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Attention: Lee-Ann Fellowes

Dear Madam

**RE: PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE LIFE OF A MINE (LOM) FOR ANGLO AMERICAN KUMBA IRON ORE THABAZIMBI MINE ON VARIOUS FARMS: THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 10 OF DONKERPOORT 344 KQ, REMAINING EXTENT OF KWAGGASHOEK 345 KQ, REMAINDER OF PORTIONS 1-3, 5 AND 12 OF WACHTEENBIETJESDRAAI 350 KQ, THE REMAINDER OF BUFFELSHOEK 351 KQ, THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 1 OF BUFFELSHOEK 352 KQ, PORTIONS 2 AND 3 OF BUFFELSHOEK 351 KQ, THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 1 OF GROOTFONTEIN 352 KQ AND PORTION 12 OF MOOIVALLEI 342 KQ IN THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERBERG DISTRICT**

1. The above matter, a meeting held between LEDET, Sishen Iron Ore Company and Shangoni Management Services held on 21 October 2013 and the additional information received through an electronic mail from Shangoni Management Services on 05 November 2013 refer.
2. Shangoni Management Services sought for clarity as follows:
  - a) **AD: Activity 5, listed in terms of the EIA Regulations R. 545 of 2010 and its applicability to Section 21(g) or Section 21(c) of the National Water Act, the Department submits that:**
    - i. The proposed silted dams require either a General Authorisation (GA) and/or a Water Use License (WUL), whichever is applicable, in terms of sections 21(c) and 21(g) of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA), and the Department of Water Affairs must be consulted in respect of the processes to be followed in this regard.
    - ii. In light of the above, Activity 5 is triggered since it required construction of facilities and/or structures that require either a GA and/or a WUL eventually in terms of the NWA.

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- b) AD: Activity 53, listed in terms of EIA Regulations R. 544 of 2010, the Department submits that:**
- i. This activity is not triggered by the proposed expansion of the railway line as according to the information made available this will only occur within the mining area, which in terms of the EIA Regulations R. 544 the proposed rail expansion falls within an Industrial Complex.
- c) AD: Activity 18(i), listed in terms of the EIA Regulations R.544 of , the Department submits that:**
- i. This activity is not triggered by the proposed construction of a conveyor structure.
  - ii. However, the proposed conveyor structure will cross the Rookkuispruit River and will constitute construction of a bridge and/or infrastructure or structures covering 50m<sup>2</sup> or more within a water course or within 32m of a water course. Therefore, Activities 11(III) and 11(xI) listed in terms of the EIA Regulations R. 544 of 2010 will be triggered.
- d) AD: Activity 11(II), the Department submits that:**
- i. This activity is triggered by the proposed construction of a channel for transportation of dirty water from the mine to the slimes dam.
3. In light of the above, you are required to submit an amended application form to the Department. This amended application form must include all applicable listed activities for the proposed development.
  4. Public Participation must be conducted to inform interested and affected parties of the change in scope of the proposed development and a report to that effect must be submitted with the forthcoming final Scoping Report.
  5. All impacts associated with the proposed development must be identified, assessed and possible mitigation measures must be put in place.
  6. The following information must be included in the forthcoming draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and specialist studies mentioned here under must be included in the list of recommended specialist studies in the forthcoming final Scoping Report;
    - a) An Ecological study that include a detailed biodiversity and sensitive areas assessment.
    - b) The Environmental Management Program must include a program of eradicating alien invasive species; and
    - c) A map indicating a buffer zone created between the mining site and the edge of the natural drainage line and the mountain ridge.
  7. Please draw the applicant's attention to the fact that the activity must not commence prior to an environmental authorization being granted by the Department.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Department should you have further queries in this regard.

Yours faithfully,



**MANAGER**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT**

**DATE:** 14/11/2013

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