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NOTICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE GLENCORE WATERVAL MINE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME REPORT TO INCLUDE THE PROPOSED UG1 OPENCAST PROJECT AND PR 2060 INTO THE MINING RIGHT AREA, AND THE ASSOCIATED WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION

AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Glencore Operations South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Glencore) is the owner of the Waterval Mine located approximately 3km east of Rustenburg in the North-West Province. Glencore proposes to amend the Waterval Mine's approved 2021 Consolidated Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) to include the UG1 opencast project, as well as to include Prospecting Right Area 2060 into the existing mining right area. The proposed UG1 opencast project will include an opencast pit and supporting infrastructure. The proposed UG1 opencast project is located on the remaining extent of Portion 82 of the Farm Waterval 306 JQ.

Waterval Mine has appointed Alta van Dyk Environmental Consultants cc (AVDE) as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to undertake the required environmental-related applications and associated public participation process.

AUTHORISATIONS REQUIRED

Before Waterval Mine may commence with the development of the proposed UG1 opencast project, the following environmental authorisations are required:

- A Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2014, as amended). The competent authority for this process is the Department of Minerals and Energy (DMRE). The following listed activities are triggered:
Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983): 12(ii), 19, 21D, 24, 27
Listing Notice 2 (GNR 984): 6, 17
Listing Notice 3 (GNR 985): 4, 12, 14

- Approval in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA) (a combined application in terms of NEMA and NEM:WA will be submitted to the DMRE). The following activities are triggered: Category B (GNR 921): 7, 10, 11
- A Water Use Licence Application (WULA) in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998). The competent authority for this process is the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). The following Section 21 water uses will be applied for: Section 21 (a), (c), (g), (i) and (j)

A Draft Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Programme Report (EIA/EMPr) has been compiled for the proposed UG1 opencast project. The Draft EIA/EMPr provides:

- Description of the proposed project;
- Need and desirability of the proposed project;
- Information on alternatives;
- Information on relevant legislation and polices;
- Findings of the specialist studies undertaken
- An outline of the methodology of the impact assessment undertaken;
- Impacts identified during the impact assessment phase;
- Mitigation measures to manage identified impacts; and
- Information on the stakeholder engagement process undertaken.

AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT EIA/EMPr FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Draft EIA/EMPr will be available for public comment for a period of 30 days, from **10 March to 12 April 2023** at the venues listed in the table below. The document is also available electronically on the AVDE website:

<https://www.altavandykenvironmental.co.za/public-documents/>.

Public Place	Locality	Contact details
Glencore Waterval West Mine Security	Portion 27, Farm Waterval 306 JQ, Rustenburg	014 597 8163
Rustenburg Public Library	c/o Thabo Mbeki and Heystek streets, Rustenburg	014 590 3711
Alta van Dyk Environmental Consultants	9 Mountain Sherman Crescent, Midlands Estate, Centurion	012 940 9457

The comment period provides stakeholders with the opportunity to review the Draft EIA/EMPr in order to better understand the project and implication of potential impacts and provide response to any comments or queries and to verify that stakeholder contributions thus far have been recorded and correctly understood and addressed in the Draft EIA/EMPr.

INVITATION TO PUBLIC OPEN DAY

You are also invited to attend a public open day as follows:

Date: Thursday, 23 March 2023

Time: 10:00 – 13:00

Venue: Glencore Waterval East Mine Lekgotla (25°41'14.83"S; 27°15'50.83"E).

Kindly confirm your attendance to the public open day by **Friday 17 March 2023** with the undersigned. A map indicating the location of the venue is shown in Figure 1.

If you would like more information on the proposed project, or to comment on the proposed project or the Draft EIA/EMPr, please direct all enquiries to the undersigned by **Wednesday, 12 April 2023**.

Kind regards,



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Due date for comment on the Draft EIA/EMPr: Wednesday, 12 April 2023



**GLENCORE WATERVAL MINE
LOCATION OF OPEN DAY VENUE**

Figure 1