



**MINUTES OF A FOCUSED MEETING HELD WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
LESETLHENG COMMUNITY**

DATE	26 July 2012
VENUE:	SLR Offices, Rustenburg
PROJECT:	African Queen
SLR COMPANY:	SLR Africa
PROJECT NUMBER:	B001-03 and B007-19
PURPOSE:	The purpose of the meeting was to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide information on the proposed projects and the environmental assessment process;</li> <li>• clarify existing land claim issues; and</li> <li>• agree on a way forward regarding consultation with the wider Lesetlheng community.</li> </ul>
ATTENDANCE:	An attendance register is presented in Appendix 1.

**1. OPEN AND INTRODUCTION**

Fiona Bolton from SLR Consulting (Africa) (Pty) Ltd (SLR) opened the meeting. She introduced the project team: Ntsako Baloyi from SLR, Dean Riley from Platmin South Africa (Platmin) (representing the applicant companies) and Christian Phephenyane from Platmin. The meeting attendees introduced themselves and were provided with a copy of the projects' background information document (BID).

**2. DISCUSSION**

A number of issues were discussed during the focussed meeting. These have been recorded in Table 1. The key points are summarised below:

- i. There is an unresolved land claim on the farm Wilgespruit 2 JQ. The title deed indicates that the land is owned by the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela tribe, which is being disputed by the Lesetlheng community.
- ii. The Lesetlheng community perceive that they have been, and are currently being ignored by the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Tribal Authority (BBKTA), and that the leadership refuses to engage with the community.
- iii. Previous, current and future consultations arranged through the BBKTA are not recognised by the Lesetlheng community.

Until points (i) and (ii) are resolved, the Lesetlheng community have indicated that they will not participate in the current environmental assessment process for the proposed African Queen project.

**3. WAY FORWARD**

The following was agreed during the meeting:

- Representatives from Platmin will communicate the grievances of the Lesetlheng community to the relevant directors of the applicant companies.
- SLR will submit a formal letter on Friday 27 July 2012 requesting permission to engage with the community regarding the proposed projects and the environmental process that is currently underway.
- SLR will contact the relevant official at the Department of Land Affairs in Pretoria to ascertain the status of the Lesetlheng land claim.

**4. CLOSE**

The meeting was closed.

**TABLE 1: ISSUES RAISED AND RESPONSE PROVIDED**

Issue raised	By whom	Response provided by PPM / SLR
The Lesetlheng community are based on the farm Kruidfontein 40 JQ and are currently in a dispute with the BBKTA regarding landownership. Lesetlheng owns a total of thirteen farms, which includes the areas that will be affected by the proposed projects, as well as areas around Sun City. The farm Wilgespruit 2 JQ is pilot case farm. If we are successful with this land claim we will continue with claims on the other farms.	S Rasepae	PPM acknowledges the land claim on the properties that will be affected by the proposed projects. However, PPM must consult with the legal entity and the current title deed states that the land is owned by the Bakgatla Tribe. Therefore PPM will consult with the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Tribal Authority (BBKTA) as the land owner and all the surrounding communities as interested and/or affected parties (IAPs). If the land claim is successful, PPM will engage with the Lesetlheng community as the land owner.
We are not opposed to the mining operations. We want to see development in our communities. However we cannot let this process proceed as we are the rightful land owners of the Sedibelo properties.	S Rasepae G Maledu	SLR will contact the official at the Department of Land Affairs in Pretoria to ascertain the status of the land claim.
The BBKTA does not want to come to the party. During the days of Placerdome and Barrick the land claim was in an advanced stage, but now we don't hear anything. Sedibelo land belongs to Lesetlheng and we should be consulted as the key stakeholders. The official that we dealt with at Land Affairs head office in Pretoria was Vuyi Nxasane.	T Pilane	
The BBKTA is the problem as they don't want to talk to us. On 28 June, sixteen people were arrested at meetings in Moruleng as they did not agree with the BBKTA.	T Pilane	
There is a lack of trust. The BBKTA are dishonest.	T Pilane	The directors of the applicant companies are aware of the current situation. In addition, they will be informed of the grievances raised during this meeting.
Our issue is with the BBKTA, especially the Kgosi, as they do not consult with anyone. SLR and Pilanesberg Platinum Mine (PPM) must take this information to the relevant directors of the applicant companies so they are aware of our grievances.	S Rasepae	
In order to please Lesetlheng you must acknowledge that we have been wronged in the past. Engage with the directors and inform them of our grievances. The board members must acknowledge that the Lesetlheng community is special and must not be grouped with other IAPs.		
Previously the Lesetlheng community was not consulted.	T Pilane	A public participation process was conducted in 2007 as part of PPM's original EIA and EMP report. Task teams were established between PPM, the BBKTA and the surrounding communities to inform the local people about the projects.
The Lesetlheng people were not consulted about the river diversion at Sedibelo.		The diversion of the Wilgespruit was included in PPM's original EIA and EMP report, which was authorised in 2008.  Neither SLR nor PPM was involved in the Sedibelo EIA and therefore we cannot comment on the process that was followed for that project.

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The Lesetlheng community should not be overlooked because of the current land dispute. We should not be treated as outsiders.	S Rasepae	SLR has attempted to consult with the Lesetlheng community on numerous occasions. This includes the community meeting that was scheduled for 5 March 2012, as well as attempts to consult with the land users on Wilgespruit and Magazynskraal in February 2012. To date, all of these consultations have been unsuccessful. Today's meeting is part of the public consultation process that is currently taking place as part of the environmental assessment process for the proposed projects.
People from Lesetlheng currently use Wilgespruit and Magazynskraal for cattle grazing and crops, yet there are plans to build mines on these properties.	T Pilane	
The biggest challenge is that the Lesetlheng people belong on Magazynskraal. History can prove that. The community is not kept in the loop.		
The community views all of these projects as one combined project. Changes are being proposed and we are not being informed.	S Rasepae	
What is the status of the current EIA process?	S Rasepae	The EIA process is currently in the public participation stage of the scoping phase.
We see media reports claiming that the projects have been authorised.	S Rasepae	<p>The proposed projects require two primary authorisations, firstly in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 28 of 2002 (MPRDA) and secondly in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA). The proposed Tuschenkomst pit expansion project has been approved in terms of the MPRDA only. It is noted that the newspaper article is ambiguous.</p> <p>The environmental authorisation that was granted to the Itereleng Bakgatla Mineral Resources (IBMR) in 2008 has also been transferred into PPM's name which enables various activities associated with the pit expansion to legally take place. There are activities associated with the pit extension that still require authorisation in terms of NEMA and none of these activities will take place until authorisation has been obtained. The activities associated with the revised Sedibelo infrastructure layout and the Magazynskraal projects have not received decisions from either of the decision-making authorities.</p>
The Lesetlheng community does not want a public meeting until the land issue has been resolved. Request for SLR to write a formal letter to the Lesetlheng community that will be presented at the community meeting on Sunday. The community will decide if they want to have a meeting or not.	S Rasepae	SLR agreed to submit a formal letter requesting permission to engage the community regarding the proposed projects and the environmental assessment process that is currently underway.
There is currently a commission taking place within the tribe. A decision is expected in December, and there may be a change in dynamics once a decision has been reached.	T Pilane	Neither SLR nor PPM was aware of this commission.

**APPENDIX 1: ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

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27 July 2012

Lesetlheng Community  
Attention: Setshedi Rasepae / Ernest Pilane

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED MINING RELATED PROJECTS LOCATED  
NORTH OF THE PILANESBERG NATIONAL PARK**

**PILANESBERG PLATINUM MINES (PTY) LTD; ITERELENG BAKGATLA MINERAL  
RESOURCES (PTY) LTD; AND RICHTRAU NO 123 (PTY) LTD**

Dear Sirs

Our meeting held on 26 July 2012 has reference.

SLR Consulting (Africa) (Pty) Ltd (SLR) has been appointed by Pilanesberg Platinum Mines (Pty) Ltd (PPM), Itereleng Bakgatla Mineral Resources (Pty) Ltd (IBMR) and Richtrau No 123 (Pty) Ltd (Richtrau) to conduct environmental assessments for proposed mining projects on the farms Wilgespruit 2 JQ, Rooderand 46 JQ, Legkraal 45 JQ, Koedoesfontein 42 JQ and Magazynskraal 3 JQ.

The Lesetlheng community has been identified as an interested and/or affected party (IAP) that may want to be informed about the proposed projects and have input into the environmental assessment process. In this regard, SLR formally and respectfully requests permission to address the Lesetlheng community. The requested meeting would be for information-sharing purposes and would form part of the environmental assessment process that is currently underway for the proposed projects.

It is noted that the Lesetlheng community has requested the presence of directors from the applicant companies as well as representatives from the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Tribal Authority at the meeting. This request will be sent to the respective entities, however their presence cannot be guaranteed.

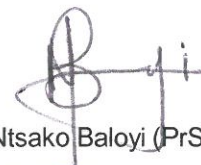
We look forward to your response.

Regards



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**From:** setshedi rasepae <rasepae1@vodamail.co.za>  
**Sent:** 31 July 2012 09:21 AM  
**To:** Fiona Bolton; Ntsako Baloyi  
**Cc:** 'Ernest Pilane'; 'M.D Pheto'  
**Subject:** Request to consult with the Lesetlheng community  
  
**Importance:** High

Hi Fiona and Ntsako

As promised the SLR proposal meet the community was put forward to the meeting. The community has regrettably and vehemently maintained its initial stance that the meeting could only take place after the conditions set at the initial meeting as at 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 are met; that Mr. Vroeg Pilane, Mr. Nyalala Pilane, Dr. Terror Molohe and Mr. Kobedi Pilane avail themselves before Lesetlheng Community.

The community recognises that they affected and impacted part of the community and cannot see any value derived from the process as the tribal council has never consulted them as the key stakeholders.

Furthermore the community is not prepared to negotiate or allow any process (including SLR) that will lead to the merger or consolidation of Wilgespruit, Magazynkraal, Rooderandt and adjacent farms to take place whereas the land claim on Wilgespruit is still pending.

The community further resolved to bring to the attention of the relevant department their discontent and stance with regard to the developments around the environmental and social impact of the pending merger.

In terms of Lesetlheng land claim under Land Title Adjustment Act please contact Mrs. Vuyi Nxasana Chief Director at the Rural Development and Land Reform Head Office Pretoria.

Regards

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**To:** Ernest Pilane; Setshedi Rasepae  
**Cc:** Ntsako Baloyi; Dean Riley  
**Subject:** RE: Request to consult with the Lesetlheng community

Morning Gents

The email below (sent on Friday 27 July 2012) has reference.

Please advise on the outcome of yesterday's meeting with regards to allowing SLR an opportunity to consult with the community on the proposed mining projects at Pilanesberg Platinum Mine, Sedibelo Platinum Mine and the proposed Magazynskraal Platinum Mine.

Regards  
Fiona

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**Sent:** 27 July 2012 02:04 PM  
**To:** Ernest Pilane; Setshedi Rasepae  
**Cc:** Ntsako Baloyi; Dean Riley  
**Subject:** Request to consult with the Lesetlheng community

Dear Sirs



As discussed, please find attached our letter requesting permission from the Lesetlheng community to consult with them regarding the proposed mining projects located on the farms Wilgespruit 2 JQ, Rooderand 46 JQ, Legkraal 45 JQ, Koedoesfontein 42 JQ and Magazynskraal 3 JQ.

We look forward to the community's response.

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