

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND WATER USE LICENCE
APPLICATION FOR THE WESTERN PLATINUM (PTY) LTD - K4 SHAFT POLLUTION CONTROL DAM
AND WASTE ROCK DUMP GN704 PROJECT, NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

**PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT AND AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Applicant: Sibanye-Stillwater - Western Platinum (Pty) Ltd (WPL)

Location: Portion 32, 33, 34, and 115 of the Farm Zwartkoppies 296 JQ as well as Portion 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 48, 54, 147, 153, 157, 164 and 222 of the Farm Rooikoppies 297 JQ.

Project Description:

Sibanye-Stillwater - Western Platinum (Pty) Ltd (WPL), is the owner of the K4 Shaft that forms part of the Marikana Operations, located near Marikana town, North-West Province.

The shaft was placed under care and maintenance for a period of 6 years but has been ramped up to be fully operational in the year 2024. The current Waste Rock Dump (WRD) on the property of the shaft has been established and initiated by the previous owner. WPL is planning to extend the Life of Mine (LOM) with approximately 30 years and the existing WRD will be used to place the waste rock. The size of the WRD will not exceed the approved footprint as authorised in the WPL Environmental Management Programme. Additional infrastructure to be implemented in support of managing the dirty water runoff from the WRD includes the construction of a V-drain catchment berm around the current WRD; the construction of a Pollution Control Dam (PCD), the construction of a pipeline from the K4 Shaft to the PCD as well as an emergency spillway to manage the overflow.

Alta van Dyk Environmental Consultants cc (AVDE) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to undertake the required Environmental Authorisation and Water Use Licence process.

Legislative requirements:

A Full Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) environmental authorisation process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) is required. The competent authority for this process is the North West Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE).

A Water Use Licence Application (WULA) in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA) is required. The competent authority for this process is the North-West Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). This WULA will be applied for to support the new activity associated with the construction of a PCD.

Availability of the Draft Scoping Report for public comment:

The Draft Scoping Report will be available for public comment from 6 July 2023 until 5 August 2023 at the following Public Places:

Public Place	Locality	Physical Address
Rustenburg Public Library	Rustenburg	c/o Thabo Mbeki and Heystrek streets, Rustenburg
K4 Shaft Offices	K4 Shaft Offices	Farm Rooikoppies 297 JQ
Alta van Dyk Website	www.altavandykenvironmental.co.za	

Members of the public are invited to provide comment on the proposed Environmental Authorisation and Water Use Licence Application processes for a period of 30 days. If you would like more information on the proposed project, or comment on the proposed project or the Draft Scoping Report, please direct them to:

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Due date for comments on the Draft Scoping Report: 5 August 2023

In terms of section 11 of the Protection of Personal Information Act) (POPIA), all personal information collected will be processed lawfully and explicitly for the Water Use Licence Process.