

Meeting Details: Waterval UG1 Opencast Mine – Pre-application Meeting with the DMRE			
Date: 24 June 2022		Time: 10:00 am	Place: Microsoft Teams
Meeting called by	Suzanne van Rooy		
Type of meeting	Pre-Application Meeting		
Facilitator	Suzanne van Rooy		
Note taker	Tyla Smith		
Attendees	Thilivhali Meregi (TM) - Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE)         Neo Nthoesane (NN) - DMRE         Berlinda Mosesane (BM) - Glencore         Annah Ngope (AN) - Glencore         Keitumetse Mthimunye (KM) - Glencore         Naudene le Roux (NR) - Glencore         Suzanne van Rooy (SvR) - Alta van Dyk Environmental Consultants cc		
Apologies	Tyla Smith (TS	) - Alta van Dyk Environmental Consulta	ints cc
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- At present, only the reclamation of the TSF at Waterval West is taking place.
- Waterval Mine's Consolidated EMPr was approved on 06 December 2021.
- It is the intension of Glencore to amend the approved 2021 Consolidated EMPr to include the following:
  - UG1 opencast project
  - Include PR2060 into Waterval Mine's mining right area

#### Location - Waterval Mine:

- Located near Rustenburg in North-West Province.
- The mine is in the jurisdiction of the Rustenburg Local Municipality and Bojanala Platinum District Municipality.
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	• Undertaken by Scientific Aquatic Services
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•	Groundwater
•	Closure Plan
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#### • Financial Provisions

#### Legislative Requirements

- Environmental Authorisation
  - $\circ$  Section 102 Amendment of EMPr
  - Full Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting process in terms of National Environmental Management Act (NEMA)
  - $\circ~$  Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (NEM:WA) combined application
- Water Use Licence
  - Water Use Licence application in terms of the National Water Act (NWA)

#### **Public Participation**

- Site notices
- Background Information Document
- Notification letters
- Advert in Rustenburg Herald
- Language preferences
- Public meetings

#### Discussion

#### Project Overview:

• **AN** indicated that the Glencore 2021 EMPr was authorised as an addendum to the two consolidated EMPrs. It is Glencore's intention to consolidate all EMPrs within this authorisation process once the open pit EMPr has been authorised. The mine will therefore have one final EMPr with all associated activities.

#### Mine Plan:

- AN asked BM to go through the proposed mine plan.
- **BM** stated that the mining method is drill and blast, however, there are portions within the proposed opencast area with highly weathered material as identified during the exploration drilling process. In these specific areas drill and blasting will not take place, but rather free digging.
- SvR asked if the weathered material will be considered as over burden.
- **BM** indicated that this is part of the ore material not the overburden or topsoil. It just does not require extraction via drilling and blasting.
- **BM** indicated that for clarity, two open pits are not being considered. The centre area between them is where the ground will be opened to start mining. Mining will start in a boxcut type of fashion and will move outwards. In summary there will be one open pit with mining undertaken on each side of the pit going away from each other.

#### Public Participation:

- SvR asked if the DMRE requires public participation in other languages besides English
- **TM** indicated that the public participation will need to include the other languages found within the project area.
- **SvR** asked if this would be Tswana.
- **TM** confirmed that Tswana will be required.
- SvR indicated that no public meetings have been included in the Public Participation Process as the project falls on land owned by the applicant. Provisions have been made for consultations with component authorities and the Ward Councillor only. SvR asked if the DMRE will require a public meeting.
- **TM** indicated that a public meeting with I&AP will need to be held.
- SvR asked if an Open Day is sufficient for this public meeting.
- **TM** indicated that an Open Day will be considered sufficient.

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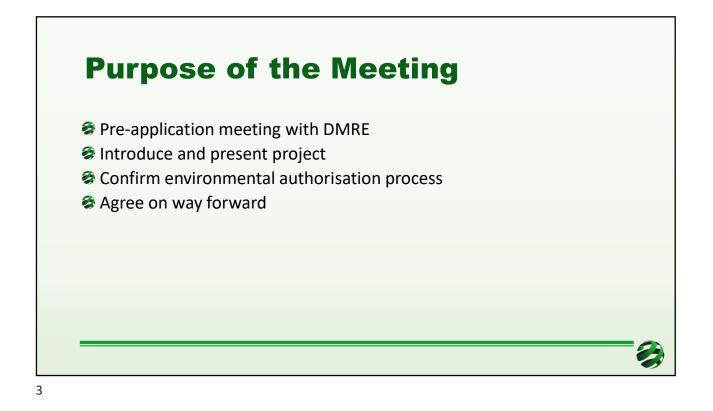
- NN indicated that a Section 102 Amendment in terms of the MPRDA is not correct for this application. The Section 102 will be for the incorporation of the prospecting right into the mining right. The EMPr update and consolidation will be a new environmental authorisation application.
- SvR asked if all EMPrs and the new EMPr for the opencast project can be combined into one final EMPr?
- **TM** indicated that not through a Section 102, no environmental authorisations can be processed through the MPRDA but rather through NEMA. The Opencast activities will be a new Environmental Authorisation. A regulation 31 as per NEMA will need to be followed the amend the EMPrs into 1 document.
- NN indicated that to combine the EMPrs a Part 2 Amendment will need to be undertaken. Only new activities will be authorised and all existing activities need to be clearly indicated.
- **AN** stated that the 2021 approval was approved as an addendum, the problem is with an environmental audit all EMPrs will need to be audited. Glencore would like one document that clearly indicates that it supersedes all other EMPs. This will result in one document for the operation that will be audited.

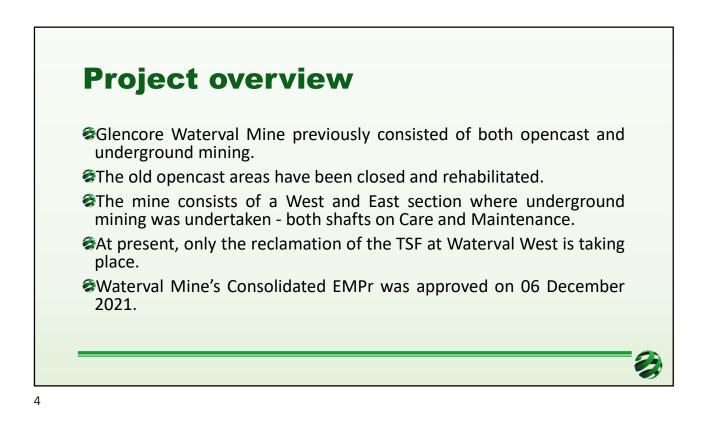
• NN asked if the approved addendum can be made available to them.

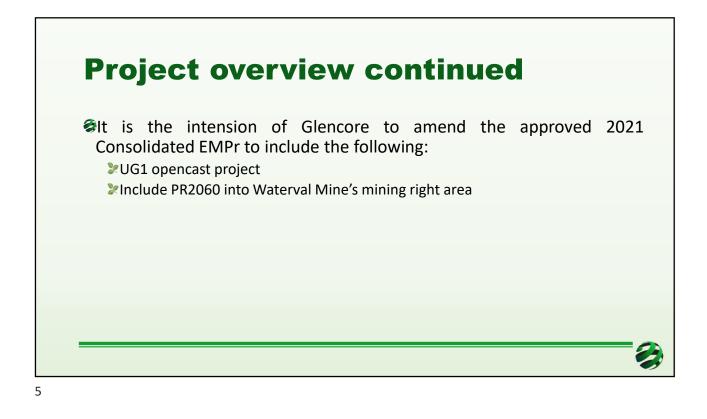
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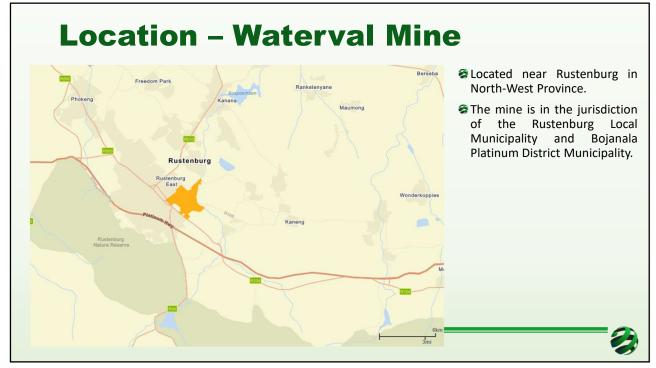


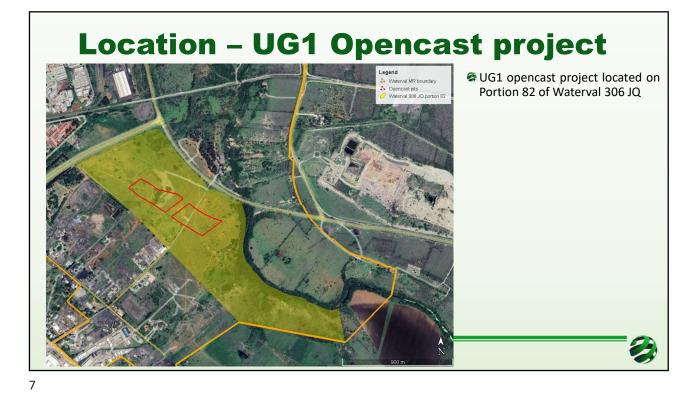
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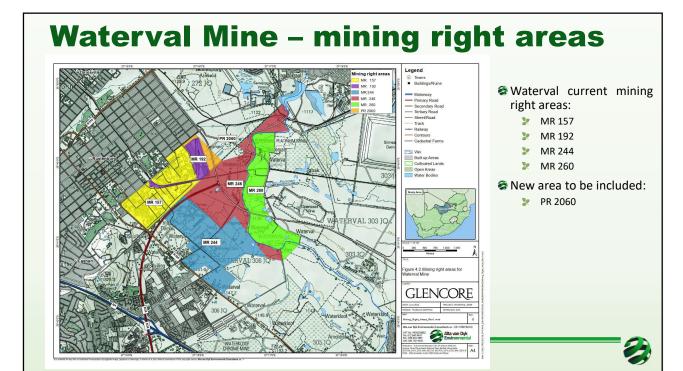




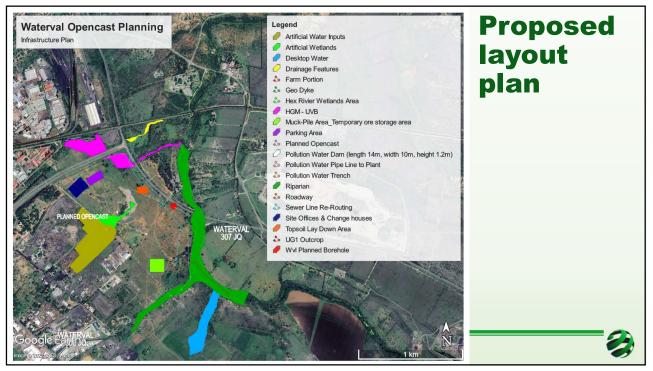


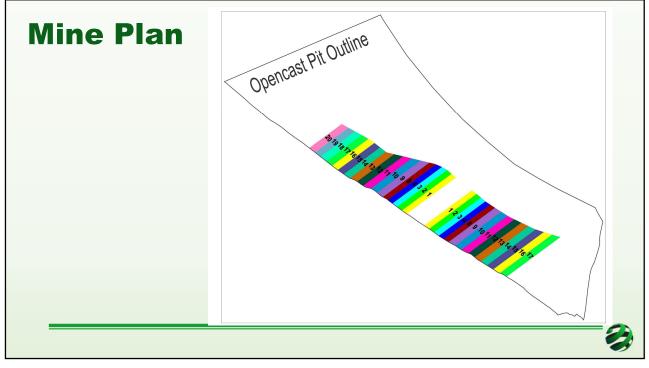






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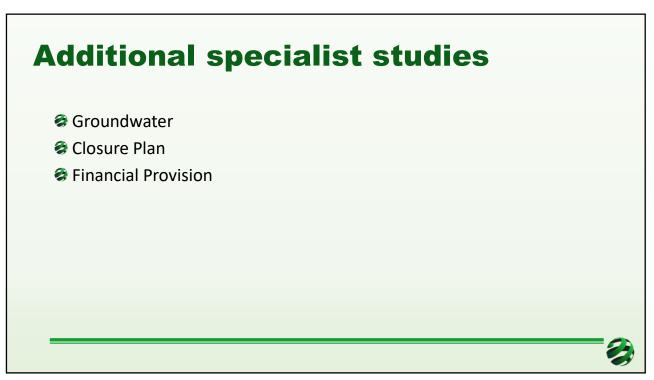


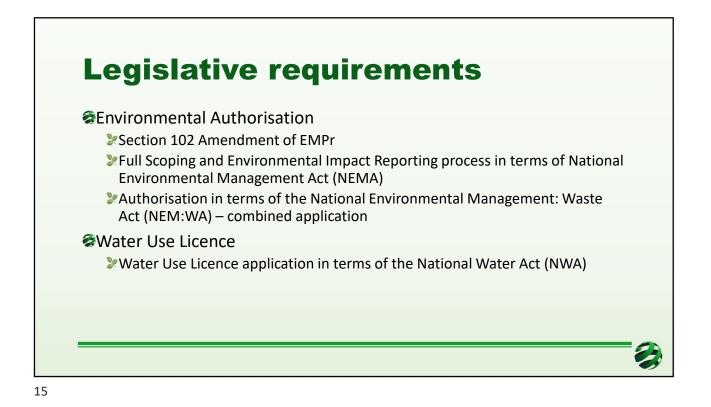
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  - Section 21(b) storing of raw water from boreholes in EB3 for irrigation
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  - Section 21(j) dewatering from underground mine workings for safety purposes
  - Proposed Project: UG1 Opencast Project:
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- Competent authority: North West Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE).
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- Located near Rustenburg in North-West Province.
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#### Mine Plan:

• SvR indicated the proposed mine plan, the location of the boxcut and each area as divided into months on a map.

#### Proposed Infrastructure

- SvR indicated that the proposed project will include the construction of new roads, powerlines, pipelines, buildings, pollution control dam, stockpile areas, waste management facilities and a pollution water trench.
- **SvR** indicated the proposed infrastructure on the layout plan and the location of the identified wetlands.

#### New water uses to be authorised

- Section 21 (a) taking water from a water resource:
  - o Re-use of fissure water in the Waterval West Plant
    - o Abstraction from borehole



- Section 21 (c) and (i) impeding or diverting the flow of water/altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse:
  - Infrastructure within and within 500m of a delineated wetland
- Section 21 (g) disposing of waste in a manner that may detrimentally impact on a water resource:
  - Overburden stockpile
  - Run of Mine stockpile
  - o Pollution Control Dam
  - Backfilling of opencast area with overburden
- Section 21 (j) removing of water found underground:
  - De-watering of UG1 opencast area

#### Specialist studies undertaken:

The following specialist studies will be undertaken or have been undertaken in support of this project:

- Groundwater study
- Surface water study
- Stormwater management plan
- Floodline delineation
- Wetland delineation

#### Public Participation

- Legal requirement of NEMA and NWA.
- Site notices were placed around the project area in English and Setswana.
- Distribution of Background Information Document in both English and Setswana.
- Adverts were placed in the Rustenburg Herald and Platinum Weekly.
- Notification letters were distributed.
- Availability of Draft Scoping Report and Draft EIA/EMPr for public comment.
- Open days.

#### Discussion

#### Project Overview

- VM asked if this project is for a new mine or an expansion of an existing mine.
  - SvR indicated that Waterval Mine is an existing mine with two shaft areas, an East and West shafts. The shafts are currently on care and maintenance. The mine is currently reclaiming the Waterval West TSF. The proposed UG1 opencast project is a new project adjacent to the current operations. It will be an opencast operation with its own infrastructure; however the mine will be utilising the existing plant at Waterval West for processing. This was explained further using a Google Earth image.

#### Mine Plan:

- VM asked if a master plan of all the operations can be provided to show the current site as well as the new site to be mined.
  - SvR indicated on a map where the different mining areas of Waterval Mine are.
- VM asked what infrastructure is within a wetland as it was part of the pre-application enquiry.
  - **SvR** indicated the artificial wetland that was identified and the location of the opencast activities in relation to this wetland. There are other delineated wetlands in the area, but the layout plan has been compiled to avoid these sensitive areas.
  - **KM** confirmed that the wetland where opencast activities will take place is an artificial wetland that has resulted from the pooling of water. It is not a natural wetland area.
- VM stated that the buffer areas of the wetlands need to be included in the master layout plan.





#### New water uses to be authorised

- PM asked what will happen with the water that will be dewatered from the opencast area.
  - **SvR** indicated that this water will be transported via a pipeline and re-used in the Waterval West Plant.
  - **PM** asked for clarity of the discharge that is approved in the current licence. She wanted to know if this will allow for the discharge of water that will be dewatered from the opencst mining areas.
  - KM stated that the water taken from the underground operations is currently being re-used. If there is any excess water this water is discharged into the Hex River. The mine has an approved Section 21(f) water use for this discharge.

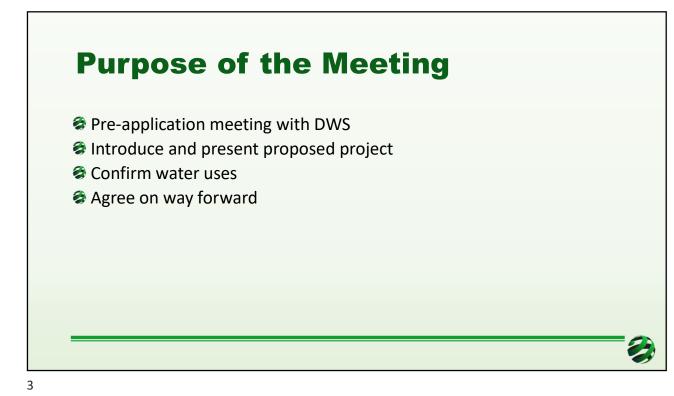
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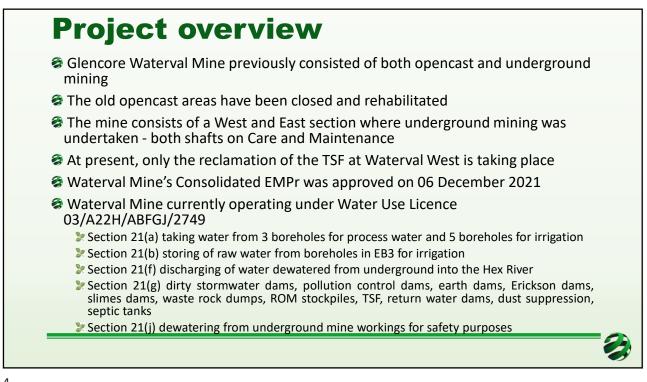
- **PM** asked if a waste classification was undertaken.
  - SvR confirmed that waste classification is undertake as part of the Groundwater Study.
- VM indicated that a rehabilitation and monitoring plan must be included. The studies required will be confirmed once the site inspection has taken place.

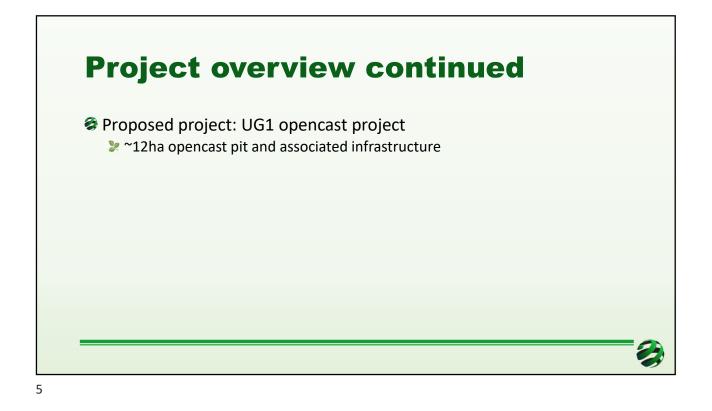
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Provide DWS with presentation and Background information Document.	SvR	ASAP

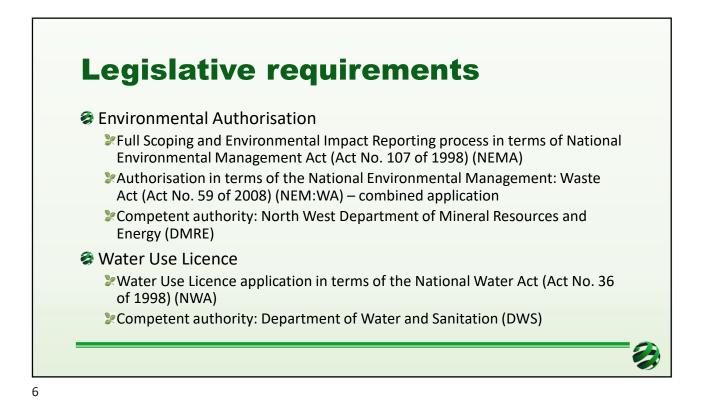


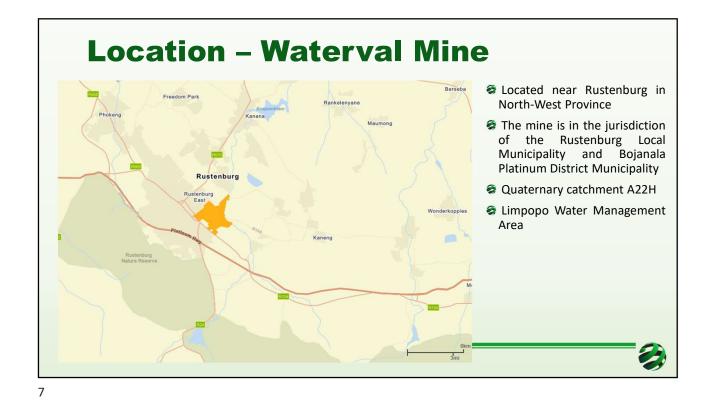
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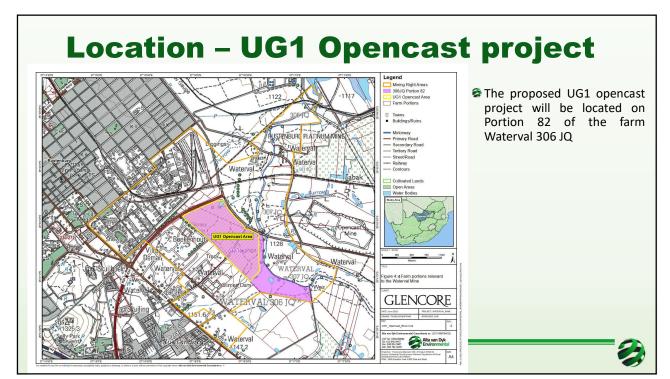


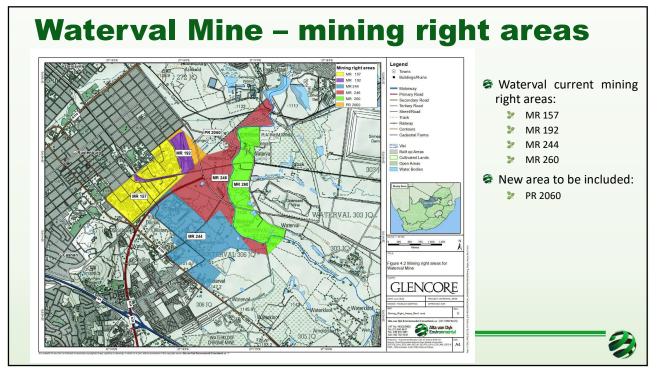




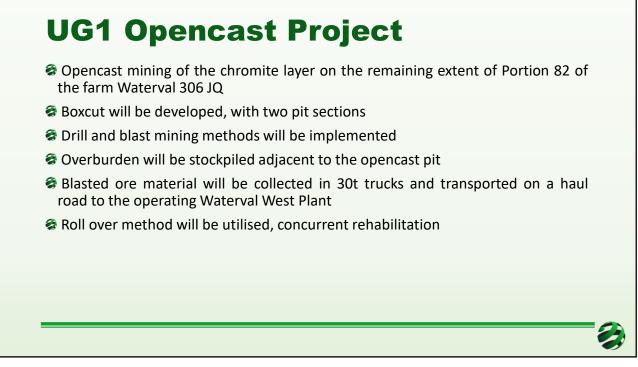


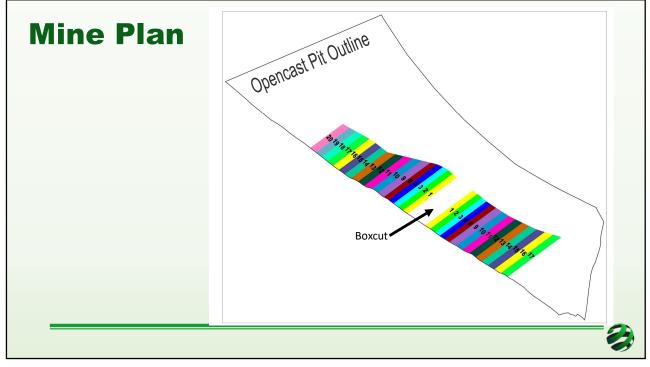








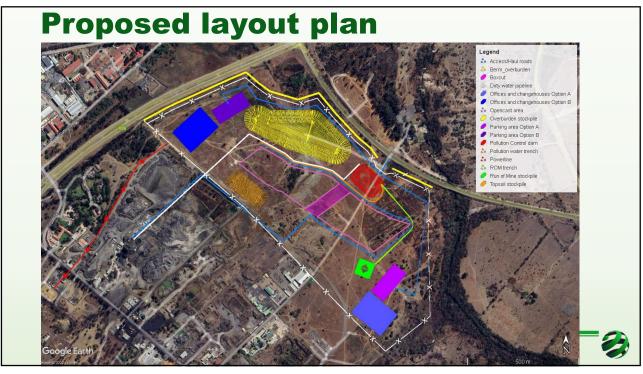


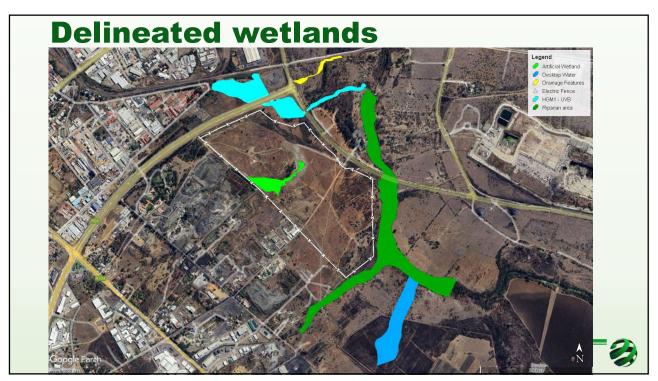


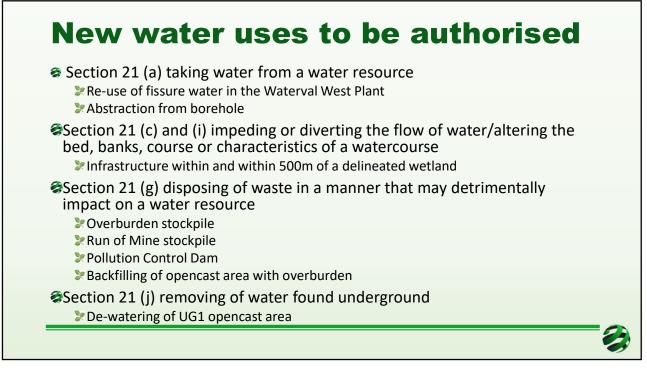
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## **Proposed infrastructure**

Infrastructure	Description
Roads	An access road, internal roads, haul roads and in-pit roads
Powerlines	11 kV overhead line
Pipelines	Pollution water pipeline from Pollution Control Dam to Waterval West Plant
Buildings	Site office and changehouses
Topsoil stockpile	Topsoil will be removed and stockpiled separately
Overburden stockpile	Overburden from opencast area will be stockpiled
Run of Mine stockpile	A run of mine (ROM) and muck stockpile will be required
Waste management facility	General and hazardous waste storage areas
Pollution Control Dam (PCD)	PCD to contain dirty water from the UG1 opencast operation and run-off from the ROM/muck stockpile
Pollution water trench	North-east of opencast area to PCD From ROM stockpile to PCD

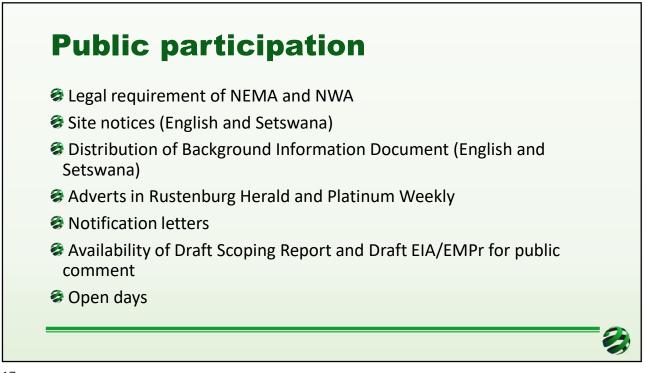




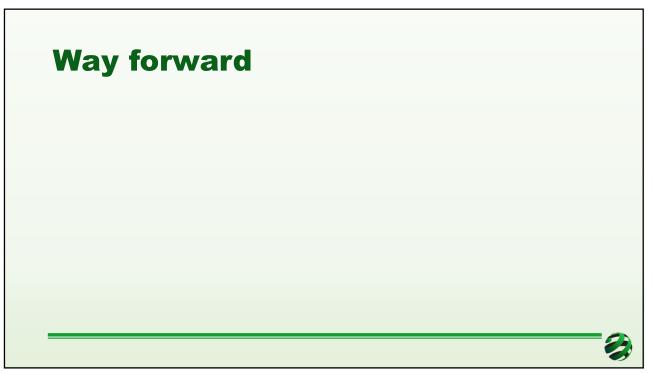












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