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**NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS AND GENERAL AUTHORISATION FOR
EASTERN PLATINUM (PTY) LTD – MARIKANA OPERATION'S PROPOSED RE-MINING OF ITS TAILINGS
DAM 2, LOCATED NEAR MARIKANA, NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

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BACKGROUND

Sibanye-Stillwater owns and operates the Marikana Operations located near Marikana, in the North-West Province. The Marikana Operations are divided into Western Platinum (Pty) Ltd (WPL) and Eastern Platinum (Pty) Ltd (EPL), each with its own set of mining rights. Marikana Operations are currently mining both the Merensky and Upper Group 2 Reef (UG2) for Platinum Group Metals (PGMs).

The EPL Tailings Dam Complex comprises two tailings dams, namely Tailings Dam 1 (TD1) and Tailings Dam 2 (TD2). TD1 has been dormant since October 2004 and re-mining of this facility commenced in February 2018. TD2 has been operational since 2002 with tailings deposited from EPL and Eastern Platinum Concentrator (EPC) plants.

It is the intension of Sibanye-Stillwater to commence with the re-mining of TD2, once the re-mining of TD1 is completed. Re-mining will be undertaken via a hydraulic mining process. Before Sibanye-Stillwater may commence with the re-mining of TD2, environmental authorisaiton need to be obtained.

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

AUTHORISATIONS REQUIRED

The environmental related authorisations required for the proposed relocation of Seritarita Secondary School are as follows:

- A Basic Assessment process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The competent authority for this process is the North West Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE).
- A General Authorisation in terms of the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA). The competent authority for this process is the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).

AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Draft Basic Assessment Report will be available for public comment for a period of 30 days, from **20 October to 20 November 2023** at the venues listed in the table below. The document is also available electronically on the on the Ulwazi Data Free Platform (<https://ulwazi.datafree.co/>) and AVDE website: <https://www.altavandykenvironmental.co.za/public-documents/>.

Public Place	Locality	Physical Address
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The comment period provides stakeholders with the opportunity to review the Draft Basic Assessment Report 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 Basic Assessment Report.

If you would like more information on the proposed project, or to comment on the proposed project or the Draft Basic Assessment Report, please direct all enquiries to the undersigned by **Monday 20 November 2023**.

Kind regards,



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Due date for comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report: Monday 20 November 2023