

APP B.1 – NOTIFICATIONS

10 April 2012

Dear landowner:

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED BRAKFORTEIN THERMAL COAL MINE PROJECT

NOTIFICATION OF AN:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (EMPr)

(in term of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA);

NEW MINING RIGHT

(in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, Act No. 28 of 2002, (MPRDA);

NEW WATER USE LICENCE

(In terms of the National Water Act, Act No. 36 of 1998, (NWA).

WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE

(In terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (No. 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA).

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) integrated with a new Mining Right, a Water Use Licence and a Waste Management Licence is being undertaken for the proposed development of a thermal coal mine on Brakfontein farm.

Universal Coal Plc is proposing a new coal mine on the farm Brakfontein 264 IR, portions, 8, 9, 10, 20, 26, 30 and the remaining extent 6. This farm is situated in the Victor Khanye Local Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province (please see map attached). It is proposed that the coal will be mined in two phases. Phase 1 will be opencast mining, which will be undertaken during the continued exploration of the underground resources and Phase 2 will entail underground mining.

Universal Coal Plc has submitted a Mining Right Application to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) in November 2011 for proposed coal mining on the farm Brakfontein 264 IR, portions, 8, 9, 10, 20, 26, 30 and the remaining extent 6. The Prospecting Right for the Brakfontein Project was granted to Unity Rocks Mining (Pty) Ltd on 10 July 2008; the Prospecting Right was issued under the Permit Number MP30/5/1/1/2/1879 PR. Universal Coal has entered into an agreement with Unity Rocks Mining.

The proposed project is targeting 44Mt of reserves containing up to 27Mt saleable export thermal and low volatile Pulverized Coal Injection (PCI) coal products. The planned life-of-mine is 30 years of which open cast mining will be undertaken for 22 years followed by underground

mining which will commence in year 23. It is proposed that the thermal coal will be exported to international markets via the Richards Bay coal terminal.

This Notification is being given in compliance with the terms of Section 15 of GN R.543, which requires that landowners and people in control of land be notified of Universal Coal Plc intention to submit an application for environmental authorisation to Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET) and other relevant authorities. The notice and the submission of the application form is the first step in the EIA process.

Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) responsible for the EIA process, including public consultation.

A Background Information Document (BID) will be sent to you in due course. The BID will provide you with a description of the proposed project, the EIA and related authorisation processes, the public participation process and how you as potentially affected stakeholder can participate in the study. A full public participation process will be conducted as an integral part of the EIA application. As a potential Interested or Affected Party (I&AP) you are requested to participate in the environmental impact assessment process.

For your participation, you are encouraged to register as an I&AP, and submit any comments, questions or issues that you may have about the proposed project, in writing, to Digby Wells Environmental:

Telephone: (011) 789-9495.

Fax number: (011) 789-9498;

Email: natalie.kalele@digbywells.com or anelle@digbywells.com

Postal address: Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125.

Yours sincerely
Nathalie Kalele
Social Consultant

Included is:

- A map showing the proposed mining area.
- A list of the farms (names and portions) which are included in mining area.
- Registration and comment sheet.

<p>REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (EMPR) FOR THE PROPOSED BRAKFRONTEIN THERMAL COAL MINE PROJECT</p> <p>Inserted in the Notification Letter to Landowners 10 April 2012</p>	<p>EIA Public Participation Office</p> <p>Anelle Lötter/Nathalie Kalele Digby Wells Environmental Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125 Tel: (011) 789-9495 Fax: (011) 789-9498 Email: natalie.kalele@digbywells.com or anelle@digbywells.com</p>
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Please complete and return to the EIA Public Participation Office (as above) before 10 May 2012

TITLE		FIRST NAME			
INITIALS		SURNAME			
ORGANISATION / FARM NAME		EMAIL			
POSTAL ADDRESS					
TEL NO		POSTAL CODE			
DATE		FAX NO			
Please formally register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) so that I may receive further information and notifications during the Environmental Impact Assessment process			<table border="1"> <tr> <td>YES</td> <td>NO</td> </tr> </table>	YES	NO
YES	NO				
I would like my notifications by			Letter (mail)		
			Email		
			Fax		
			Telephone		
I would like to receive documents for comment as follows			By email		
			On CD		
In terms of Government Notice R.543 - 546 of June 2010 (EIA process regulations) I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:					
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COMMENTS (please use separate sheets if you wish)

Any comments you may have at this stage:

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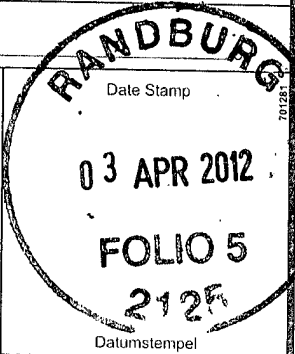
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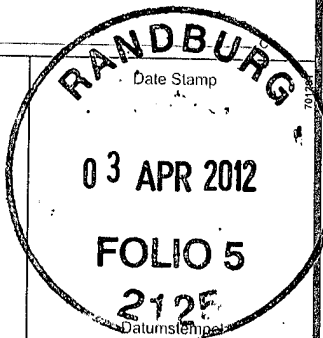
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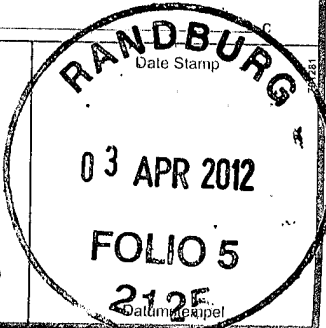
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION


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17 July 2012

Dear Stakeholder

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED BRAKFORTEIN THERMAL COAL MINE PROJECT ON FARM BRAKFORTEIN 264 IR IN DELMAS, VICTOR KHANYE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Final Scoping Report available for public review from 18 July to 28 August 2012

Universal Coal Plc is proposing a new coal mine on the farm Brakfontein 264 IR, portions, 8, 9, 10, 20, 26, 30 and the remaining extent 6. This farm is situated in the Victor Khanye Local Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province. It is proposed that the coal will be mined in two phases. Phase 1 will be opencast mining, which will be undertaken during the continued exploration of the underground resources and Phase 2 will entail underground mining.

As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process, the Scoping Report has been finalised considering the issues and concerns which were received from stakeholders during the review of the Draft Scoping Report between 23 May and 2 July 2012. Included in the electronic version of this letter is Version 2 of the Comments and Response Report (CRR). The CRR lists all the questions, concerns and issues raised since the beginning of the project and responses to these. Should you not have received this letter via email and you wish to receive a copy of the CRR, please contact our office.

Updates from the Draft Scoping Report to the Final Scoping Report

Some changes have been made in the Final Scoping Report in an effort to address comments raised by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APS). Below is a summary of the changes that have been made:

- Details of the public participation undertaken to date are provided;
- Additional issues and concerns which were communicated to the public participation offices have been included in the Comments and Response Report; and
- The wetland delineation mine plan has been amended.

The **Final Scoping Report** has been prepared in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations as published in GNR 543 - 546 – Government Gazette No. 33306 on 18 June 2010. In accordance with the EIA Regulations, the purpose of the Scoping Report is to outline the scope of the project and to identify areas where further study is required in order to make an informed decision. That is to say, the methodology to be followed to assess the potential impacts from the proposed project and the various specialist studies that are required to be undertaken in the next phase of the project must be described.

Public review of the Final Scoping Report

The Final Scoping Report will be available for review from 18 July to 28 August 2012. The report will also be submitted to the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET) and relevant commenting authorities. You are welcome to review the report and provide comments. Your comments will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report as well as by the MDEDET in the review of the Final Scoping Report.

According to the National Environmental Management Act sub-regulation 56 (6) comments on the Final Scoping Report must be addressed to the competent authority, the MDEDET case officer, as follows:

Ms Charity Mthimunye(MDEDET)
Email: cnmthimunye@mpg.gov.za

Digby Wells & Associates (Pty) Ltd. Co. Reg. No. 1999/05985/07. Fern Isle, Section 10, 359 Pretoria Ave Randburg Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125, South Africa
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Directors: AR Wilke, LF Koeslag, PD Tanner (British)*, AJ Reynolds (Chairman) (British)*, J Leaver*, GE Trusler (C.E.O)
*Non-Executive

Tel: 013 690 2595 Fax:013 690 3704
Pavilion Building, Cnr. Botha Avenue and Northey Street
Witbank, 1035

It is important to ensure that you quote the project reference number MDEDET REF NUMBER: 17/2/3 N-143

A copy of your comments should also be sent to the public participation office.

The Final Scoping Report will be available for download from the Digby Wells website:

- <http://www.digbywells.com> (public documents)
- Or, you are most welcome to request us to send you a copy or a CD of the report.

The report will be available for review from 18 July 2012 at the following locations:

Person	Location	Contact
Printed Copies		
Ms Lydia Mehlape	Delmas Public Library Cnr Sarel Cilliers and Van Riebeeek Avenue PO Box 6 Delmas 2210	(013) 665-2425 (013) 665-4721
Electronic Copies		
Anelle Lotter	www.digbywells.com	011 789 9495
Nathalie Kalele	Phone and request a CD copy	011 789 9495

PLEASE NOTE: Every comment that has already been submitted to Digby Wells on the Draft Scoping Report has been attached to the Final Scoping Report. Since the GDARD will be receiving these comments with the report it is not necessary to resubmit comments. Only new comments that have not already been submitted to Digby Wells should be submitted to the GDARD. You are welcome to clarify whether your comments have been included by accessing the report at the aforementioned websites.

The way forward

The following are the next steps in the EIA process:

- MDEDET will review the Final Scoping Report, including the Plan of Study for the EIA and Version 2 of the CRR and issue a letter either:
 - Accepting the Final Scoping Report including Plan of Study for EIA and advise the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to proceed with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for the EIA, or
 - Request the EAP to make such amendments to the Report or the Plan of Study for the EIA as the competent authority may require.
- Specialists will continue their specialist assessments and compile specialist assessment reports.
- The specialist assessment reports will be studied and integrated into the Draft EIA Report. The Draft EIA Report and Draft Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) will be made available for public review and a stakeholder will be held to discuss the report later this year. Notification to this effect will be sent to all stakeholders.

Do not hesitate to contact the public participation office should you need any assistance.

Yours sincerely



Anelle Lötter, Public Participation Office

26 September 2012

Dear Stakeholder

**ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED BRAK FONTEIN
THERMAL COAL MINE PROJECT LOCATED ON THE FARM BRAK FONTEIN
264 IR IN DELMAS, VICTOR KHANYE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY,
MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

MDEDET REFERENCE NUMBER: 17/2/3 N-143

**Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) available for public review from
26 September to 5 November 2012**

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Universal Coal Plc. is applying for:

- Environmental Authorisation from the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and Associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GNR. 543 of 18 June 2010).
- Integrated Water Use License Application (IWULA) from the Department of Water Affairs (DWA), Mpumalanga Province in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).
- Waste Management Licence from the MDEDET in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (No. 59 of 2008) (NEM: WA).

As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process, the Final Scoping Report which was available for public review from 18 July - 28 August 2012 was also submitted to the competent authority, the DMR and the MDEDET on 18 July 2012.

**The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) will be available for public review from
26 September- 05 November 2012.**

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, the DEIR will be submitted to the competent authorities, namely the MDEDET, and DMR. At the same time it will be made available for review by the public, relevant organs of state and other government departments for a period of 40 days.

You are welcome to review the report and provide comments over a period of 40 days. Your comments will be considered in the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report as well as by the DMR and the MDEDET in the review of the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report.



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You are requested to comment on the DEIR in any of the following ways:

- Completing a comment sheet;
- Writing a letter, or producing additional written submissions;
- Sending an email or phoning the public participation office; or
- Attending the public meeting (see below for details).

Invitation to the public meeting

A public meeting will be held at the Kudu Lapa, Delmas Country Lodge, Plot 39, Leeuwoort just outside Delmas. The purpose of the public meeting will be to present the outcomes of the Impact Assessment phase, and to allow discussions around that. Recommendations and issues or concerns raised during the meeting will be taken into account during the compilation of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). A summary of the contents of the DEIR will be presented during the meeting.

It is important that you register for the public meeting - use the enclosed form and return it to Digby Wells by Friday, 19 October 2012. This will allow us to send you an electronic copy of the DEIR in advance.

The details of the public meeting are:

Date	Venue	Time
Wednesday, 24 October 2012 from 15:00 to 20:00	Kudu Lapa, Delmas Country Lodge Plot 39, Leeuwoort, Delmas	An open house session will be held from 15:00 and the formal meeting will start at 17:00.

Please complete and return the attached response sheet to Digby Wells to indicate your interest in receiving further information regarding the EIA as the study progresses and to register as an I&AP. You are also welcome to contact us telephonically on 011 789-9495.

Your input and feedback are highly valued.

Yours sincerely

**Anelle Lötter, Public Participation Office
DIGBY WELLS ENVIRONMENTAL**

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PROPOSED BRAKFORTEIN THERMAL COAL
MINE PROJECT ON FARM BRAKFORTEIN 264
IR IN DELMAS,
VICTOR KHANYE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

MDEDET REF NUMBER: 17/2/3 N-143

**Reply sheet for receiving the Draft Environmental Impact
Report and/or to attend the public meeting**

EIA Public Participation Office

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Fax: (011) 789-9498
Email: anelle@digbywells.com or
nathalie.kalele@digbywells.com

Please complete by 19 October 2012 and return to the EIA Public Participation Office (as above)

TITLE	MS	FIRST NAME	XANTHE
INITIALS	XL	SURNAME	TAYLOR
ORGANISATION	CLEAN STREAM ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS	EMAIL	xanthe@cleanstream.co.za
POSTAL ADDRESS	PO BOX 32201, GLENSTANTIA		
	PRETORIA	POSTAL CODE	0010
TEL NO	012 993 5988	FAX NO	012 993 1361

REGISTRATION TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT OR TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

I would like to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (please circle the appropriate block)

Per email	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
CD by mail	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO

PUBLIC MEETINGS

I would like to attend the public meeting (please circle the appropriate block)

If you have indicated "yes", you will receive a copy of the agenda and directions to the venue before the meeting

I will attend the public meeting on 24 October 2012 at Kudu Lapa, Delmas Country Lodge (open session from 15:00 to 16:30 – formal meeting starts at 17:00)	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
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COMMENTS (please use a separate sheet if you wish)

Any comments you may have at this stage:

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Please ask the following of my colleagues/friends/neighbours to register for this project:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

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No 7 Government Boulevard
Riverside Park
Nelspruit 1200
Republic of South Africa



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24 October 2012

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Attention: Anelle Lotter

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION: FOR THE PROPOSED BRAKFORTEIN THERMAL COAL MINE PROJECT LOCATED ON THE FARM BRAKFORTEIN 264 IR, PORTIONS 8,9,19,20,26,30 AND REMAINING EXTENT DELMAS, VICTOR KHANYE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Your letter dated 25 September 2012 is acknowledged.

The proposed new coal mine on the farm Brakfontein 264 IR, portions 8,9,10,20,26,30 and the remaining extent 6 is located on farm land that according to the Spatial Development Framework for Nkangala District Local Municipality is earmarked for Mining and Agriculture.

The department is not aware of any human settlement taking place on the mentioned farms, should there be any settlements on any farms proper mechanisms should be in place and adhered to.

Please liaise with the local municipality as per Constitutional Court Judgement in the matter of MaccSand vs City of Cape Town Case CCT 103/11 [2012] ZACC 7 for a change in land use application in the form of a rezoning application.

The department has no objection against the proposed mining activity subject to:

1. Compliance to conditions from the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Administration, Chief Directorate Agricultural Resource Information.
2. Adherence with all other legal requirements.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,



CHP Kleynhans
Acting Director: Land Administration

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Attention: Anelle lotter

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PROPOSED BRAKFORTEIN THERMAL COAL MINE PROJECT LOCATED ON THE FARM BRAKFORTEIN 264 IR


This is with reference to your letter, 17/2/2 n – 143, dated 22 May 2012.

We are at this stage unable to give comprehensive comments as we do not know as yet how and where our roads would be affected by the project.

Furthermore, according to the Locality Plan, there might be several other roads affected beside Provincial Road D 2543 (R545). We have Provincial Roads like D 1274 and P 131-1, which also traverse this farm.

We shall be able to give our comments after or towards the finalization of your E.I.A.

Regards,


MJ Mojapelo
Acting-Chief Engineer

Date:

07/08/2012



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Attention: Dannie Otto

APPLICATION FOR A WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT, 2008 (NO. 59 OF 2008): PROPOSED WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS AND CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES FOR BRAKFRONTEIN COAL MINE (UNIVERSAL COAL DEVELOPMENT), MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

The Department confirms having received waste license application form for the abovementioned activity on 11 October 2012.

You are hereby reminded to comply with the requirements: **Regulations 67 of GN No. R 543** with regard to the period allowed for complying with the requirements of the regulations, and **Regulations 56 and 57 of GN No. R 543** with regard to the allowance of a commenting period for interested and affected parties on all reports submitted.

Your application has been assigned with a reference number (12/9/11/L1048/6). Kindly quote this reference number in any future correspondence in respect of your application. The responsible officer for the processing of your application is Mr Herbert Kutama who can be contacted on (012) 310 3739.

Please draw the applicant's attention to the fact that the activity must not commence prior to a waste license being granted by the Department.

Should you require further detailed information, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely


Ms Nolwezi Cobbinah

**Acting Deputy Director-General: Chemicals and Waste Management
Department of Environmental Affairs**

Letter signed by: Mr. Lucas Mahlangu

Designation: Control Environmental Officer: Systems Management

Date: 2012/10/22



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REGIONAL LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION: MPUMALANGA PROVINCE
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PRIVATE BAG X 7201
WITBANK, 1035
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Enq: P.R. Shezi
REF: 250 & others
Date: 13/03/2012

Digby Wells Environmental
Attention: Kabelo Mphake
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Dear Sir

LAND RESTITUTION IN TERMS OF THE RESTITUTION OF LAND RIGHTS ACT NO. 22 OF 1994

I refer to your enquiry, dated 13 March 2012

Please note that a claim for the restitution of land rights has been lodged against the following property:

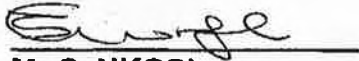
Property Description	Comments	File number	Claim Status
Province: Mpumalanga District: Nkangala Property: Brakfontein 264 IR	There is a claim lodged against the whole mentioned property, until further investigations have been conducted to determine the affected portions.	250 263 307 308 1221 1222 1223 1238 1241 1250 1261	❖ Investigation

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It is not within the powers of the Commission on Restitution of Land Rights to grant or withhold permission for the development or alienation in respect of land being claimed until such a claim has been gazetted, unless such development would constitute an obstruction to the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Restitution of Land Rights Act 22 of 1994. In such instances application can be made in the Land Claims Court in terms of Section 6(3) of the Restitution Act; this can be done at any stage after the claim has been lodged - even before the publishing of such a claim in terms of Section 11 of the Restitution of Land Rights Act 22 of 1994.

While the Regional Land Claims Commission: Mpumalanga has taken reasonable care to ensure the accuracy of the above-mentioned information, the Commission cannot be held accountable if, through the process of further investigation, additional information is found that contradicts this communication.

Kind regards



PP **Mr S. NKOSI**

**CHIEF DIRECTOR: RESTITUTION:MPUMALANGA PROVINCE
COMMISSION ON RESTITUTION OF LAND RIGHTS**

APP B.2 - DATABASE

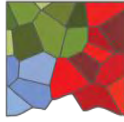
Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Last Name	Position	Company
Mr	Abraham	Maphoso		Mpumalanga Department of Mineral Resources
Mr	Adriaan	Geel	Adjacent land owner	Brakfontein 264 IR
Mr	Adriaan	Schalekamp	Farm owner	Rietkuil Farm 278 IR
Ms	Amanda	Botha	Editor	Witbank News
Mr	Andre	Beetge	Mpumalanga Co-Ordinator	Working for Wetlands: SANBI
Mr	Andre	Hoffman		Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency
Ms	Anique	Greyling	Manager: Law and Policy Programme	Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)
Ms	Annete	Director	Director	Vanggatfontein 251IR/Keaton Energy
Mr	Arthur	Ndlovu	MLO	Mpumalanga Department of Human Settlement
Mr	Ben	Greyling	Safety manager	Haverklip 265 IR / Umcebo/Genet mining
Mr	Bongani	Hlatshwayo	Editor	Mpumalanga News
Mr	Bongani	Nyakale	Member	Sechasa sesinozi
Mr	Brent	Parrot	Assistant Manager	Schoeman Boerdery
Ms	Carel	Moolman		Brakchick PTY LTD
Mrs	Carolyn	Verdoorn	Law and Advocacy: Divisional Manager	Birdlife SA
Ms	Cecilia	Bruin	Farm owner	Middelburg Alias Matjesgoedkuil 266 IR
Ms	Charity	Mthimunye	Case officer	Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism
Mr	Dash	Mabena	Delmas Environmental Centre	Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism
Mr	David	Kleyn	Directorate: Land Use and Soil Management	Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Mr	Deon	du Plessis	Regional Manager	Department of Mineral Resources
Mr	Dumisane	Hlongwane	Environmental Officer	Mpumalanga Department of Water Affairs
Mr	Faan	Jooste	Farm owner	Brakfontein 264 IR/ Unista:Brakfontein Colliery
Mr	Francois	Krige		Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency
Mr	Frans	Venter	Farm owner	Andries Schoeman Brakfontein Boerdery Pty Ltd
Mr	Graeme	Campbell	Editorial	Streeknuus

Mr	Granny	Kgole	Environmental Coordinator	Rietfontein Shanduka Coal (Pty) Ltd
Mr	Hannes	Potgieter	Owner	Potgieter Trustfonds
Mr	Hendrik	Gericke	Farm owner	Brakfontein 264 IR (Portion 11)
Mr	Hernus	Claassen	Farm owner	Haverklip 265 IR & Vanggatfontein 251IR
Mr	Hugo	Grobler		Shanduka Coal
Ms	Isabel	Browne	Surrounding land owner	
Mrs	J	Gericke	Farm owner	Brakfontein Meat Market
Mr	J.I	van Dyk		
Mr	Jaco	Malan	Geologist	Universal coal
Mr	Jacob	Malesa	Water Pollution Control Officer	Department of Water Affairs (DWA)
Mr	Jai	Braithwaite	Manager	Telkom SA
Mr	Jan	Oliver		National Roads Agency Northern Section
Ms	Jayshree	Govender	Environmental Specialist	South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL)
Mr	Jeff	Scrooby	Servitude manager	Transnet Pipelines
Mr	JHL	Boshoff	Farm owner	Kromdraai 263 IR, Braakfontein 310 IR
Mr	Johan	Dyk	Farm owner	Haveklip 256 IR
Mr	Johan	Moolman	Farm owner	Brakfontein264/24
Mr	Johan	Schalekamp	Farm owner	Straffontein 252/37
Mr	Johan	van Dyk	Farm owner	Brakfontein 264 IR (Portion 2)
Mr	John	Venter		Johan Louis Venter Testamentere Trust/VANGGATFONTEIN 251 IR
Mr	John	Wesson	Region Manager North West	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa,(WESSA)
Mr	Johnson	Mahlangu	Board member	Universal Coal
Ms	Karlinka	Bezuidenhout	SHE Manager (Safety, Health & Environmental)	Stuart Coal (Pty) Ltd
Mr	Kiewiet	Botha	Delmas Environmental Centre	Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism
Mr	Koos	Uys	Owner	Koos Uys & Seuns Boerdery
Mr	Louis	Makhubele	Environmental Specialist	Transnet Freight Rail
Mr	M	Mahunonyane	Acting Chief Director: Mpumalanga	Mpumalanga Department of Water Affairs

Mr	M	Matukane	Chief Executive Officer	Department of Water Affairs
Mr	M	Mojapelo	Acting Chief Engineer	Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport
Ms	Magda	Kleyer	Farmer	
Mrs	Mariette	Liefferink	Chief Executive Officer	Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE)
Mr	Martin	Creamer	Editor	Engineering News and Mining Weekly
Mr	Meshack	Malinga	MEC	Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and
Mr	Mqondisi	Ndlovu	Public Relation: Councilor	Victor Khanye Local Municipality
Ms	N	Sithole		Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Administration
Mr	Patrick	Bembe	ANC Youth League	
Mr	Patrick	Shabalala		Nkangala District Municipality
Mr	Peter	Lukey	Chief Director: Air Quality and Climate Change	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Mr	Petrus	Schutte	Owner	Kroomdraai 263 IR (Portion4)
Mr	Phillip	Hine	Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorite Unit	South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)
Ms	Phindile	Shezi		Mpumalanga Regional Land Claims Commission (Witbank)
Mr	Piet	Smit		Keaton Energy
Mr	Pieter	Combrink	Surrounding land owner	
Mr	R	Satish	Director	Confident Concept Pty Ltd
Mr	Rico	Eurpidou	Environmental Health Campaign Manager	Groundwork - Friends of the Earth South Africa
Mr	Risimati	Ntekele	Environmental Officer	Nkangala District Municipality
Mr	Robert	Van Bulderen		Transnet Pipelines
Mr	Sarel	Mtsweni	Regional Director	Mpumalanga Economic Development, Environment and Tourism
Mr	Sebata	Mokone	Farm occupier	Brakfontein Colliery
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Mr	Siyabonga	Nguni	Member	Sechaba sesinozi

Mr	Stanford	Macevele	Environmental Officer	Department of Water Affairs
Mr	Sunil	Mungaroo		Shanduka Coal
Mr	TC	Makola	Municipal Manager	Victor Khanye Local Municipality
Mr	Thabang	Moagi		Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism
Mr	Thomas	Mnsumi	Deputy secretary/Campain Co-ordinator	Greater Middleburg Resident Association
Mr	Vikus	Moolman	Farm owner	Brakchick Pty Ltd
Mr	Willie	de Beer	Manager in the CEO's Office PROPNET	PROPNET
Mr	Xolisile	Nkhosi	Environmental Officer	Victor Khanye Local Municipality
Mr	Zakhele	Nkosi	Member	Sechasa sesinozi
Mr	Zonke	Zulu	Ward Councillor	Delmas Local municipality

APP B.3 - BID



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED BRAKFORTEIN THERMAL COAL MINE PROJECT LOCATED ON THE FARM BRAKFORTEIN 264 IR IN DELMAS, VICTOR KHANYE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

MDEDET REFERENCE NUMBER: 17/2/3 N-143

16 April 2012

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document informs you, as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), about the application of Universal Coal Plc for a Mining Right for the proposed Brakfontein Thermal Coal project. The Mining Right Application (MRA) is conducted in accordance with Section 22 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA).

In support of the Mining Right Application, the following authorisations will be applied for:

- Environmental Authorisation from the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and Associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GNR. 543 of 18 June 2010).
- Integrated Water Use License Application (IWULA) from the Department of Water Affairs (DWA), Mpumalanga Province in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).
- Waste Management Licence from the MDEDET in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (No. 59 of 2008) (NEM: WA).

Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) is the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) appointed by Universal Coal Plc to undertake the necessary environmental authorisation and associated public participation processes in support of the above applications.

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 I&AP registration and comment form by no later than **20 May 2012**.

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

Universal Coal Plc has submitted a Mining Right Application to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) in November 2011 for proposed coal mining on Portions 6, 8, 9, 10, 20, 26, 30 and the Remaining Extent of the Farm Brakfontein 264 IR. The Prospecting Right for the Brakfontein Project was granted to Unity Rocks Mining (Pty) Ltd on 10 July 2008; the Prospecting Right was issued under the Permit Number MP30/5/1/1/2/1879 PR. Universal Coal has entered into an agreement with Unity Rocks Mining and applied for an extension to the Prospecting Permit in July 2011. The planned life-of-mine is in excess of 20 years which open cast mining will be undertaken for 22 years followed by underground mining which will commence in year 23. It is proposed that the thermal coal will be exported to international markets via the Richards Bay coal terminal. The coal will be washed at the Kangala Mine which is currently being developed.

PROJECT LOCATION

The Brakfontein Thermal Coal Mine project is proposed on the farm Brakfontein 264 IR remaining extent 6, 8, 9, 10, 20, 26 and 30. The proposed project is located within the Western margins of the Witbank Coalfields within the jurisdiction of the Victor Khanye local and Nkangala district municipalities in Mpumalanga Province.

The site is located approximately 16km north-east of Delmas town, 14km and 17km north of Devon and Leandra respectively.

The removal of usable soil from a mine site for storage until rehabilitation starts

DESCRIPTION OF MINING ACTIVITIES

The Brakfontein Thermal Coal Mine project will be mined in two phases. Phase 1 will entail opencast mining, which will be undertaken during the continued exploration of the underground resources. This phase is proposed for 22 years. Phase 2 will entail underground mining methods and it is proposed for 8 years. The project site consists of four seams for open pit mining and two seams for underground mining.

Phase 1 Open pit mining

Open pit mining will focus on mining seam 1 and 2. An initial boxcut will be established during the construction phase of the mine. Topsoil and overburden from the initial boxcut area will be stockpiled. Opencast mining will take place using a conventional truck and shovel operation, assisted by roll-over dozing, to allow for continuous backfilling and rehabilitation of the mined out area. The final void will be backfilled with the overburden from the initial boxcut.

Phase 2 Underground mining

The underground mining sections will be developed via the high wall of the open pit operations. The underground mining operation will commence in year 23. Extraction methods will include short walling and pillar extraction. The mining process includes cut, drill charge up, blast, load and support.



REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act. No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA)

A Mining Right Application (MRA) has been submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR), Mpumalanga Province in terms of the MPRDA. The Scoping report must be submitted to the DMR within 30 days of receipt of the acceptance letter.

Once the Scoping report has been approved by the DMR, the MPRDA requires that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) be compiled. The EIA/EMP report will be made available to the public for review before submission to the relevant authorities for environmental authorisation.

National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and Associated EIA Regulations (GN R.544 and R.545 of 18 June 2010)

Authorisation is required for the listed activities to be assessed in the EIA as listed in terms of Sections 24 of NEMA and associated EIA Regulations.

Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation Listing Notices of 2010:

Activity 9: The construction of facilities or infrastructure exceeding 1000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of water, sewage or storm water – (i) with an internal diameter of 0.36 metres or more, or (ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more

Activity 12: The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the off-stream storage of water, including dams and reservoirs, with a combined capacity of 50000 cubic metres or more

Activity 13: The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the storage and handling of a

dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 but not exceeding 500 cubic metres

Activity 22: The construction of a road outside urban areas (i) with a reserve wider than 13.5 metres and (ii) where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres;

Activity 3: The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the storage or storage and handling of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of more than 500 cubic metres

Activity 5: The construction of facilities or infrastructure for any process or activity which requires a permit or license in terms of the national or provincial legislation governing the generation or release of emissions, pollution or effluent and which is not identified in Notice No 544 or included in the list of waste management activities in terms of section 19 of the NEMWA

Activity 15: Physical alternation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land for residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use where the total area to be transformed is 20 hectares or more.

National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA)

An IWULA will be submitted to the DWA, Mpumalanga in terms of the NWA.

The potential water uses to be applied for as identified under Section 21 of the NWA are as follows:

- 21 (a) - taking water from a water resource;
- 21 (b) - storage of water;
- 21 (c) - disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource;
- 21 (e) - removing, discharging or disposing of water found underground if it

is necessary for the efficient continuation of an activity or for the safety of people;

- 21 (g) disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource;
- 21 (i) altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse;
- 21 (j) removing, discharging or disposing of water found underground if it is Necessary for the efficient continuation of an activity or for the safety of people.

Digby Wells will confirm if there are any other water uses applicable to the project after a thorough review of the project and liaison with the DWA.

National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2009 (Act 59 of 2008)

The National Environmental Management Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008) (NEM: WA) includes a list of waste management activities that have, or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the environment (Government Gazette, 30 April 2009, General Notice 409). These activities require that a waste licence in terms of NEM: WA be obtained.

A sewage treatment plant will be constructed and will require licensing however the additional activities still need to be confirmed.

ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

The following proposed supporting infrastructure is required for the mine:

Roads (access, plant and haul)/ Weighbridge

The existing turnoff from the R544 will be upgraded to a T-Junction which will entail tarred slip lanes and a tarred T-road into Nkangala. Two km of gravel roads will be constructed to link the plant, co-disposal site and infrastructure with each other. These roads will have proper storm water

drainage. A haul road from the pit to the tip bin will be constructed. A weighbridge will be constructed adjacent to the proposed access road.

Plant workshop

A plant workshop will be constructed to be used for maintenance of the plant and mine infrastructure. A crawl beam and a tool room will form part of this facility.

Wash bay facility

Pumps, piping and pollution control sump for the wash facility will be designed and constructed to accommodate mining equipment.

Water supply and distribution

Boreholes will be drilled on Brakfontein to supply for the water needs of the proposed project. The Wilge River passes through Brakfontein farm and the possibility to abstract water from the river will be investigated. Dams will be constructed close to the plant and one of the dams will serve as a settling dam for the return-water from the co-disposal system. A pump system will pump the water from the dam to the plant.

Electrical supply and distribution

Provision has been made for a new 5MVA 22/11Kv substation at the proposed mine site.

Buildings/Offices

Pre-fabricated office buildings will be constructed.

Personnel Accommodation

No provision is made for accommodating personnel at the proposed mine site as Delmas is within 5 kilometres and personal can commute with public and private transport to and from the mine.



Typical opencast tipping and crushing facilities

SPECIALIST STUDIES

A number of specialist studies will be undertaken to establish the status of the existing environment and assess potential impacts of the project. Studies that will be undertaken will include (but not be limited to) the following assessments:

- Heritage;
- Soil;
- Hydrology;
- Geohydrology Assessment;
- Aquatic;
- Air Quality;
- Noise;
- Social Impact;
- Visual and Topography;
- Traffic;
- Fauna and Flora; and
- Wetland study.

The public and authorities will have input into these studies and will be able to review the findings of the specialist studies during the EIA phase.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Consultation with the public forms an integral part of the environmental authorisations for this project. Digby Wells will facilitate a public participation process (PPP) as required in terms of the MPRDA and Regulation 54, 55 and 56 of the NEMA. The PPP aims to provide Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with an opportunity to participate in a meaningful and constructive manner providing a platform for raising issues, comments and concerns in respect of the proposed project. A public open day will be held to inform I&APs of the project and to allow them to comment. The date is still to be confirmed.

All registered I&APs will be notified of the availability of the environmental reports for their review and comment. A PPP Report will be compiled which will outline identified issues and concerns and proposed mitigation measures.

REGISTRATION AS AN I&AP

To ensure that you are registered as an I&AP, and are provided with an opportunity to comment on the project and that you receive updated project information, please complete the enclosed registration and comments sheet before **20 May 2012**. Refer to the attached registration form for contact details

Your comments and registration as an interested and affected party are important

The purpose of an EIA is to provide the decision-making authorities with sufficient information on which to base their decision to grant or refuse an environmental authorisation and if, granted to define conditions for the development. The contributions made by stakeholders from all sectors of society will ensure informed decision-making.

You are invited to participate freely and to submit any comments or information you feel may be useful to the EIA process. Registered interested and affected parties (I&APs) are entitled to comment, in writing, on all written submissions to the competent authority (Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism) and to bring to the attention of the competent authority, any issues which the party believes may be of significance to the consideration of the application.

You have to register as an I&AP to receive further notices about public meetings and details of public review of reports produced as part of the EIA and water use license application processes.



An example of open cast mining

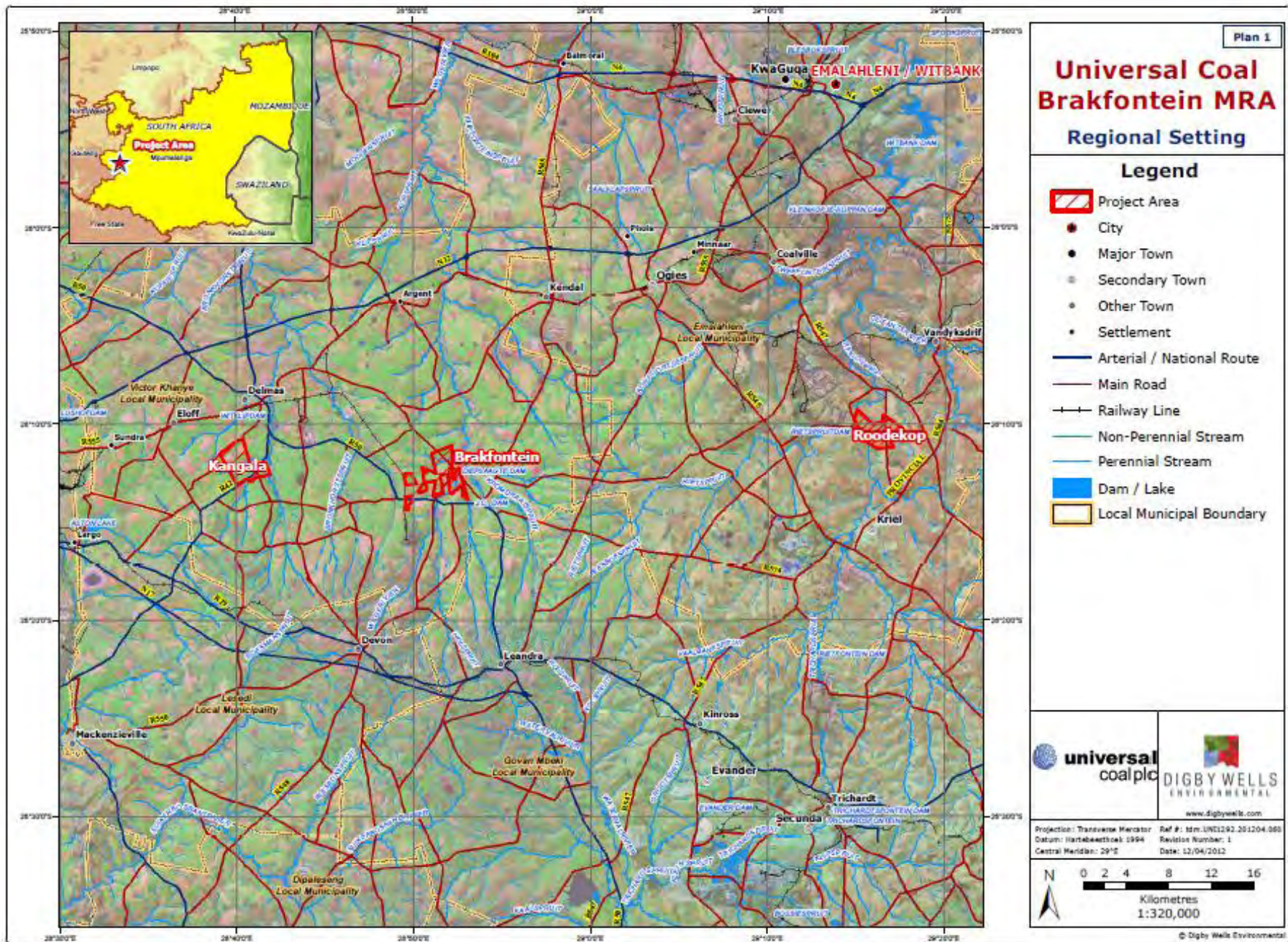
REGISTRATION AND COMMENT FORM

BRAKFORTEIN THERMAL COAL PROJECT

Please complete this form and return it to the contact person provided, to ensure that you are registered as an Interested and Affected Party by no later than **20 May 2012**.

By answering the questions below you will help us to develop a better understanding of your information requirements. The form also gives you the opportunity to make comments regarding the project. Additional pages may be attached, should this be required.

PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Title (Mr/Mrs/Dr/Prof):			
First Name and Surname:			
Please indicate whether you are registering as an Individual / Organisation / Farm/ or Business and provide the name:			
Physical address / Village:			
Postal Address:		Telephone:	
		Cell:	
		E-mail:	
		Fax:	
GENERAL INTEREST IN THE PROJECT			
Do you have any specific comments regarding the EIA process for the proposed project?			
If you know of anyone who should be informed about the project please provide their contact details.			
First Name and Surname:			
Village / Organisation Farm:			
Physical address:			
Postal Address:		Telephone:	
		Cell:	
		E-mail:	
METHOD OF COMMUNICATION			
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Plan 1

Universal Coal Brakfontein MRA

Regional Setting

Legend

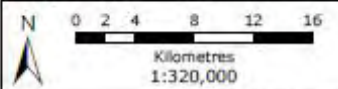
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-  Major Town
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-  Other Town
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-  Perennial Stream
-  Dam / Lake
-  Local Municipal Boundary

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REGISTRATION AND COMMENT FORM

BRAKFORTEIN THERMAL COAL PROJECT

Please complete this form and return it to the contact person provided, to ensure that you are registered as an Interested and Affected Party by no later than **20 May 2012**.

By answering the questions below you will help us to develop a better understanding of your information requirements. The form also gives you the opportunity to make comments regarding the project. Additional pages may be attached, should this be required.

PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Title (Mr/Mrs/Dr/Prof):			
First Name and Surname:			
Please indicate whether you are registering as an Individual / Organisation / Farm/ or Business and provide the name:			
Physical address / Village:			
Postal Address:		Telephone:	
		Cell:	
		E-mail:	
		Fax:	
GENERAL INTEREST IN THE PROJECT			
Do you have any specific comments regarding the EIA process for the proposed project?			
If you know of anyone who should be informed about the project please provide their contact details.			
First Name and Surname:			
Village / Organisation Farm:			
Physical address:			
Postal Address:		Telephone:	
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LINE BETWEEN ARNOCKVILLE
SUBSTATIONS, MPUMALANGA**

Reference: DEAT/EIA/0000562/2

Notice was previously given (November 2011) about Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in accordance promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1989. February 2012 meetings were held at Wonderfontein in initial comments and record issues raised by Interested Parties.

The Draft Scoping Report will now be made available for public comment from **2012 to 25 May 2012** at the following locations

PLACE	ADDRESS
Wonderfontein Co-op	1 School Street, Wonderfontein
Afgri Carolina	C/o Voortrekker & Du Toit Streets, Carolina
Afgri Belfast	5 Duggan Street, Belfast
BKB Co-op	19 Voortrekker Street, Machadodorp
Steve Tshwete Library	Walter Sisulu Street & Wanderers Ave, Middeldorp

Two Public Meetings will also be held to discuss the Draft Report as follows:

DAY & DATE	TIME
Wednesday 09 May 2012	19:00 - 20:30
Thursday 10 May 2012	10:00 - 11:30

The purpose of these meetings is to present the Draft Report, discuss issues, concerns and questions from the public. This will include their various studies and to finalize the report.

Please send your information, objections, comments and/or questions (number 0023) to:

Baagi Environmental Consultancy cc
CONTACT: Marita Oosthuizen
E-MAIL: amotgumeni@baagi.co.za
PHONE: 082 378 4903
FAX: 086 756 8674
POSTAL ADDRESS: P.O. Box 72847, Lynnwood Ridgeway

behalf of Gordon Webb, chair person of the Cullinan Chamber of Commerce and owner of a local art and jewellery shop. Lance and André de Beer were also present. The pair sampled six special house beers, brewed by André himself. According to Lance Cullinan has huge potential and worth an in-depth follow up where key role players are identified and the short to long term plans of the town are studied; how they fit into the Dinokeng concept and the City of Tshwane's vision. "We also have to look at the overall marketing strategy of the town" Julian Sibeko added.

The guests took a walk along Oak Street and made some interesting observations. "The business community should free up the parking space in front of restaurants and allow for walking so that guests are able to explore other businesses along the street" said Lance' wife Mathapelo. An issue around transformation was raised



Tourism networkers Victor Sibeko and Lance Classen with André de Beer of the Cullinan Chamber of Commerce.



Lance Classen and Victor Sibeko.

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Mathapelo Classen, Ursula Webb & Julian Sibeko.

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Workplace Skills Plan and Implementation Report Workshop Invitation

The Health and Welfare Sector Education and Training Authority (HWSETA) would like to take this opportunity to invite all its registered stakeholders to attend a one-day Workplace and Skills Plan and Implementation (WSPiR) Workshop which will focus on the requirements of the WSPiR submission for the 2012-2013 financial year.

Stakeholder representatives should be: Skills Development Facilitators (SDF) • HR Managers • Training Managers • SMME owners and NGOs in the Health and Social Development Sectors • Training Committee Members and Labour Representatives of all organisations registered with the HWSETA.

Topics of Discussion:
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Attending is only through confirmed attendance.
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Workshop times: 09:00 - 15:30

City	Forum Date	RSVP Date
Nelspruit	28/05/2012	17/05/2012
Witbank	30/05/2012	21/05/2012

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ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED BRAKFRONTEIN THERMAL COAL MINE PROJECT LOCATED ON THE VARIOUS FARM PORTIONS OF THE FARM BRAKFRONTEIN 264 IR IN DELMAS, VICTOR KHANYE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE
MDEDET REF:17/2/3N-143

Environmental authorisations are required for the proposed Brakfontein Thermal Coal Mine project. The proposed project will entail open cast and underground mining methods. A Mining Rights Application was submitted by Universal Coal Plc in terms of section 22 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA) to the Mpumalanga Department of Mineral Resources in November 2011.

- In support of the Mining Rights Application, the following authorisations will be applied:
- Environmental Authorisation from the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and Associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GNR. 543 of 18 June 2010),
 - Integrated Water Use License Application (IWULA) from the Department of Water Affairs (DWA), Mpumalanga Province in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998)
 - Waste Management License from the MDEDET in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (No. 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA)

PROJECT LOCATION
The Brakfontein Thermal Coal Mine project is proposed on the farm Brakfontein 264 IR remaining extent 6, 8, 9, 10, 20, 26 and 30. The proposed project is located within the Western margins of the Witbank Coalfields within the jurisdiction of the Victor Khanye Local and Nkangala District Municipalities in Mpumalanga Province. The site is located approximately 16km north-east of Delmas town, 14km and 17km north of Devon and Leandra respectively.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER (EAP)
Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) is the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the necessary environmental authorisation processes in terms of the MPDRA, NEMA, NWA and NEM: WA.

REGISTRATION AS AN INTERESTED AND/OR AFFECTED PARTY
A Public Participation Process (PPP) has been initiated as a legal requirement for this project with the purpose of sharing project information and gathering issues, concerns and objections 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 contact:

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APP B.5 – SITE NOTICES



**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (EMPR) FOR THE PROPOSED BRAKFORTEIN THERMAL COAL MINE PROJECT LOCATED ON THE VARIOUS FARM PORTIONS OF THE FARM BRAKFORTEIN 264 IR IN DELMAS, VICTOR KHANYE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE
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PROJECT LOCATION

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Digby Well Environmental (Digby Wells) has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant to undertake the necessary environmental authorisation processes in terms of the MPDRA, NEMA, NWA and NEM:WA.

REGISTRATION AS AN INTERESTED AND/OR AFFECTED PARTY

A Public Participation Process (PPP) has been initiated as a legal requirement for this project with the purpose of sharing project information and gathering issues, concerns and objections about the proposed project from all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). All I&APs are hereby invited to register comments for the Brakfontein Thermal Coal Mine project before **20 May 2012**. Should you wish to be registered as an I&AP, obtain additional information or comment on the proposed development, please contact the persons below:

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THERMAL COAL MINE PROJECT LOCATED ON THE FARM BRAKFORTEIN
264 IR IN DELMAS, VICTOR KHANYE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA
PROVINCE**

Placement of site notices

17 April 2012



	Photo	Way point
1.		26° 11' 33.697" S 28° 51' 33.084" E
2.		26° 12' 10.751" S 28° 52' 8.202" E

	Photo	Way point
3.		<p>26° 12' 58.454" S 28° 51' 47.914" E (The Brakfontein Meat market)</p>
4.		<p>26° 13' 53.299" S 28° 51' 15.645" E</p>
5.		<p>26° 14' 10.147" S 28° 49' 35.262" E</p>

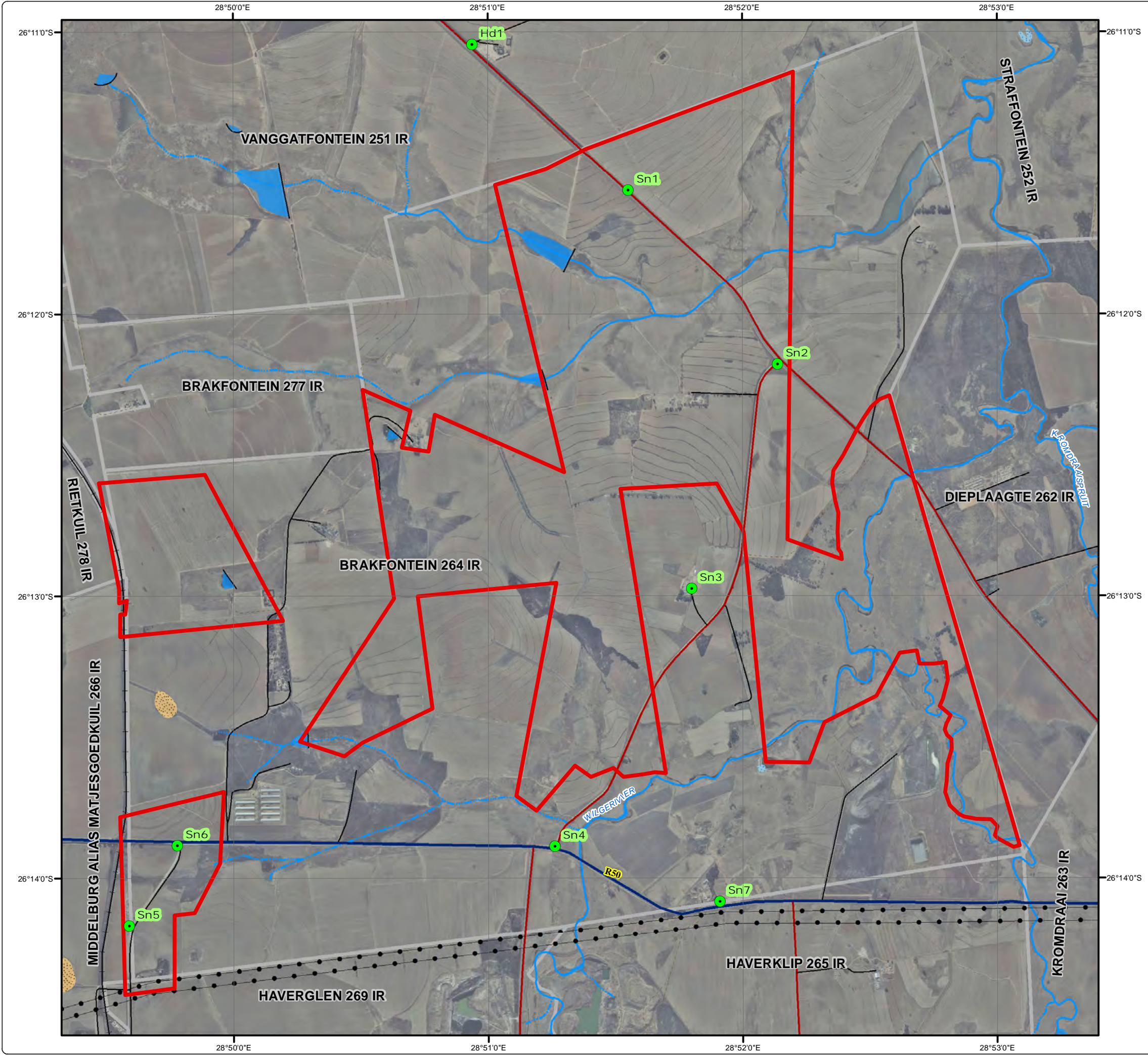
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6.		<p>26° 13' 53.050" S 28° 49' 46.629" E</p>
7.		<p>26° 14' 5.075" S 28° 51' 54.543" E (The Café in Brakfontein)</p>

Universal Coal Brakfontein MRA

PPP Points

Legend

- PPP Points
- Project Boundary
- Power Line
- Arterial / National Route
- Main Road
- Minor Road
- Track
- Railway Line
- Non-Perennial Stream
- Perennial Stream
- Dam Wall
- Farm Boundary
- Dam / Lake
- Non-Perennial Pan / Stream
- Perennial Pan



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APP B.6 - CRR



**PROPOSED BRAK FONTEIN COAL MINE -
COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT
VERSION 4**

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1. Introduction

This Comments and Response Report (CRR) Version 4 provides a summary of the comments, questions and issues raised by stakeholders since April 2012. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed development of the Brakfontein Thermal Coal Mine is being followed and this report provides a summary of stakeholder comments being recorded throughout the EIA process.

- Version 1 of the CRR was appended to the Draft Scoping Report which was available for public review from 23 May to 2 July 2012;
- Version 2 of the CRR includes comments and issues raised by stakeholders in the public review period of the Draft Scoping Report. Version 2 was appended to the Final Scoping Report which was available for public review from 18 July to 28 August 2012;
- Version 3 of the CRR was appended to the Draft EIA Report and included all comments from stakeholders on the Final Scoping Report.
- Version 4 of the CRR is appended to the Final EIA Report. Version 4 includes comments from stakeholders on the Draft EIA Report.

Version 1 of the CRR was updated to become Version 2, 3 and Version 4 of the CRR – therefore issues and comments recorded in this document were carried over to all the next versions of the CRR.

Please note, this version (version 4) is the final version of the Comments and Response Report - comments received on the Final EIA Report should be directed to the competent authority.

Issues are categorised as follows:

1. Public participation
2. Blasting, vibrations, noise and dust
3. Mine infrastructure
4. Other
5. Heritage and Archaeology
6. Social development, employment and livelihoods
7. Issues related to water
8. Issues related to roads and road infrastructure
9. Land and agricultural potential

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1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION						
Not enough site notices are placed in residential areas – from the photos in the Draft Scoping Report of the site notices it seems that notices were only put up in and around farms.	Mr	Xolisiwe Nkosi	Victor Khanye Local Municipality	20 June 2012	Public meeting	According to the National Environmental Management Act – Chapter 6, site notices have to be placed conspicuous to the public at the boundary or on the fence of the site where the activity to which the application relates is to be undertaken. In this instance the proposed mining will take place on farms and therefore site notices are not put in residential areas. To provide all stakeholders the opportunity to participate, advertisements were published and any interested person may register to become involved.
Is the Draft Scoping Report available in a local language and where is the report placed for the review by disadvantaged communities?	Mr	Thomas Msiza	Nkangala Local Municipality	20 June 2012	Public meeting	The report is placed at the Delmas public library, anyone can obtain a CD copy of the report and / download the report from the Digby Wells website.
The people that are mostly affected cannot read the report and are not at this meeting.	Mr	Thomas Msiza	Nkangala Local Municipality	20 June 2012	Public meeting	The directly affected landowners have all received personal notification of this meeting. The meeting was advertised for anyone to attend.
Mr Boshoff requested to be registered as an Interested and Affected party.	Mr	JHL Boshoff	Landowner Kromdraai / Brakfontein	9 May 2012	Registration sheet with BID	Mr Boshoff was registered as an Interested and Affected party.
Mr Uys requested to be registered as an Interested and Affected party.	Mr	Koos Uys	Koos Uys & Seun Pty (Ltd)	8 June 2012	Registration sheet with BID	Mr Uys was registered as an Interested and Affected party.

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Mr Van Bulderen requested to be registered as an Interested and Affected party.	Mr	R van Bulderen	Transnet Pipelines	9 May 2012	Registration sheet with BID	Mr Van Bulderen was registered as an Interested and Affected party.
About 95% of the affected community cannot speak or read English, what options are available for them to become involved in this project?	Mr	Robert Van Bulderen	Transnet Pipeline	20 June 2012	Public meeting	A summary of the reports will be compiled and translated into languages that are more accessible. Anyone may attend a public meeting where those attending may participate in a language of their choice.
Communication with the community is very important for the successful construction and operation of a mine. Universal Coal must learn from mistakes made by other mines. Please use the terminology and languages that the whole community understand.	Mr	Bongany Mopale Nyakale	Sechaba Sesinozi	20 June 2012	Public meeting	The idea is not to exclude the community; the report can be translated into different local languages but does not necessarily promote participation from the public. If stakeholders have specific requests, it should be communicated to the EIA team who will consider any requests.
What are some of the concerns that have been voiced since Universal Coal has started with the plans for the proposed mining development?	Mr	Nomvelo Buthelezi	Features Reporter at Mining Weekly	9 May 2012	Email to Digby Wells in response to the BID	The EIA for the project has just started. Digby Wells has been appointed as the independent environmental practitioner responsible to conduct the required environmental authorisation processes. A Background Information Document has been distributed to stakeholders, adverts were published and site notices were placed around the proposed mining area. Stakeholders have time until 20 May 2012 to register as Interested and Affected Parties

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						(I&APs) and to share their initial comments and concerns. Comments and concerns will be compiled in a Comments and Response Report (CRR) which will be made available publicly.
The Victor Khanye Local Municipality is in the process of establishing an office to assist with communication between the communities and the mines. On 14 July 2012 the establishment meeting of the office is planned and Universal Coal was invited to attend.	Mr	Xolisiwe Nkosi	Victor Khanye Local Municipality	20 June 2012	Public meeting	Universal Coal will attend the meeting. Ms Minah Moabi also suggested that the proposed meeting be used to discuss a regional transport plan between all mines.
2. BLASTING, VIBRATIONS, NOISE AND DUST						
Serious concerns are expressed regarding the impacts of noise pollution and dust pollution on the Brakchick operations.	Mr	Jan Moolman	Landowner	22 May 2012, 20 July 2012	Letter via Odendaal & Kruger Attorneys	Air quality monitoring on and around the proposed project site has commenced in May 2012. Monitoring of the air will take place over at least a period of one year to ensure that sufficient baseline data is gathered. After the one year period further monitoring will take place on a regular basis. Please refer to Appendix F and G for the noise and dust specialist study as well as to the EMPR that provides a detailed proposed monitoring plan for dust and noise.
Delmas area is a priority area with regards to monitoring air quality. What will be the impact on the air quality if yet another mine begins operations. Will the cumulative impacts of air quality be studied?	Mr	Bongani Modale Nyakale	Sechaba Sesinosi	20 June 2012	Public meeting	An air quality assessment was undertaken as part of the EIA studies. The cumulative impact has been assessed and reported on in the Draft Environmental Impact Report. Please refer to Appendix F for more information.

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Dust is going to increase in the area because of the presence of the mine, how is the community going to be protected?	Mr	Thomas Msiza	Nkangala Local Municipality	20 June 2012	Public meeting	An air quality assessment has been undertaken as part of the EIA studies. Once a baseline has been established (over a period of one year), the impacts will be finally identified and mitigation measures specific to the proposed impacts will be recommended. These recommendations are included in the EMPR
Blasting is already a problem with Keaton Energy and I would recommend a seismograph be used by Universal Coal. In experience it is better for the mine to permanently fix a seismograph at my property.	Mr	Johan Schalekamp	Landowner	20 June 2012	Public meeting	Noted. The suggestion has been conveyed to universal Coal for their consideration.
Universal Coal mine may comply with the relevant legislation for its proposed operation with regards to air pollution, however the collective impacts of all the mines in the area become a burden to the surrounding community. Are you investigating cumulative impacts?	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident Association (GMRA)	24 October 2012	Public meeting	An air quality assessment was undertaken which also took cognisance of the cumulative impacts. The EMPr indicates suggested mitigation measures for implementation to reduce dust and other potential air pollution.
Nowhere in the material presented was the impact on health of the surrounding community mentioned. Dust will impact the surrounding community and is dangerous to their health. How will the impact of dust on community health be mitigated?	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident Association (GMRA)	24 October 2012	Public meeting	An air quality assessment was undertaken with an air dispersion model. Dust buckers have been placed around the site and six months' worth of monitoring is being undertaken to include the dry season and wet season
You mentioned that vibrations will be minimised when blasting takes place, the most common answers from mining companies is that they will use a seismograph to measure blasting to make sure the mine is within the acceptable ranges.	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident Association (GMRA)	24 October 2012	Public meeting	A blasting study was undertaken to give a baseline of the current status before any blasting is done by Universal Coal. Complaints and eventualities will be addressed on a

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The continual blasting by a number of mines has an impact on houses.						case by case basis.
The exact state of the houses that will be affected by the blasting has not been mentioned in the studies conducted, when the owners start complaining of cracks to their structures how will the complaint be addressed?	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident Association (GMRA)	24 October 2012	Public meeting	A structural survey will need to be undertaken before mining starts to establish a structural baseline. This will be done after environmental authorisation was granted.
The mine is going to do blasting on either side of my property which is within the 500m buffer.	Mr	Johan Gericke	Brakfontein landowner portion 11	24 October 2012	Public meeting	There cannot be any blasting within 500m of a homestead according to the South African legislation. Blasting should not be permitted within a 500 metre buffer.
Mines may not blast within 500m of a pipeline, no mining may take place 100m from pipeline?	Mr	Robert van Bulderem	Transnet pipeline	24 October 2012	Public meeting	No mining will take place within the limits set by Transnet.
Will permanent seismographs be put in place for blasting and notices given to the surrounding farmers before blasting takes place?	Mr	Robert van Bulderen	Transnet pipeline	24 October 2012	Public meeting	Universal Coal will notify the surrounding communities when blasting is to take place.
Will the vibration monitored results be distributed?	Mr	Robert van Bulderen	Transnet pipeline	24 October 2012	Public meeting	These can be distributed.
All the mines in the area are blasting and sometimes this happens on the same day. Who will monitor the blasting and how can one assign damages to which mine?	Ms	Magda Kleye	Brakfontein farmer	24 October 2012	Public meeting	The comment is noted and blasting will be monitored by Universal Coal.
My livelihood depends on working with meat at my butchery. Dust will ruin my business and my livelihood.	Mr	Johan Gericke	Landowner	20 June 2012	Public meeting	Noted. An air quality assessment was undertaken as part of the EIA studies to determine potential impact. Please refer to Appendix F for more information on the potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

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Delmas forms part of the priority area in terms of air quality and the area needs to be monitored. We have not heard of a single mine in the area saying they will reduce their production to make sure that the burden of air quality does not lie with the community so that collective responsibility is taken for air quality levels.	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident Association (GMRA)	24 October 2012	Public meeting	The mine, goeverment and the community need to find a collective way of addressing these issues.
Air quality is a major problem as the doctors are reporting chronic respiratory disease because of the poor quality air in Mpumalanga.	Mr	Piet Bezuidenhout	Local Farmer,	24 October 2012	Public meeting	An air quality assessment was undertaken as part of the EIA. Universal Coal will be required to conduct regular monitoring to ensure that they are complaint.
Keaton Energy has a washer and crusher which is causing dust on my produce and the plant is 5km form my farm? The proposed dust which will be caused by Universal Coal (500m away from my farm) will ruin my produce.	Mr	Johan Gericke	Brakfontein landowner portion 11	24 October 2012	Public meeting	The Brakfontein project will not have a crusher and wash plant. Comment is noted.
MINE INFRASTRUCTURE						
Will the crushing of ore take place at the mine?	Mr	Jan Boshoff	Brakfontein Farmer	24 October 2012	Public meeting	The crusher will be situated at the Universal Coal Kangala mine near Delmas.
Transnet Pipelines (ex Petronet) has no objection in principle to the proposed coal mining project that will affect the 457,2mm pipeline within Transnet's 9,14m wide pipeline servitude as indicated in the map that was distributed with the BID. However the infrastructure forming part of the project and related mining activities such as blasting will affect the pipeline. The conditions and requirements for crossing the Transnet pipeline were provided to Digby Wells. Final drawings of the proposed mining development should be forwarded to Transnet.	Mr	Thami Hadebe	Servitude Management, Transnet Pipelines	11 May 2012	Comment sheet with BID	The conditions are noted and were received with thanks. Final drawings and details of the proposed development will be submitted to Transnet.

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EIA PROCESS (including the WUL process) AND BEYOND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION						
<p>The Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport, Mpumalanga is unable to give comprehensive comments at this stage. Once the EIA studies have been completed the Department will be able to comment. According to the locality plan, there may be several roads affected besides the Provincial Road D2543 (R545). Other provincial roads that may be affected are D1274 and P131-1.</p>	Mr	MJ Mojapelo	Acting Chief Engineer - The Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport, Mpumalanga	7 August 2012	Fax to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	The DEIR, including the specialist studies will be sent to the Department for their review.
<p>What are some of the major environmental factors that Universal Coal Plc has to take into account for the project?</p>	Mr	Nomvelo Buthelezi	Features Reporter at Mining Weekly	9 May 2012	Email to Digby Wells in response to the BID	The major environmental risk identified is sensitive areas in the area (wetland, streams, water courses and rocky outcrops which can be seen as sensitive landscapes). The mine plan will take these areas into account. An Environmental Impact Assessment is being conducted including the development of an Environmental Management Programme which will propose mitigation measures for minimizing, and/or preventing negative impact on the proposed area of development.
<p>Can the local community be utilised in assisting with some of the studies (archaeology and Fauna and Flora) were the consultant may lack local knowledge?</p>	Mr	Thomas Msiza	Nkangala Local Municipality	20 June 2012	Public meeting	A qualified archaeologist has undertaken the specific heritage and archaeology study. Local inputs are welcomed.
<p>Universal Coal and their consultants should meet with the Department of Water Affairs to discuss the Water Use License application. The Mpumalanga regional office has a huge backlog</p>	Ms	Sinazo Mgolozeu	Department of Water Affairs (DWA)	20 June 2012	Public meeting	Noted. A meeting will be scheduled where timeframes can be discussed.

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with approvals of applications and coordination of the WUL for this proposed project may take longer than expected.						
When will the company expect results on whether the environmental authorisation has been granted?	Mr	Nomvelo Buthelezi	Features Reporter at Mining Weekly	9 May 2012	Email to Digby Wells in response to the BID	The process to apply for environmental authorisation has just started and results are not expected in 2012. However, some of the authorisations may be forthcoming in 2012. Stakeholders will immediately be informed if such approvals are forthcoming.
Landowners would like to see a final mine plan. Mines often promise the world, but never put their cards on the table. Mines also reluctantly forget about rehabilitation. We would also like to see their rehabilitation plan as part of the EIA process.	Mr	JHL Boshoff	Landowner Kromdraai / Brakfontein	20 June 2012	Public meeting	Noted. An updated mine plan is included in the DEIR which will be submitted with Mining Rights Application – any changes from that plan will require a legal amendment. A rehabilitation plan is required as part of the Mining Right Application and this enforced by the DMR. A rehabilitation plan is being developed for submission to DMR.
Will cumulative impacts be assessed?	Mr	Thomas Msiza	Nkangala District Municipality	20 June 2012	Public meeting	Cumulative impacts were assessed as part of each specialist study which was conducted for the EIA phase. Please refer to the appendices which contain the various specialist studies which were conducted.
The consultants conduct the EIA but the mines do not implement the recommendations of the EIA and the suggested rehabilitation is not done.	Mr	Jan Boshoff	Brakfontein farmer	24 October 2012	Public meeting	Universal Coal has undertaken to be a responsible mining company and to do the right things.

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<p>We want a report that will describe the state of health of the people around Delmas in an EIA or EMPr and if they are any negative impact and how they will be mitigated.</p>	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident Association (GMRA)	24 October 2012	Public meeting	<p>The EIA and EMPr do not specifically address community health. The general status of health support (i.e. availability of clinics) is discussed in the Social Impact Assessment.</p>
<p>You mentioned that a monitoring plan will be implemented. A quarterly plan should be provided so that the public can be in a position to monitor the mine.</p>	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident Association (GMRA)	24 October 2012	Public meeting	<p>The monitored result will be made available.</p>
<p>Communication channels should be provided, channels where issues can be addressed within the mine and if this fails the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) or Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and tourism (MDEDET) in the province can be contacted. There should be a line of communication and not just mentions made that the community will be communicated with. The community needs specific avenues on how to communicate particular issues with the mine. For example if I want to complain about the quality of water I must be able to do this and also be informed how this issue will be to mitigated. Planning need to be monitored on a regular basis and clear line of communication needs to be established between the mine and the surrounding community.</p>	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident Association (GMRA)	24 October 2012	Public meeting	<p>A communication plan is in place for the mine. A community day will be held once a year where the community will be invited to visit the mine.</p> <p>A grievance mechanism procedure will be put in place which the community members can use to raise issues and follow up on how issues have been addressed.</p>
OTHER						
<p>Mr Combrink is interested in selling his farm.</p>	Mr	Pieter Combrink	Farm Brakfontein	4 May 2012	Registration sheet with BID	<p>Mr Combrink was registered as an Interested and Affected party. His request was conveyed to Universal</p>

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						Coal for their consideration.
My power line runs north of my property through the proposed box cut.	Mr	Johan Gericke	Brakfontein landowner portion 11	24 October 2012	Public meeting	As far as it is known there are no power lines next to Universal Coal's proposed box cut. This will be checked and verified.
There is a need to find a balance between farming and mining in Mpumalanga; Universal Coal will be producing coal for Eskom to produce electricity.	Mr	Jaco Malan	Universal Coal Geologist	24 October 2012	Public meeting	The different government departments need to look at the cumulative impacts of the mining including water impacts before the mining right is issued.
Most mines want to operate individually. The Chamber of Mine raised an issue that the problem with mines is that they do not cooperate and also do not take collective responsibility. This becomes a problem for the mine and the community.	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident Association (GMRA)	24 October 2012	Public meeting	The comment is noted.
HERITAGE, ARCHAEOLOGY						
Graves were found on the property that belongs to Norwesco which were not discovered earlier. The Digby Wells archaeologist is allowed access to visit the graves.	Mr	Sipho Mkhathswa	Shanduka Mine (Norwesco portion)	20 June 2012	Public meeting	The Digby Wells archaeology team undertook heritage and archaeology studies for the Brakfontein EIA. Access to visit the graves on the on the Norwesco property is appreciated.
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT, LIVELIHOODS						
As the local community we would like to know and understand the contents of the Social and Labour Plan (SLP) and how we may benefit by the proposed mine development.	Mr	Bongani Modale Nyakale	Sechaba Sesinosi	20 June 2012	Public meeting	Universal Coal has compiled a SLP which was submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR). The plan can be obtained from Universal Coal.
Does Universal Coal plan to use local disadvantage companies to contract for services	Mr	Xolisiwe Nkosi	Victor Khanye Local Municipality	20 June 2012	Public meeting	Where practical Universal Coal will use locals (to be identified and



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required?						procured through the Delmas municipality labour desk) or otherwise BEE companies will be utilised.
People looking for job opportunities should not wait outside the gates for employment as this affect land owners in terms of safety and security.	Mr	Johan Schalekamp	Landowner	20 June 2012	Public meeting	Khulisile development information centre will be used to place employment offers and deal with recruitment. Universal Coal has community liaison officers in charge of recruitment.
The required skills that Universal Coal is looking to hire are not to be found in this community, what strategies are planned to empower the people/youth of Delmas?	Mr	Xolisiwe Nkosi	Victor Khanye Local Municipality	20 June 2012	Public meeting	The Social and Labour Plan (SLP) of Universal Coal for the proposed Brakfontein mine includes that information. Training of local people will take place over time. In principle the people in the local municipality will receive preference, if skills are not to be found, preference will be given to neighbouring towns, then to people staying in the province.
What numbers of people are going to be employed during construction phase?	Mr	Thomas Msiza	Nkangala District Municipality	20 June 2012	Public meeting	It is estimated that 50 people will be employed during the construction phase.
How is Universal Coal going to empower the local people?	Mr	Thomas Msiza	Nkangala District Municipality	20 June 2012	Public meeting	The SLP that has been developed details the proposed plan from Universal Coal. This plan is being finalise with inputs from the municipality. Continuous communication will be maintained between Universal Coal and the municipality in terms of the needs of communities. One of the areas of support will be to the FET training

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						college in the area.
The community must nominate community liaison officers to assist Universal Coal with recruitment.	Mr	Thomas Msiza	Nkangala Local Municipality	20 June 2012	Public meeting	Universal Coal has already appointed people that assist them in liaising with communities. It is still very early in the process and specific details are still outstanding. Proper communication will be maintained with the municipality as the plans progress. Universal Coal will maintain good communication with communities.
Is Universal Coal going to provide accommodation for employees?	Mr	Robert Van Bulderen	Transnet Pipeline	20 June 2012	Public meeting	Universal Coal will not accommodate worker but will provide transportation from neighbouring towns to the proposed mine.
Often people work during the construction phase, but do not have the opportunity to keep on working during the operational phases of projects.	Mr	Xolisiwe Nkosi	Victor Khanye Local Municipality	20 June 2012	Public meeting	The proposed mine will have a Human Resource Development policy that will assist with career construction and ensuring that employees are retained where possible.
How is Universal Coal going to secure employment for people?	Mr	Thomas Msiza	Nkangala District Municipality	20 June 2012	Public meeting	Opportunities for jobs will be advertised widely and also through the municipal labour desk. Preference will be given to local employment. Contractors will also have to be aligned to the SLP of the mine – therefore they will also have to give preference to local employment.

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How will communities be compensated if they are impacted upon by negative impacts – e.g. water pollution and poor air quality?	Mr	Thomas Msiza	Nkangala District Municipality	20 June 2012	Public meeting	Universal Coal will be required to set up a procedure on how to address compensation queries. This procedure will be communicated to the communities who may be potentially affected.
The 165 people to be employed by Universal Coal for the Brakfontein project do they include sub-contractors or are they Universal Coal employees only?	Mr	Sipho Mkhathshwa	Shanduka Mine (Norwesco portion)	20 June 2012	Public meeting	The 165 employees are inclusive of employees and sub-contractors for Universal Coal.
How many people of the 165 to be employed will be permanent employees and how many will be contract employees?	Mr	Jan Boshoff	Brakfontein farmer	24 October 2012	Public meeting	100 of the 165 will be contract employees and 65 will be permanent employees.
What is the social corporate responsibility of Universal Coal mine toward the farming community?	Mr	Mopale Nyakale	Sechaba Sesinosi	24 October 2012	Public meeting	The Universal Coal SLP outlines what contribution the mine will make towards corporate responsibility. The plan also indicates that there will be no housing supplied to the mine workers.
It is the responsibility of the farmers to house their workers. How will Universal Coal look after their workers as the mines displace the community?	Mr	Mopale Nyakale	Sechaba Sesinosi	24 October 2012	Public meeting	Universal Coal has identified people that will be affected by the mine. Some of the existing farm workers will be retained as mine workers and negotiation will take place with the farmers. A relocation plan for the remaining workers will be developed. .
The relocation plan that Universal Coal has planned will not suit the farm workers as most of them are not educated and this will lead to social issues in the Delmas area as the workers will be dependent on social grants, and crime will increase due to unemployment.	Mr	Jan Boshoff	Brakfontein farmer	24 October 2012	Public meeting	Comment noted.

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Should Universal Coal not start with the training of locals to fill the positions that will be required on the mine as most of them do not have the required skills?	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident Association (GMRA)	24 October 2012	Public meeting	A mining right has to be granted by the government first before the training of mine workers can start.
Who is going to benefit from the Brakfontein project at the end of the day? Because the long term effect is more detrimental to the Delmas area.	Mr	Jan Boshoff	Brakfontein farmer	24 October 2012	Public meeting	The country as a whole will benefit from the coal which is provided to Eskom and the taxes to be paid by the mine.
Concerned that he will be impacted on both sides as his property falls between the two pits.	Mr	Johan Gericke	Brakfontein landowner portion 11	24 October 2012	Public meeting	The comment is noted.
How is this problem going to be resolved as I cannot continue to farm if you mine on either side of my farm?	Mr	Johan Gericke	Brakfontein landowner portion 11	24 October 2012	Public meeting	This cannot be address in this forum, negotiations will be entered into.
ISSUES RELATING TO WATER						
Mining through a wetland is not allowed as it will destroy the wetland and never bring it back to its natural state.	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	There will be no mining through wetlands. However, it has been proposed that high wall mining be undertaken under the wetlands. This proposal will need to be approved by both the DMR and the DWA.
It is clear that the proposed mining activities will have a negative impact on all types of the watercourses on the property and adjacent to this. The applicant must conduct a study or provide mitigation measures of the watercourses and crucial aspects of water resources management (including the characteristics of a watercourse).	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Characteristics of the watercourses will be studied and described in relation to resource management by hydrologists and geomorphologists and the findings will be worked into permits and application impact assessments. The specialist studies – see Appendix D and E describe the

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						proposed mitigation measures to optimally manage watercourses.
<p>The applicant must provide mitigation measures that will be put in place for opencast mining and associated infrastructure on the wetland and associated water resources. The applicant should address the management of the Reserve (REC=D) during and after mining operations. Financial provision for water treatment and wetland rehabilitation must be included. Mitigation measures should be put in place to protect the water resources from contaminated water from the mine workings and fuel spillages.</p>	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Management of the reserve will be addressed by specialists who are accredited in reserve determination aspects of hydrology, geomorphology, macro-invertebrates, fish and vegetation. See Appendix J and K for more information.
<p>The application should discuss underground mining activities in greater detail, but this alternative must rather be explored as it has fewer impacts on wetlands. The applicant has to apply to the Department to undermine any watercourse(s).</p>	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Rehabilitation specific to wetlands and costs for this specific wetland rehabilitation will be calculated and indicated separately. Refer to Appendix K for the relevant information.
<p>The buffer zone must be determined scientifically by a wetland specialist and a soil scientist to conduct a detailed soil study around the wetland (at least within 500m from the boundary of the wetland). The distance of the buffer zone will be dependent on the soil characteristics.</p>	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Wetland buffers have been proposed based on scientific analysis and relating to soil types and characteristics agreed between the wetland specialist team consisting of a soil scientists, botanist and geomorphologist with inputs regarding aquatic and Red Data species as well. The buffers have been set at 100m.
<p>Groundwater monitoring should be done quarterly and water level monitoring in boreholes should be done monthly. In the cases where water quality monitoring is advised to be done monthly the groundwater levels can also be</p>	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping	Digby Wells owns and uses magnetometers and resistivity meters that will be used for geophysical surveys to ensure a very detailed and clear picture and

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measured on a monthly basis due to monitoring the dewatering effects. The groundwater should be monitored in terms of quality and quantity.					Report	understanding of geological structures and features that affect groundwater flow. The EMPR provides the recommended monitoring plan for ground and surface water.
The geophysical investigation should be updated to verify the possibility of geological structures which can influence groundwater flow. A case study that proves the backfilling with discard will prevent acid mine drainage. The groundwater should be protected because of its importance in the area.	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Geochemical analysis and studies have determined that backfilling with discard is the best environmental practice.
The general waste generated on site during the operation shall be stored, handles and transported to a permitted waste disposal site in such a manner as not to cause any nuisance or secondary pollution. Furthermore, the hazardous waste shall be disposed of at a waste disposal facility permitted to handle such waste.	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Please refer to the EMPR for recommendation on the handling, storage and transporting of waste. The Waste Management License being applied for from the MDEDET also details the proposed management of waste.
The applicant must ensure that water for drinking and domestic purposes is sourced from a registered and or authorised water user. If the water user is not authorized and does not fall under the existing lawful water use category they must apply for a water use license.	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Noted.
No construction activities may take place below the 1:100 year flood line and or 500 metres from water resources.	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Exemption may be motivated for the construction within 500m of a water course. Motivation with mitigation measures has been proposed.
The applicant must note that domestic and hazardous waste generated on the project site shall be taken to a relevant and permitted landfill	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response	A full IWULA will be submitted with pre-consultation with the Department.

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site in such a manner not to cause any nuisance or secondary pollution. The applicant will be expected to provide the Department with a letter of consent from the local municipality confirming that there will be enough capacity at the waste site to accommodate additional wastes.			Region		to the Final Scoping Report	
The applicant must ensure that stormwater is diverted away from all the working areas and the stormwater leaving the prospecting areas must not be contaminated by any substance, whether that substance is a solid, liquid, vapour or any combination thereof. The soil must be stabilised in order to prevent the resulting wash downs into any water resource and where possible rehabilitation of the disturbed areas must be done concurrently with the prospecting activity.	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Please refer to the EMPR – see Appendix E for recommendation on the management of stormwater.
The applicant must provide clean water to all the users that will be affected by the activities.	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Noted.
The drilling of the boreholes should be at areas where the cone of depression is not negatively impacted. Groundwater quality monitoring should be done quarterly and water level monitoring in boreholes should be done monthly.	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Noted. Please see the specialist study conducted on groundwater – Appendix D for more information on the groundwater model used and the proposed monitoring programme that is recommended.
Construction of all facilities / infrastructure must be according to the Department’s Best Practise Guideline (DWA: BPG).	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Noted.

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Mining methods should adhere to the protection and management of the environment and water resources.	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Noted.
The applicant must provide historical groundwater monitoring data and maintenance plans for monitoring during decommission and post closure phases.	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Noted.
The applicant must provide management plans in terms of groundwater quality and quantities.	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Please refer to Appendix D for the proposed plans for the monitoring of ground and surface water quality and quantities.
Post closure management plan, remediation of physical activity, remediation of storage facilities, remediation of environmental impact and remediation of water resource impacts should be provided by the applicant before commencement of the operation.	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Noted.
The applicant must provide a wetland rehabilitation plan before the commencement of the operation for review.	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Noted.
The detailed specialist studies should be provided to the Department.	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping	A copy of the DEIR and the specialist studies will be delivered to the Department.

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The applicant must report any pollution incident originating from this project to the Regional Head: Mpumalanga DWA within 24 hours.	Ms	S Mgolozeli	Department of Water Affairs, Mpumalanga Region	26 July 2012	Letter to Digby Wells in response to the Final Scoping Report	Noted.
Serious concerns are expressed regarding the availability of groundwater and the quality thereof as the party concerned is totally dependent on the enterprise currently owned and managed on the farm.	Mr	Jan Moolman	Landowner	22 May 2012, 20 July 2012	Letter via Odendaal & Kruger Attorneys	Noted. Please refer to Appendix D and E describing the potential impacts of the proposed mine on water as well as the proposed mitigation measures.
A buffer of at least 300 metres is required around all sources of water.	Mr	JHL Boshoff	Landowner Kromdraai / Brakfontein	20 June 2012	Public meeting	The Department of Water Affairs require a buffer of 500 metres. Please see their comments above.
Mr Moolman farms with 300 000 chickens and unpolluted water in the quantities required is critical for his successful operations.	Mr	Jan Moolman	Landowner	20 June 2012	Public meeting	In the EIA phase, potential impacts and proposed measures to mitigate these impacts were investigated through specialist studies. Please refer to Appendix D and E.
What mitigation measures are proposed for the potential impacts that the project may have on water resources?	Ms	Sinazo Mgozozeu	Department of Water Affairs (DWA)	20 June 2012	Public meeting	Please refer to Appendix D, E and the EMPR to review the proposed mitigation measures.
Are the measurements being used for the buffer zones around water resources taken from the best practise guidelines of the department? The 100 metre buffers around the wetlands and stream indicated on the map (part of the poster exhibition) does not seem adequate.	Ms	Sinazo Mgozozeu	Department of Water Affairs (DWA)	20 June 2012	Public meeting	The mine plan has been confirmed, the buffer zones will be 100m according to what is required by the DWA best practice guidelines and in terms of the National Water Act.
We are concerned about the pollution of surface and groundwater. We would like to know what the mine will do not to pollute water.	Mr	Bongani Modale Nyakale	Sechaba Sesinosi	20 June 2012	Public meeting	An aquatic, surface and groundwater study was undertaken to assess the potential impact the mine will have. Mitigation measures

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The Water Use License application being submitted, does it cover an application for water pollution control and any other dams?	Ms	Sinazo Mgolozeu	Department of Water Affairs (DWA)	20 June 2012	Public meeting	The Water Use Licence covers, amongst other things, the application for the storage and treatment of water i.e. PCDs. Designs will also be included as part of the IWULA.
What will happen if the boreholes on my farm run dry?	Mr	Johan Gericke	Brakfontein landowner portion 11	24 October 2012	Public meeting	Your water will be only affected in year 20 and the water levels will fall with 10m. Negotiations will be entered into with farmers to see how these impacts can be mitigated.
What will be my recourse if my groundwater is impacted?	Mr	Johan Gericke	Brakfontein landowner portion 11	24 October 2012	Public meeting	As indicated in the EMPr, there will be monitoring of the boreholes and if there are impacts these will be mitigated.
Will Universal Coal mine be using groundwater for their mining activities? Within the 30 year period what levels and quantity of loss will be experienced with ground water that will be used for the Brakfontein project as this is farming land?	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident Association (GMRA)	24 October 2012	Public meeting	The mine will use 15.5m ³ / day from a borehole on site and this will be for human use. A detailed groundwater study was undertaken which indicates the impacts the mine will have on groundwater including the impacts on surrounding boreholes as indicated in the presentation.
Water quality in the Kangala region has become a problem, several municipalities are complaining about the poor water quality, some of the wetlands that you have mentioned will have an impact on the Olifant's catchment. Currently we have a problem with the Olifant's catchment as fish species are dying and no one	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident Association (GMRA)	24 October 2012	Public meeting	Issues raised are addressed in the EMPr in terms of water quality. The mine will need to have an Integrated Water Use Licence that the Department of Water Affairs has to approve the proposed water consumption. The Integrated Water



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<p>is able to establish what the cause is. The increase in mining activities in Delmas and the surrounding areas will have an impact on the Olifant's River catchment. This means that the contribution that will be made by Universal Coal in terms of AMD will have a huge adverse impact on the quality of water in the Olifant's catchment. Throughout the country there are reports revealing that the country is under a serious water shortage problem, taking into consideration that large industries use large amounts of water. Will we have enough water for household consumption or other uses as mines use a lot of water?</p>						<p>Use Licence will need to have a reserved determination to say how much water they can allocate to the different mines. The Department of Water Affairs makes a decision if there is enough water for the mine to continue. A water use licence application has been made and the mine will not open until the licence is granted.</p>
<p>Will pollution control dams be built? The mine must be 150m from the 50 year flood lines.</p>	Mr	Piet Bezuidenhout	Local Farmer	24 October 2012	Public meeting	<p>Pollution control dams will be built to ensure a closed pollution control system. The flood lines and buffer zones around the wetlands have been studied and have been taken into account.</p>
<p>There are 27 blue scorpions dealing with water issues in South Africa, how can 27 people do a good job?</p>	Mr	Piet Bezuidenhout	Local Farmer	24 October 2012	Public meeting	<p>Noted this is an issue which has to be taken up with the Department of Water Affairs.</p>
<p>Will there be enough water for households?</p>	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident Association (GMRA)	24 October 2012	Public meeting	<p>As stated this will be dealt with in the IWULA.</p>
<p>Requested at the last information sharing meeting to have his boreholes monitored as the mine will have a major impact on his ground water.</p>	Mr	Johan Gericke	Brakfontein landowner portion 11	24 October 2012	Public meeting	<p>The two boreholes will be monitored.</p>

ISSUES RELATING TO ROADS AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

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Is Universal Coal going to maintain the road that will be used to transport coal? Mining companies use the local and provincial roads without contributing to its maintenance. The deterioration of the roads is of serious concern to the local community.	Mr	Robert Van Bulderen	Transnet Pipeline	20 June 2012	Public meeting	A traffic assessment study was conducted to assess the impact that the proposed mine may have on the roads. The existing deterioration of the roads is a regional problem that will have to be taken up with the provincial government. See Appendix O.
All the mines in this area should get together and discuss their requirements for transport. They have to look at solutions and implement them together. Road transport of coal is very dangerous for the community and the roads are deteriorating every day.	Mr	Jan Boshoff	Landowner	20 June 2012	Public meeting	A traffic assessment study was conducted to assess the impact that the proposed mine may have on the roads. The existing deterioration of the roads is a regional problem that will have to be taken up with the provincial government. See Appendix O.
The roads in the area is built for low traffic volumes and also not for vehicles with such heavy loads – Universal would like to transport coal from the proposed Brakfontein mine to the Kangala mine – which roads will be used?	Mr	Robert Van Bulderen	Transnet Pipeline	20 June 2012	Public meeting	These issues are assessed as part of the traffic assessment. See Appendix O.
Which roads will be used for the transportation of coal?	Ms	Magda Kleyer	Brakfontein farmer	24 October 2012	Public meeting	The roads that will be used is the D25/43 then one turns left to D11/47 joining the R50 and then on to the R42 to Kangala Coal mine.
Traffic is a big issue no one is considering the cumulative traffic impacts from all the mines which are going to open in the area and their use of the roads. The mines say that they will maintain the roads but it falls to the department of roads in the end.	Mr	Jan Boshoff	Brakfontein farmer	24 October 2012	Public meeting	The comment is noted a traffic study was undertaken. However the cumulative impacts are an issue.
When EIA studies are undertaken promises are made to the government and surrounding communities of what mitigation measures will be	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident	24 October 2012	Public meeting	The comment is noted - as stated a traffic impact study was undertaken.



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<p>implemented by the mine, for example the road issue. In an EIA report, it is mentioned that the road will be maintained by the mine but when the road starts to deteriorate the mine will start saying that this is a national or provincial road and the Roads and Transport Department will need to be contacted, This is a common problem in the Delmas area. Heavy trucks are taking their toll on the road causing potholes which in turn causes serious and deadly accidents.</p>			<p>Association (GMRA)</p>			
<p>An assessment was conducted on the road R2549 two years ago by the Department of Roads and Transport. The road was in a good condition before Keaton Energy and Steward Coal started transporting their coal on the road. The Department of Roads and Transport has indicated that this road is in a critical condition, we have requested that the Department should get technical data on the design and structure of the road because this road was not designed or built to take the volume of trucks it is currently taking.</p> <p>In the near future the R2549 will experience a lot of accidents because the road has deteriorated. The road from Delmas to Agen has encountered many accidents and nobody is doing anything about the road.</p> <p>The Welgelegen mine had to stop its operations because they could not transport their coal on the roads as they had badly deteriorated.</p>	<p>Ms</p>	<p>Magda Kleyer</p>	<p>Brakfontein farmer</p>	<p>24 October 2012</p>	<p>Public meeting</p>	<p>A traffic impact study was conducted by BKS for the Brakfontein Coal mine.</p>
<p>Yes, the road study was conducted but the cumulative effect of the mines in the area on the road was not taken into account. The assessment was not conducted on the same day</p>	<p>Mr</p>	<p>Jan Boshoff</p>	<p>Brakfontein farmer</p>	<p>24 October 2012</p>	<p>Public meeting</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>

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and for all four mines in the area.						
Is the dirt road shorter than the R50?	Mr	Jan Boshof	Brakfontein farm	24 October 2012	Public meeting	The road will be used to go out of the property to the north and the road will be maintained.
There are farmers who look after the roads themselves.	Ms	Magda Kleyer	Brakfontein farmer	24 October 2012	Public meeting	This is not right as it should be government's responsibility to look after the roads. Farmers and miners should not be responsible for maintaining roads in addition to the taxes that they pay.
Trucks drive at the speed of 120km per hour while farmers go up to 60km per hour on their tractors, there will be accidents on these roads one of these days.	Mr	Jan Boshoff	Brakfontein farmer	24 October 2012	Public meeting	Comment noted.
Farmers use 10 ton trucks on the road and the road was built for seasonal use but the coal trucks use the roads 24 hours a day. The mines will destroy the roads.	Mr	Piet Bezuidenhout	Local Farmer	24 October 2012	Public meeting	Comment noted
The mines in the area should work together to address the cumulative impacts in an integrated manner. How does government at all levels deal with all these issues, there should be someone who oversees and takes final accountability. For example the issue of traffic where all the mines are transporting Coal on the same road and there is a accumulative impact on the Mpumalanga roads. This is not an individual company's problem there is a collective responsibility that must be addressed. Jointly we should approach this problem and find a better solution to transporting coal and stop pointing fingers at each other. Find a collective way of addressing the problem with the local municipality.	Mr	Johnson Manlangu	Local community member	24 October 2012	Public meeting	<p>Agreed the government is the body to manage the road issues but the in reality somebody has to take the responsibility of maintaining the roads.</p> <p>We are sitting with a government that is not performing its responsibility - the farmers and the mines both have a collective need for the government to fix the roads.</p> <p>Why should farmers have the right to transport their goods without contributing to fixing the road in addition to taxes they pay? Collective decisions have to be made in Mpumalanga to fix the</p>

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<p>If the operational farm units are sold to a mining company to mine the area, we would have lost all the land for agriculture – all the jobs related to agriculture would be lost and this may well add to the challenges South Africa and Mpumalanga already faces with regards to food security.</p>	Mr	Bongani Modale Nyakale	Sechaba Sesinosi	20 June 2012	Public meeting	<p>A land capability and agricultural potential assessment was undertaken as part of the EIA. A social impact assessment to determine the impact that a proposed mine may have on the social environmental was also undertaken. Please refer the Appendix M for the findings from the specialists.</p>
<p>You did not mention in your presentation the alternative for farming land as farmers are being displaced in the area?</p>	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident Association (GMRA)	24 October 2012	Public meeting	<p>As the area is currently farming this would be classified as the no-go option which has been discussed in the EIA report.</p>
<p>The displacement of farm workers and farmers due to mines in the area will have an impact on farmers and employees due to loss of jobs/income. Agriculture is more sustainable than mining in terms of the economy, as the mine will operate for 30 years but agriculture will be for more than 30 years this will need to be taken into consideration.</p>	Mr	Thomas Mnsumi	Greater Middleburg Resident Association (GMRA)	24 October 2012	Public meeting	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>The article in the Farmers weekly speaks about the loss of high potential soil / agricultural land which is 12% of the high potential land that will be lost to mining. Agriculture is long term and mining is short term. The studies in the farmers' weekly article were conducted to understand the cumulative impact</p>	Mr	Piet Bezuidenhout	Local Farmer,	24 October 2012	Public meeting	<p>Comment noted</p>



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of mining in the Delmas, Ogies and Leandra area and it was found that the end result will be devastating for South Africa's food security.						



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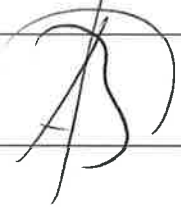


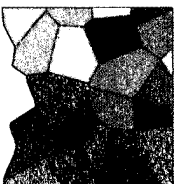
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