, the EIA Report was distributed for comment as follows:

- Published on the AGES website at www.ages-docs.co.za
- Electronic copies on request; and
- Hard copies were made available at the Mphahlele Tribal Authority Offices, Tau-Mankotsana Traditional Authority, Baroka Ba Nkwana Traditional Authority, as well as the Public Library in Apel from the 20th of August 2013.

2.8 Draft EIA Feedback Public Meetings

Public meetings were held on the 20th and 21st of August 2013 at Mr T J Mphahlele's house in Nkotokwane and at the Tau-Mankotsana Community Hall in Apel respectively; to provide I&APs with the opportunity to raise issues and comments and ask specific questions in the presence of the relevant consultants on the project. The public meetings were advertised in the Daily Sun on the 6th of August 2013.

In addition, a focus group meeting was held with the Baroka Ba Nkwana Community on the 12th of October 2013. All the issues raised by I&APs during the public meetings and focus

group meeting were captured in this Comments and Response Report and will be submitted as part of the Final EIR as contemplated in regulation 57(1) of the EIA Regulations (GNR 543 of 18 June 2010). Refer to Appendix A9 of the EIR for the minutes of the meetings.

2.9 Final EIA Report

A period of 30 days will be made available for public comment on the final EIA Report as part of the environmental impact assessment process (from the 1st of November till the 2nd of December 2013). The availability of the final EIA Report will be announced via personal notification letters to all the registered I&AP's on the distribution list (Refer to Appendix A3 of the Draft EIR).

In addition, the EIA Report will be distributed for comment as follows:

- Published on the AGES website at www.ages-docs.co.za
- Electronic copies on request; and
- Hard copies will be made available at the Mphahlele Tribal Authority Offices, Tau-Mankotsana Traditional Authority, Baroka Ba Nkwana Traditional Authority, as well as the Public Library in Apel.

3. KEY ISSUES

Assessing the comments/concerns received during the public participation process, it is evident that the main concerns are:

- Timeframe for commencement of mining activities/construction of bridge
- Life of mine (LOM)
- Groundwater Impact
 - Anticipated pollution of groundwater resources due to TDF
 - Depletion of the underground aquifer
- Surface water Impact
 - Surface water pollution and subsequent decrease in water quality due to mining activities
 - Control of contaminated water
 - Use of dirty water
- Stormwater impacts on surface water resources
- Air quality impact

- Dust from roads, TDF and crushing activities
- Land use and Land Capability
 - Location of shaft and mine infrastructure
 - Change of land use
- Visual Impact
 - Impact on surrounding community
- Heritage Impact
 - Preservation of graves
 - Anticipated grave relocation
 - Protection of heritage resources in the area
- Socio-economic
 - Local employment opportunities to be created
 - Social investment within surrounding communities
 - Skills development within community
 - Out-sourcing of non-core business to locals
 - Tertiary education - scholarships
 - Construction of FET school
 - Relocation of communities
 - Community liaison forum
 - Communication with communities
- Traffic Impact
 - Impact on roads and improved access
 - Paving of access roads
- Mine Closure
 - Rehabilitation

4. COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

The following table forms the core of the Comments and Response Report as part of the Public Participation process for the project.

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Table 1 Comments and Responses

Organisation/Company/Individual	Contact Details	Date	Notification	Comment	Response
Municipalities					
Sekhukhune District Municipality	Acting Municipal Manager: Ms. Maureen Ntshudisana Private Bag X8611 Groblersdal 0470 (013) 262 7312 / 7614 Fax : (013) 262 4303/2524 sekinfo@sekukhune.co.za	17/10/2012	Via email: On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the authority.	No comment received to date.	
		04/01/2013	Via email: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the authority.	No comment received to date.	
		13/03/2013	Via email & fax: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the authority.	No comment received to date.	

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		06/08/2013	<p>Via email & fax:</p> <p>On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20th of August 2013, was sent to the authority.</p>	No comment received to date.	
Capricorn District Municipality	<p>Municipal Manager: Mr. Ngoako Molokomme PO Box 4100 Polokwane 0700 (015) 294 1000 Fax: (015) 291 4297 communications@cdm.org.za morifir@cdm.org.za</p>	17/10/2012	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the authority.</p>	No comment received to date.	

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	<p>Mr. Theo van Rooyen Head : Environmental Management Capricorn District Municipality PO Box 4100 Polokwane 0700 100 Landros Mare Street Polokwane 0699 015 294 1000 x2005 082 774 8021 Fax : 086 506 2104 Email : vanrooyent@cdm.org. za</p>	04/01/2013	<p>Via email: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the authority.</p>	No comment received to date.	
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		13/03/2013	<p>Via email & fax:</p> <p>On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the authority.</p>	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 22 May 2013 Mr van Rooyen informed the consultant that he would continue to be part of the stakeholder process on the EIA process which will follow the completed scoping phase. He further stated that the Scoping Report prepared for submission is comprehensive and the department could find no specific shortcomings or areas of concern that was not covered in the report. He asked to be kept informed of any further development son the project and to be included in all correspondence, notifications, public meetings, etc. In conclusion, he offered his apologies for the lack of response and explained that the delay in responding was caused as a result of staff resignations and the ensuing disruption. He assured the consultant that steps had been taken to prevent a similar occurrence from arising in future and that the department will continuously strive to improve their services.</p>	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 23 May 2013 Ms Smith thanked Mr van Rooyen for his comments and informed him that he had been registered as an Interested and Affected Party on the project. She further stated that his comments would be fully addressed in the Comments and Response Report as part of the EIA phase, which will be made available for public review once concluded. She also informed his that the EIA report inclusive of the specialist studies will be made available during the course of the process of which he will be notified in advance. She assured him that he will be kept informed with regards to any public meeting which will take place.</p>
		06/08/2013	<p>Via email & fax:</p> <p>On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20th of August 2013, was sent to the authority.</p>	<p>No further comment received to date.</p>	
Fetakgomo Local Municipality	<p>Cllr. RE Sefala PO Box 818 Apel 0739 (015) 622 8000 Fax: (015) 622 8026</p>	17/10/2012	<p>Via fax:</p> <p>On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the authority.</p>	<p>No comment received to date.</p>	

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		13/03/2013	Via registered letter: & fax On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the authority.	No comment received to date.	
		06/08/2013	Via registered letter & fax: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20 th of August 2013, was sent to the authority.	No comment received to date.	
Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality	Mr. Freddie Ramaphakela Private Bag X07 Chuenespoort 0745 (015) 633 4539 Fax: (015) 633 6896 maketu.ramaphakela@lepelle-nkumpi.gov.za	17/10/2012	Via email: On 18 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the authority.	No comment received to date.	

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Government Departments					

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South African Heritage Resources Agency: Limpopo	Mr. Philip Hine P.O. Box 2771 Cape Town 8000 (021) 465 2198 Fax: (021) 465 5789 phine@sahra.org.za	17/10/2012	Via email: On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the SAHRA.	Via registered post: On 7 November 2012 the department provided the following comment: 1. In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, and structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. 2. They requested that a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment be done to identify the archaeological sites and assess their significance. They also recommended a Phase 2 mitigation for the recording, sampling and dating of sites that are to be destroyed, should it be required. 3. SAHRA also commented that a Palaeontological study be undertaken to assess whether the development will impact upon palaeontological resources. Furthermore, any heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural landscapes or viewshapes must also be assessed.	On 28 November 2012, the EAP acknowledged receipt of the department's letter and informed them that they had been registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP). The EAP informed the department that the Scoping and EIA reports inclusive of the specialist studies will be made available during the course of the process, of which they will be notified in advance. She furthermore stated that their comments would be fully addressed in the Comments and Response Report. 1. Noted. 2. A Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment has been commissioned as part of the EIA phase to assess the impact of the development on the heritage of the project site. 3. The relevance and need for a Paleontological Impact Assessment will be assessed during the Heritage Impact Assessment and reported upon. Noted and agreed. These will be assessed during the Archaeological Impact Assessment.
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		04/01/2013	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to SAHRA.</p>	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 4 January 2013 Mr. Hine informed the EAP that SAHRA had recently migrated all its applications to the national online heritage management system, SAHRIS. He requested that the EAP register on SAHRIS and upload all relevant documents to the system.</p>	<p>1. A permit in terms of the NHRA will be required for the alteration or demolition of structures which are older than 60 years. Some historic homestead and graves occur on site, therefore should this site be developed, the appropriate permitting process by a qualified archaeologist will be conducted prior to development.</p> <p>2. A Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) was conducted (refer to Appendix H of the Draft EIR).</p> <p>The AIA study recommended that should any phase of development impact on heritage sites, a Phase 2 Archaeological Impact Assessment should be carried out prior to commencement of development.</p> <p>The AIA study found that since the palaeontological sensitivity of rock units within the study area is generally low the impact significance of the proposed mining activities as far as fossil heritage is concerned, is likely to be small. However, a Palaeontological Impact Assessment was recommended.</p> <p>Please note that the Final Scoping Report has been loaded onto SAHRIS.</p>
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		06/08/2013	Via email: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20th of August 2013, was sent to SAHRA.	No comment received to date.	
Department of Water Affairs - Limpopo	<p>Ms. MM Komape (015) 290 1463 (082) 941 7965 KomapeM@dwaf.gov.za</p> <p>Mr. A Ramalisa Private Bag X11259 NELSPRUIT 1200 (013) 235 4206 Fax: 013 235 4745 Fax2letter: 086 215 7051 RamalisaA@dwa.gov.za</p>	<p>25/05/2012</p> <p>17/10/2012</p>	<p>Pre-application site visit: A pre-application site visit was held with an official from the Department of Water Affairs (DWA), Mr. Adam Ramalisa, on the 25th of May 2012. The meeting aimed to discuss all aspects of the mining development and along going concerns.</p> <p>Via email: On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.</p>	<p>The Department indicated that they were pleased with the meeting and are waiting for submission of the IWUL application report before the evaluation process can start.</p> <p>No further comment received to date.</p>	<p>IWUL progress: Please note that it is anticipated that the IWULA will be submitted to the DWA in due course.</p>

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Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) Branch: Forestry	Mr. Thembani Makhuele Mr. Kenny Moabelo Private Bag X9487 Polokwane 0700 (015) 294 3103 Fax: (015) 294 4506 makhuelest@agric.li mpopo.gov.za kmoabelo@gmail.com	17/10/2012	Via email: On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.	No comment received to date.	

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Department of Mineral Resources (DMR)	Ms. M Kobe Private Bag X9467 Polokwane 0700 (015) 287 7000 Fax: (015) 287 4729 Motlatso.Kobe@dmr.gov.za	17/10/2012	Via email: On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.	No comment received to date.	

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		06/08/2013	Via email: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20th of August 2013, was sent to the department.	No comment received to date.	
SANRAL - Northern Region	Regional Manager Private Bag X17 Lynnwood Ridge 0040 (012) 426 6200 Fax: (012) 348 1512	17/10/2012	Via fax: On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.	No comment received to date.	

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	Michael Yorke-Hart YorkeHM@nra.co.za	04/01/2013	Via registered letter: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the department.	No comment received to date.	
		13/03/2013	Via registered letter: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the department.	Via email: On 16 April 2013 Mr Yorke-Hart requested that the consultant provide him with a copy of the Scoping Report as he cannot access it on the website.	Via email: On 16 April 2013 Ms Smith emailed him a copy of the Final Scoping Report. In addition she placed the report and all the relevant appendices on dropbox and provided Mr Yorke-Hart with the dropbox link.
		06/08/2013	Via registered letter and email: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20 th of August 2013, was sent to the department.	Via email: On 16 August 2013 Mr Yorke-Hart asked to be provided with a copy of the draft EIA report via email. Via email On 26 August 2013 Mr Yorke-Hart asked Ms Smith whether she could provide him with a CD via post.	Via email: On 23 August 2013 Ms Smith informed Mr Yorke-Hart that she could not forward the draft EIA report via email due to the size of the report (9MB). She asked whether she could make the report and appendices available on dropbox or via an alternative method. Via email: On 28 August 2013 Ms Smith informed Mr Yorke-Hart that she had prepared a CD with the documents. She noted from the SANRAL website that the offices were in Menlo Park and asked whether she could have a driver deliver the CD to the SANRAL offices marked for his attention.

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				<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 29 August 2013 Mr Yorke-Hart informed Ms Smith that delivering the CD to the SANRAL offices would be fine.</p> <p>No further comment received to date.</p>	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 30 August 2013 Ms Smith informed Mr Yorke-Hart that the driver would be delivering the CD with the draft EIA report to the SANRAL offices during the course of the morning, marked for his attention.</p>
Roads Agency Limpopo	<p>Private Bag X9554 Polokwane 0700 (015) 284 4600 Fax: 015 284 4701 info@ral.co.za RAL Limpopo P.E. Montjane 015 284 4637 montjanePE@ral.co.za</p>	<p>08/10/2012</p> <p>04/01/2013</p> <p>13/03/2013</p>	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 18 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.</p> <p>Via email:</p> <p>On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the department.</p> <p>Via email:</p> <p>On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the department.</p>	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 8 November 2012, the department forwarded a letter to the consultants stating that the Roads Agency Limpopo SOC Ltd (RAL) has no objection to the approval to conduct an environmental impact assessment (EIA) for the proposed platinum mining development activities on the project area on condition that an application for change of land use will be lodged with RAL for further consideration before commencement of any development.</p> <p>No further comment received to date.</p> <p>No comment received to date.</p>	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 22 November 2012, the EAP thanked the department for their comment and informed them that they had been registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP). She further acknowledged their comment with regards to the application for change of land use to be lodged with RAL prior to commencement with any development.</p>

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		06/08/2013	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20th of August 2013, was sent to the department.</p>	No comment received to date.	
Limpopo Department of Roads and Transport	Pinky Kekana Private Bag X9491 Polokwane 0700	16/10/2012	<p>Via registered post:</p> <p>On 16 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.</p>	No comment received to date.	
		04/01/2013	<p>Via registered letter:</p> <p>On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the department.</p>	No comment received to date.	
		13/03/2013	<p>Via registered letter:</p> <p>On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the department.</p>	No comment received to date.	

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<p>Tshikonelo Ndiitwani Manager: Environmental Management Private Bag X9491 Polokwane 0700 Tel: 015 295 1033 Cell: 071 670 0099 Fax: 015 294 8116 tshikonelon@drt.limpo.gov.za</p>		06/08/2013	<p>Via registered letter: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20th of August 2013, was sent to the department.</p>	<p>Via email: On 21 August 2013 Mr Ndiitwani requested that the draft EIA report be forwarded to the department by email for their review and comments.</p>	<p>Via email: On 23 August 2013 MS Smith informed Mr Ndiitwani that she cannot send the draft EIA report via email due to the size of the report (9MB). She asked whether she could make the report and appendices available on dropbox or via an alternative method.</p>
		30/08/2013		<p>Vie email: On 30 August 2013 Mr Ndiitwani stated that if the report is available on CD, he would appreciate if a CD is made available to him. He also informed Ms Smith that she may use any alternative methods at her disposal which are convenient for both parties.</p> <p>No further comment received to date.</p>	<p>Via email: On 30 August 2013 Ms Smith informed Mr Ndiitwani that a CD with the draft EIA report, marked for his attention, had been couriered to his offices. She informed him that the parcel should arrive during the course of the next day and asked him to please confirm receipt thereof once he has received it.</p>
<p>Department of Land Affairs</p>	<p>Limpopo Province Land Reform Office Private Bag X9312 Polokwane 0700 (015) 297 3539 Fax: 015 297 4988</p>	16/10/2012	<p>Via registered post: On 16 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.</p>	<p>No comment received to date.</p>	
		18/10/2012	<p>Via fax: On 18 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.</p>	<p>No comment received to date.</p>	

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		04/01/2013	Via registered letter: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the department.	No comment received to date.	
		13/03/2013	Via registered letter & fax: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the department.	No comment received to date.	
		06/08/2013	Via registered letter & fax: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20 th of August 2013, was sent to the department.	No comment received to date.	

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Department of Rural Development and Land Reform: Limpopo	Office of the Regional Land Claims Commissioner: Limpopo Pfumelan Tsedu T.A. Maphoto Private Bag X9552 Polokwane 0700 (015) 284 6300 Fax: (015) 295 7404/7403	17/10/2012	Via fax: On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.	Via fax: On 19 October 2012 the department acknowledged receipt of the notification. They informed the consultants that the matter was receiving their attention and that they would revert back in due course.	Via email: On 22 November 2012, the EAP acknowledged receipt of the department's letter and informed them that they had been registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP). She furthermore stated that any forthcoming comments would be fully addressed in the Comments and Response Report.
		04/01/2013	Via registered letter: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the department.	No further comment received to date.	
		13/03/2013	Via registered letter & fax: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the department.	No further comment received to date.	

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		06/08/2013	Via registered letter & fax: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20 th of August 2013, was sent to the department.	No comment received to date.	
Department of Cooperative Governance Settlements Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA)	Human and Affairs Private Bag X9485 Polokwane 0700 (015) 294 2000 (015) 295 4190 Palmero@coghsta.limpopo.gov.za	17/10/2012	Via fax: On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.	No comment received to date.	
		04/01/2013	Via email: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the department.	No comment received to date.	
		13/03/2013	Via email & fax: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the department.	No comment received to date.	

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		06/08/2013	<p>Via email & fax:</p> <p>On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20th of August 2013, was sent to the department.</p>	No comment received to date.	
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ESKOM	<p>Regional Manager of Land Development (Limpopo) PO Box 1091 Johannesburg 2001</p>	16/10/2012	<p>Via registered post:</p> <p>On 16 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to ESKOM.</p>	No comment received to date.	
	<p>Mr Xander Neethling Distribution Division (The Land Development & Environmental Management) PO Box 3499 Polokwane 0700 Tel: 015 299 0527 neethx@eskom.co.za</p>	06/08/2013	<p>Via registered letter:</p> <p>On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20th of August 2013, was sent to ESKOM.</p>	<p>Via registered letter:</p> <p>On 6 September 2013 Mr Lennox informed Ms Smith that Eskom Transmission is not affected by the application. He noted that the application was also forwarded to Eskom's Distribution Division (The Land Development & Environmental Management) for comments and provided Ms Smith with the contact person's details.</p>	<p>Via telephone:</p> <p>On 9 October 2013 Ms Smith contacted Mr Neethling and asked him whether she could provide him with the Final EIA Report when it became available for review. Mr Neethling stated that he was aware of the application and asked that he be provided with a copy of the Final EIA Report in order to provide comment. He furthermore asked whether he could provide AGES with Eskom's EIA report for the 132 kV overhead power line7 for comment. Ms Smith replied in the affirmative.</p>

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ESKOM Polokwane	Keneuoe Moamogwe Key Customer Executive Transmission (Key Sales and Customer Service) Division Tel: 015 299 0374 Fax: 8451 5374 Cell: 0834410380 Web Fax: 0866566843 Keneuoe.Moamogwe@Eskom.co.za	17/10/2012	Via email: On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to ESKOM.	No comment received to date.	
		04/01/2013	Via email: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to ESKOM.	No comment received to date.	
		13/03/2013	Via email & fax: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to ESKOM.	No comment received to date.	
		06/08/2013	Via email & fax: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20 th of August 2013, was sent to ESKOM.	Via registered letter: On 6 September 2013 Mr Lennox informed Ms Smith that Eskom Transmission is not affected by the application. He noted that the application was also forwarded to Eskom's Distribution Division (The Land Development & Environmental Management) for comments and provided Ms Smith with the contact person's details.	

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AGRI Limpopo	Mabilu Tyrone PO Box 735 Fauna Park Polokwane 699 MabiluMT@agric.limpopo.gov.za	17/10/2012	Via email: On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the stakeholder.	No comment received to date.	
		04/01/2013	Via email: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the stakeholder.	No comment received to date.	
		06/08/2013	Via registered letter: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20 th of August 2013, was sent to the stakeholder.	No comment received to date.	

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Baroka Ba Nkwana Community	Kgošigadi Tlakale Phasha PO Box 200 Ga Nkwana 0740 082 888 3210 segopanes@vut.ac.za	10/12/2012		<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 10 December 2012 the following comments was received from the stakeholder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air pollution should be managed; • Contaminated water should be controlled; • There should be a guarantee of rehabilitation after mining; • Preference should be given to employ locals; • Out-sourcing of non-core business to locals; • Sustainable development projects; • Respect for cultural sites; and • Preservation of graves. 	<p>On 10 December 2012, the EAP thanked Kgošigadi TM Phasha for her comment and informed her that she had been registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), and that her comments would be fully addressed in the Comments and Response Report.</p> <p>1. An Air Quality Impact Assessment (AQIA) was conducted as part of the EIA Phase. The AQIA study concluded that it is likely that if the suggested recommendations are implemented that there will be compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) off-site and at all sensitive receptors. Please refer to Appendix L of the Draft EIR.</p> <p>2. A Storm Water Management Plan has been conducted as part of the EIA Phase to provide mitigation measures in order to prevent dirty water from entering the Olifants River. The study provided for the design of a clean and dirty water system in accordance with GN704 under the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998).</p>
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		06/08/2013	<p>Via registered letter and email:</p> <p>On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20th of August 2013, was sent to the community.</p>	<p>3. A Social Labour Plan (SLP) was developed as part of the Mining Right Application (MRA). The SLP will be made available as part of the public participation process conducted for the MRA. The Social Impact Assessment study found that the project area is characterised by high levels of unemployment and poverty. The Project will create over 6000 jobs over the life of mine. It is recommended that a recruitment policy is developed that allows equal opportunity to all people (woman, disabled) and give preference to local labour.</p> <p>4. Furthermore, an Archaeological Impact Assessment was conducted as part of the EIA phase. The study found that a number of graves will be impacted by the development. A full social consultation process will take place in conjunction with the mitigation of any burial place or cemetery. In addition, the exhumation, investigation and reburial of the burial place may only commence after SAHRA has issued relevant permits and permissions.</p> <p>5.</p>
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Ga Nkwana Councillor and Spokesperson	Segopane Seroka Ga Nkwana 0740 082 888 3210 segopanes@vut.ac.za	17/10/2012	Via hand delivery: On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was delivered to the stakeholder.		
		04/01/2013	Via email: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the stakeholder.	Via email: On 4 January 2013 Mr. Seroka requested that hard copies of the draft Scoping Report and appendices be delivered to himself to be distributed for viewing and comments in public places within the Baroka Ba Nkwana community.	Via hand delivery: On 4 January 2013 a hardcopy of the Draft Scoping Report was delivered to the chief councillor. Please note that hard copies were delivered to the Mphahlele Tribal Authority Offices, Tau-Mankotsana Traditional Authority, Baroka Ba Nkwana Traditional Authority, as well as the Public Library in Apel. Hard copies were also provided to Mr. Maredi Mphahlele from the Mphahlele Tribal Authority.
		13/03/2013	Via email: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the stakeholder.	No further comment received to date.	
		06/08/2013	Via email: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20 th of August 2013, was sent to the stakeholder.	No comment received to date.	

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Nkotokwane School	TP Moronswi (Principal)	17/10/2012	Via hand delivery: On 17 October 2012 Background Information Documents (BID) and registration forms were delivered to the stakeholder.	No comment received to date.	
Apel Spar	C MacDonald (Manager) 082 798 9537	17/10/2012	Via hand delivery: On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was delivered to the stakeholder.	No comment received to date.	
Apel	M. K. Nchabewleng (Kgoshi) 082 820 2138 Fax: 015 622 8026	17/10/2012	Via hand delivery: On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was delivered to the stakeholder.	No comment received to date.	
		04/01/2013	Via email: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the stakeholder.	No comment received to date.	
		13/03/2013	Via fax: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the stakeholder.	No comment received to date.	

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Fetakgomo Library	R.M. Morwaswi (Librarian) 072 035 6235 morwaswi@webemail.co.za	17/10/2012	Via hand delivery: On 17 October 2012 Background Information Documents (BID) and registration forms were delivered to the library.	No comment received to date.
		04/01/2013	Via email: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the library.	No comment received to date.
		04/01/2013	Via hand delivery: On 4 January 2013 a hardcopy of the Draft Scoping Report was delivered to the library.	No comment received to date.
		12/03/2013	Via hand delivery: On 13 March 2013 a hardcopy of the Final Scoping Report was delivered to the library.	No comment received to date.
		13/03/2013	Via email: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the library.	No comment received to date.

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		06/08/2013	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20th of August 2013, was sent to the library.</p>	No comment received to date.	
Mphahlele Tribal Council	<p>G.N. Mphahlele (Admin Officer) 079 472 5748 mphahlele.nthabiseng@yahoo.com</p>	17/10/2012	<p>Via hand delivery:</p> <p>On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was delivered to the stakeholder.</p>	No comment received to date.	
		04/01/2013	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the stakeholder.</p>	No comment received to date.	
		13/03/2013	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the stakeholder.</p>	No comment received to date.	

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		06/08/2013	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20th of August 2013, was sent to the stakeholder.</p>	No comment received to date.	
Mr Eliot Moswane Mphahlele Community eliotmoswane@gmail.com		21 August 2013		On 21 August 2013 at the public meeting in Apel, Mr Moswane asked Ms Smith to be provided with a copy of the environmental presentation presented during the public meeting.	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 22 August 2013 Ms Smith provided Mr Moswane with a copy of the presentation as requested.</p>

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<p>Ga-Mphahlele Nkotkwane Committee</p>	<p>Ms. Mathapelo Murwa PO Box 195 Apel 0739 073 247 5549 072 975 6653 27729756653@vodamail.co.za</p>	<p>20/11/2012</p>		<p>Via fax: On 20 November 2012, the following comments were received from the I&AP: 1. They requested a structure to divert water away from the river, reason being that water from the mine might have chemicals that may be harmful to animals e.g. cows that drink from that river and people who use water from the river. 2. They requested that children be taught skills for the different departments so that they can be employed by the mine. This would also assist the company to obtain skilled labour from the local community. 3. They also requested that the community be consulted before any graves are moved and any old buildings are demolished. It would also be appreciated if new buildings are erected to replace the old building. 4. They furthermore requested assistance with the following projects; construction of roads, hall, clinic and the bridge at Lepelle River. They requested that members from the Nkotkwane Community be considered first when the mine starts to employ people for these projects.</p>	<p>Via email: On 22 November 2012, the EAP thanked Ms. Murwa for her comment and informed her that she had been registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), and that her comments would be fully addressed in the Comments and Response Report. 1. A Storm Water Management Plan has been conducted as part of the EIA Phase to provide mitigation measures in order to prevent dirty water from entering the Olifants River. The study provided for the design of a clean and dirty water system in accordance with GN704 under the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998). 2. A Social Labour Plan (SLP) as part of the Mining Right Application (MRA) will address all issues relating to training of the local community in order to obtain skilled labour for the mine. Lesego Platinum Mining will comply with the requirements of the Skills Development Act, which includes the submission of a Workplace Skills Plan and Annual Training Report as per the SETA requirement. The SLP will be made available as part of the public participation process conducted for the MRA.</p>
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Continued				<p>5. They also asked that the Headman be informed prior to any action by the mining company.</p>	<p>3. An Archaeological Impact Assessment has been conducted as part of the EIA phase. The study found that a number of graves will be impacted by the development. A full social consultation process will take place in conjunction with the mitigation of any burial place or cemetery. In addition, the exhumation, investigation and reburial of the burial place may only commence after SAHRA has issued relevant permits and permissions.</p> <p>4. The request for assistance with these projects is noted. Please note that the Infrastructure and poverty eradication projects that the mine would undertake will be in line with the IDP of the area and other relevant frameworks. The SLP will provide more information with regards to the projects which the mining development will facilitate. In addition, two access roads will be constructed for the mine and this will allow for the upgrade of existing gravel roads. A bridge will also be constructed across the Olifants River. It is the intention of the mining company to employ local labour as far as possible.</p> <p>5. Noted and agreed.</p>
		04/01/2013	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the stakeholder.</p>	No further comment received to date.	

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		13/03/2013	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the stakeholder.</p>	No further comment received to date.	
		06/08/2013	<p>Via registered letter and email:</p> <p>On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20th of August 2013, was sent to the stakeholder.</p>	No comment received to date.	

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Leselo Co-operative	<p>Mr. Naka Hlagala</p> <p>Heritage officer</p> <p>P O Box 126</p> <p>Mphahlele</p> <p>0736</p> <p>Cell: +27 83 656 9509</p> <p>+27 73 601 4977</p> <p>Fax: +27 86 585 3101</p> <p>nakahlagala@gmail.com</p> <p>champsepuru@gmail.com</p>	16/11/2012		<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 16 November 2012, Mr. Hlagala stated that the farms for the proposed mining activities, especially Koppieskraal 475 KS, Spelonk 478 KS, Olifantspoort 479 KS, Stofpoort 481 KS and Zaaikloof 480 KS, are littered with undocumented heritage resources, scattered and extending beyond the borders of the proposed mining activities. These farms amongst other sites in the vicinity of Ga-Mphahlele are historical settlements and cultural sites of high significance which living heritage and oral traditions are attached to, but are so old that their memory is getting vanished.</p> <p>Mr. Hlagala proceeded to emphasise the importance of including heritage studies as part of the specialist studies.</p> <p>He furthermore proposed that the original, proper names or popular names of the farms are investigated as they are known by to the local people in order to maximise the public participation process.</p> <p>He also indicated that he is interested in the project at personal, community and business level. And in as much as he would want the heritage of the area to be preserved, he would like to participate in the process as heritage officer of Leselo Co-operative.</p>	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 22 November 2012, the EAP thanked Mr. Hlagala for his comment and informed him that he had been registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), and that his comments would be fully addressed in the Comments and Response Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please note that an Archaeological Impact Assessment was conducted as part of the EIA phase. • Stone Age material dating to all periods of the Stone Age occur within the study area. Of the identified sites, only SA01 will be impacted upon by the proposed mining development. • A large number of sites dating to the Earlier and Later Iron Age occur within the project boundary. These sites range from medium to high heritage priority. The mining development does not adversely or positively affect the heritage resources at these sites and therefore the impact is considered to be none <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites dating to the Historical / Colonial Period in the project site relate to ruined farmsteads, stone wall enclosures and middens. The sites are generally of medium-low significance due to poor preservation. Site HP06 is located close to or within the proposed mine development margins and may potentially be damaged or lost.
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		04/01/2013	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the stakeholder.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twenty-six graves were identified in the project area. Small cemeteries and graves in the study area outside of proposed mine development zones are of heritage priority and carries high significance ratings. However, since the sites are away from the proposed mine, the impact by the proposed activity is considered to be none. A number of burials and cemeteries will be directly impacted upon by the construction of the TDF and WRD and will need to be fenced off or relocated. • The public participation process will include public meetings and social consultation with all affected communities in the project area and this will allow for discussion on the “proper or popular names” of the farms. Please note that all I&AP’s will be invited to attend these public meetings.
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		13/03/2013	<p>Via email & fax:</p> <p>On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the stakeholder.</p>	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 4 April 2013 Mr Hlagala provided the consultant with comments on the draft Scoping Report. He stated that his comments were based towards the archaeological report as it is his field of interest.</p> <p>Mr Hlagala provided the following comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He found the Archaeological Report refreshing, stimulating and thought provoking. 2. He stated that development stakeholders come in handy to address the lack of documented and written accounts on the culture, history and heritage of Ga-Mphahlele. 3. He expressed disappointment with the report outcomes and stated that in his initial comments he had proposed the inclusion of heritage, with specific emphasis on the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH). He further stated that the report did not explore and research the intangible aspect of heritage, an enshrined in the NHRA 25 of 1999 or in the 2003 UNESCO convention for the safeguarding of the ICH. He thought that AGES would include the oral traditions of the affected communities in their report. 	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 10 April 2013 Ms Smith responded to Mr Hlagala's letter. Please see the response below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted. 2. Noted. 3. While the advocating for the documentation and preservation of the various aspect of intangible heritage in the larger region per se is appreciated, the general terms of reference for Archaeological Impact Assessments, as opposed to research questions in academic research papers and projects, is to primarily identify heritage resources – tangible and intangible – that will be directly impacted on by any given development, assess the severity of possible impacts emanating from the proposed development activities, and mediate heritage management measures in order to minimise or mitigate impacts on heritage resources.
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				<p>4. He suggested the following significant oral traditions/history that needs to be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - African indigenous knowledge system (including but not limited to knowledge of plants, animals, trees, and environmental management). - Cultural practices (sacred sites, e.g. trees, fountains, initiation rituals, burials and sacrifices). - Experiences (about people, places, events and histories). 	<p>4. EIA-bases archaeological impact assessment studies should take cognisance of both tangible and intangible cultural heritage but time and budget constraints simply do not allow for detailed larger regional ethnographic or anthropological studies including Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Social and Cultural Practices and Lived Experiences. Such themes fall within the scope of large research projects often conducted by academic institutions. However, please note that these themes amongst the Bantu-speaking groups in the Steelpoort area and the larger Limpopo Valley have been extensively covered in academic anthropological and ethnographic research studies in the past and have thus been conserved in terms of its indigenous knowledge value.</p>
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				<p>5. He further noted that the farms proposed for the mining development are littered with undocumented ICH, scattered and extending beyond the borders of the proposed mining activities. These sites are sites of high cultural significance with relation to coming of age initiation rituals to which living heritage and oral traditions are attached.</p>	<p>5. The documentation of places of "Living Heritage" such as initiation sites, places of ritual seclusion and ritual graves poses complex challenges and constraints as places of intangible heritage are contained in a larger body of sacred knowledge which is often not accessible to -or easily divulged to outsiders. This does not imply that such sites should be omitted for impact assessment studies and this is generally addressed in detail in the Social Impact Assessment (SIA). Here, public meetings with the affected communities during the EIA Phase generally provides an opportunity for the community to identify cultural sites to be directly impacted on by the proposed development, which have not been detailed within the scope of the AIA. This also allows communities to, in the interest of the conservation of intangible heritage, cooperatively share possible sensitive cultural details which would otherwise not have been known to strangers.</p> <p>In addition, Phase 2 Archaeological Impact Assessment mitigation measures have been recommended for all sites of high heritage value to be affected by the proposed mining development. The scope of Phase 2 Studies requires the detailed analyses and contextualization of the heritage resources within the larger geographical, cultural and social context. This implies that further research into oral traditions and living heritage attached to sites to be impacted upon by the proposed mining development will undoubtedly be done as the development progresses.</p>
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				<p>6. He also stated that the significance rating of the Middle Stone Age and Iron Age remains was supposed to be determined by communities' relationship with the resource. He stated that it is important to not just record the presence of objects, but also the relation and symbolism by the current communities living around these resources.</p>	<p>6. It should be noted that our knowledge of the Middle Stone Age indicates that these sites, ranging in age between 250 000YCE and 50 000YCE, probably predate modern humans (Homo sapiens sapiens). Little is known of the cultural attributes of MSA humans and inferences are generally made on the grounds of lithic industrial and technological developments. Thus, it is not possible to claim a social or cultural relationship or link, to such sites by current or even historical communities. Similarly, Iron Age farmer period heritage resources date to previous centuries and millennia, and current cultural affinities to such resources become increasingly distorted as the temporal contexts of these events expand.</p>
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					<p>However, a clear and direct link by current communities to historical period settlements and cultural sites in the area is evident and any such resource to be impacted upon by the proposed mining development will be further assessed during proposed Phase 2 Archaeological Impact Assessments. it should be stressed that, through Phase 1 and Phase 2 heritage assessment and mitigation, every measure will be taken to avoid the loss of tangible and intangible heritage resources.</p> <p>It should be noted that a general sense of heritage ownership amongst local communities, of tangible and intangible resources of all ages and periods, is understandable and should be respected. Heritage forms part of the national estate, as per the National Heritage Resources Act, but ultimately it belongs to the people of South Africa.</p>
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		06/08/2013	<p>Via email:</p> <p>On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20th of August 2013, was sent to the stakeholder.</p>	<p>7. He asked that the use of popular names of the farms as known by the local people be considered. He also stated that the reference to Steelpoort in the Sekhukhune area in the report is inaccurate, as all the study areas fall within the Mphahlele area.</p> <p>No further comment received to date.</p>	<p>7. The public participation process will include public meetings and social consultation with all affected communities in the project area and this will allow for discussion on the “proper or popular names” of the farms. Please note that all I&AP’s will be invited to attend these public meetings.</p> <p>Please note that, in order to comply with the Minimum Standards for Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment as set out by the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) and the CRM section of the Association for South African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA), the Archaeological Report is primarily based on regional geographical boundaries and not local political boundaries and therefore refers to the Sekhukhune area. However, the AIA will be amended to include local political boundaries and, more specifically, include the Mphahlele area among others.</p>
Other mines in the area					

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Bokoni Platinum Mine	Anooraq and Anglo Platinum PO Box 1 Atok 0749 (015) 620 0037 Fax: (015) 418 3204 Atlatsa Resources PO Box 782103 Sandton 2146 South Africa	17/10/2012	Via registered post: On 18 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the mine.	No comment received to date.	
		04/01/2013	Via registered letter: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the mine.	No comment received to date.	
		13/03/2013	Via registered letter: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the mine.	No comment received to date.	
Lonmin Mine	Lonmin PLC PO Box 98811 Sloane Park 2152 Johannesburg (011) 218 8300 Fax: (011) 218 8310	17/10/2012	Via registered letter: On 18 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the mine.	No comment received to date.	

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		04/01/2013	Via registered letter: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the mine.	No comment received to date.	
		13/03/2013	Via registered letter: & fax: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the mine.	No comment received to date.	
Traditional Authorities					
Baroka Ba Nkwana Traditional Authority	PO Box 200 Apel 0739	16/10/2012	Via registered post: On 16 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the traditional authority.	No comment received to date.	A focus group meeting with the traditional authority and the Baroka Ba Nkwana Community took place during the draft EIR review process. Refer to Appendix A9 of the EIR for the meeting minutes.
		04/01/2013	Via registered letter: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the traditional authority.	No comment received to date.	

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		12/03/2013	Via hand delivery: On 13 March 2013 a hardcopy of the Final Scoping Report was delivered to the traditional authority.	No comment received to date.	
		13/03/2013	Via registered letter: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the traditional authority.	No comment received to date.	
		06/08/2013	Via registered letter: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20 th of August 2013, was sent to the traditional authority.	No comment received to date.	
Tau-Mankotsana Traditional Authority (Nchabaleng)	PO Box 1 Apel 0739 072 981 1878	16/10/2012	Via registered post: On 16 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the traditional authority.	No comment received to date.	Public meetings with the traditional authorities were held during the draft EIR review process. Refer to Appendix A9 of the EIR for minutes of the meetings.

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		04/01/2013	Via hand delivery: On 4 January 2013 a hardcopy of the Draft Scoping Report was delivered to the traditional authority.	No comment received to date.	
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		13/03/2013	Via registered letter: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the traditional authority.	No comment received to date.	

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		06/08/2013	Via registered letter: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20 th of August 2013, was sent to the traditional authority.	No comment received to date.	
Mphahlele Traditional Authority	PO Box 166 Mphahlele 0736	16/10/2012	Via registered post: On 16 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the traditional authority.	No comment received to date.	Public meetings with the traditional authorities were held during the draft EIR review process. Refer to Appendix A9 of the EIR for minutes of the meetings.
		04/01/2013	Via registered letter: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the traditional authority.	No comment received to date.	
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Moshate Seleteng Ga-Mphahlele	PO Box 1 Mphahlele 0736	16/10/2012	Via registered post: On 16 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the traditional authority.	No comment received to date.	Public meetings with the traditional authorities were held during the draft EIR review process. Refer to Appendix A9 of the EIR for minutes of the meetings.
		04/01/2013	Via registered letter: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the traditional authority.	No comment received to date.	

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		13/03/2013	Via registered letter: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the traditional authority.	No comment received to date.	
		06/08/2013	Via registered letter: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20 th of August 2013, was sent to the traditional authority.		
Mr. Maredi Mphahlele (Mphahlele Tribal Authority)	015 633 4001 mazwi@netactive.co.za	24/10/2012	Via hand delivery: On 24 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was given to Mr. Mphahlele at an introductory focus meeting.	See attached focus meeting key notes (Refer to Appendix A9 of the Draft EIR).	Public meetings with the traditional authorities were held during the draft EIR review process. Refer to Appendix A9 of the EIR for minutes of the meetings..
		04/01/2013	Via email: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the stakeholder.	No further comment received to date.	

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		13/03/2013	Via email: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the stakeholder.	No further comment received to date.	
		06/08/2013	Via email: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20 th of August 2013, was sent to the stakeholder.		
Mr. Kotishi Molaba (Mphahlele Tribe – Legal Representative)	012 328 5477 072 109 1419 molaba@telkomsa.net kotishim@molabaattorneys.co.za	24/10/2012	Via hand delivery: On 24 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was given to Mr. Molaba at an introductory focus meeting.	See focus meeting key notes (Refer to Appendix A9 of the Draft EIR).	Public meetings with the traditional authorities were held during the draft EIR review process. Refer to Appendix A9 of the EIR for minutes of the meetings.
		04/01/2013	Via email: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the stakeholder.	No further comment received to date.	

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		13/03/2013	Via email: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the stakeholder.	No further comment received to date.	
		06/08/2013	Via email: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20 th of August 2013, was sent to the stakeholder.		
Ms. Staff (Mphahlele Authority)	Sithole Tribal	011 445 2162 079 498 9505 staff@uweso.co.za	24/10/2012 Via hand delivery: On 24 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was given to Ms. Sithole at an introductory focus meeting. 04/01/2013 Via email: On 4 January 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Draft Scoping Report was available for review was sent to Ms. Sithole.	See attached focus meeting key notes (Refer to Appendix A9 of the Draft EIR). No further comment received to date.	Public meetings with the traditional authorities were held during the draft EIR review process. Refer to Appendix A9 of the EIR for minutes of the meetings.

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		13/03/2013	Via email: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to Ms Sithole.	No further comment received to date.	
		06/08/2013	Via email: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20 th of August 2013, was sent to Ms Sithole.	No comment received to date.	
Landowners					
Remaining extent of the farm Koppieskraal 475 KS Remaining extent of the farm Spelonk 478 KS	Mphahlele Traditional Authority (previously the Bakgaga Ba-Mphahlele Tribe) PO Box 166 Mphahlele 0736 (015) 634 0011	16/10/2012	Via registered post: On 16 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the landowner.	No comment received to date.	
Remaining extent of the farm Olifantspoort 479 KS Remaining extent of the farm Eerste Regt 502 KS Remaining extent of the farm Zaaikloof 480 KS	Government of Lebowa / Government of South Africa Private Bag x833 Pretoria 0001 (012) 312 8911	16/10/2012	Via registered post: On 16 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the landowner.	No comment received to date.	

		13/03/2013	Via registered letter: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the landowner.	No comment received to date.	
Remaining extent of the farm Dal Josaphat 461 KS	Mr. David Maisela PO Box 4 Apel 0736 073 346 1252	16/10/2012	Via registered letter: On 16 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the landowner.	No comment received to date.	
		13/03/2013	Via registered letter: On 13 March 2013 a notification letter informing I&APs that the Final Scoping Report was available for review was sent to the landowner.	No comment received to date	
		06/08/2013	Via registered letter: On 6 August 2013 a notification letter inviting I&APs to the public meetings and informing them that the Draft EIR will be available for review from the 20 th of August 2013, was sent to the landowner.	No comment received to date.	
Remaining extent of the farm Stofpoort 481 KS	Suid-Afrikaans Ontwikkelings trust		No information available		
Adjacent landowners					

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<p>Remaining extent of the farm Tigerpoort 426 KS</p> <p>Remaining extent of the farm Blauwbloemetjeskloof 428 KS</p> <p>Remaining extent of the farm Locatie Van M'Phatlele 457 KS</p> <p>Portion 1 of the farm Indie 474 KS</p> <p>Remaining extent of the farm Zaaikloof 480 KS</p> <p>Remaining extent of the farm Zwarthoek 501 KS</p> <p>Remaining extent of the farm Hoeraroep 515 KS</p> <p>Remaining extent of portion 2 of the farm Mooiplaats 516 KS</p> <p>Portion 1 of the farm Fortdraai 517 KS</p>	<p>Government of Lebowa / Government of South Africa Private Bag x833 Pretoria 0001 (012) 312 8911</p>	<p>16/10/2012</p>	<p>Via registered post:</p> <p>On 16 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the landowner.</p>	<p>No comment received to date.</p>	
<p>Remaining extent of the farm Grootdraai 429 KS</p>	<p>Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality Maketu Ramaphakela Private Bag X07 Chuenespoort 0745 (015) 633 4500 Fax: (015) 633 6896 maketu.ramaphakela@lepelle-nkumpi.gov.za</p>	<p>17/10/2012</p>	<p>Via fax:</p> <p>On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the landowner.</p>	<p>No comment received to date.</p>	

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Remaining extent of the farm Tabakplaats 432 KS	Trust – Mphahlele Tribe of Natives PO Box 166 Mphahlele 0736	16/10/2012	Via registered post: On 16 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the landowner.	No comment received to date.	
Remaining extent of the farm Stofpoort 481 KS	Suid-Afrikaanse Ontwikkelings trust		No information available		
Remaining extent of the farm Dwarsrand 500 KS	Dwarsrand Minerals Pty Ltd P O Box 2274 Brits 0250	16/10/2012	Via registered post: On 16 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the landowner.	No comment received to date.	
Portion 1 of the farm Hoeraroep 515 KS	Bopedi Shopping Centre Pty Ltd Postnet Suite 95 Private Bag X 9676 Polokwane 0700	16/10/2012	Via registered post: On 16 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the landowner.	No comment received to date.	
Portion 4 of the farm Mooiplaats 516 KS	Mine Labour Organisations NRC Ltd (The Employment Bureau of Africa Ltd (TEBA)) PO Box 62251 Marshalltown 2107 (015) 633 4154 Fax: (015) 633 5166	17/10/2012	Via fax: On 17 October 2012 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the landowner.	No comment received to date.	

5. CONCLUSIONS

Public participation was adequately addressed during the Environmental Impact Assessment process for the proposed development. In order to facilitate an open and transparent process, I&AP's were identified and notified of the proposed development, in accordance with the legislation. Comments/concerns received were incorporated and addressed in this Comments and Response Report and will be mitigated for in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report. Assessing the comments/concerns received during the public participation process, it is evident that the main concerns are:

- Timeframe for commencement of mining activities/construction of bridge
- Life of mine (LOM)
- Groundwater Impact
 - Anticipated pollution of groundwater resources due to TDF
 - Depletion of the underground aquifer
- Surface water Impact
 - Surface water pollution and subsequent decrease in water quality due to mining activities
 - Control of contaminated water
 - Use of dirty water
- Stormwater impacts on surface water resources
- Air quality impact
 - Dust from roads, TDF and crushing activities
- Land use and Land Capability
 - Location of shaft and mine infrastructure
 - Change of land use
- Visual Impact
 - Impact on surrounding community
- Heritage Impact
 - Preservation of graves
 - Anticipated grave relocation
 - Protection of heritage resources in the area
- Socio-economic
 - Local employment opportunities to be created
 - Social investment within surrounding communities

- Skills development within community
 - Out-sourcing of non-core business to locals
 - Tertiary education - scholarships
 - Construction of FET school
 - Relocation of communities
 - Community liaison forum
 - Communication with communities
- Traffic Impact
 - Impact on roads and improved access
 - Paving of access roads
- Mine Closure
 - Rehabilitation

These concerns have been documented here and will be carefully assessed with the appropriate mitigation measures to address these impacts in the EIR.