

STAKEHOLDER DATABASE

Weltevreden MRA - I&APs

Name	Company/Farm Name
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Ms Mashudu Mutengwe Assistant Director	Department of Mineral Resources
Mr. Stanford Macevele Deputy Director	Department of Water Affairs
Mr Godfrey Tshivhalavhala Heritage Officer	South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)
Mr. Mathew Mohlasedi HOD: Public Works, Roads and Transport	Department of Roads and Transport
Ms Charity Mthimunye Environmental Management	Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism
Mr Francois Krige EIA Scientist (LUA Unit SS) Land Use Adviser Khomilla Narasoo (PA)	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency
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Mr Gift Mathonsi	Department of Rural Development and Land Reform Land Claims Commission

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Mr Eddie Nemukhe Project Manager	Department of Roads and Transport
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Mr Precioustone Raputsoa IDP Manager	Nkangala District Municipality
Mr Solly Links Environmental Officer	Nkangala District Municipality
Mr Nkitseng Moses Moleleki LED Manager	Emakhazeni Local Municipality
Ms Marianne Joubert Environmental Coordinator	Emakhazeni Local Municipality
Mr Fenter Khumalo Deputy Manager Public Participation	Emakhazeni Local Municipality
Mr Judas Nkosi	Emakhazeni Parliamentary Constituency Office
Mrs Emily Mongwe	Emakhazeni Local Municipality

Ms M Nkambule Ward 1 Councillor	Emakhazeni Local Municipality
Mduduzi Khumalo Ward 1 Committee Secretary	Emakhazeni Local Municipality
MR TD Ngwenya Ward 2 Councillor	Emakhazeni Local Municipality
Patros Nduli Ward 2 Committee Secretary	Emakhazeni Local Municipality
Ms EF Radebe Ward 3 Councillor	Emakhazeni Local Municipality
Surprise Zimu Ward 3 Committee Secretary	Emakhazeni Local Municipality
Tonny Skosana	Emakhazeni Local Municipality Ward Committee 03
Ms NA Mashele Ward 5 Councillor	Emakhazeni Local Municipality
Nonhlanhla Nkosi Ward 5 Committee Secretary	Emakhazeni Local Municipality

Ms SP Gwebu Ward 6 Councillor	Emakhazeni Local Municipality
Ms Grace Nkosi Ward 6 Committee Secretary	Emakhazeni Local Municipality
Mr JJ Stevens Ward 8 Councillor	Emakhazeni Local Municipality
Mr Amos Mandla Masina	Ward Committee Member (Ward 1)
Mr Mbongeni Cornelius Ndlovu	Ward Committee Member (Ward 1)
Thoko Scheffers Ward 8 Committee Secretary	Emakhazeni Local Municipality
<i>Community Based Organisations</i>	
Ms. Ursula Franke	South African Crane Working Group
Ms Mandisa Mavata	ANC Youth Leader

Jabulani Nkosi	ANC - Chairman of the Local Economic Development Committee
Mr T Skosana	Wonderfontein Community Association WARD COMMITTEE 3
Mr Kleinbooi Mahlangu	Wonderfontein Community Association & Traditional Leader
Ms Dorris Mashilwane Ward 1	Emakhazeni Community Development worker
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Mr Frans Mahlangu Ward 2	Emakhazeni Community Development worker
Ms Ntombizodwa Zwane Ward 3	Emakhazeni Community Development worker
Mr Petrus Mathebula Ward 8	Emakhazeni Community Development worker
Mr Simon Mohlala Ward 8 Ward	Emakhazeni Community Development worker

Mr Salom Mthimunye	Ward 8 Eerstelingfontein
Mrs Alletta Mthimunye	Ward 8 Eerstelingfontein
Mbongeni Ndlovu	SANCO
Mr Isaac	Community Structure
<i>Environmental NGOs</i>	
Mr Professor Legwabi	Afgri
Mr Mark Anderson	Birdlife South Africa
Mr Simon Gear Policy & Advocacy Manager	Birdlife South Africa
Dr Koos Pretorius	Federation of Sustainable Development; Highlands Organics; Wonderfontein Community Association
Mr Joseph Mabunda Manager: Institutions & Participation	Nkomati Catchment Management Areas

Ms Marianna Niewoudt	Olifants River Forum
Ms. Angus Burns	Ekangala Grassland Trust
Ms Rynette Coetzee	Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)
Mr Bradley Gibbons	Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)
Lemson Betha Coordinator	Environmental Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)
Mr Adriaan Taljaard	Water Research Commission
Mr Angus Burns	World Wildlife Federation
Sydwell	Dexecon Traiding & AA Enterprise Security Services
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Commerce & Industry	

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Mr Johan van der Bijl	Exxaro
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Mr Phillip De Klerk	Transnet
Philix Mnisi	Transnet
Mr Johan Botha	Sasol Mining
Mr Josiah Zungu	Eskom
Renee Janse van Rensburg	Marsh Environmental Services
Thabo Maripane	Mekgopaze Nkosi Trading (SMME)
Braam Fouche	Northern Coal - Mine Manager

Mr Jabulani Nkosi	Emakhazeni Mining Community
Bongane Chitenje	Emakhazeni Mining Community
Themba Jele	Emakhazeni Mining Community
<i>Libraries</i>	
Mr Siphon Hlatshwayo Senior Librarian	Belfast Public Library
Ms Nokuthula Nkosi Librarian	Siyathuthuka Public Library
<i>Current - Directly Affected landowners/Farmers</i>	
Willie Pretorius Weltevreden Holdings (Pty) Ltd	Portion 15 - Weltevreden - 381 JT and Portion 16 - Weltevreden - 381 JT
<i>Current - Indirectly Affected Landowners/Farmers</i>	

Samuel Johannes Lundall Pine Streams cc	Portion RE - Weltevreden - 381 JT and Portion 9 - Weltevreden - 381 JT
J & H Farming cc Ms Theresilda S Lotter (She sold this portion to Willie Pretorius)	Portion 2 - Weltevreden - 381 JT
André Viljoen	Landowner Portion 4 - Zoekop 426 JS
Koos Pretorius Highlands Organics (Pty) Ltd	Portion 10 - Zoekop - 426 JT
Willie Pretorius WP & J P Pretorius Trust	Portion 16 - Blyvooruitzicht - 383 JT
Ben Kotzé and Melisa Kotze WP 7 JP Pretorius Trust	Portion 17 - Blyvooruitzicht - 383 JT
<i>Landowners/Farmers Of Previous Process</i>	
Nicholas Jansen Steyn Kriek	Landowner Portion 4 - Vogelstruispoort 384 JT
Jan Harm Potgieter & Mrs Jenifer Potgieter	Landowner Portion 1 - Vogelstruispoort 384 JT

Therésilda Lotter	Landowner Portions 2, 15, 16 - Weltevreden 381 JT
Ben Kotzé	Landowner Portions 4 & 17 of Blyvooruitzicht 383 JT
Jacobus Philippus Pretorius	EEPOG/Highlands Organics/Landowner Portion 10 - Zoekop 426 JS
Sameul Johannes Lundall	Landowner Portions 8, 9, & R - Weltevreden 381 JT
Pierre de Villiers	Landowner Portion 1 - Blyvooruitzicht 383 JT
Petrus Johannes Badenhorst	Landowner Portion 3 - Blyvooruitzicht
André Viljoen	Landowner Portion 4 - Zoekop 426 JS
Christiaan Johannes Botha	Landowner Portion 15 - Zoekop 426 JS
Liesel Ehelrs	Landowner Portion 10 - Vogelstruispoort 384 JT

Mr Samson Sibande	Landowner Portion 10 - Vogelstruispoort 384 JT
Bernard Kenneth Green	Landowner Portion 4 - Weltevreden 381 JT
Lian Van Rooyen	Landowner Portion 1 - Welevreden 381 JT
Willem Pieter Pretorius	Landowner Portion 1 - Zoekop, Portion 16 - Blyvooruitzicht 383 JT
Marthinus Petrus Hendrik Griffiths	Landowner Portions 3, 13, 15 - Vogelstruispoort 384 JT
Mrs Carol de Bruin (JH Farming CC) Mr Maurice Shaup	Landowner Portion 1, 8 - Weltevreden 381 JT
Jan & Kowie Gerrits	Landowners Portion 8 - Zoekop 426 JS
Henrico Terblanche	Renting Portion 2 - Weltevreden 381 JT
Robert Mcurtie	Landowner - Portion 10 - Weltevreden 381 JT

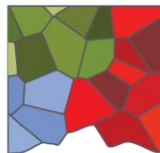
Gary de Bruin	Landowner - Portion 10 - Vogelstruispoort & Portion 10 Weltevreden
Samuel Lundall	Portion 8,9 & R of Weltevreden
Jan Potgieter	Portion 1 - Vogelstruispoort
Charles Griffiths	Portion 5 - Blyvooruitzicht
Mr Michael Maphosa	Pardeplaas Farm
Mrs Ouma Maredi	Pardeplaas Farm
Mrs Thandi J Mthimunye	Weltevreden Farm
Mr Lo T Mahlase	Blyvooruitzicht Farm
Mr Dumisani Mahlangu	Blyvooruitzicht Farm

Mr Bonginkosi Malaza	Blyvooruitzicht Farm
<i>Farm Workers/Community Members</i>	
Ms Maria Dube	Highlands Organics
Mrs Nurse Mtsweni	Highlands Organics
Ms Ntombifuthi Mahlangu	Highlands Organics
Mrs Elsie Mlangeni	Highlands Organics
Ms Thandi Mbengwane	Highlands Organics
Ms Lucy Nakane	Highlands Organics
Ms Samaria Sithole	Highlands Organics

Mr William K Mthimunye	Highlands Organics
Mr Bongani Masongo	Highlands Organics
Mr Sbusiso Shabangu	Highlands Organics
Mr David Shabangu	Highlands Organics
Ms Sanah Mahlangu	Highlands Organics
Mrs Linah Masango	Highlands Organics
Miss Nurse Sindane	Highlands Organics
Mrs Johanna Mahlangu	Highlands Organics
Mrs Emelinah Nene	Highlands Organics

Ms Jabulani Mashiga	Highlands Organics
Ms Betty Nhlabathi	Highlands Organics
Mr July Mhlanga	Highlands Organics
Mr Vusi Mhlanga	Highlands Organics
Mr Sibusiso Mahlangu	Highlands Organics
Mr Steve Mphudi	Highlands Organics
Mrs Maria Makana	Highlands Organics
Mrs Ragel Mokwena	Highlands Organics

***BACKGROUND INFORMATION
DOCUMENT, ANNOUNCEMENT
LETTER, REGISTRATION AND
COMMENT SHEET***



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ENVIRONMENTAL

AGTERGROND- INLIGTINGSDOKUMENT

OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING VIR 'N VOORGESTELDE OOPGROEF- STEENKOOLMYN OP DIE PLAAS WELTEVREDE

Projeknommer:

NOR1982

Opgestel vir:

Northern Coal (Pty) Ltd.

Vir enige projekverwante inligting, skakel asb met:

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1 DOEL VAN DOKUMENT

Northern Coal (Pty) Ltd (Northern Coal) doen aansoek vir omgewingsmagtiging vir sekere gelyste aktiwiteite wat verband hou met die konstruksie en bedryf van 'n oopgroef-steenkoolmyn op die plaas Weltevreden 381 JT naby Belfast, provinsie Mpumalanga. Hierdie Agtergrondinligtingsdokument (AID) is opgestel ten einde –

- inligting oor die voorgestelde projek te deel;
- die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB)-proses voor te hou wat ingevolge Suid-Afrikaanse wetgewing onderneem moet word;
- besonderhede te verskaf oor die proses van openbare deelname (OD) wat gevolg sal word;
- inligting te verskaf oor die aansoekprosesse wat tot dusver gedoen is; en
- inligting te verskaf oor die verskillende spesialisstudies wat as deel van hierdie OIB-proses gedoen sal word.

1.1 Aangestelde Omgewingsbepalingspraktisyn

Northern Coal het Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) as 'n onafhanklike Omgewingsbepalingspraktisyn (OBP) aangestel om die nodige komponente van die OIB te voltooi, soos vereis ingevolge die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet 107 van 1998) (NEMA).

2 AGTERGROND

Northern Coal het in 2008 'n Mynregaansoek (MRA) by die Departement van Minerale Bronne (DMB) ingedien, en dit is op 4 Desember 2013 toegestaan. Om met die voorgestelde oopgroefmyn te kan voortgaan, moet Northern Coal aansoek doen vir omgewingsmagtiging ingevolge die NEMA.

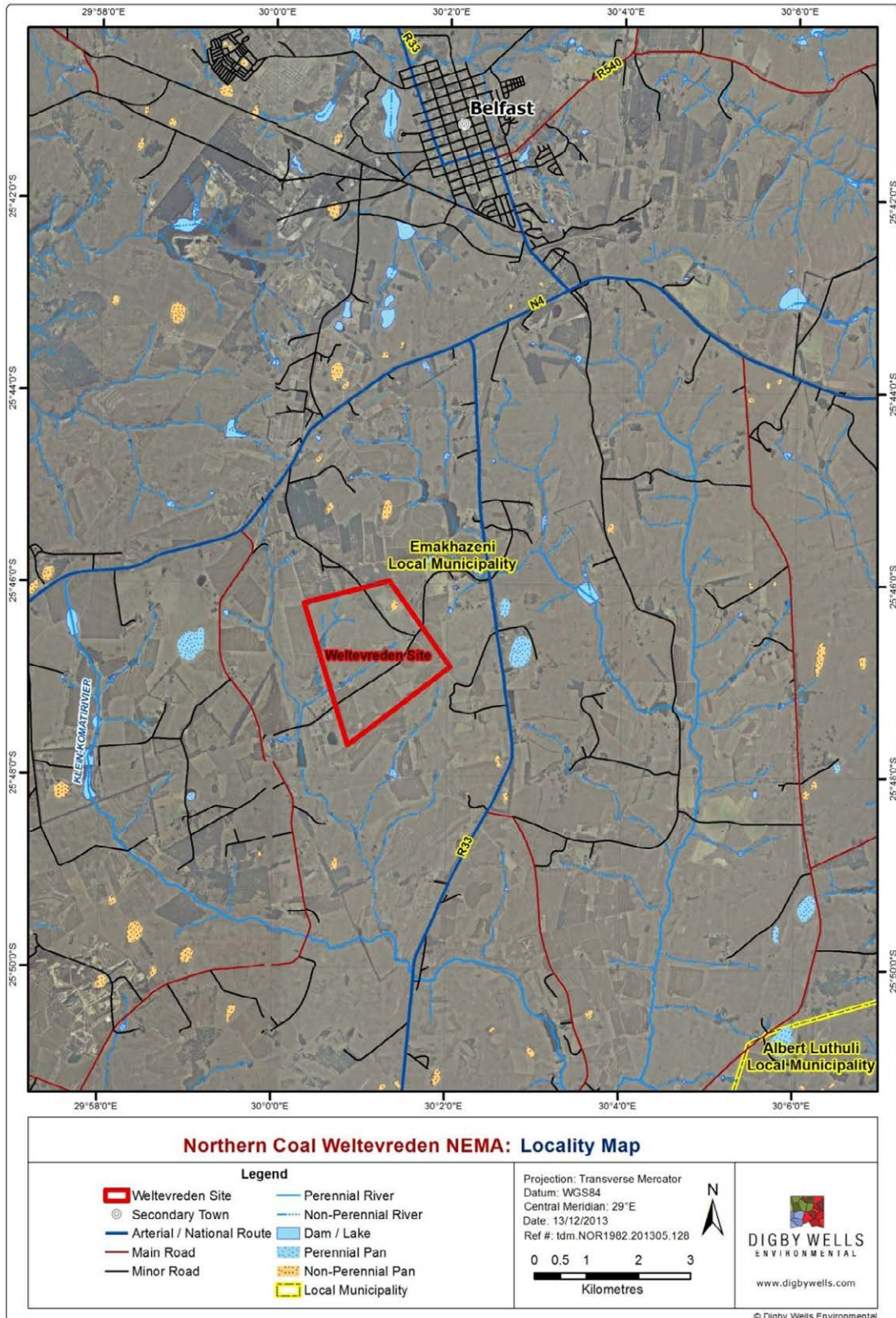
2.1 Northern Coal: Ligging

Die voorgestelde myn sal geleë wees op Gedeeltes 15 en 16 van die plaas Weltevreden 381 JT, wat geleë is op die suidwestelike hoek van die aansluiting van die N4-deurpad en die R33. Hierdie aansluiting is 5 km suidwes van die dorp Belfast in Mpumalanga en val in die Emakhazeni Plaaslike Munisipaliteit (kyk Plan 1 op bladsy 3).

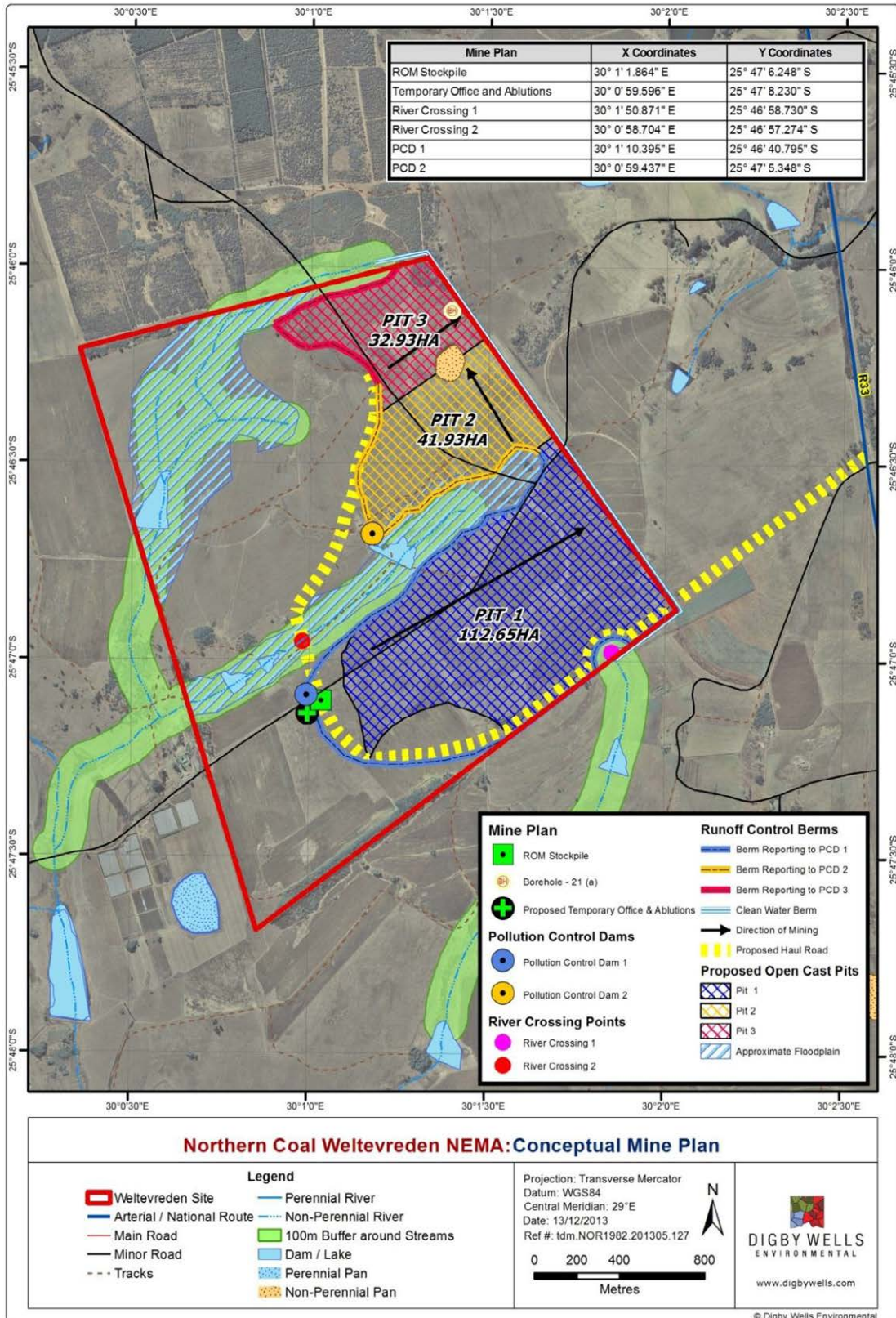
3 PROJEKBESKRYWING

Die volgende myninfrastruktuur sal vir die Weltevreden-projek ontwikkel word. 'n Kleinskaalse vaste vergruisingaanleg sal op die terrein gebruik word. Die elektrisiteitsvoorsiening sal geneem word van 'n bestaande 11 kV oorhoofse lyn wat oor Gedeelte 16 van die plaas Weltevreden loop en vanaf die Belfast / Wonderfontein-lyn gevoer word. Geen bestaande kraglyne hoef verskuif of opgegradeer te word nie. Ander infrastruktuur sluit in 'n verskuifbare tydelike kantoor en toilette en verskuifbare wateropgaartenks vir huishoudelike gebruik.

'n Boggrondse dieselopgaarfasieliteit van 46 m³ sal binne 'n gebied met keerwalle omring geplaas word. 'n Karweipad ongeveer 2 km lank en 8 m breed sal vanaf die R33 na die mynbougebied gebou word. Die R33 sal verbreed word om 'n padkruising vanaf die karweipad na die R33 te bou. Tydelike kledkamers sal op die terrein opgerig word en 'n dieselwerkwinkel sal gebou word vir die instandhouding van mynmasjinerie. 'n Plofstofmagasyn sal op die terrein ingerig word. Keerwalle om water af te keer sal gebou word om vuil en skoon water te skei, en gebiede sal skoongemaak en met beton bedek word vir afvalbestuursdoeleindes (na verwagting sal 'n afvalbestuurslisensie ingevolge artikel 21(b) van die National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Wet No. 59 van 2008 gelees met GK R.921 van 29 November 2013) vir geen afvalaktiwiteite vereis word nie. Daar sal 'n boggrondvoorraadhoop wees vir rehabilitasiedoeleindes en 'n deklaagvoorraadhoop vir die finale oopgroef. Die konseptuele mynplan soos op Plan 2 getoon, dui die ligging aan van die voorgestelde gelyste aktiwiteite waarvoor omgewingsmagtiging vereis sal word.



Plan 1: Weltevreden Plaaslike Ligging



Plan 2: Konseptuele Mynplan



4 OIB-PROSES EN OPENBARE DEELNAME

4.1 Wetsraamwerk

Northern Coal het 'n Mynregaanzoek ingevolge die Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Wet No. 28 van 2002 (MPRDA)) ontvang, en die vereiste Watergebruiklisensie van die Departement van Waterwese (DW) ingevolge die Nasionale Waterwet, 1998 (Wet No. 36 van 1998) (NWW) is hangende. Na verwagting sal 'n Afvalbestuurslisensie ingevolge artikel 21(b) van die National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Wet No. 59 van 2008), nie nodig wees nie vir die afval wat deur die voorgestelde myn geproduseer sal word. Magtiging word vereis vir gelyste aktiwiteite ingevolge artikel 24 van die NEMA ooreenkomstig die OIB-regulasies en Lyskennisgewings 1 en 2 (GK R. 543, GK R. 544 en GK R. 545).

Daar sal vir die volgende gelyste aktiwiteite aansoek gedoen word:

- Die konstruksie van twee rivierkruisings; Gelyste Aktiwiteit 11(xi) van Lyskennisgewing No. 544, 18 Junie 2010;
- verbreding van 'n bestaande openbare pad (R33) vir die konstruksie van 'n kruising na die mynbouperseel; Gelyste aktiwiteit 22(i) van Lyskennisgewing No. 544, 18 Junie 2010;
- 'n karweipad van ongeveer 2 km lank en 8 m breed; Gelyste aktiwiteit 22(ii) van Lyskennisgewing No. 544, 18 Junie 2010;
- die konstruksie van twee besoedelingsbeheerdamme (BBDs) waarvoor 'n watergebruiklisensie vereis word ingevolge artikel 21(g) van die Nasionale Waterwet, Wet No. 36 van 1998; Gelyste aktiwiteit 5 van Lyskennisgewing No. 545, 18 Junie 2010; en
- 'n ru-steenkoolvoorraadhoop waarvoor 'n watergebruiklisensie vereis word ingevolge artikel 21(g) van die Nasionale Waterwet, Wet No. 36 van 1998; Gelyste aktiwiteit 5 van Lyskennisgewing No. 545, 18 Junie 2010.

Mpumalanga se Departement van Ekonomiese Ontwikkeling, Omgewing en Toerisme (DEOOT) is die besluitneemowerheid vir die OIB.

4.2 Spesialisstudies

'n Aantal spesialisstudies is in 2008 vir die Mynregaanzoek gedoen om die status van die bestaande omgewing te bepaal en die potensiele impakte van die projek op die natuurlike en maatskaplike omgewing te evalueer. Die volgende studies is gedoen:

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| ■ Klimaat en luggehalte | ■ Geraas |
| ■ Topografie en visuele aspekte | ■ Grond, Grondgebruik en Grondkapasiteit |
| ■ Oppervlakwater | ■ Grondwater |
| ■ Fauna en Flora | ■ Akwatiese Omgewing |
| ■ Vleilande | ■ Basting? en vibrasie |
| ■ Argeologie en erfenis | ■ Sosio-ekonomiese omgewing |

Hierdie studies sal gebruik word om die OIB vir die NEMA-magtiging op te stel. Benewens hierdie studies en as gevolg van die sensitiewe aard en ligging en die tydsduur wat verloop het sedert die basislynstudies gedoen is, sal bykomende spesialisstudies gedoen word. Dit word hieronder genoem.

4.2.1 Ekologiese studie

Met die oog op die projekvereistes vir die gelyste aktiwiteite sal geselekteerde spesialisstudies gedoen word om die ekologie van die terrein by te werk en te herevalueer. Spesialisstudies wat gedoen sal word, sluit in fauna en flora asook 'n vleilandondersoek. Die twee spesialiskomponente sal hoofsaaklik fokus op liggings van die voorgestelde BBDs, vleilandkruisings en die karweipad.

4.2.2 Oppervlakwater

Om die Oppervlakwaterbepaling te voltooi, moet spesifieke take afgehandel word, en dit word hieronder getoon: 'n Lessenaarbepaling sal gedoen word om die volgende doel te bereik:

- beplanning van die bemonstering vir oppervlakwatergehalte gebaseer op die vorige liggings vir die basislynbepaling; en
- samevoeging van vorige watergehaltesdata in een WISH-databasis.

'n Terreinbesoek sal plaasvind om die volgende te bereik:

- om te bevestig dat die oppervlakhidrologiekarakterisering nog dieselfde is; en
- om monsters uit die bepaalde liggings te neem.

4.2.3 Geofisiese Opname om BBD-terreine te evalueer

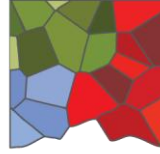
Besoedelingsbeheerdamme (BBDs) sal gebou word as deel van die myninfrastruktuur en afvalwaterbestuur vir die voorgestelde myn. 'n Geofisiese ondersoek sal gedoen word vir die gebiede wat vir die BBDs geïdentifiseer is om te bepaal of daar voorkeur-grondwatervloeibane binne hierdie gebiede is. As 'n BBD of enige myninfrastruktuur op 'n voorkeur-grondwatervloei baan gebou word, kan dit meebring dat besoedelstowwe van die terrein af spoel, wat 'n negatiewe impak op die ontvangende omgewing sal hê. Hierdie potensiele impakte moet bepaal word en versagtingsmaatreëls moet ontwikkel word.

4.3 Openbare Deelname

Alle belanghebbendes wat geraak kan word deur of belang het by die voorgestelde projek, word genooi om as 'n Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP) te registreer ten einde by die OIB- en OD-prosesse betrokke te raak. Die volgende verwagte datums is belangrik vir die OD-proses vorentoe:

- Beskikbaarheid van konsepverslae vir kommentaar deur die publiek: Februarie – Maart 2014
- Vergaderings met belanghebbendes gedurende die tydperk vir kommentaar deur die publiek: Februarie / Maart 2014
- Beskikbaarheid van finale verslae vir kommentaar deur die publiek: April 2014

Geregistreeerde B&GPs sal per voorkeurkommunikasiemetode (e-pos, pos of faks) ingelig word oor die beskikbaarheid van verslae en geskeduleerde vergaderings met belanghebbendes. Bydraes van belanghebbendes sal help met oorwoë besluitneming deur owerhede en verskaf inligting vir oorweging deur die projekspan en spesialiste wat studies doen. Alle kommentaar kan ingedien word met die kontakbesonderhede op die dekblad of as deel van die Kommentaarblad.



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ENVIRONMENTAL

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR A PROPOSED OPEN PIT COAL MINE ON THE WELTEVREDEN FARM

Project Number:

NOR1982

Prepared for:

Northern Coal (Pty) Ltd.

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1 PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

Northern Coal (Pty) Ltd. (Northern Coal) is applying for environmental authorisation for certain listed activities associated with the construction and operation of an open pit coal mine on the farm Weltevreden 381 JT close to Belfast, Mpumalanga Province. This Background Information Document (BID) has been developed in order to:

- Share information about the proposed project;
- Present the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process to be undertaken according to South African legislation;
- Provide detail about the Public Participation (PP) process which will be followed;
- Provide information about the application processes which have been undertaken thus far; and
- Provide information about the various specialist studies that will be carried out as part of this EIA process.

1.1 Appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioners

Northern Coal has appointed Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells), as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to complete the required components of the EIA, as required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA).

2 BACKGROUND

Northern Coal submitted a Mining Right Application (MRA) in 2008 to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) which was awarded on 4 December 2013. In order to proceed with the proposed open pit coal mine, Northern Coal needs to apply for environmental authorisation in terms of the NEMA.

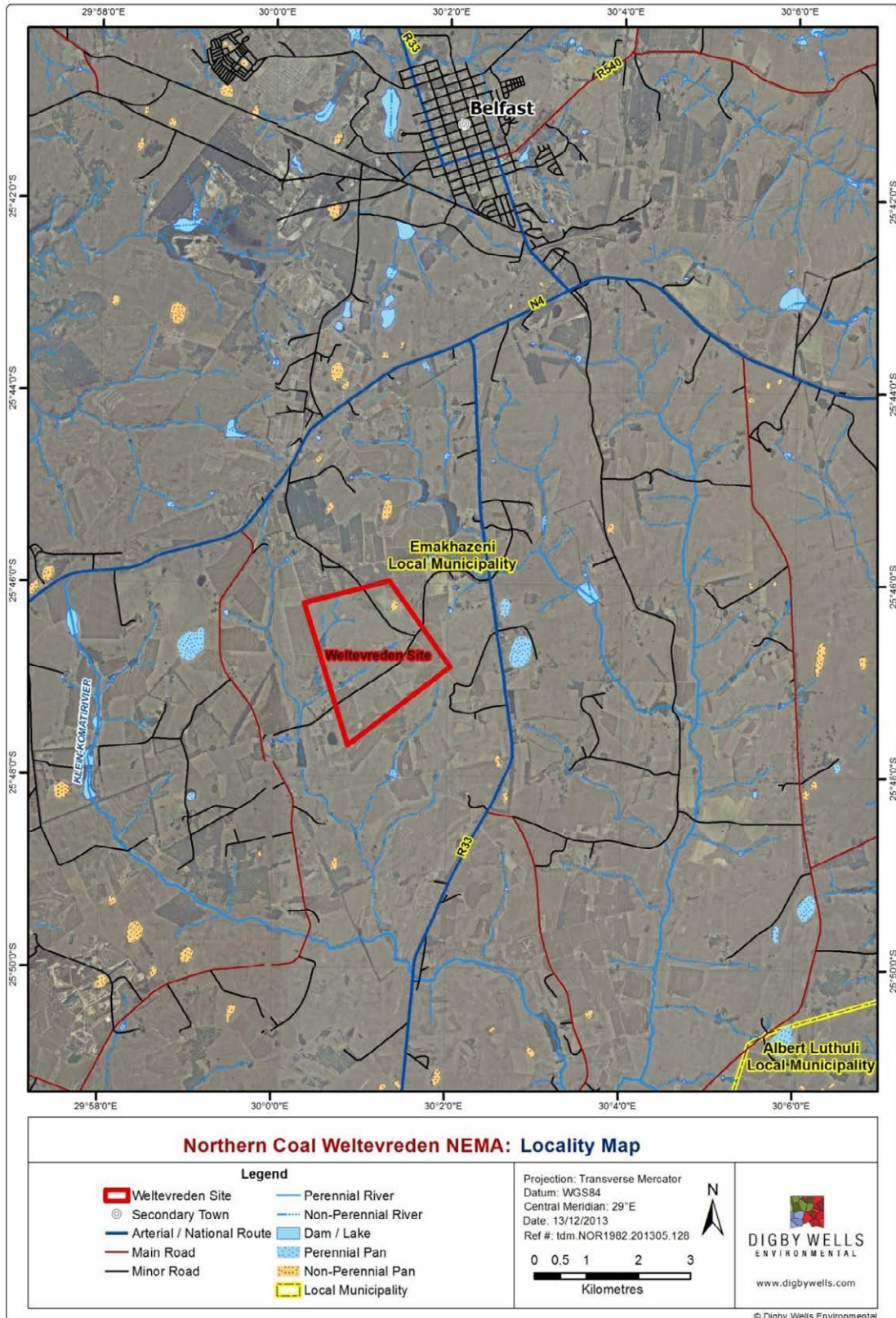
2.1 Northern Coal Locality Setting

The proposed mine is to be located on portions 15 and 16 of the farm Weltevreden 381 JT, which is located on the south west corner of the junction of the N4 highway and the R33. This junction is 5 km south west of the town of Belfast in Mpumalanga and falls within the Emakhazeni Local Municipality (see Plan 1 on page 3).

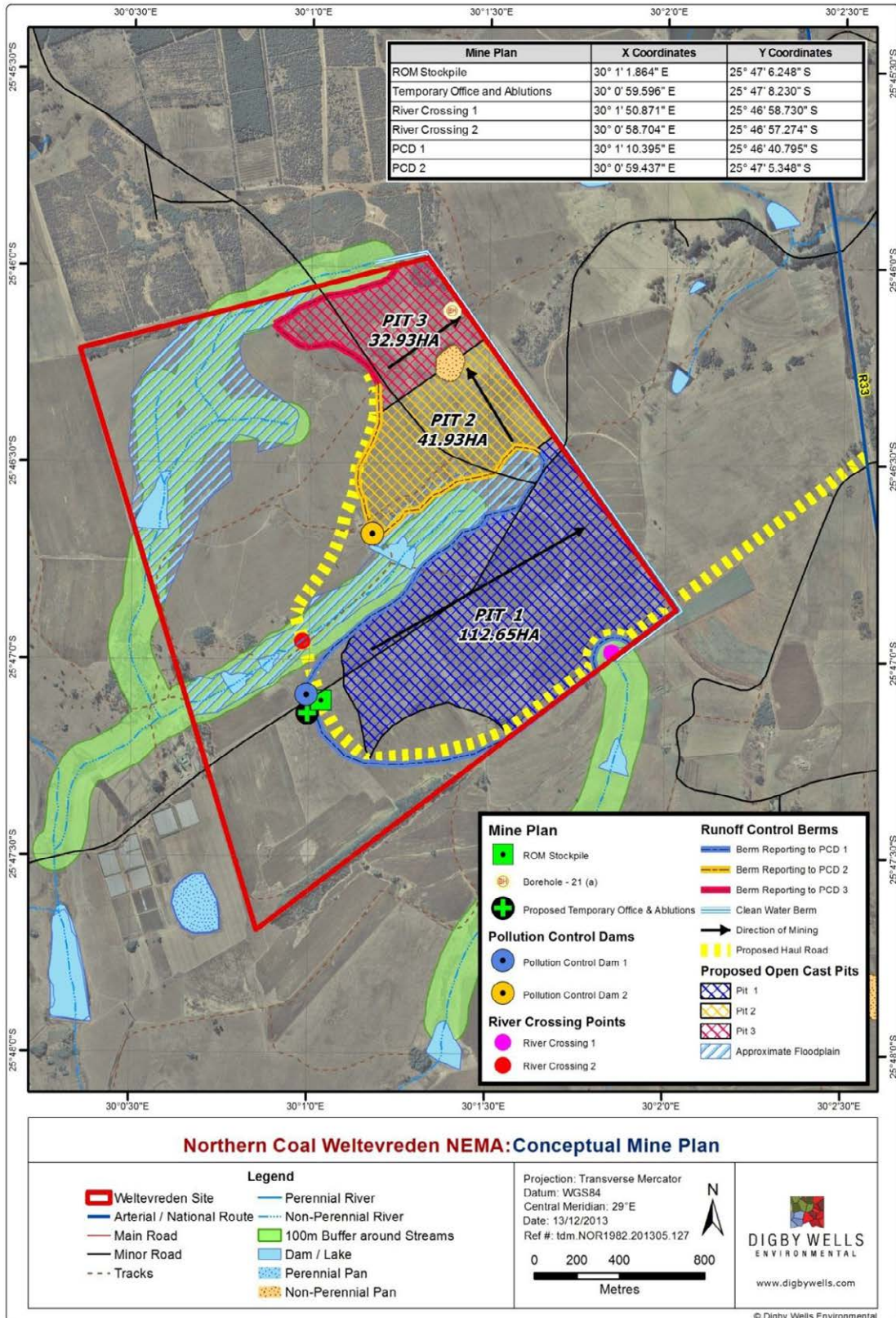
3 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The following mine infrastructure will be developed for the Weltevreden project. A small scale fixed crusher plant will be used on site. The Electricity supply shall be taken from an existing 11kV overhead reticulation, which crosses Portion 16 of the farm Weltevreden, and is fed from the Belfast / Wonderfontein Line. No existing power lines require relocation or upgrading. Other infrastructure includes a portable temporary office and toilets and portable water storage tanks for domestic use.

A 46m³ above ground diesel storage facility will be placed within a bunded area. A haul road will be constructed from the R33 to the mining area with a width of 8 m and will be approximately 2 km long. The R33 will be widened to construct a road crossing from the haul road into the R33. Temporary change houses will be placed on site and a diesel workshop will be constructed for maintenance of mine machinery. An explosives magazine will be placed on site. Water diversion berms will be built for dirty water/clean water separation and areas will be cleared and concreted for waste management purposes (none of the waste activities are anticipated to require a waste a management license in terms of Section 21(b) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, Act No. 59 of 2008 read together with GNR 921 of 29 November 2013). There will be a topsoil stockpile for rehabilitation purposes and an overburden stockpile for the final open pit void. The conceptual mine plan as shown on Plan 2 indicates the locations of the proposed listed activities that will require environmental authorisation.



Plan 1: Weltevreden Local Setting



Plan 2: Conceptual Mine Plan

4 EIA PROCESS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 Legislative Framework

Northern Coal received a Mining Right in terms of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA) and the required Water Use Licence from the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA) is pending. Waste produced by the proposed mine is not anticipated to require a Waste Management License in terms of Section 21(b) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008). Authorisation is required for listed activities under Section 24 of the NEMA in terms of the EIA Regulations and Listing Notices 1 and 2 (GN R. 543, GN R. 544 and GN R. 545).

The following listed activities will be applied for:

- The construction of two river crossings: Listed Activity 11(xi) of Listing Notice No. 544, 18 June 2010;
- Widening of an existing public road (R33) for the construction of a crossing to the mining site: Listed activity 22(i) of Listing Notice No. 544, 18 June 2010;
- An approximately 2 km haul road with a width of 8 m: Listed activity 22(ii) and (iii) of Listing Notice No. 544, 18 June 2010;
- The construction of two pollution control dams (PCDs) which requires a Water Use Licence in terms of Section 21(g) of the National Water Act, Act No. 36 of 1998: Listed activity 5 of Listing Notice No. 545, 18 June 2010; and
- A Run of Mine (ROM) Stockpile which requires a Water Use Licence in terms of Section 21(g) of the National Water Act, Act No. 36 of 1998: Listed activity 5 of Listing Notice No. 545, 18 June 2010.

The Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (DEDET) is the decision-making authority for the EIA.

4.2 Specialist Studies

A number of specialist studies were undertaken in 2008 for the Mining Right Application to determine the status of the existing environment and to evaluate potential impacts of the project on the natural and social environment. The following studies were undertaken.

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| ■ Climate and Air Quality | ■ Noise |
| ■ Topography and Visual Aspects | ■ Soil, Land Use and Land Capability |
| ■ Surface Water | ■ Groundwater |
| ■ Fauna and Flora | ■ Aquatic Environment |
| ■ Wetlands | ■ Basting and Vibration |
| ■ Archaeology and Heritage | ■ Socio-Economic Environment |

These studies will be used to compile the EIA for the NEMA authorisation. In addition to these studies and due to the sensitive nature, location and length of time that has passed since the baseline studies were conducted, additional specialist studies will be undertaken. These are listed below.

4.2.1 Ecological study

Considering the project requirements for the listed activities, selected specialist studies will be conducted in order to update and re-assess the ecology of the site. Specialist studies which will be conducted include fauna and flora, as well as a wetland investigation. The two specialist components will focus primarily on locations of the proposed PCDs, wetland crossings and the haul road.

4.2.2 Surface Water

In order to complete the Surface Water Assessment, specific tasks need to be completed and are specified in sections below:

A desktop assessment will be conducted to achieve the following objective:

- Planning of the surface water quality sampling based on the previous locations for the baseline determination; and
- Compilation of previous water quality data in one WISH database.

A site visit will be conducted to achieve the following:

- To confirm the surface hydrology characterisation is still the same; and
- To collect samples from the determined locations.

4.2.3 Geophysical Survey to Assess PCD Sites

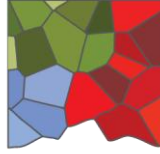
Pollution Control Dams (PCDs) will be constructed as part of the mining infrastructure and waste water management for the proposed mine. A geophysical investigation will be conducted for the areas identified for the PCDs to assess whether preferred groundwater flow paths exist within these areas. The construction of a PCD or any mining infrastructure on top of a preferred groundwater flow path might result in contaminants migrating off site and negatively impacting the receiving environment. These potential impacts need to be determined and mitigation measures need to be developed.

4.3 Public Participation

All stakeholders who may be affected by or interested in the proposed project are invited to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) in order to become involved in the EIA and PP processes. The following anticipated dates are important to note for the PP process going forward:

- Availability of Draft Reports for public comment: *February – March 2014*
- Stakeholder meetings to be held during the public comment period: *February/March 2014*
- Availability of Final Reports for public comment: *April 2014*

Registered I&APs will be informed about availability of reports and scheduled stakeholder meetings by preferred means of communication (email, post or fax). Contributions from stakeholders will assist in informed decision-making for authorities and provides information to be considered by the project team and specialists conducting studies. All comments can be submitted using the contact details which appear on the cover page or as part of the Comment and Registration Sheet.



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1 UMNQOPHO WOMTLOLO

BakwaNorthern Coal (Pty) Ltd. (Northern Coal) benza isibawo sokuvunyelwa ngebhoduluko mayelana nemisetjenzana ethileko erhelisiweko ephathelene nokwakhiwa nokusebenza kwemayini yokwenjiwa kwamalahle epulasini i- Weltevreden 381 JT eliseduze neBelfast, esifundeni seMpumalanga. Isendlalelo somTlolo weLwazi lo senzelve kobana:

- Kwabelwane ngelwazi elimayelana nephrojekthi ehlongozwako;
- Kunikelwe ikambiso yokuHlolwa komThelela weBhoduluko ekufanele ithonywe ngokomthetho weSewula Afrika;
- Kunikelwe imininingwana mayelana nekambiso yokuHlanganyela komPhakathi ezokulandelwa;
- Kunikelwe ilwazi elimayelana neenkambiso ezilandelweko zesibawo bekufike lapha begodu
- Nokunikelwa kwelwazi elimayelana nokuhlola okuhlukahlukileko kwabosiyazi okuzokwenziwa njengengcenywe yekambiso le yokuHlolwa komThelela weBhoduluko.

1.1 Abasebenzi bokuHlola iBhoduluko abaqhatjhiweko

BakwaNorthern Coal baqhatjhe bakwaDigby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells), njengabaSebenzi abaziJameleko bokuHlola iBhoduluko kobana benze iingcenywe ezifunekako zokuHlolwa komThelela weBhoduluko ngendlela ekufuneka ngayo ngokomThetho wonyaka we-1998 weLizwelo ke wokuPhathwa kweBhoduluko (UmThetho we-107 wonyaka we-1998).

2 ISENDLALELO

BakwaNorthern Coal bathumele isiBawo seLungelo lokuRhweba ngamaminerali ngonyaka we-2008 emNyangweni weenTlabagelo zamaMinerali elanikelwa ngomhlaka 4 kuNobayeni 2013. Kobana kuragelwe phambili ngemayini yokwenjiwa kwamalahle ehlongozwako, kuthogeka bona bakwaNorthern Coal benze isibawo sokuvunyelwa ngebhoduluko ngokomThetho weLizwelo ke wokuPhathwa kweBhoduluko.

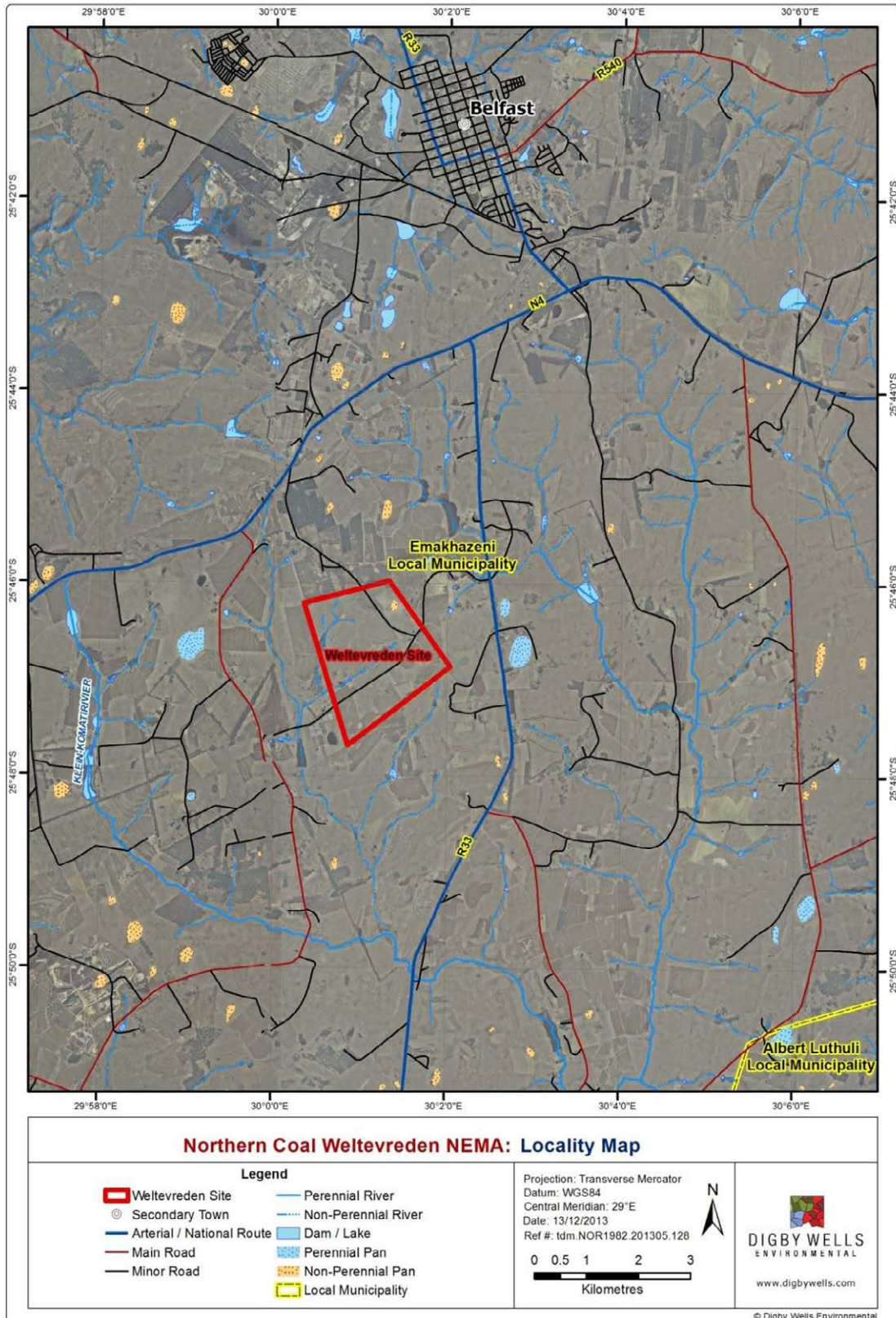
2.1 Ukuhlelwa kwendawo yakwaNorthern Coal

Imayini ehlongozwako izokuba kungcenywe ye- 15 ne- 16 yepulasi iWeltevreden 381 JT elisehugwini yesewula tjingalanga yendlelahlanganiso kathelawalisa uN4 no- R33. Indlelahlanganiso le imakhilomitha ama-5 wesewula tjingalanga yedorojana leBelfast eMpumalanga begodu liwela ngaphasi kwakaMasipala weMakhazeni (qala iHlelo 1 ekhasini 3).

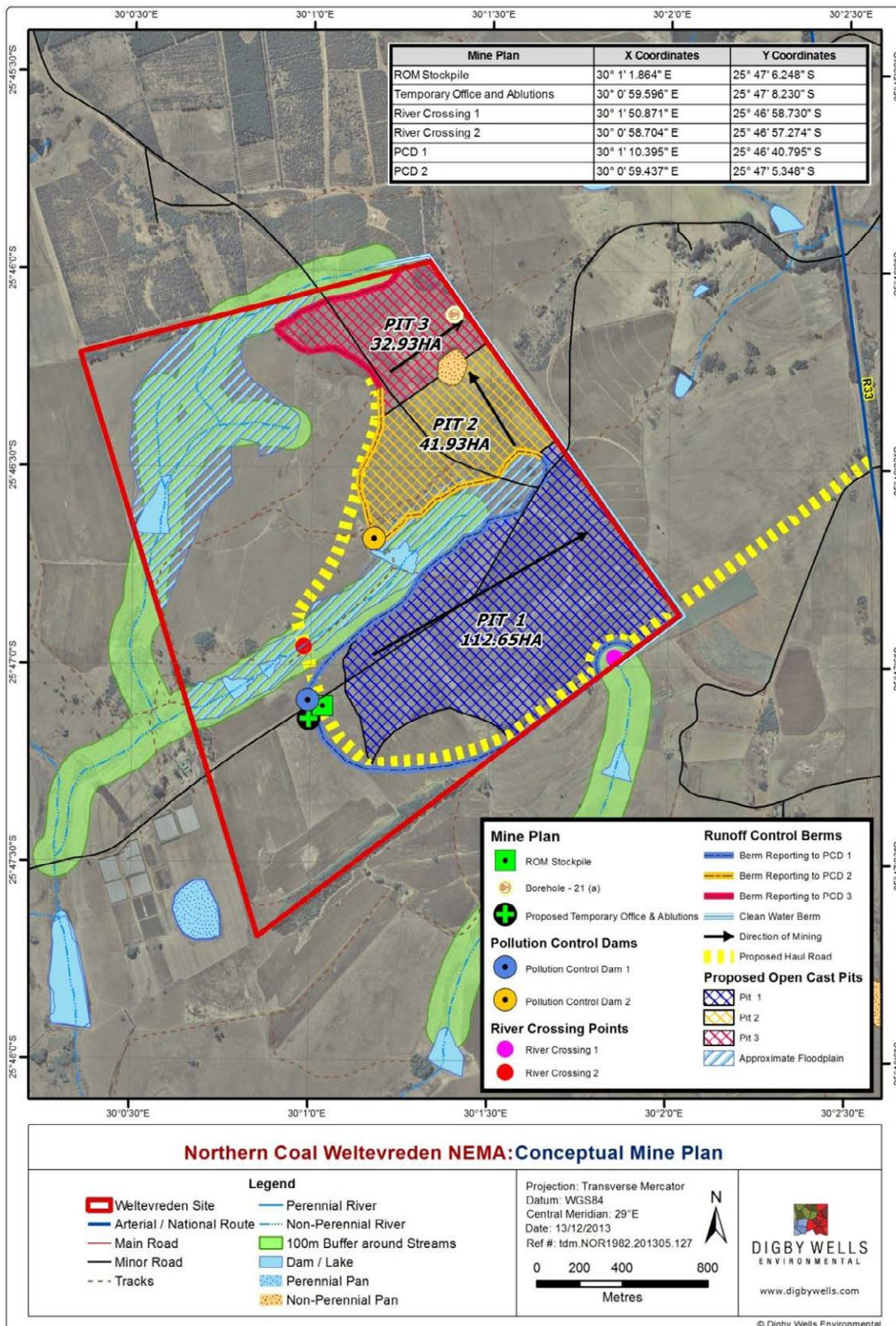
3 IHLATHULULO YEPHROJEKTHI

Umthangalasisekelo olandelako wemayini uzokwenzelwa iphrojekthi yeWeltevreden. Umthini omncani onzinzileko wokuphadlha amatje uzokusetjenziswa kileyo ndawo. Ukuphakelwa kwegezi kuzokuthathwa ethungelwaneni elikhona eliphazulu le- 11kV eliqamula engcenyeni ye- 16 yepulasi iWeltevreden begodu liphakululelwa yiLayini yeBelfast / yeWonderfontein. Ayikho imirhala yegezi ethoga ukutjhidiswa namkha ukuthuthukiswa. Omunye umthangalasisekelo ufaka hlanguka ama-ofisi neendlwana zokuphumela zesikhatjhana kanye namatanka apathekako wamanzi azokusetjenziswa ngekhyaya.

Ibulungelo elima- 46m³ ledizela elingaphezulu lizokubekwa endaweni elungiselwe ukuthela idizela. Kuzokwenziwa indlela yegerebula ukusuka ku- R33 ukuya endaweni yemayini ngobubanzi be- 8 m begodu izokuba bubude obupheze bube yi- 2 km. I- R33 izokwenziwa banzi kobana kwakhiwe indlela eqamula ukusuka endleleni yegerebula ukuya ku- R33. Izindlu zokutjhentjhelela zesikhatjhana zizokubekwa kileyo ndawo begodu nobusebenzelo bedizela buzokwakhelwa ukutjhejwa kwemitjhini yemayini. Indawo yeenthuthumbisi nayo izokubekwa kileyo ndawo. Indawo zokutjhungulula amanzi zizokwakhelwa ukuhlukanisa amanzi asilaphazekileko/ahlanzekileko begodu iindawo zizokuhlengiswa bezifakwe nekhonkhridi ngeminqopho yokulawulwa kweensila (ayikho yemisetjenzana yeensila ekulindelwe bona ifune ilayisensi yokulawulwa kweensila ngokwesiGaba 21(b) sokuPhathwa kweBhoduluko kweLizwelo ke: umThetho weenSila, umThetho wama- 59 wonyaka we- 2008 nawufundwa kanye ne- GNR 921 yomhlaka 29 kuSinyikhaba 2013). Kuzokuba newobhu yehlabathi yangaphezulu ngeminqopho yokubuyisela ebumjini bokuthoma kanye newobhu yamadwala yokuvala umgodi ovulekileko. Ihlelo lengqondo lemayini ngendlela elitjengiswe ngayo eHlelweni 2 litjengisa iindawo zemisetjenzana erhelisiweko ehlongozwako ezokuthoga ukuqinisekiselwa kwebhoduluko.



Ihlelo 1: Ihlelo leendawo zeWeltevreden



Ihlelo 2: Ihlelo lengqondo lemayini



4 IKAMBISO YOKUHLOLWA KOMTHELELA WEBHODULUKO KANYE NOKUHLANGANYELA KOMPHAKATHI

4.1 Iphahla lomthetho

BakwaNorthern Coal bafumana iLungelo lomsebenzi wokurhweba ngamaminali ngokomThetho wonyaka we-2000 (umThetho wama-28 wonyaka we-2002) wokuThuthukiswa kweenTlabagelo zamaMinerali neemBaseli begodu neLayisensi efunekako yokuSetjenziswa kwaManzi evela emNyangweni weNdaba zaManzi ngokomThetho weLizwelo ke waManzi wonyaka we-1998 (umThetho wama-36 wonyaka we- 1998) isalindelwe. Iinsila ezenzwa yimayini ehlongozwako le akukalindelwa bona zifune iLayisensi yokuLawulwa kweenSila ngokwesiGaba 21(b) sokuLawulwa kweBhoduluko kweLizwelo ke: umThetho weenSila wonyaka we-2008 (umThetho wama- 59 wonyaka we-2008). Kufuneka imvumo yemisetjenzana erhelisiweko ehlongozwako ngaphasi kwesiGaba 24 somThetho weLizwelo ke wokuPhathwa kweBhoduluko ngokwemiThetholawulo yokuHlolwa komThelela weBhoduluko nezAzizo zokuRhelisa zoku-1 nezese- 2 (GN R. 543, GN R. 544 ne- GN R. 545).

Kuzokwenziwa isibawo semisetjenzana erhelisiweko elandelako:

- Ukwakhiwa kobuyamo obubili bomlambo: Umsetjenzana oRhelisiweko we-11(xi) wesAziso sokuRhelisa sama- 544, somhlaka 18 kuMgwengweni 2010;
- Ukwenziwa banzi kwendlela ekhona yomphakathi i- (R33) kobana kwakhiwe ubuyamo obuya emayini: Umsetjenzana oRhelisiweko wama- 22(i) wesAziso sokuRhelisa sama- 544, somhlaka 18 kuMgwengweni 2010;
- Indlela yegerebula yamakhilomitha ama-2 enobubanzi bamamitha abu-8: Umsetjenzana oRhelisiweko wama- 22(ii) newe- (iii) wesAziso esiRhelisiweko sama- 544, somhlaka 18 kuMgwengweni 2010;
- Ukwakhiwa kwemilambo emibili yokulawula isilaphazo) efuna iLayisensi yokuSetjenziswa kwaManzi ngokwesiGaba 21(g) somThetho weLizwelo ke waManzi, umThetho wama- 36 wonyaka we- 1998: Umsetjenzana oRhelisiweko wesi- 5 wesAziso sokuRhelisa sama- 545, somhlaka 18 kuMgwengweni 2010;
- Newobhu yezenjiwa zemayini ezifuna iLayisensi yokuSetjenziswa kwaManzi ngokwesiGaba 21(g) somThetho weLizwelo ke waManzi, umThetho wama- 36 wonyaka we-1998: Umsetjenzana oRhelisiweko wesi-5 wesAziso sokuRhelisa sama- 545, somhlaka 18 kuMgwengweni 2010.

UmNyango weMpumalanga wokuThuthukiswa komNotho, iBhoduluko nezokuVakatjha usiphathimandla esithatha iinqunto zokuHlolwa komThelela weBhoduluko.

4.2 Ihlobo yabosiyazi

Inani lehlobo yabosiyazi lenzelwa isiBawo seLungelo lokurhweba ngamaminali ngonyaka we- 2008 ukuhlathulula ubujamo bebhoduluko lagadesi kanye nokuhlaziya imithelela engaba khona yephrojekthi ebhodulukweni lemvelo nelomphakathi. Ihlobo elandelako yenziwa.

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| ■ Ikhwalithi yetlayimethi nommoya | ■ Itjhada |
| ■ Isakheko sendawo neengcenywe ezibonakalako | ■ Ihlabathi, ukusetjenziswa kwenarha kanye nekghono layo |
| ■ Amanzi wangaphezulu kwephasi | ■ Amanzi wangaphasi kwephasi |
| ■ Iinlwana neemila | ■ Ibhoduluko lemanzini |
| ■ Umdzwela | ■ Ukuthuthumbisa nokuthuthumelisa |
| ■ Isifundo esiphathelene nomlando wabantu wokwemba nokuhlaziya kwezinto abazenzileko kanye namafa | ■ Ibhoduluko eliphathelene nomphakathi nomnotho |

Ihlobo liyokusetjenziselwa ukubuthelela ukuHlolwa komThelela weBhoduluko kobana umThetho weLizwelo ke wokuPhathwa kweBhoduluko unikele imvumo. Ukungezelela ehlobo leni le begodu nangebanga lobuthakathaka bemvelo, iragelo phambili nobude besikhathi esidlulileko ukusuka ngesikhathi kwenziwa ihlobo yebuthelelo nokuhlaziya kwedatha, kuzokwenziwa ihlobo eragela phambili yabosiyazi. Ihlobo irheliswe ngenziwa.



4.2.1 Ihlolo yebhoduluko

Nakutjhejwa iimfuneko zephrojekthi yemisetjenzana erhelisiweko, kuzokwenziwa ihlolo ekhethiweko yabosiyazi kobana kuhlolwe kabutjha bekwenziwe nebhoduluko lendawo likhambisane nesikhathi. Ihlolo yabosiyazi ezokwenziwa ifaka hlangana iinlwana neemila kanye nephenyo leendawo ezimdzwela. Iingcinye ezimbili zabosiyazi zizokutjheja khulu iindawo zamadamu wokulawula isilaphazo ezihlongozwako, ubuyamo bemidzwela nendlela yegerebula.

4.2.2 Amanzi waphasi

Kobana kuqedwe ukuHlolwa kwaManzi waPhasi kutlhogeka bona imisetjenzana ethileko yenziwe begodu ihlathululwe ngeengaba ngenzasi:

Kuzokwenziwa ukuhlolwa kwekombamahlelo kobana kuzuzwe umnqopho olandelako:

- Ukuhlelwa kwesamphula yekhwalthi yamanzi waphasi ngokususela eendaweni zangaphambilini kobana kuhlathululwe indawo ekuzokuthonywa kiyo kanye
- Nokubuthelelwa kwedatha yangaphambilini yekhwalthi yamanzi ezikweni linye ledatha i-WISH. Kuzokuvakatjhelwa indawo kobana kuzuzwe okulandelako:
- Ukuqinisekisa bona isithombe sobujamo beentlabagelo zamanzi wephasi sisafana nekuthomeni kanye
- Nokubuthelela amasamphula weendawo ezihlathululiweko.

4.2.3 Ihlolo ephathelene nobujamo bephasi kobana kuhlolwe iindawo zemilambo yokulawula isilaphazo

Kuzokwakhiwa imilambo yokulawula isilaphazo njengengcinye yomthangalasisekelo wemayini kanye nokulawulwa kwamanzi asilaphazekileko wemayini ehlongozwako. (Kuzokwenziwa iphenyo lephasi nebhoduluko lalo esikheleni eendaweni ezikhonjiweko zemilambo yokulawula isilaphazo kobana kuhlolwe bona ingabe iindlelana zokukhamba kwamanzi ezinyulwako zikhona eendaweni lezi na. – Ukwakhiwa kwemilambo yokulawula isilaphazo namkha nanyana ngiwuphi umthangalasisekelo wemayini phezu kwendledlana enyulwako yokukhamba kwamanzi waphasi kungaba nomphumela weensila ezikhamba kileyo ndawo bezibe nomthelela ongasimuhle ebhodulukweni elizamukelako. Kutlhogeka bona imithelela le engahle yenzeke ihlathululwe begodu kutlhogeka nokobana kwenziwe namagadango wokuyiphungula.

4.3 Ukuhlanganyela komphakathi

Boke abahlanganyeli abangathintwa namkha bakarwe yiphrojekthi ehlongozwako le bamenywa bona bazitlolise njengeHlangano eneKareko kanye neHlangano eThintekako kobana babandakanyeke eenkambisweni zokuHlolwa komThelela weBhoduluko kanye nekuHlanganyeleni komPhakathi. Imilambo elindelweko elandelako iqakathekile kobana uyitjhejele ikambiso yokuHlanganyela komPhakathi eragela phambili.

- Ukubakhona kwemiBiko yomTlamo kobana umphakathi unikele amaziso wawo: umHlolanja –uNtaka 2014
- Imihlangano yabahlanganyeli izokubanjwa ngesikhathi umphakathi unikela amaziso wawo: umHlolanja/uNtaka 2014
- Ukuba khona kwemiBiko yokuGcina kobana umphakathi unikele amaziso wawo: uSihlabantangana 2014

Iinhlangano ezineKareko neenHlangano eziThintekako ezitlolisileko zizokwaziswa mayelana nokuba khona kwemibiko kanye nemihlangano ehleliweko yabahlanganyeli ngendlela enyulwako yokukhulumisana (imeyila, iposo namkha ifeksi). Indima yabahlanganyeli izokusiza iimphathimandla ukuthatha isiqu nto esihlakaniphileko beyinikele ilwazi elizokutjhejwa siqhema sephrojekthi kanye nabosiyazi abenza ihlolo.Woke amaziso angathunyelwa ngokusebenzisa imininingwana yokuthintana evela ekhasini langaphezulu namkha njengengcinye yeTjhidi lamaZizo nokuTlolisa.

NORTHERN COAL (PTY) LTD

**AANSOEK VIR OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING VIR GELYSDE AKTIWITEITE WAT VERBAND HOU MET
'N VOORGESTELDE OOPGROEF-STEENKOOLMYN OP DIE PLAAS WELTEVREDEN 381 JT,
BELFAST, PROVINSIE MPUMALANGA**

DEOOT-verwysing: 17/2/3N-272

Geagte Belanghebbende

Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells), namens die aansoeker, Northern Coal (Pty) Ltd (Northern Coal), gee hierby aan belanghebbendes kennis van die:

- **Beskikbaarheid van die Agtergrondinligtingsdokument (AID)**
- **Aankondiging van die Besikbaarheid van die Konsep-Omvangverslag (KOV) vir kommentaar**
- **Uitnodiging na 'n Oop Huis-vergadering om die Konsep-Omvangverslag (KOV) bekend te stel**

Northern Coal (Pty) Ltd (Northern Coal) doen aansoek vir omgewingsmagtiging vir sekere gelyste aktiwiteite wat verband hou met 'n voorgestelde oopgroef-steenoolmyn op die plaas Weltevreden 381 JT naby Belfast, provinsie Mpumalanga. Die voorgestelde myn sal geleë wees op Gedeeltes 15 en 16 van die plaas Weltevreden 381 JT. Die plaas is geleë op die suidwestelike hoek van die aansluiting van die N4-deurpad en die R33. Hierdie aansluiting is 5 km suidwes van die dorp Belfast in Mpumalanga en val in die Emakhazeni Plaaslike Munisipaliteit. Die volgende myninfrastruktuur sal vir die Weltevreden-projek ontwikkel word. 'n Kleinskaalse vaste vergruingsaanleg sal op die terrein gebruik word. Daar word voorgestel dat elektrisiteit verkry word van die huidige kragvoorsiening wat oor die plaas loop, wat toestemming van Eskom sal vereis. Die elektrisiteitsvoorsiening sal geneem word van 'n bestaande 11 kV oorhoofse lyn wat oor Gedeelte 16 van die plaas Weltevreden loop en vanaf die Belfast / Wonderfontein-lyn gevoer word. Geen bestaande kraglyne hoef verskuif of opgegradeer te word nie. Ander infrastruktuur sluit in 'n verskuifbare tydelike kantoor en toilette en verskuifbare wateropgaartenks vir huishoudelike gebruik.

Omgewingsimpakbepalingsproses en Openbare Deelname

Northern Coal het Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) as 'n onafhanklike Omgewingsbepalingspraktisyn (OBP) aangestel om die vereiste komponente van die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB) te voltooi, soos vereis ingevolge die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet 107 van 1998) (NEMA). Die bevoegde owerheid is Mpumalanga se Departement van Ekonomiese Ontwikkeling, Omgewing en Toerisme (DEOOT).

Om seker te maak dat u 'n geleentheid kry om op die dokumente kommentaar te lewer en dat u vars projekinligting ontvang, moet u asb die aangehegte registrasie- en kommentaarvorm invul en aan ons terugstuur.

Digby Wells, namens Northern Coal, gee hierby aan B&GPs kennis van die beskikbaarheid van die Konsep-Omvangverslag (KOV) oor die voorgestelde projek vir kommentaar deur die publiek.

Beskikbaarheid van KOV vir kommentaar deur die publiek

Die KOV sal vir **veertig (40) dae** van **Woensdag 12 Februarie tot Maandag 24 Maart 2014** op die volgende openbare plekke beskikbaar wees vir kommentaar deur die publiek:

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Digby Wells Environmental	Fern Isle, Section 5, Pretoriaaan 359, Randburg, 2125	Me Vanessa Viljoen
Elektroniese eksemplare		
Die verslae sal ook op die volgende webblad beskikbaar wees: www.digbywells.com onder "Public Documents". Skakel asb 011 789 9495 en vra vir 'n eksemplaar op CD .		

Hoe om op die Konsep-Omvangverslag kommentaar te lewer

Belanghebbendes word genooi om op die KOV kommentaar te lewer deur u kommentaar, kwellings of voorstelle aan Digby Wells te rig deur een van die kommunikasiedia hieronder:

- Deur die kommentaarblad in te vul en dit voor te lê aan Digby Wells se Kantoor vir Betrokkenheid van Belanghebbendes;
- Deur 'n brief of ander vorm van skriftelike voorlegging, of
- Per e-pos, faks of telefoon aan die Kantoor vir Betrokkenheid van Belanghebbendes.

Uitnodiging na Oop Huis-vergadering

Die oop huis sal belanghebbendes 'n geleentheid bied om een-een en in klein groepies te vergader om –

- die inhoud van die Konsep-Omvangverslag in besonderhede te bespreek en te kyk na kaarte van die voorgestelde projek gebaseer op oorlegpleging tot dusver met geaffekteerde grondeienaars;
- te verifieer dat kwessies en kwellings wat tydens die aanvanklike oorlegproses geopper is, korrek opgeneem is, en
- enige vrae of kwessies uit te klaar of verdere kwessies te opper.

Inligting sal visueel voorgehou word, en u kan enige tyd tussen 15:00 en 18:00 op die dag van die Oop Huis daar aankom. Kleingroepsamesprekings sal in die voorkeurtaal van deelnemers gehou word.

Dit is belangrik om vooraf vir die oop huis te registreer – gebruik asb die ingeslote antwoordblad en stuur dit teen **Woensdag 19 Februarie 2014** terug. Dit sal ons in staat stel om enige inligting wat u verlang, voor die oop huis aan u te stuur. Die oop huis sal soos volg gehou word:

Datum	Tyd	Plek
Woensdag 5 Maart 2014	15:00 – 18:00	Belfast Hotel (Boultstraat 89, Belfast)

As u enige bykomende inligting verlang, skakel gerus met my of Vanessa Viljoen by Tel: (011) 789 9495, Faks: 086 583 5715, Pos: Privaat Sak X10046, Randburg, 2125, of E-pos: steve.horak@digbywells.com of vanessa.viljoen@digbywells.com

Groete



Steve Horak

Hoofkonsultant: Kantoor vir Betrokkenheid van Belanghebbendes

Ingesluit: Registrasie- en Kommentaarblad

NORTHERN COAL (PTY) LTD

**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR LISTED ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED
WITH A PROPOSED OPEN PIT COAL MINE ON THE FARM WELTEVREDEN 381 JT, BELFAST,
MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

DEDET Ref Number: 17/2/3N-272

Dear Stakeholder,

Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) on behalf of the applicant, Northern Coal (Pty) Ltd. (Northern Coal) hereby gives notice to stakeholders of the:

- ***Availability of the Background Information Document (BID)***
- ***Announcement of the Availability of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) for Public Comment***
- ***Invitation to an Open House meeting to present the Draft Scoping Report (DSR)***

Northern Coal is applying for environmental authorisation for specific listed activities associated with a proposed open pit coal mine on the farm Weltevreden 381 JT close to Belfast in the Mpumalanga Province. The proposed mine is to be located on portions 15 and 16 of the farm Weltevreden 381 JT. The farm is located on the south-west corner of the junction of the N4 highway and the R33. This junction is 5 km south-west of the town of Belfast in Mpumalanga and falls within the Emakhazeni Local Municipality. The following mine infrastructure will be developed for the Weltevreden project. A small scale fixed crusher plant will be used on site. It is proposed that electricity will be obtained from the current power supply crossing the farm, which will require permission from Eskom. The Electricity supply shall be taken from an existing 11kV overhead reticulation, which crosses Portion 16 of the farm Weltevreden, and is fed from the Belfast / Wonderfontein Line. No existing power lines require relocation or upgrading. Other infrastructure includes a portable temporary office and toilets and portable water storage tanks for domestic use.

Environmental Impact Assessment Process and Public Participation

Northern Coal has appointed Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells), as independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAP), to complete the required components of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), as required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA). The competent Authority is the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET).

To ensure that you are given an opportunity to comment on the documents and to ensure that you receive updated project information, please complete the attached registration and comment form and send it back to us.

Digby Wells, on-behalf of Northern Coal, hereby gives notice to I&APs of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) for public comment regarding the proposed project.

Availability of DSR for public comment

The DSR will be available for **fourty days (40)** for public comment from **Wednesday, 12 February to Monday, 24 March 2014**, and will be available at the following public places:

Location	Address	Contact
Printed Copies		
Belfast Public Library	24 Scheppers street, Belfast, 1100	Mr Siphon Hlatshwayo
Siyathuthuka Public Library	Stand 755 Zakheni & Sakhile street, Siyathuthuka 1102	Ms Nokuthula Nkosi
Didby Wells Environmental	Fern Isle, Section 5, 359 Pretoria Ave, Randburg	Ms Vanessa Viljoen
Electronic Copies		
The reports will also be available on the following website: www.digbywells.com under <i>Public Documents</i> Phone and request a CD copy at (011) 789 9495		

How to comment on the Draft Scoping Report

Stakeholders are invited to comment on the DSR by addressing your comments, concerns or suggestions to Digby Wells through any one of the communication media below:

- By completing the comment sheet and submitting it to the Digby Wells Stakeholder Engagement Office;
- By sending a letter or other form of written submission; or
- By email, fax or telephone to the Stakeholder Engagement Office.

Invitation to Open House meeting

The open house will provide stakeholders with an opportunity to meet on a one-on-one basis and in small groups to:

- Discuss the contents of the Draft Scoping Report in detail and view maps of the proposed project based on consultation to date with affected land owners.
- Verify that issues and concerns raised during the initial consultation process were captured correctly.
- Clarify any questions or issues or raise further issues.

Information will be presented visually, and you are welcome to arrive any time between 15:00 and 18:00 on the day of the Open House. Small-group discussions will take place in the language of choice of participants.

It is important that you register for the open house in advance - please use the enclosed reply sheet and return it by **Wednesday, 19 February 2014**. This will allow us to send you any information you require in advance of the open house. The open house will be held as follows:

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 5 March 2014	15:00 – 18:00	Belfast Hotel, (89 Boulton Street, Belfast)

Should you require any additional information please feel free to contact myself or Vanessa Viljoen at Tel: (011) 789 9495, Fax: 086 583 5715, Post: Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125 or email: steve.horak@digbywells.com or vanessa.viljoen@digbywells.com.

Regards,



Steve Horak

Principle Consultant: Stakeholder Engagement Office

Enclosed: Registration and Comment Sheet

NORTHERN COAL (PTY) LTD

**ISIBAWO SEMVUMO YEBHODULUKO LEMISETJENZANA ERHELISIWKO EPHATHELENE
NEMAYINI YAMALAHLE EHLONGOZWAKO EPULASINI I- WELTEVREDEN 381 JT, EBELFAST,
ESIFUNDENI SEMPUMALANGA**

DEDET Ref Number: 17/2/3N-272

Mhlanganyeli othandekako,

BakwaDigby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) ngokujamela umenzisibawo, bakwa Northern Coal (Pty) Ltd.
(Northern Coal) bazisa abahlanganyeli:

- ***Ngokuba khona kwesEndlalelo somTlolo weLwazi***
- ***Ngokwethulwa kokuba khona komBiko womTlamo weHlolo kobana umphakathi unikele amaziso wawo***
- ***Ngesimemo somhlangano wawoke woke ukwethula umBiko womTlamo weHlolo***

BakwaNorthern Coal benza isibawo semvumo yebhoduluko lemisetjenzana ethileko erhelisiweko ephathelene nemayini yamalahle ehlongozwako epulasini iWeltevreden 381 JT eliseduze neBelfast esifundeni seMpumalanga. Imayini ehlongozwako izokuba sengcenyeni ye-15 ne-16 yepulasi iWeltevreden 381 JT. Ipusasi lisehugwini yesewula tjingalanga yendlelahlanganiso kathelawalisa uN4 no- R33. Indlelahlanganiso le imakhilomitha ama-5 wesewula tjingalanga yedorojana leBelfast eMpumalanga begodu liwela ngaphasi kwakaMasipala weMakhazeni Umthangalasisekelo olandelako wemayini uzokwenzelwa iphrojekthi yeWeltevreden. Umtjhini omncani onzinzileko wokuphadlha amatje uzokusetjenziswa kileyo ndawo.. Kuhlongozwa bona igezi izokufunyanwa esiphakelini sagadesi segezi esiqamula epulasini okuzokufuna imvumo yakwa- Eskom. Ukuphakelwa kwegezi kuzokuthathwa ethungelwaneni elikhona eliphezulu le- 11kV eliqamula engcenyeni ye- 16 yepulasi i Weltevreden begodu liphakululelwa yiLayini yeBelfast / yeWonderfontein. Ayikho imirhala yegezi ethlaga ukutjhidiswa namkha ukuthuthukiswa. Omunye umthangalasisekelo ufaka hlangana ama-ofisi neendlwana zokuphumela zesikhatjhana kanye namatanka aphahekako wamanzi azokusetjenziswa ngekhaya.

Ukuhlolwa komThelela weBhoduluko kanye nokuHlanganyela komPhakathi

BakwaNorthern Coal baqhatjhe bakwaDigby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells), njengabasebenzi abazijameleko bokuHlola iBhoduluko kobana benze iingcenyeni ezifunekako zokuHlolwa komThelela weBhoduluko ngendlela ekufuneka ngayo ngokomThetho wonyaka we-1998 weLizweloke wokuPhathwa kweBhoduluko (UmThetho we-107 wonyaka we-1998). Isiphathimandla esinekhono mNyango weMpumalanga wokuThuthukiswa komNotho, zeBhoduluko nezokuVakatjha.

Ukuqinisekisa bona unikelwa ithuba lokunikela amaziso wakho mayelana nemitlolo kanye nokuqinisekisa bona ufumana ilwazi elikhambisana nesikhathi mayelana nephrojekthi sibawa uzalise iforomo lokutlolisa neforomo lamaziso elinamathiselweko bese ulithumela godu kithi.

BakwaDigby Wells, ngokujamela bakwaNorthern Coal bazisa iinHlangano ezineKareko neziThintekako ngokuba khona komBiko womTlamo weHlolo kobana umphakathi unikele amaziso wawo mayelana nephrojekthi ehlongozwako.

Ukubakhona kombiko womTlamo weHlolo kobana umphakathi unikele amaziso wawo

Umbiko womTlamo weHlolo uzokuba khona **amalanga amatjumi amane (40)** kobana umphakathi unikele amaziso wawo ukusuka **ngoLesithathu, ngomhlaka 12 kuMhlolanga** ukufika **NgomVulo, ngomhlaka 24 kuNtaka 2014**, begodu uzokuba khona eendaweni ezilandelako zomphakathi:

Indawo	Isiphande	Umuntu ekuzokuthintanwa naye
Printed Copies		
Ilayibhrari yomphakathi yeBelfast	24 Scheppers street, Belfast, 1100	Mr Sipho Hlatshwayo
Ilayibhrari yomPhakathi yeSiyathuthuka	Stand 755 Zakhani & Sakhile street, Siyathuthuka 1102	Ms Nokuthula Nkosi
Digby Wells Environmental	Fern Isle, Section 5, 359 Pretoria Ave, Randburg	Ms Vanessa Viljoen
Amakhophi abu-elektroniki		
Imibiko izokuba khona newebhusayidini elandelako: www.digbywells.com under <i>Public Documents</i> Dosa umrhala ku- (011) 789 9495 bese ubawa ikhophi ye- CD		

Indlela yokunikela amaziso emBikweni womTlamo weHlolo

Abahlanganyeli bayamenywa bona banikele amaziso wabo mayelana nomBiko womTlamo weHlolo ngokukhuluma ngamaziso wakho, amatshwenyeko namkha iimphakamiso nabakwaDigby Wells ngananyana ngisiphi isibikiindaba sinye sokukhulumisana esingenzasi:

- Ngokuzalisa itjhidi lamaziso bese ulithumela e-Ofisini yokuziBandakanya nomHlanganyeli yabakwaDigby Wells;
- Ngokuthumela incwadi namkha nanyana ngimuphi umhlobo wesiphakamiso esitloliweko namkha
- Ngemeyila,ngefeksi namkha ngomrhala e-Ofisini yokuziBandakanya nomHlanganyeli.

Isimemo somhlangano wawoke woke

Umhlangano wawoke woke uzokunikela abahlanganyeli ithuba lokuhlangana ngamunye ngamunye nangeenqhenyana kobana:

- Bacoce ngokumumethwe mBiko womTlamo weHlolo ngokudephileko bebaqale nemimebhe yephrojekthi ehlongozwako ngokusima ekukhulumisaneni nabanikazi benarha abathintekako bekufike gadesi.
- Baqinisekise imiraro begodu amatshwenyeko avezwe ngesikhathi sekambiso yokukhulumisana kokuthoma arekhodwe kuhle.
- Batlhadlhule nanyana ngimiphi imibuzo namkha imiraro namkha baveze eminye imiraro.

Ilwazi lizokuvezwa ngendlela ebukelwako begodu wamukelwe ukufika esinye nesinye isikhathi hlangu ne-iri le- 15:00 nele- 18:00 ngelanga lomhlangano wawoke woke. Kuzokuba nemikhulumiswano yeenqhenyana ngelimi abahlanganyeli abalikhethako.

Kuqakathekile bona uzitlolisele umhlangano wawoke woke kusesa nesikhathi – sibawa usebenzise itjhidi lokuphendula elifakiweko bese ulibuyisela kungakadluli **uLesiThathu, ngomhlaka 19 kuMhlolanga 2014**. Lokho kuzokwenza bona sikhone ukukuthumela nanyana ngiliphi ilwazi olifunako ngaphambi komhlangano wawoke woke. Umhlangano wawoke woke uzokubanjwa bunjesi:

Idadamu	Isikhathi	Indawo
NgoLesithathu,ngomhlaka 5 kuNtaka 2014	15:00 – 18:00	Belfast Hotel, (89 Boulton Street, Belfast)

Nakungenzeka ufune elinye ilwazi sibawa utjhaphuluke ngokuthintana nami namkha uVanessa Viljoen emrhaleni wenomboro ethi: (011) 789 9495, Ifeksi: 086 583 5715, Iposo: Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125 namkha imeyila: steve.horak@digbywells.com or vanessa.viljoen@digbywells.com.

Othandekako,



Steve Horak

Umeluleki omKhulu: *I-Ofisi yokuziBandakanya nomHlanganyeli*

Kufakwe: Itjhidi lokuTlolisa nelamazizot



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**NORTHERN COAL (PTY) LTD SE AANSOEK VIR OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING VIR GELYS-
TE WAT VERBAND HOU MET 'N VOORGESTELDE OOPGROEF-
STEENKOOLOGYN OP DIE PLAAS WELTEVREDEN, BELFAST, PROVINSIE MPUMALANGA**

(DEOOT-VERWYSING 17/2/3N-272)

REGISTRASIE- EN KOMMENTAARBLAD

Januarie 2014

As u enige kwellings, navrae, kommentaar of voorstelle oor die voorgestelde projek het, meld dit asb hieronder.

Stuur hierdie kommentaarblad terug aan **Steve Horak** of **Vanessa Viljoen** van Digby Wells Environmental:
Faks: 086 583 5715 of **e-pos:** steve.horak@digbywells.com, vanessa.viljoen@digbywells.com of besoek www.digbywells.com **Posadres:** Privaat Sak X10046, Randburg, 2125

Registreer my asb formeel as 'n belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party (B&GP) en voorsien my van verdere inligting en kennisgewings tydens die OIB-proses	Ja	Nee
Ek wil graag my kennisgewings soos volg ontvang:	E-pos	Pos
		Faks

Kommentaar:		
Ek wil graag 'n CD-eksemplaar van die Konsep-Omvangverslag ontvang	Ja	Nee
Ek wil graag die Oop Huis bywoon te Belfast Hotel (Boultstraat 89, Belfast): Woensdag, 5 Maart 2014, 15:00 – 18:00	Ja	Nee

Vul asb u kontakbesonderhede hieronder in vir die projekdatabasis:

Titel en naam:			
Organisasie:			
Telefoon:		Faks:	
Selfoon:		E-pos:	
Posadres:			



DIGBY WELLS
ENVIRONMENTAL

NORTHERN COAL (PTY) LTD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR LISTED ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH A PROPOSED OPEN PIT COAL MINE ON THE FARM WELTEVREDEN, BELFAST, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

(DEDET REF. NO. 17/2/3N-272)

REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET

January 2013

Should you have any concerns, queries, comments or suggestions regarding the proposed project, please note them below.

Return this comment sheet to **Steve Horak** or **Vanessa Viljoen** of Digby Wells Environmental:
Fax: 086 583 5715 or **email:** steve.horak@digbywells.com, vanessa.viljoen@digbywells.com or visit www.digbywells.com **Postal Address:** Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125

Please formally register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) and provide further information and notifications during the EIA process			Yes	No
I would like to receive my notifications by:	Email	Post	Fax	

Comments:				
I would like to receive a copy of the Draft Scoping Report on CD			Yes	No
I would like to attend the Open House Belfast Hotel (89 Boulton Street, Belfast): Wednesday, 5 March 2014, 15:00 – 18:00			Yes	No

Please fill-in your contact details below for the project database:

Title and Name:			
Organisation:			
Telephone:		Fax:	
Cellphone:		Email:	
Postal Address:			



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**ISIBAWO SABAKWANORTHERN COAL (PTY) LTD SEMVUMO YEBHODULUKO
LEMISSETJENZANA ERHELISIWKO EPHATHELENE NEMAYINI YAMALAHLE
EHLONGOZWAKO EPULASINI I-WELTEVREDEN, EBELFAST, ESIFUNDENI
SEMPUMALANGA
(DEDET REF. NO. 17/2/3N-272)**

ITJHIDI LOKUTLOLISA NELAMAZIZO

uTjhirhweni 2013

Nawungaba nanyana ngimaphi amatshwenyeko, imibuzo, amazizo namkha iimphakamiso ezimayelana nephrojekthi ehlongozwako, sibawa uzitlole ngenzasi.

Buyisela itjhidi lamazizo leli ku**Steve Horak** namkha **kuVanessa Viljoen** wakwaDigby Wells Environmental:
Ifeksi: 086 583 5715 namkha **imeyila:** steve.horak@digbywells.com, vanessa.viljoen@digbywells.com
namkha vakatjhela ku- www.digbywells.com **Isiphande seposo:** Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125

Sibawa utlolise ngokuhlelekileko njengehlangano enekareko namkha ethintekako bese unikela ngelwazi elidephileko nezaziso ngesikhathi sekambiso yokuHlolwa komThelela weBhoduluko	Iye	Awa
Ngingathanda ukufumana izaziso zami:	Ngemeyila	Ngeposi
		Ngefeksi

Amazizo:		
Ngingathanda ukufumana ikhophi yomBiko womTlamo weHlolo nge- CD	Iye	Awa
Ngingathanda ukukhambela umhlangano wawoke woke eBelfast Hotel (89 Boulton Street, Belfast): NgoLesithathu, ngomhlaka 5 kuNtaka 2014, 15:00 – 18:00	Iye	Awa

Sibawa uzalise imininingwanakho yokuthintana ngenzasi ukwenzela iziko ledatha yeprojekthi:

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STEVE TSHWETE MUNISIPALITEIT
DORPSPANNINGSKEMA
Ingevulde Artikel 21 van bogenoemde skema geskied kennis hiermee dat ek, Lanie Pohl die ondergetekende, van voornemens is om by die Steve Tshwete Local

Munisipaliteit aansoek te doen om toestemming vir die gebruik van erf 2041 DF Malherbest. 4, Ghofliss en bestaande gebou daarop vir die volgende: Haarsalon. Ingevulde die dorpsbeplanningkema is die ingedeelde vir Residensieel 1. Plannas en/of besonderhede aangaande hierdie aansoek lê ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure te Steve Tshwete Dorpsbeplanningskantor. Enige persoon wat beswaar het teen die goedkeuring van hierdie aansoek moet die beswaar tesame met die redes daarvoor, skriftelik indien by beide die Stadslerk, Posbus 14, Middelburg 1050, en die ondergetekende nie later as 28 dae na publikasie hiervan nie. Geteken: L. Pohl Adres: Suite MW 623 Private Sak X1838 Middelburg 1050 KENNISGEWING: LISSENSIE AANSOEK INGEVOLGE DIE WET OP PETROLEUM-PRODUKTE, 1977 (WET 120 VAN 1977) HIERTOE kennisgewing het ten doel om belangstellende of geaffekteerde partye in kennis te stel dat PANORAMA VIEW PROPERTY INVESTMENT (PTY) LTD, hierna "die aansoeker" genoem, 'n aansoek ingedien het vir 'n kleinhandelslisensie, aansoeknommer: F/2014/01/20/0004. GED 2 VAN ERF 970 GROBLERSDAL VANDERBIJBECK 14, GROBLERSDAL. Die doel van die aansoek is sodat 'n lisensie aan die aansoeker uitgereik kan word om

petroleum-kleinhandelskwaliteitsidentiteits No: 501103 5939 08 3 Last address: PLOT MOHLARE LOMA DISTRICT MIDDELBURG Date of death: 2010/10/20 Name and address of Executor or authorised agent: CHRIS JOHAN FERREIRA, C/O ERASMUS FERREIRA & ACKERMAN WCMAS BUILDING, CNR ORANGE & SUSANNA STREETS, WITBANK Advertiser and address: ERASMUS FERREIRA & ACKERMAN, P O BOX 686, WITBANK, 1035 Date: 2014/01/07 Tel No: bs> 013 656 1711 Publish in the Government Gazette of: 31 JANUARY 2014 STEVE TSHWETE DORPSPANNINGSKEMA, 2004 AANSOEK OM GEBRUIKSGOEDKEURING Kennis word hiermee gegee aan alle belanghebbendes ingevolge die Steve Tshwete Dorpsbeplanningkema 2004 dat ek, Bolumelo Moroke van DLC Telecom (Edms) Bpk, van voornemens is om by die Steve Tshwete Plaaslike Munisipaliteit aansoek te doen vir goedkeuring op Gedeelte 20 van die plaas Middelburg town & townlands 287 JS vir die oprigting van 'n 30m hoë telekomunikasie "Lattice" mas as basis stasie. Volledige besonderhede is verkrygbaar by die onderstaande adres. Enigeen wat beswaar teen die voorgestelde gebruik wil aantekens moet sodanige beswaar, tesame met die redes daarvoor, skriftelik by die Steve Tshwete Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Burgersentrum, HVW Water

Sielustraat & Wanderers Laan, Middelburg, 1050, Posbus 14, Middelburg, 1050 en by die ondergetekende, 28 dae na publikasie van die advertensie, nl. 24 Februarie 2014 indien. Sluitingsdatum vir enige besware: 21 Februarie 2014. Publikasie van advertensies: 24 & 31 Januarie 2014 Applikant: DLC Telecom (Edms) Bpk Straatladres: 266 Straat nr. 46, Menlo Park, 0081 Posbus: Posbus 35921, Menlo Park, 0102 Tel: 012 346 7890 E-pos: tm@dclgroup.co.za Ons Verw: VCMC/029 - Middelburg Ferrochroom

STEVE TSHWETE AMENDMENT SCHEME NO. 537 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF A TOWN PLANNING SCHEME, 2004 IN TERMS OF SECTION 56(1)(b)(i) OF THE TOWN PLANNING AND TOWNSHIPS ORDINANCE, 1986. (ORDINANCE 15 OF 1986) We, Izwe-Libanzi Development Consultants Planners being the authorized agents of the registered owner of Erf 722, AERORAND township hereby give notice in terms of Section 56(1)(b)(i) of the Town Planning and Townships Ordinance, 1986 (Ordinance No. 15 of 1986) that I have applied to the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality for the amendment of the Town Planning Scheme known as the Steve Tshwete Town Planning Scheme, 2004 by the rezoning of the property situated at 33 Sondagsrivier Street

has any objection to the granting of this application, must lodge such objection, together with the grounds thereof, in writing with the Town Clerk, P O Box 14, Middelburg, and the undersigned no later than 28 days after publication hereof. Signed: L. Pohl Address: Suite MW 623 Private Bag X1838 Middelburg 1050

Notis is hierby gegee dat in-terms of Clause 21 of the abovementioned Town Planning Scheme, (the undersigned Lanie Pohl intend to apply to Steve Tshwete Local Municipality for consent to use Erf number: 2041 Street Address: 4 DF Malherbe Street Existing: Ghofliss and township building thereon for the purpose of a Hair Salon. The land is zoned Residential 1 in terms of the Town Planning Scheme. Plans and/or particulars relating to the application may be inspected during office hours at pbs-Steve Tshwete Town Planning Offices. Any person who

Aerorand, from: (Residensial 1) to (Residensial 3) for GUEST HOUSE purposes. Particulars of the application will lie for inspection during normal office hours at the offices of the Municipal Manager, Steve Tshwete Municipal Offices, Corner Walter Sisulu and Wanderers Streets, Middelburg for a period of 28 days from 24 JANUARY 2014. Objections to or representations in respect of the application must be lodged with or made in writing to the Municipal Manager at the above address or at P.O. Box 14, MIDDLEBURG 1050 within a period of 28 days from 24 JANUARY 2014 Applicant: Izwe-Libanzi Development Planners P.O. Box 114 EKANGALA 1021 Tel: 079 764 7239 013 934 5745

Ons, Izwe-Libanzi Development Consultants Planners, synde die gemagtigde agent van die stenas van Erf 722, AERORAND dorpsgebied gee hiermee ingevolge Artikel 56(1)(b)(1) van die Ordonnansie op dorpsbeplanning en Dorpe, 1986, (Ordonnansie no. 15 van 1986) kennis gee dat ons by die Steve Tshwete Plaaslike Munisipaliteit aansoek gedoen het om die wysiging van die Dorpsbeplanningkema 2004, deur die hersoening van die eiendomme hierbo geleë te 33 Sondagsrivierstraat, Aerorand vanaf: (Residensieel 1) na (Residensieel 3) gebruiksonderworpe aan sekere voorwaardes. Besonderhede van die aansoek lê ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure by die Munisipale Bestuurder, Steve Tshwete Munisipale Gebou, Wanderslaan, Middelburg vir 'n tydperk van 28 dae vanaf 24 JANUARIE 2014. Besware teen of vertoë teen opsigte van die aansoek moet binne 'n tydperk van 28 dae vanaf 24 JANUARIE 2014 skriftelik tot die Munisipale Bestuurder by bovermelde adres of by Posbus 14, Middelburg, 1050 ingedien

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Table with 3 columns: Person, Location, Contact. It lists printed copies at Belfast Public Library and Siyathuthuka Public Library, and electronic copies at www.digbywells.com and Siyathuthuka Public Library.

REGISTRATION AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY The Public Participation Process has been initiated to share project information and gather comments about the proposed project from all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). Should you wish to be registered as an I&AP, obtain additional information or comment on the proposed development, please use the contact details below.

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Table with 4 columns: Date, Time, Meeting, Venue. It shows an Open House meeting on Wednesday, 5 March 2014, from 15:00 - 18:00 at Belfast Hotel, (89 Boulton Street, Belfast).

Digby Wells Environmental Steve Horak or Vanessa Viljoen Tel: 011 789 9495, Fax: 086 583 5715 Email: steve.horak@digbywells.com or vanessa.viljoen@digbywells.com Postal Address: Private Bag X 10046, Randburg, 2125

BLUE NIGHTINGALE TRADING 817 (PTY) LTD; KENNISGEWING: BELANGHEBBENDE EN GEAFFEKTEERDE PARTYE; NOBW REGISTRASIE FASE Blue Nightingale Trading 817 (Pty) Ltd. (Reg. Nr.: 2007/005220/07) het aansoek gedoen vir die aamgting van genoteerde aktiwiteit in terme van artikel 24 en 24D van die Nasionale Omgewings Bestuurswet (Wet nr. 107 van 1998) gelees tesame met Staatskoerant Kennisgewing Nr. R544 en R546 wat die ontwikkeling van 'n steenkoolmyn genaamd Sisebenzile Steenkoolmyn op 'n gedeelte van gedeelte 2 van die plaas Klipfontein 316 JS, Nkangala distrik, Mpumalanga, insluit. Die voorgestelde mynbou bedrywighede sal bestaan uit opgroef mynbou wat gebruik maak van die opeenvolgende laterale omrol tegniek. Die mynbou bedrywighede sluit die konstruksie van 'n op groef, deklaag hoep, besoedeling beheer fasiliteite en ander geassosieerde infrastruktuur in. Toegang en vervoer paap sal gemaak word om die infrastruktuur te bedien. Die aansoek is aanvaar deur die Mpumalanga Departement van Ekonomiese Ontwikkeling, Omgewing en Toerisme (MDEOOT) met verwysingsnommer: 17/2/3N-334. Geovicon Environmental (Pty) Ltd is aangestel as die onafhanklike omgewings konsultant wat die Konsep Basiese Beramings Verslag gaan saamstel, in terme van artikel 28 van die Omgewings Impak Beramings Regulasies gepubliseer in Staatskoerant Kennisgewing Nr. R543. As deel van die Publieke Deelnemings Proses soos weergegee in hoofstuk 6 van die Omgewings Impak Beramings Regulasies, gepubliseer in Staatskoerant kennisgewing Nr. R543 word enige persoon wat belang stel, of wat geaffekteerde maq word deur die Sisebenzile Steenkoolmyn projek, uitgenooi om te registreer as 'n belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party voor op 3 Maart 2014. Indien u wil registreer as 'n belanghebbende of geaffekteerde party, lig asseblief die kontakpersoon soos hieronder aangedui in, ten einde 'n Konsep Basiese Beramings Verslag wat 'n antwoordblad vir kommentaar bevat, te bekom. Gebruik asseblief die MDEOOT verwysingsnommer soos hierbo aangedui. Konsultant: GEOVICON ENVIRONMENTAL (Pty) Ltd Posbus 4050 Middelburg 1050 Tel: 013 243 0542 Faks: 086 632 4936 E-pos: geovicon@iafrica.com Sel no.: 082 359 5604 Kontakpersoon: Riana Bate m31jan/geovicon afr/het

BLUE NIGHTINGALE TRADING 817 (PTY) LTD; NOTICE: INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES; NEMA REGISTRATION PHASE Blue Nightingale Trading 817 (Pty) Ltd. (Reg. No.: 2007/005220/07) has applied for the authorisation of listed activities in terms of sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (Act no. 107 of 1998) read together with Government Notice No. R544 and R546, which entails a coal mining operation at Sisebenzile Colliery, situated on a portion of portion 2 of the farm Klipfontein 316 JS, Nkangala district, Mpumalanga. The proposed mining operation will consist of opencast mining activities that will make use of the sequential lateral rollover mining technique. The mining operation will result in the construction of an opencast pit, overburden stockpiles, pollution control facilities and associated infrastructure. The above will require construction of access roads and haul roads. The application was accepted by the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET), with the following reference number: 17/2/3N-334. Geovicon Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant to compile the Draft Basic Assessment Report in terms of section 28 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations published in Government Notice No. R543. As part of the Public Participation Process, contemplated in Chapter 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, published in Government Notice No. R543, any person who is interested or affected by the Sisebenzile Colliery project is hereby invited to register as an Interested and Affected Party on or before 3 March 2014. Should you wish to register as an interested and affected party, please inform the contact person as indicated below in order to receive a Draft Basic Assessment Report containing a reply sheet for your comments. Please use the MDEDET reference number as indicated above. Consultant: GEOVICON ENVIRONMENTAL (Pty) Ltd P.O. Box 4050 Middelburg 1050 Tel: 013 243 0542 Fax: 086 632 4936 E-mail: geovicon@iafrica.com Cell.: 082 359 5604 Contact person: Riana Bate m31jan/geovicon eng/het

***SITE NOTICE REPORT AND SITE
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381 JT, BELFAST, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

DEDET Ref Number: 17/2/3N-272

SITE NOTICES












SITE NOTICES PLACED AT THE FOLLOWING VENUES/PLACES:

Where site notice was placed (Organisation and/or address)	Coordinates	Date	Photo
<p>Belfast Public Library</p> <p>24 Scheppers street, Belfast, 1100</p> <p>BIDs (10 English/10 Afrikaans/10 Ndebele) were placed in the above mentioned library.</p> <p>Site notices (English and Afrikaans) were put up.</p>	<p>-25.69255888 30.03455470</p>	<p>Tuesday, 4 February 2014</p>	
<p>Siyathuthuka Public Library</p> <p>Stand 755 Zakhani & Sakhile street, Siyathuthuka 1102</p> <p>BIDs (10 English/10 Afrikaans/10 Ndebele) were placed in the above mentioned library.</p> <p>Site Notice (Ndebele) was put up.</p>	<p>-25.67675237 29.99581330</p>	<p>Tuesday, 4 February 2014</p>	

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<p>Weldevreden Farm</p> <p>South West corner of the junction of the N4 highway and the R33</p> <p>Site notices (English and Afrikaans) were put up.</p>	<p>-25.76591193 30.04109971</p>	<p>Tuesday, 4 February 2014</p>	
<p>Nearby Belfast Meat Centre</p> <p>South West corner of the junction of the N4 highway and the R33</p> <p>Site notices (English and Ndebele) were put up.</p>	<p>-25.71236867 30.05270102</p>	<p>Tuesday, 4 February 2014</p>	

Northern Coal Weltevreden NEMA Site Notices

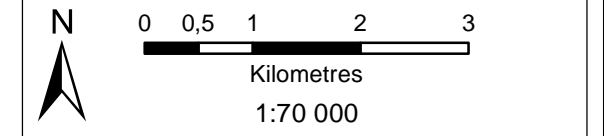
Legend

-  Weltevreden Site
-  Site Notice Points
-  Secondary Town
-  Arterial / National Route
-  Main Road
-  Minor Road
-  Tracks
-  Perennial River
-  Non-Perennial River
-  Dam / Lake
-  Perennial Pan
-  Non-Perennial Pan



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AANSOEK VIR OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING VIR GELYSDE AKTIWITEITE WAT VERBAND
HOU MET 'N VOORGESTELDE OOPGROEF-STEENKOOLOMYN OP DIE PLAAS
WELTEVREDEN, BELFAST, PROVINSIE MPUMALANGA**

DEOOT-verwysing: 17/2/3N-272

PROJEKBESKRYWING EN LIGGING

Northern Coal (Pty) Ltd (Northern Coal) doen aansoek vir omgewingsmagtiging vir gelyste aktiwiteite wat verband hou met die konstruksie en bedryf van 'n oopgroef-steenkoolmyn op Gedeeltes 15 en 16 van die plaas Weltevreden 381 JT naby Belfast, provinsie Mpumalanga. Die plaas is geleë op die suidwestelike hoek van die aansluiting van die N4-deurpad en die R33. Hierdie aansluiting is 5 km suidwes van die dorp Belfast in Mpumalanga en val in die Emakhazeni Plaaslike Munisipaliteit. Die volgende myninfrastruktuur sal vir die Weltevreden-projek ontwikkel word. 'n Kleinskaalse vaste vergruisingaanleg sal op die terrein gebruik word. Die elektrisiteitsvoorsiening sal geneem word van 'n bestaande 11 kV oorhoofse lyn wat oor Gedeelte 16 van die plaas Weltevreden loop en vanaf die Belfast / Wonderfontein-lyn gevoer word. Geen bestaande kraglyne hoef verskuif of opgegradeer te word nie. Ander infrastruktuur sluit in 'n verskuifbare tydelike kantoor en toilette en verskuifbare wateropgaartenks vir huishoudelike gebruik.

OMGEWINGSIMPAKBEPALINGSPROSES EN OPENBARE DEELNAME

Northern Coal het Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) as die onafhanklike Omgewingsbepalingspraktisyn (OBP) aangestel om die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB) te behartig, soos vereis ingevolge die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet 107 van 1998) (NEMA). Die bevoegde owerheid is Mpumalanga se Departement van Ekonomiese Ontwikkeling, Omgewing en Toerisme (DEOOT).

Konsep-Omvangverslag

Die Konsep-Omvangverslag (KOV) sal besonderhede bevat van die opdrag vir die verskillende spesialisstudies wat as deel van die OIB gedoen sal word en verskaf inligting oor verwagte impakte. Die KOV sal van **Woensdag 12 Februarie tot Maandag 24 Maart 2014** beskikbaar wees vir kommentaar deur die publiek. Die tabel hieronder bevat besonderhede van waar die KOV beskikbaar sal wees vir kommentaar

Gedrukte eksemplare		
Naam	Plek	Kontak
Mnr Sipho Hlatshwayo	Belfast Openbare Biblioteek	(013) 253 7622
Me Nokuthula Nkosi	Siyathuthuka Openbare Biblioteek	(013) 253 1121
Elektroniese eksemplare		
Me Vanessa Viljoen	www.digbywells.com (onder Resources: Public Documents)	
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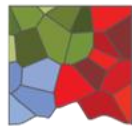
Uitnodiging na Oop Huis:

'n Oop Huis-vergadering sal gehou word om die Konsep-Omvangverslag te bespreek en kommentaar van belanghebbendes in te win. Bevestig asb u bywoning van hierdie vergadering nie later nie as **Woensdag 19 Februarie 2014:**

Datum	Plek	Tyd
Woensdag 5 Maart 2014	Belfast Hotel, (89 Boulton Street, Belfast)	15:00 – 18:00

Digby Wells Environmental
Mnr Steve Horak of Me Vanessa Viljoen
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Ms Nokuthula Nkosi	Siyathuthuka Public Library	(013) 253 1121
Electronic Copies		
Ms Vanessa Viljoen	www.digbywells.com (under Resources: Public Documents)	
Ms Vanessa Viljoen	Phone and request a CD copy	Office: (011) 789 9495

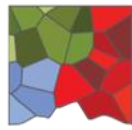
Invitation to Open House:

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Digby Wells Environmental
Mr Steve Horak or Ms Vanessa Viljoen
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**ISIBAWO SABAKWANORTHERN COAL (PTY) LTD SEMVUMO YEBHODULUKO
LEMISSETJENZANA ERHELISIWKO EPHATHELENE NEMAYINI YAMALAHLE
EHLONGOZWAKO EPULASINI I-WELTEVREDEN, EBELFAST, ESIFUNDENI SEMPUMALANGA**

DEDET Ref Number: 17/2/3N-272

IHLATHULULO YEPHROJEKTHI KANYE NENDAWO

BakwaNorthern Coal benza isibawo semvumo yebhoduluko lemissetjenzana ethileko erhelisiwko ephathelene nemayini yamalahle ehlongozwako epulasini iWeltevreden 381 JT eliseduze neBelfast esifundeni seMpumalanga. Imayini ehlongozwako izokuba sengcenyeni ye-15 ne-16 yepulasi iWeltevreden 381 JT eliseduze neBelfast, esifundeni seMpumalanga. Ipulasi lisehugwini yesewula tjingalanga yendlehlanganiso kathelawalisa uN4 no- R33. Indlehlanganiso le imakhilomitha ama-5 wesewula tjingalanga yedorjana leBelfast eMpumalanga begodu liwela ngaphasi kwakaMasipala weMakhazeni Umthangalasisekelo olandelako wemayini uzokwenzelwa iphrojekthi yeWeltevreden. Umtjhini omncani onzinzileko wokuphadlha amatje uzokusetjenziswa kileyo ndawo. Kuhlangozwa bona ukuphakelwa kwegezi kuzokuthathwa ethungelwaneni elikhona eliphezulu le- 11kV eliqamula engcenyeni ye- 16 yepulasi iWeltevreden begodu liphakululelwa yiLayini yeBelfast / yeWonderfontein. Ayikho imirhala yegezi ethoga ukutjhidiswa namkha ukuthuthukiswa. Omunye umthangalasisekelo ufaka hlangana ama-ofisi neendlwana zokuphumela kanye namatanka wesikhatjhana aphahekako wamanzi azokusetjenziswa ngekhyaya.

IKAMBISO YOKUHLOLWA KOMTHELELA WEBHODULUKO KANYE NOKUHLANGANYELA KOMPHEKATHI

BakwaNorthern Coal baqhatjhe bakwaDigby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells), njengabasebenzi abazijameleko bokuHlola iBhoduluko kobana baHole umThelela weBhoduluko ngendlela ekufuneka ngayo ngokomThetho wonyaka we-1998 weLizwelo ke wokuPhathwa kweBhoduluko, umThetho we-107 wonyaka we-1998. Isiphathimandla esinekhono mNyangano weMpumalanga wokuThuthukiswa komNotho, zeBhoduluko nezokuVakatjha.

Umbiko womTlamo weHlolo

Umbiko womTlamo weHlolo uzokubuthelwa bewuveze umnqopho nesakhiwo sehlole ehlukahlukileko yabosiyazi ekufanele yenziwe njengengcenyeni yokuhlola komThelela weBhoduluko bewunikele ilwazi lomthelela olindelweko. Umbiko womTlamo weHlolo uzokuba khona kobana umphakathi unikele amaziso wawo ukusuka **ngoLesithathu, ngomhlaka 12 kuMhlolanja ukufika ngoMvulo, ngomhlaka 24 kuNtaka 2014**. Ithebula engenzasi inikela imininingwana mayelana nokobana umBiko womTlamo weHlolo uzokuba kuphi kobana umphakathi unikele amaziso wawo ngawo.

Amakhophi aphrinthiweko		
Ibizo	Indawo	Iminingwana yokuthintana
Mr Siphon Hlatshwayo	Ilayibhrari yomphakathi yeBelfast	(013) 253 7622
Ms Nokuthula Nkosi	Ilayibhrari yomphakathi yeSiyathuthuka	(013) 253 1121
Amakhophi abu-elektroniki		
Ms Vanessa Viljoen	www.digbywells.com (under Resources: Public Documents)	
Ms Vanessa Viljoen	Dosa umrhala bese ubawa ikhophi ye- CD	Inomboro ye-ofisini: (011) 789 9495

Isimemo somhlangano wawoke woke:

Umhlangano wawoke woke uzokubanjelwa ukucocisana ngomBiko womTlamo weHlolo kanye nokufumana amaziso wabahlanganyeli. Ngokuzithoba sibawa uqinisekise ukuba khona kwakho kunanyana ngiwuphi wemihlangano le kungakadluli **uLesithathu, umhlaka 19 kuMhlolanja 2014**:

Idadamu	Indawo	Isikhathi
NgoLesithathu, ngomhlaka 5 kuNtaka 2014	Belfast Hotel, (89 Boulton Street, Belfast)	15:00 – 18:00

Digby Wells Environmental

UNomzana Steve Horak namkha uKosikazi Vanessa Viljoen

Umrhala: (011) 789 9495; Ifeksi: 086 583 5715

Imeyila: steve.horak@digbywells.com namkha vanessa.viljoen@digbywells.com

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***COMMENT AND RESPONSE
REPORT***



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COMMENT AND RESPONSE REPORT FOR THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT



Project Number:

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Prepared for:

Northern Coal (Pty) Ltd

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Purpose of this Comments and Response Report

Northern Coal (Pty) Ltd. is applying for environmental authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) for specific listed activities associated with a proposed open pit coal mine. The proposed mine is to be located on portions 15 and 16 of the farm Weltevreden 381 JT. The farm is located on the south-west corner of the junction of the N4 highway and the R33, which is 5 km south-west of the town of Belfast in Mpumalanga and falls within the Emakhazeni Local Municipality.

A detailed Environmental Impact Assessment process was undertaken in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) during 2007-2009 for the proposed open pit coal mine which culminated in Northern Coal obtaining approval for the Environmental Management Programme (EMP) and a Mining Right being granted on 04 December 2014 (File Reference No. MP302/5/1/1/2/358 MR).

The public consultation process (PPP) has been designed to comply with the regulatory requirements set out in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (NEMA) Regulations. Listed activities for which comments and concerns were solicited include the construction of two stream crossings, widening of an existing road for the construction of a crossing to the mine site, the construction of pollution control dams and run of mine coal stockpile and the clearing of an area greater than 1 hectare which covers the open pit areas.

The purpose of this report is to:

- Present a record of stakeholder comments received, which has direct bearing on the proposed project, during stakeholder meetings undertaken below:
 - One on one meetings with directly affected land owners;
 - Community meeting with farmworkers;
 - Written submissions from stakeholders on the Draft Scoping Report; and
 - Public Meeting for the Draft Scoping Report.



Summary of Issues

The table below presents a summary of the key issues which have been raised thus far.

Category	Issue
Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The impact of dust on people's health. ▪ The impact of dust on farming activities including crops and trees. ▪ The impact of dust on cattle and a dairy. ▪ Mitigation of dust.
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Integrated Water Use Licence issues. ▪ Water pollution. ▪ Water abstraction and impacts on borehole yield. ▪ Impact on the Nooitgedacht dam. ▪ Impacts on ground water.
Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The coal reserves are located close to wetlands. ▪ The requirement for a 100m buffer zone.
Cost Benefit Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A cost benefit analysis and sustainability study is required.
Flora and Fauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project proximity to the Steenkampsberg Important Bird Area (IBA).
Soils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The costs and implications of the replacement of the fertile agricultural soils need to be considered in a cost benefit analysis.
Rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The requirement for rehabilitation post closure. ▪ Water impacts post closure. ▪ Acid Mine Drainage concerns.
Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Graves found in the project area.
Socio-Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communities close to the mine will be impacted. ▪ Only companies from outside Emakhazeni might benefit from the project. ▪ The 2011 census information should be used in the Final Scoping Report. ▪ Employment of local people. ▪ Empty promises made by mines. ▪ Community development. ▪ Resettlement of people from the project site.
Roads and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The need for a traffic impact assessment.
Blasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Impacts of blasting from other mines in the area. ▪ The potential cracking of houses. ▪ SANRAL have blasting restrictions which will apply to the project. ▪ Prospecting caused houses to crack.



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Land ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Possible land claim on the property.
Project Specific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Would the mine include a washing plant? ▪ Would the project pay royalties to the community?
Objection to the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strongly oppose any open pit coal mine. ▪ Object to the application for the proposed open pit coal mine.
EIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Biodiversity guidelines need to be implemented during the EIA. ▪ Studies of the receiving environment must adhere to the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) minimum requirements. ▪ A comparative analysis is required for the sustainability of the project against the environmental impacts.
Public participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requirement for access to the Water Use Licence Application. ▪ Requirement for access to the Social and Labour Plan. ▪ Consultation with farm workers is required. ▪ Was public participation undertaken in 2007? ▪ How were I&APs identified?
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will the municipality benefit from the project. ▪ There may be an increase in theft. ▪ The change in land use is a potential issue.

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1 AIR QUALITY					
Is concerned about dust as his wife and daughter are asthmatics.	Dr Koos Pretorius	Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE) Portion 10 - Zoekop - 426 JT	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	An Air Quality Assessment will be included in the EIR and mitigation measures proposed.
The impact of dust on his cherry trees will result in a loss in the UK market for his cherries. He has already been informed that this will be the case.					
Air pollution and noise is also a concern.	Carol de Bruin	J H Farming CC	11 February 2014	Written Comment	Both noise and air pollution mitigation measures will be included in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP).
Dust impacts on the growth of trees are a concern.	Samual Lundall	SM Timbers	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	An Air Quality Assessment will be included in the EIR and mitigation measures proposed.
If dust can be mitigated then he will not have a problem with the project.					
What will the impact of dust be on crops in the area?					
Dust is going to be a major concern.					
The crushing process will create dust.					
The dust will impact on my dairy business.	Melisa Kotze WP 7 JP Pretorius Trust"	Portion 17 - Blyvooruitzicht - 383 JT	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	Dust impacts will be assessed as part of the EIA process. Recommendations will be made in the

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					EMP to mitigate dust impacts.
How will you prevent dust during the operation? Glasa mine is always affecting us with dust.	Maria Dube	Community Member	5 March 2014	Community Meeting held on, Koos Pretorius' Farm	Dust will predominantly be from trucks, but the trucks will be going towards the Carolina road and not towards where communities live at the moment. An Air Quality Assessment will be included in the EIR and mitigation measures proposed.
How will our cattle be protected from dust during mining?	Johanna Mahlangu	Community Member	5 March 2014	Community Meeting held on, Koos Pretorius' Farm	
2 VISUAL					
The intent of the Highland Springs Country Estate is to allow owners the enjoyment of un spoilt nature and serenity, any mining activity planned will be in direct conflict to the owner's interest and investment.	Mr & Mrs Crous	Highland Springs Country Estate	12 May 2014	Written Comment	The comment is noted. The impacts on the Highlands Springs Country estate will be considered in context of other environmental, economic and social impacts.
The proposed mining would have a massive negative impact on the local landscapes, waterways and peace and tranquility of the surrounding area, including Highlands Springs Country Estate. The main purpose of the	Eduard De Lange, Jensay Investment cc, Mr. Raphaël S. B. P Devantier & Rob and Barbara Payne	Eduard De Lange Attorneys & Highland Springs Country Estate	13 May 2014	Written Comment	The impact on the visual environment will be investigated in the EIA phase.

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estate is to provide a beautiful and peaceful country retreat for all the residents of the estate.					
3 DUST					
Any mining in the region would expose residents to coal dust. Exposure to coal dust can occur through inhalation, ingestion or eye contact.	Eduard De Lange, Jensay Investment cc, Mr. Raphaël S. B. P Devantier & Rob and Barbara Payne	Eduard De Lange Attorneys & Highland Springs Country Estate	13 May 2014	Written Comment	An Air Quality Assessment will be included in the EIR and mitigation measures proposed.
Inhalation of dust is a concern.	Elsa Olivier	Vogelstruispoort 384JT Farm Owner	14 May 2014	Written Comment	An Air Quality Assessment will be included in the EIR and mitigation measures proposed.
4 NOISE					
Increased traffic and blasting will threaten the peace and tranquility of this peaceful area	Elsa Olivier	Vogelstruispoort 384JT Farm Owner	14 May 2014	Written Comment	A traffic count and blasting impact studies and mitigation measures will be included in the EIA.
5 WATER					
Would like the Integrated Water Use Application (IWULA).	Dr Koos Pretorius	Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE) Portion 10 - Zoekop - 426 JT	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	The IWULA can be obtained from the Applicant or the Department of Water Affairs.

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What about water pollution?	Samual Lundall	SM Timbers	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	Water pollution will be contained by pollution control dams and the needed mitigation measures will be included as part of the EMP.
You state that no water will be abstracted for the mining activities however you have applied for dewatering? Will this not trigger the application of Section 21(a) of the NWA?	Tarryn Dale	GCS SA	24 March 2014	Written Comment	An updated Water Use License has already been submitted to the Department of Water Affairs and the outcome of the decision is pending. It was initially proposed that water would not be abstracted but rather that potable water for use at the workshops and administrative buildings would be trucked in. Subsequently a water use abstraction in terms of Section 21(a) has been included in the WULA for domestic use.
You state that in-pit water will be used for dust suppression on haul roads and other denuded areas. Will this not trigger Section 21(g) of the NWA?					An updated Water Use License has already been submitted to the Department of Water Affairs and the outcome of the decision is pending. The application includes Section 21(g) application for dust suppression.
As the proposed Exxaro Belfast Project is downstream and adjacent to your proposed Weltevreden project we	Tarryn Dale	GCS SA	09 May 2014	Email	GCS is advised to contact Northern Coal directly to obtain a copy of the IWWMP and to negotiate the linkage of

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would like to look at the cumulative water related impacts as well as how Weltevreden's monitoring programme could possibly link to our proposed monitoring plan. As the Inkomati Catchment area is sensitive we would like to ensure its functionality by working together with adjacent mining and agricultural companies.					water monitoring plan's to the Exxaro Belfast Project.
Water is life to farming communities and to the fly fishing industry that is the main tourism attraction for the area. Any threat to water supplies should not gain social license to operate.	Eduard De Lange, Jensay Investment cc, Mr. Raphaël S. B. P Devantier & Rob and Barbara Payne	Eduard De Lange Attorneys & Highland Springs Country Estate	13 May 2014	Written Comment	Ground and surface water impact studies and mitigation measures are included in the EIR.
I believe the proposed mining activities will have a negative impact on various aspects of our farming community and will also impact the living conditions of the people in the surrounding area such as contaminated water. The two dams on my farm are fed by a stream and fountain and the farm dwellers and animals are dependent on clean	Elsa Olivier	Vogelstruispoort 384JT Farm Owner	14 May 2014	Written Comment	Ground and surface water studies will be undertaken as part of the EIA phase of the project.

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water.					
Contamination of water and contamination of our grasslands and crops is a concern.	Elsa Olivier	Vogelstruispoort 384JT Farm Owner	14 May 2014	Written Comment	Ground and surface water studies will be undertaken as part of the EIA phase of the project
5.1 Surface Water					
The water from the project area flows to the Nooitgedacht dam.	Samual Lundall	SM Timbers	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	Water pollution will be controlled by pollution control dams and the needed mitigation measures will be included as part of the EMP.
You stated that the intermittent stream that falls within the project area drains into the main tributary of the Komati River.	Tarryn Dale	GCS SA for	24 March 2014	Written Comment	Thank you for your comment.
5.2 Groundwater					
Concerned about damage to underground water supply. Our farm gets its water supply from three boreholes, for domestic use and animal use.	Carol de Bruin	J H Farming CC	11 February 2014	Written Comment	This is the scoping phase. Groundwater impacts and mitigation measures will be presented in the EIA report.
Our ground water will be contaminated because our boreholes are below the surface where mining will take place.	Maria Dube	Community Member	5 March 2014	Community Meeting held on, Koos Pretorius'	Groundwater impacts and mitigation measures will be presented in the EIA report.

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				Farm	
Ground water studies are to be done before mining and our borehole is drying up because of all the mining activities in the area.	Jennifer Potgieter	Landowner Portion 1 - Vogelstruispoort 384 JT	5 March 2014	Public Meeting Belfast Hotel	Groundwater impacts and mitigation measures will be presented in the EIA report.
6 WETLANDS/BIODIVERSITY					
Are the coal reserves located right against wetlands?	Samuel Lundall	SM Timbers	10 February 2014	One-on-One meeting	According to prescribed legislation there will be a 100m buffer between the mine and any wetlands. These buffer areas where no mining may take place will be included in the EIR.
The Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP) map, fig 1, describes the biodiversity sensitivity of the farm Weltevreden 381JT.	Brian Morris	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Board Agency	28 March 2014	Written Comment	Comment noted, and the map will be considered during the EIA phase.
Furthermore Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) require that all the wetlands and, streams must be delineated and provided with a 100 meter, no go, buffer. Any impact envisaged by the proponent's proposal must include a mitigation plan to replace and restore this highly	Brian Morris	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Board Agency	28 March 2014	Written Comment	Comment noted. Recommendations will be considered during the EIA phase.

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fertile Agricultural soils and Critical Biodiversity Areas to the formal richness and productivity. The same output of ecological services.					
7 COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS					
MTPA requires that a cost benefit analysis and sustainability study with reference to the current ecological services for a period longer than 50 years after mining between the current land use for this farm is done. If the coal mining should take place the cost of an activity purification plant on site to release clean water (the mining company applying to mine will be liable for pollution) must be budgeted for, for at least the next 100 years after mining.	Brian Morris	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Board Agency	28 March 2014	Written Comment	The inclusion of a cost benefit analysis will be investigated during the EIA Phase.
8 FAUNA					
BirdLife South Africa's interest in this application arises because this project falls with the Steenkampsberg Important Bird Area (IBA), which has been recognised by BirdLife South Africa and BirdLife International as	Simon Gear	Advocacy BirdLife South Africa	31 January 2014	Written Comment	Thank you for the comment. The IUCN Red data list has been consulted during the MPRDA EIA process for the mining right application which was approved on 04 December 2014. A similar process and lists will be consulted during this

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both a national and sub-global IBA that is critical for the conservation of IUCN Red Data List (i.e. threatened) bird species and grassland endemic bird species and congregatory waterbirds. For further information, a bird species list and Google Earth map, visit: http://www.birdlife.org.za/conservation/important-bird-areas .					EIA process.
Could we obtain a copy of the flora and fauna specialist studies that have been undertaken for this project? We are particularly concerned about Grass Owl populations in the area.	Bradley Gibbons	Endangered Wildlife Trust	3 February 2014	Written Comment	A soft copy of the report will be made available during the Impact Assessment phase.
9 SOIL					
The costs and practical implications of the replacement of the fertile agricultural soil with the same productive soil after mining must also be taken into account when doing the comparative cost benefit analysis.	Brian Morris	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Board Agency	28 March 2014	Written Comment	Thank you for your comment.
10 AGRICULTURE					
Our instructions are that because coal	Eduard De Lange,	Eduard De Lange	13 May	Written	Comment noted.

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mining is a single-use option for land where it occurs, this would also threaten on-going production in what is significant farming region. There would be massive negative impacts on the surrounding agricultural producing areas. Our client does not believe that it is acceptable to be putting prime agricultural country at risk.	Jensay Investment cc, Mr. Raphaël S. B. P Devantier & Rob and Barbara Payne	Attorneys & Highland Springs Country Estate	2014	Comment	
Agricultural land is at risk	Elsa Olivier	Vogelstruispoort 384JT Land Owner	14 May 2014	Written Comment	Comment noted.
11 REHABILITATION					
There is no clear closure plan in particular for water pollution post closure.	Dr Koos Pretorius	Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE) Portion 10 - Zoekop - 426 JT	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	The closure plan formed part of the Mining Right Application which has been approved.
Will there be rehabilitation after mining is complete?	T Skosana	Wonderfontein Community	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	Yes, rehabilitation will be undertaken. During the Mining Right Application process a rehabilitation plan was developed for implementation after closure. A closure cost assessment

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					was also undertaken which requires annual updating to ensure sufficient funds are available for final rehabilitation measures at closure.
There are un-rehabilitated mine dumps on a neighboring farm which have already impacted water as these dumps are causing acid mine drainage.	Melisa Kotze WP 7 JP Pretorius Trust"	Portion 17 - Blyvooruitzicht - 383 JT	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	The current project has not yet started. These dumps referred to do not form part of the proposed project or the Mining Right Application. Any issues related to these dumps should be taken up with the mining company responsible for them. Cumulative impacts will be investigated during the EIA phase.
12 HERITAGE					
Does Northern Coal know that, where the mining will take place there are graves?	Bongani Masango and Jabulani Nkosi	Community Member	5 March 2014	Community Meeting held on, Koos Pretorius' Farm	Comment noted this will be assessed during the EIA phase. The Heritage Impact Assessment did not discover any graves which will require relocation.
13 SOCIO-ECONOMIC					
There are communities on adjacent properties. No plan for their relocation has been made as yet.	Dr Koos Pretorius	Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE) Portion 10 - Zoekop	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	Northern Coal is aware of these communities and has already commenced engagement with them to plan the best way forward.

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		- 426 JT			
Our houses will be affected by the mining, it is about seven houses (30 – 60 people) living in the area where mining will take place. The PP office needs to organise a meeting with people living in the area.	Maria Dube and July Mhlanga	Community Member	5 March 2014	Community Meeting held on, Koos Pretorius' Farm	There will be negotiations between the affected families should relocation be required. The mine will speak to affected landowners first to establish if a meeting can be held on their properties.
After we help the company to get the license from DMR, then only companies from outside Emakhazeni will benefit from the project and not local people.	Jabulani Nkosi	Community Member	5 March 2014	Public meeting/open house, Belfast Hotel	Local companies will benefit from the mine as this is required in terms of the Social and Labour Plan (SLP).
For the sake of the community the SLP document must be written in their language so they can understand the process.	Emily Mongwe	Community Member	5 March 2014	Public meeting/open house, Belfast Hotel	The SLP is already completed and has been approved as part of the Mining Right Application.
The census in the recent DSR is still based on 2001 census, Statistics SA is the only body that has the correct information. Information from the Municipality is outdated and misleading.	Jabulani Nkosi	Community Member	5 March 2014	Public meeting/open house, Belfast Hotel	The information in the EIA will be updated to include the Census 2011 information. Information used in the Draft Scoping report was obtained from the Belfast area's IDP. This is still the only available information during the finalization for the

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					scoping report. The Census 2011 information will be investigated and as far possible will be used during the EIA phase.
Belfast is a small town in a rural setting, which has a strong focus on nature based tourism. There are many small businesses which are reliant on weekend and holiday trade. The town and surrounding area would be transformed by having a coal operation nearby. It is hard to imagine that this will not impact disastrously on tourism visitation both through Belfast and in surrounding areas.	Eduard De Lange, Jensay Investment cc, Mr. Raphaël S. B. P Devantier & Rob and Barbara Payne	Eduard De Lange Attorneys & Highland Springs Country Estate	13 May 2014	Written Comment	Comment noted.
13.1 Employment					
Thank you for bringing employment to our area.	Thabo Maripane	Mekgopane Nkosi Trading	30 January 2014	Written Comment	Thank you for the comment.
Will people in the local area get employment on the mine? Particularly the people living on the farm.	Mr T Skosana	Wonderfontein Community	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	There are commitments made in the Social and Labour Plan (SLP) to employ locally.
There are also local people who can operate the mining machinery.	Mr T Skosana	Wonderfontein Community	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	Thank you, your comment is noted. The SLP commits the mine to employ locally as far as possible.

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As a member of the community I wish to request that during the construction of infrastructure and relocation of people that our companies are prioritised as affected people. We have a joint venture of three registered companies that can provide good quality service to the proposed projects.	Mbongeni Cornelius Ndlovu	Ward Committee Member (Ward 1)	26 February 2014	Written Comment	There is no relocation of people required for this project at this stage. If relocation is required a recognised negotiated relocation process will be followed. Your contact information will be kept should any opportunities arise.
Will the community in Emakhazeni have the opportunity to be employed for the proposed project?	David Shabangu	Community Member	5 March 2014	Community Meeting held on, Koos Pretorius' Farm	It is anticipated that only 50 employment opportunities will be created for the proposed project.
	Tonny Skhosana	Community Member	5 March 2014	Public meeting/open house, Belfast Hotel	
13.2 Community Development					
Previous mines have promised to make the area better, but when they leave the promises are not fulfilled	William Mthimunye	Community Member	5 March 2014	Community Meeting held on, Koos Pretorius' Farm	Northern Coal is not making any promises at this stage since the EIA has not been completed.

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On behalf of the community and the affected people: I would like to know what is in your Social and Labour Plan and how would you empower the people of Emakhazeni, in terms of Enterprise Development and Skills Development? As most of our people are unemployed and have no mining skills.	Amos Mandla Masina	Ward Committee Member (Ward 1)	26 February 2014	Written Comment	The Social and Labour Plan has already been approved as part of the Mining Right Application.
The SLP should not be a DMR/Applicant matter, must be communicated to the public in time, since projects identified will have an impact to the lives of the people in general.	Fenter Khumalo	Emakhazeni Local Municipality	16 April 2014	Email	Comment noted, this should be taken up with Northern Coal.
During the construction phase, local community (business) must be a priority and a Programme to undertake and monitor such must be in place as the phase approaches.	Fenter Khumalo	Emakhazeni Local Municipality	16 April 2014	Email	Comment noted, this should be taken up with Northern Coal.
The applicant (mine) must appoint a Community Liaison Officer from among the community of Emakhazeni to interact with the community on various issues related to the process	Fenter Khumalo	Emakhazeni Local Municipality	16 April 2014	Email	Comment noted, this should be taken up with Northern Coal.

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and project (take example from all the other mines operating locally).					
13.3 Resettlement					
My question is should it happen that you need to relocate the community, where are you going to relocate them to?	Thabo Maripane	Mekgopane Nkosi Trading	30 January 2014	Written Comment	This will be investigated in the EIA Phase if relocation is required a recognised international relocation process will be followed.
What will happen to the thirteen families staying on the farm in question? They are situated 30 to 40 m from the pits.	Dr Koos Pretorius	Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE) Portion 10 - Zoekop - 426 JT	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	It will be investigated whether these families need to be resettled and if resettlement is required a recognised international relocation process will be followed.
What will happen to the people who are living on the property at the moment?	Mr T Skosana	Wonderfontein Community	10 February 2014	One-on-one meeting	This will be assessed once a social survey has been completed.
Is Northern Coal planning to relocate people, if yes, where are they going to be relocated to?	Thabo Mphuthi	Community Member	5 March 2014	Community Meeting held on, Koos Pretorius' Farm	It will be investigated whether these families need to be resettled and if resettlement is required a recognised international relocation process will be followed.
In the proposed area for mining there are shacks, what will be the arrangement if people need to be	Jabulani Nkosi	Community Member	5 March 2014	Public meeting/open house, Belfast	It will be investigated whether these families need to be resettled and if resettlement is required a recognised

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relocated?				Hotel	international relocation process will be followed
How will the people who live in Weltevreden benefit from the proposed project? Mines in Belfast come and deceive community and promise that no relocation will be done. The resettlement issue need to be looked at.	Jabulani Nkosi and Isaac Mahlangu	Community Member	5 March 2014	Public meeting/open house, Belfast Hotel	It will be investigated whether these families need to be resettled and if resettlement is required a recognised international relocation process will be followed .The Local Municipality, Northern Coal and the affected families will be involved in the process.
14 TRANSPORT / ROADS					
Thabo Maripane is the owner of Mekgopane Transport, a company that was developed by Exxaro and currently we transport coal from Exxaro NBC to Arnot power Station using our 34 Ton tipper trucks.	Thabo Maripane	Mekgopane Nkosi Trading	30 January 2014	Written Comment	Thank you for the comment. Your information will be forwarded to Northern Coal.
A traffic impact study needs to be done.	Mike Yorke-Hart	SANRAL	31 January 2014	Written Comment	This is the scoping phase; any additional studies required will be undertaken during the EIA phase.
You state that various power stations are under consideration. Will each possible transport route be considered in terms of a traffic impact assessment? Or has this been	Tarryn Dale	GCS SA for	24 March 2014	Written Comment	A traffic count has been completed for the project and traffic impact assessed in the EMP table in the EIA.

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undertaken already? If so, can you please send me the Traffic Impact Assessment?					
15 HEALTH AND SAFETY					
Each phase of coal production, mining, disposal of contaminated water and tailings, transportation, washing, combustion and disposing of post-combustion wastes produces pollutants that affect human health.	Eduard De Lange, Jensay Investment cc, Mr. Raphaël S. B. P Devantier & Rob and Barbara Payne	Eduard De Lange Attorneys & Highland Springs Country Estate	13 May 2014	Written Comment	Only mining activities are taking place and no coal washing or any combustion activities will be undertaken on the farm Weltevreden. There will be no tailings facility on site either and therefore the impacts will be associated with open pit mining only. Mitigation measures are included in the EIR.
16 BLASTING					
There are already blasting impacts from the Glencore (formerly Xstrata) mine.	Melisa Kotze WP 7 JP Pretorius Trust"	Portion 17 - Blyvooruitzicht - 383 JT	10 February 2014	One on One meeting	Thank you for the comment.
SANRAL blasting restrictions will apply to this project.	Mike Yorke-Hart	SANRAL	31 January 2014	Written Comment	Thank you for the comment.
In terms of blasting, how will you make sure that houses are not cracking, because some of our houses are made of mud.	Maria Dube and Vusi Hlatshwayo	Community Member	5 March 2014	Community Meeting held on, Koos Pretorius' Farm	A crack survey will assess the current condition of potential impacted buildings and will be monitored throughout the implementation of the project..

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During prospecting the drilling done made our houses crack.	Betty Nhlabathi	Community Member	5 March 2014	Community Meeting held on, Koos Pretorius' Farm	This will be investigated but could not have formed part of the Northern Coal drilling programme.
Blasting could result in buildings, structures and dwellings collapsing.	Elsa Olivier	Vogelstruispoort 384JT Farm Owner	15 May 2014	Written Comment	A crack survey will assess the current condition of potential impacted buildings and will be monitored throughout the implementation of the project.
The potential impact of the blasting activities must be communicated without any hidden information that will be uncovered when the mining activity commences	Fenter Khumalo	Emakhazeni Local Municipality	16 April 2014	Email	A crack survey will assess the current condition of potential impacted buildings and will be monitored throughout the implementation of the project.
17 LAND VALUE / OWNERSHIP					
There is a land claim on the property.	Dr Koos Pretorius	Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE) Portion 10 - Zoekop - 426 JT	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	It was confirmed by letter from the land claims commission on the 12 February 2014 that there is no land claim on this property.
Why is Zoekop Portion 4 Re not included as an adjacent farm?	Tarryn Dale	GCS SA	24 March 2014	Written Comment	Zoedkop Portion 4 was not included and this has been amended in the final scoping report.

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18 PROJECT SPECIFIC					
Will there be a washing plant as part of the mine infrastructure?	Mr T Skosana	Wonderfontein Community	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	There will be no washing plant as part of the proposed project.
Where will they send the coal samples?	Mr T Skosana	Wonderfontein Community	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	This has not been determined yet.
Will local people get royalties from the project?	Mr T Skosana	Wonderfontein Community	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	At this stage there are no plans to pay royalties to the community. However, the project will pay taxes which can be used for the development of the local community.
19 OBJECT TO THE PROJECT					
We strongly oppose any open pit coal mine activities specific to the Weltevreden area. We own unit Number 4 as part of the Highland Springs Country Estate, Belfast Mpumalanga. We are of the conviction that any open pit mining activity to the area will have a negative effect on groundwater as well as the peace and tranquility of the area.	Mr & Mrs Crous	Highland Springs Country Estate	12 May 2014	Written Comment	Objection noted and will be forwarded to the relevant authorities.
We act on behalf of our client Eduard de Lange Family Trust who's instructions are to register our	Eduard De Lange	Eduard De Lange Attorneys	13 May 2014	Written Comment	Objection noted and will be forwarded to the relevant authorities.

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objection to the application for the proposed open pit coal mine on the farm Weldevreden 381 JT, Belfast, Mpumalanga Province. Our client owns unit number 10 on Highland Springs Country Estate, Belfast Mpumalanga and firmly believes there will be major impacts from any coal operations.					
I write to register my objection to the application for the proposed open pit coal mine on the farm Weltevreden 381 JT, Belfast, Mpumalanga. I own Remaining Extent of the farm Vogelstruispoort T Belfast p umalanga. The PS oordinates to the farm is . S and . " E. There are two dams on my farm and we predominantly farm with sheep, horses and corn. There are also three families residing on the farm and their dwellings are mostly constructed with wood and mud.	Elsa Olivier	Vogelstruispoort 384JT Farm Owner	14 May 2014	Written Comment	Objection noted and will be forwarded to the relevant authorities.
I am very concerned regarding the impact of the mining activities on our surface and ground water within the	Elsa Olivier	Vogelstruispoort 384JT	14 May 2014	Written Comment	Objection noted and will be forwarded to the relevant authorities.

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surrounding area. To date I have not seen an environmental impact study and therefore I object to the application and urge you to reject the proposal.		Farm Owner			
We object to the application for the proposed open pit coal mine, we own unit number 5 on Highland Springs Country Estate, we firmly believe there will be major impacts from any coal operations	Rob and Barbara Payne	Highlands Springs Country Estate	14 May 2014	Written Comment	Objection noted and will be forwarded to the relevant authorities.
20 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT					
Now that a full EIA application is underway all issues are already on the table, including objections to RMDEC. You must use this information to address the issues in the NEMA documents.	Dr Koos Pretorius	Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE) Portion 10 - Zoekop - 426 JT	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	Comment noted.
We trust that the mining and biodiversity guidelines will be fully implemented during the EIA process.	Simon Gear	Advocacy BirdLife South Africa	31 January 2014	Written Comment	The mining right for this particular project was approved and issued by the DMR on 04 December 2013. This EIA is required in terms of Section 24 of NEMA for certain listed activities associated with establishing the mine and the

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					mining infrastructure to be constructed. All applicable and legislated guidelines will be considered during the EIA process.
Which law declares that SLP is not a public document, we need a commitment that we will be able to access the document submitted to DMR in 2007.	Jabulani Nkosi and Themba Jele	Community Member	5 March 2014	Public meeting Belfast Hotel	The Mining Right together with the SLP has already been approved by the DMR. Therefore comment on the SLP will serve no purpose as the document has already been approved.
Please can you send me your proposed monitoring plan submitted together with your IWULA to the ICMA?	Tarryn Dale	GCS SA for	24 March 2014	Written Comment	The Water Use License was not part of Digby Wells' scope of work. The IWULA can be obtained from the Applicant or the Department of Water Affairs.
Any studies of the receiving environment must adhere to the MTPA minimum requirements.	Brian Morris	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Board Agency	28 March 2014	Written Comment	Thank you for your comment this will be considered in the EIA.
MTPA with reference to NEMA requires that a comparative analysis between the sustainability of this short term opencast coal mine with its permanent pollutants be compared to the socio-economic growth when an alternative energy resource is used instead to generate energy on this	Brian Morris	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Board Agency	28 March 2014	Written Comment	Alternative land uses will be assessed in the EIA.

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site.					
There can be little doubt that any coal mining activity would have a massive impact on people living in the town and surrounding areas including increased noise, traffic and dust.	Eduard De Lange, Jensay Investment cc, Mr. Raphaël S. B. P Devantier & Rob and Barbara Payne	Eduard De Lange Attorneys & Highland Springs Country Estate	13 May 2014	Written Comment	The impacts and mitigation measures relevant to noise, traffic and dust and mitigation measures are included in the EMP table.
We are very concerned about whether the applicant is committed to making a thorough assessment of likely impacts of subsequent operations on surface and ground water within the area	Eduard De Lange, Jensay Investment cc, Mr. Raphaël S. B. P Devantier & Rob and Barbara Payne	Eduard De Lange Attorneys & Highland Springs Country Estate	13 May 2014	Written Comment	The EIAR which includes all impacts assessments and proposed mitigation measures will be provided for a public review period for comment.
We are very concerned by this proposal. We own unit number 8 on Highland Springs Country Estate, Belfast Mpumalanga. We firmly believe there will be major impacts from any coal operations. The proposed mining would have a massive negative impact on the local landscapes, waterways and peace and tranquility of the surrounding area, including Highland Springs Country Estate. The main purpose of the	Jensay Investments	Highland Springs Country Estate	14 May 2014	Written Comment	The negative and positive impacts associated with the proposed open pit coal mining project on the Farm Weltevreden have been investigated and included in the EIR. Once all comments are received a final report will be submitted to the relevant authorities for decision making.

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estate is to provide a beautiful and peaceful country retreat for all the residents of the estate.					
I am very concerned by this proposal. I own unit number 6 on Highland Springs Country Estate, Belfast Mpumalanga. I firmly believe there will be major impacts from any coal operations.	Mr. Raphaël S. B. P Devantier	Highland Springs Country Estate	14 May 2014	Written Comment	Environmental and social impacts were considered as part of the EIA process and relevant mitigation measures proposed. Once all comments are received a final report will be submitted to the relevant authorities for decision making.
The issues of water conservation and environmental impact on the lives of the people, fauna and flora must be indicated in time to avoid future implications	Fenter Khumalo	Emakhazeni Local Municipality	16 April 2014	Email	Environmental and social impacts were considered as part of the EIA process and relevant mitigation measures proposed.
21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION					
The WUL documents will not be released. Digby Wells needs to write an official letter providing an opinion on the fact that documents are withheld and whether these are relevant. Thus, will these be available in terms of NEMA regulations under instructions.	Dr Koos Pretorius	Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE) Portion 10 - Zoekop - 426 JT	10 February 2014	One-on-One meeting	The Water Use License was not part of Digby Wells' scope of work. The IWULA can be obtained from the Applicant or the Department of Water Affairs.

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What will happen to his staff as they were not consulted in the previous rounds of consultation?	Dr Koos Pretorius	Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE) Portion 10 - Zoekop - 426 JT	10 February 2014	One-on-One meeting	A meeting with farm workers was held on the 10 March 2014.
There is a foreman living on the neighboring property.	Samual Lundall	SM Timbers	10 February 2014	One-on-One Meeting	Thank you for the comment, the foreman will be consulted.
In 2007, was there any Public Participation done for the project?	Jabulani Nkosi	Community Member	5 March 2014	Public meeting/open house, Belfast Hotel	Yes, an extensive Public Participation Process was followed as part of the Mining Right Application process.
What criteria was used to identify the I&APs for the project?	Jabulani Nkosi	Community Member	5 March 2014	Public meeting/open house, Belfast Hotel	I&APs were identified from the previous mining right application which took place in 2007 and from responses to adverts and site notices placed.
Some of us are aware of the process that took place between 2007 and 2008 and the meetings that were held with local people.	Tonny Skhosana	Community Member	5 March 2014	Public meeting/open house, Belfast Hotel	Thank you for the comment.
The reason that Northern Coal met with Councilors in the process undertaken in 2007 was not a correct procedure, Councilors were elected by	Jabulani Nkosi	Community Member	5 March 2014	Public meeting/open house, Belfast Hotel	Northern Coal met with the Municipal Manager, IDP Section and other Departments; not Councilors during the compilation of the SLP.

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the community, and the same community need to be involved.					
Emakhazeni have a formal structure that deals with community issues and that structure would like to be part of the process to be undertaken.	Jabulani Nkosi	Community Member	5 March 2014	Public meeting/open house, Belfast Hotel	All stakeholders affected by / or interested in the proposed project are free to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and form part of the process.
In the past, mining activities were imposed to the people, thanks to a public participation process employed to this project. Such developments must ensure that the community is sensitized on available opportunities in time for them to prepare themselves for possible absorption.	Fenter Khumalo	Emakhazeni Local Municipality	16 April 2014		Comment noted.
The directly affected communities must be allowed to present their case in organisation outside the general public participation processes, since they will be the ones living with the future impacts of this project - while general consultative process is indeed appreciated	Fenter Khumalo	Emakhazeni Local Municipality	16 April 2014	Email	Comment noted and continued consultation will take place with directly affected communities throughout the project implementation phase.
The Municipal notice boards, website (www.emakhazeni.gov.za , Facebook	Fenter Khumalo	Emakhezeni Local Municipality	16 April 2014	Email	Alternative communication measures will be considered for the project.

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<p>page (Emakhazeni Local Municipality) must be effectively utilized by the consultants in communicating with the community in unison with other communication strategies</p> <p>The consultation process must be on record (video-taped) to avoid future disagreements. The process must be a partnership approach.</p>					
<p>We would like to adhere to your date of the 14th of May 2014 but as a structure we still have to make consultation with the greater community that is specifically affected due to the shortage of resources we would like you to support us in terms of the consultation with the concerned community on the matter especially the HDS. We would like you to provide any assistant in your possession to make this program and the mining a success.</p>	T.A Jele	Vuka Centre	22 April 2014	Email	Comment noted.
22 GENERAL					
<p>Will the municipality benefit from the project?</p>	Mr T Skosana	Wonderfontein Community	10 February 2014	One-on-One meeting	The mine will pay taxes which will benefit the municipality, the SLP and

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					Local Economic Development (LED) project will be in line with the municipal Integrated Development Plan (IDP).
There will likely be theft of sheep by the mine workers.	Melisa Kotze WP 7 JP Pretorius Trust"	Portion 17 - Blyvooruitzicht - 383 JT	10 February 2014	One-on-one meeting	The mine will have security on the mine which should improve the security situation.
Emakhazeni community would like to have access to the 2007 DSR submitted to DMR in terms of the regulations applied and also to access the SLP applied in the 2007 report.	Jabulani Nkosi and Themba Jele	Community Member	5 March 2014	Community Meeting held on, Koos Pretorius' Farm	The reports mentioned can be accessed from the DMR.
MTPA has an objection to this application for change in land use from Agriculture and Conservation to Mining.	Brian Morris	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Board Agency	28 March 2014	Written Comment	The objection is noted and will be forwarded to the authorities.
MTPA has applied to DMR to restrict this area as part of the Steenkampsberg Wet Grassland Protected Environment under the Section 49 of the MPRDA legislation for any form of mining. This area is earmarked for declaration by MTPA as a Protected Environment in order to reach the National SANBI grassland formal protection targets. After	Brian Morris	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Board Agency	28 March 2014	Written Comment	Thank you for the comment. Please provide any updates on the MTPA application.

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declaration of the larger Steenkampsberg Protected Environment all the farms therein will be gazetted and be protected in terms of Section 28 of NEM:PAA. Act 27 of 2003 as amended.					
With regard to prospecting and prospecting costs incurred, Consultants and DMR was informed of the Environmental Management Framework that was gazetted for the Emakhazeni region in 2009. This area was designated and zoned for Agriculture and Conservation, not mining.	Brian Morris	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Board Agency	28 March 2014	Written Comment	Should the environmental authorisation be granted an application for re-zoning will be made.
Please can you provide the contact details of the relevant person responsible for the IWULA as I would like a copy, Alternatively please can you provide the monitoring programme and water uses included in the IWULA.	Tarryn Dale	GCS SA	09 May 2014	Email	The applicant, whose details are attached in the EIR can be contacted directly.



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FINAL SCOPING REPORT - COMMENT SHEET

April 2014

*Please provide feedback by **Wednesday, 14 May 2014** using the contact details provided below.*

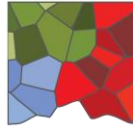
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***LETTER TO ANNOUNCE THE
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16 April 2014

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FINAL SCOPING REPORT (FSR) AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Dear Stakeholder,

We thank the stakeholders who have provided comments on the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) for the proposed open pit coal mine on the farm Weltevreden 381 JT close to Belfast in the Mpumalanga Province. The FSR for the proposed project is available for public comment at several public places in the project area (see table below), and on the Digby Wells website.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process followed to date

In January 2014, the project was announced as required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA). The competent Authority is the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (DEDET). The DSR was available for forty days (40) for public comment from Wednesday, 12 February to Monday, 24 March 2014.

Availability of FSR for comment

The FSR will be available to public for 21 days for comment from **Wednesday, 16 April 2014 to Wednesday, 14 May 2014** at the following public places:

Location	Address	Contact
Printed Copies		
Belfast Public Library	24 Scheppers street, Belfast, 1100. One (1) copy	Mr Siphso Hlatshwayo
Siyathuthuka Public Library	Stand 755 Zakheni & Sakhile street, Siyathuthuka 1102. One (1) copy	Ms Nokuthula Nkosi
Digby Wells Environmental	Fern Isle, Section 5, 359 Pretoria Ave, Randburg. One (1) copy	Ms Vanessa Viljoen
Electronic Copies		
The report is also be available on www.digbywells.com under Public Documents Phone and request a CD copy at (011) 789 9495		

How to comment on the Final Scoping Report

You are welcome to comment on the FSR by addressing your comments, concerns or suggestions to Digby Wells through any one of the communication media below:

- By completing the comment sheet and submitting it to the Digby Wells Stakeholder Engagement Office by **Wednesday, 14 May 2014**;
- By writing a letter or other form of written submission; or
- By email, fax or telephone to the Stakeholder Engagement office.

Should you require any additional information please feel free to contact myself or Vanessa Viljoen at Tel: (011) 789 9495, Fax: 086 583 5715, Post: Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125 or email: steve.horak@digbywells.com or vanessa.viljoen@digbywells.com.

Regards



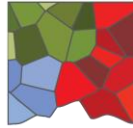
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Principle Consultant: Stakeholder Engagement Office

Enclosed:

- *FSR Comment Sheet*

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11 August 2014

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Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Public Meeting

Dear Stakeholder,

This letter serves to inform you that the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIAR) will be available for comment.

In January 2014, the project was announced as required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA). The competent Authority for the project is the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (DEDET). The Final Scoping Report was submitted to the Authorities and permission to proceed with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process was granted.

The DEIAR and the Comment and Response Report (CRR) will be available for a comment period of 40 days from **Monday, 25 August – Monday, 6 October 2014** at several public places in the project area (see table below) and on the Digby Wells website.

Location	Address	Contact
Printed Copies		
Belfast Public Library	24 Scheeper street, Belfast, 1100.	Sipho Hlatshwayo
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How to comment on the DEIAR

Stakeholders are welcome to comment on the DEIAR by addressing comments to Digby Wells through any one of the following communication media:

- By completing the attached comment sheet and submitting it to the Digby Wells Stakeholder Engagement Office by **Monday, 6 October 2014**;
- By writing a letter or other form of written submission; or

- By email, fax or telephone to the Stakeholder Engagement Office.

Invitation to Public Meeting

A Public Meeting will be held to discuss the DEIAR and specialist studies as indicated below. Kindly confirm your attendance by no later than **Wednesday, 10 September 2014**.

Date	Time	Meeting	Venue
Wednesday, 17 September	14:00 – 16:00	Public Meeting	Belfast Royal Hotel, (104 Vermooten Street, Belfast)

Should you require any additional information please contact Vanessa Viljoen or Steve Horak at Tel: (011) 789 9495, Fax: 086 583 5715, Post: Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125 or email: steve.horak@digbywells.com or vanessa.viljoen@digbywells.com.

Regards,



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Stakeholder Engagement Office

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NEMA COMMENT SHEET

August 2014

*Please confirm attendance for the Public Meeting by **Wednesday, 10 September 2014** using the contact details provided below.*

Return this comment sheet to **Vanessa Viljoen/Steve Horak** of Digby Wells Environmental: **Fax Number:** 0865835715 or **email:** vanessa.viljoen@digbywells.com / steve.horak@digbywells.com or visit www.digbywells.com **Postal Address:** Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125

Comments:

I would like to attend the following Public Meeting		
	Yes	No
Belfast Royal Hotel, Public Meeting on Wednesday, 17 September 2014, 14:00 – 16:00		

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