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**DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM
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ATTENTION: MS JACQUELINE NKOSI**

**LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR VARIOUS MINING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
MOSES KOTANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

Dear Jacqueline

1. INTRODUCTION

Following our telephone conversation earlier today, this letter serves as formal notification for various mining related Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) that will take place in the Moses Kotane Local Municipality of the North West Province. Further detail on the proposed projects is included below and the local setting is illustrated in Appendix A.

1.1. PILANESBERG PLATINUM MINE – TUSCHENKOMST PIT EXTENSION

Introduction to the proposed activities

Pilanesberg Platinum Mine (PPM) holds a mining right and currently operates an existing opencast platinum mine on the farms Tuschenkomst 135 JP and Witkleifontein 136 JP. As part of the proposed project, PPM is planning to extend the Tuschenkomst Pit and stormwater management infrastructure, enlarge the footprint of the existing waste rock dump, and establish a communications tower and construct a bridge over the Wilgespruit River. In addition, it is proposed that the provincial P50-1 be diverted around the pit extension area. At this stage of the EIA, a number of possible routes for the road diversion are being considered.

Farms and landownership

The farms that will be affected by the proposed pit expansion project, and the relevant landowner details, are included in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Farms that will be affected by the proposed Tuschenkomst Pit Extension and Road Diversion

Farm	Portion	Title deed number	Landowner
Wilgespruit 2 JQ	The farm*	T1230/1919BP	Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Tribe
Welgewaagd 133 JP	Remaining Extent	T10729/1926	Bakgatla Tribe
Rooderand 46 JQ	1	T8993/191BP	Republic of South Africa
	2	T16014/1971BP	
	3	T3648/1940BP	
Legkraal 45 JQ	The farm	T17606/1935BP	
Tuschenkomst 135 JP	The farm	T594/1938BP	
Bierkraal 134 JP	The farm	T9309/1938BP	

* Note: In an agreement between PPM and the Itereleng Bakgatla Mineral Resources (IBMR), PPM will utilise the western portion of the farm Wilgespruit 2 JQ for its mining operations. This area is known as the Mineral Rights Abandonment Area (see Appendix A).

1.2. SEDIBELO PLATINUM MINE – CHANGES TO SURFACE INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE MINE

Introduction to the proposed activities

The Itereleng Bakgatla Mineral Resources (IBMR) hold the mining right and are in the process of developing an opencast and underground platinum mine on the farm Wilgespruit 2 JQ. As part of the proposed project, the IBMR plans to reposition and/or redesign the approved infrastructure and include additional infrastructure to better access the ore reserves, particularly in the ore reserves in the eastern portion of the mining right area.

Farms and landownership

The farms that will be affected as part of the proposed project, and the relevant landowner details, are included in Table 2.

Table 2: Farms that will be affected by the project at Sedibelo Platinum Mine

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Wilgespruit 2 JQ	The farm*	T1230/1919BP	Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela Tribe
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1.3. MAGAZYNSKRAAL PROJECT – ESTABLISHMENT OF AN UNDERGROUND PLATINUM MINING OPERATION

Introduction to the proposed activities

Richtrau No 123 (Pty) Ltd (Richtrau) holds prospecting rights for the farm Magazynskraal 3 JQ. As part of the proposed project, it is planned to submit a mining right application and develop an underground mining operation on Magazynskraal 3 JQ. At this stage various options are being considered for mineral processing, such as: a) utilise infrastructure on the neighbouring Sedibelo Platinum Mine; and b) establish a processing plant and related infrastructure on Magazynskraal 3 JQ.

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The farms that will be affected as part of the proposed project, and the relevant landowner details, are included in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Farms that will be affected by the Magazynskraal Project

Farm	Portion	Title deed number	Landowner
Magazynskraal 3 JQ	The farm	T56447/2000 (by endorsement)	Republic of South Africa

2. ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS

SLR Consulting (Africa) (previously Metago Environmental Engineers (Pty) Ltd), an independent consulting firm, has been appointed to conduct the EIAs for these projects. It is planned that the three above-mentioned projects will operate as a combined mining operation, and therefore Metago is proposing to conduct one environmental process to cover the three projects. However, as each mining/prospecting right is currently held by a different party, a separate set of documents will be produced to support each right. In this regard, a scoping report will be produced for each project; PPM will require an EIA/EMP amendment to cater for the extended pit; Sedibelo will require an EIA/EMP amendment to cater for the changes and additions to surface infrastructure; and Magazynskraal will require an EIA/EMP to cater for the proposed activities.

As the landowner for a number of the properties that will be affected by the proposed developments, the Republic of South Africa (care of the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform) will receive all future information and documentation related to the proposed projects.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the proposed projects please feel free to contact us.

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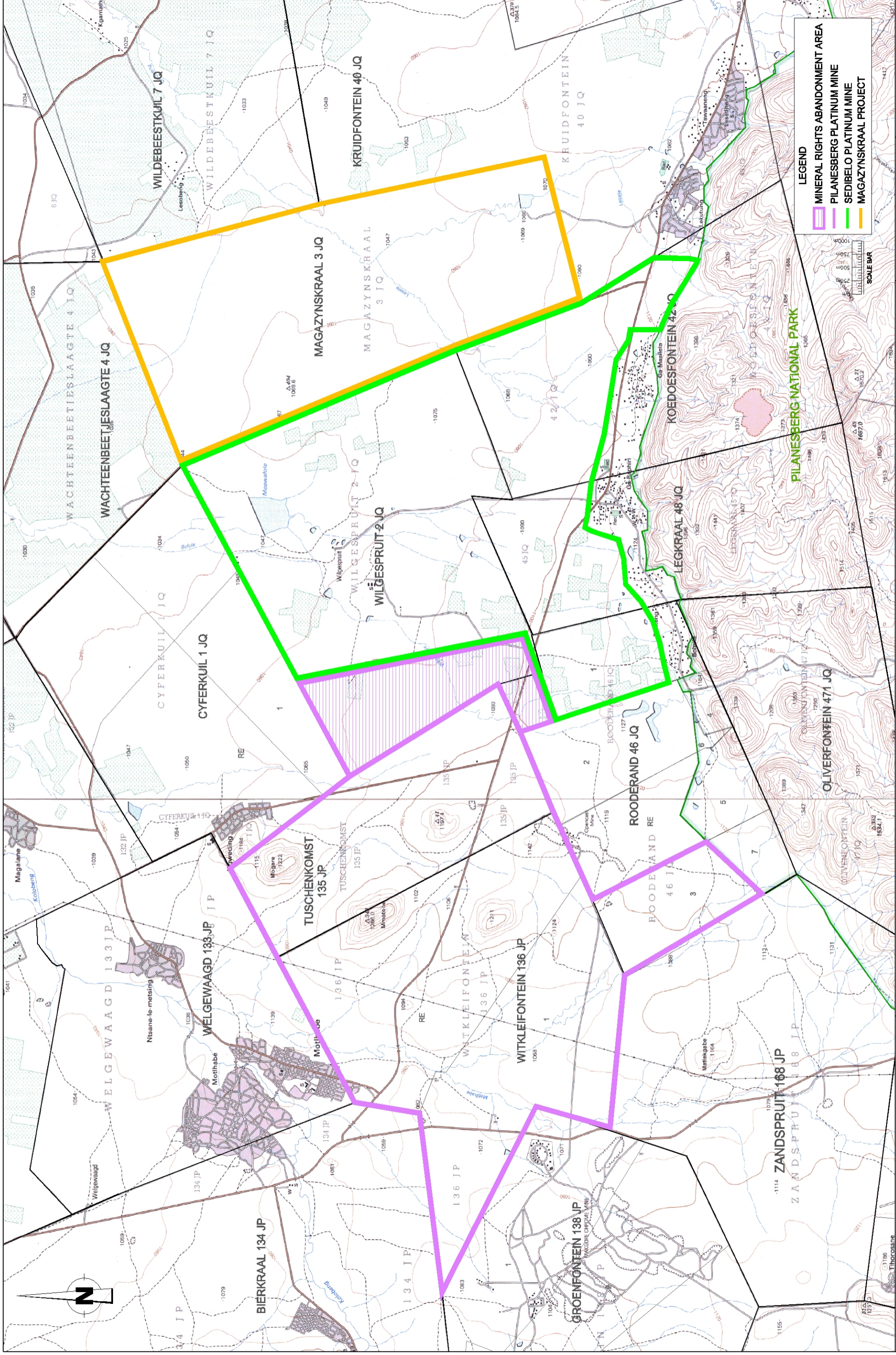
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Appendix A: Figure showing the local setting of the proposed developments



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 APPENDIX A

LOCALITY PLAN SHOWING MINING RIGHT AREAS FOR
 PILANESBERG PLATINUM MINE, SEDIBELO PLATINUM MINE AND
 THE MAGAZYNSKRAAL PROJECT



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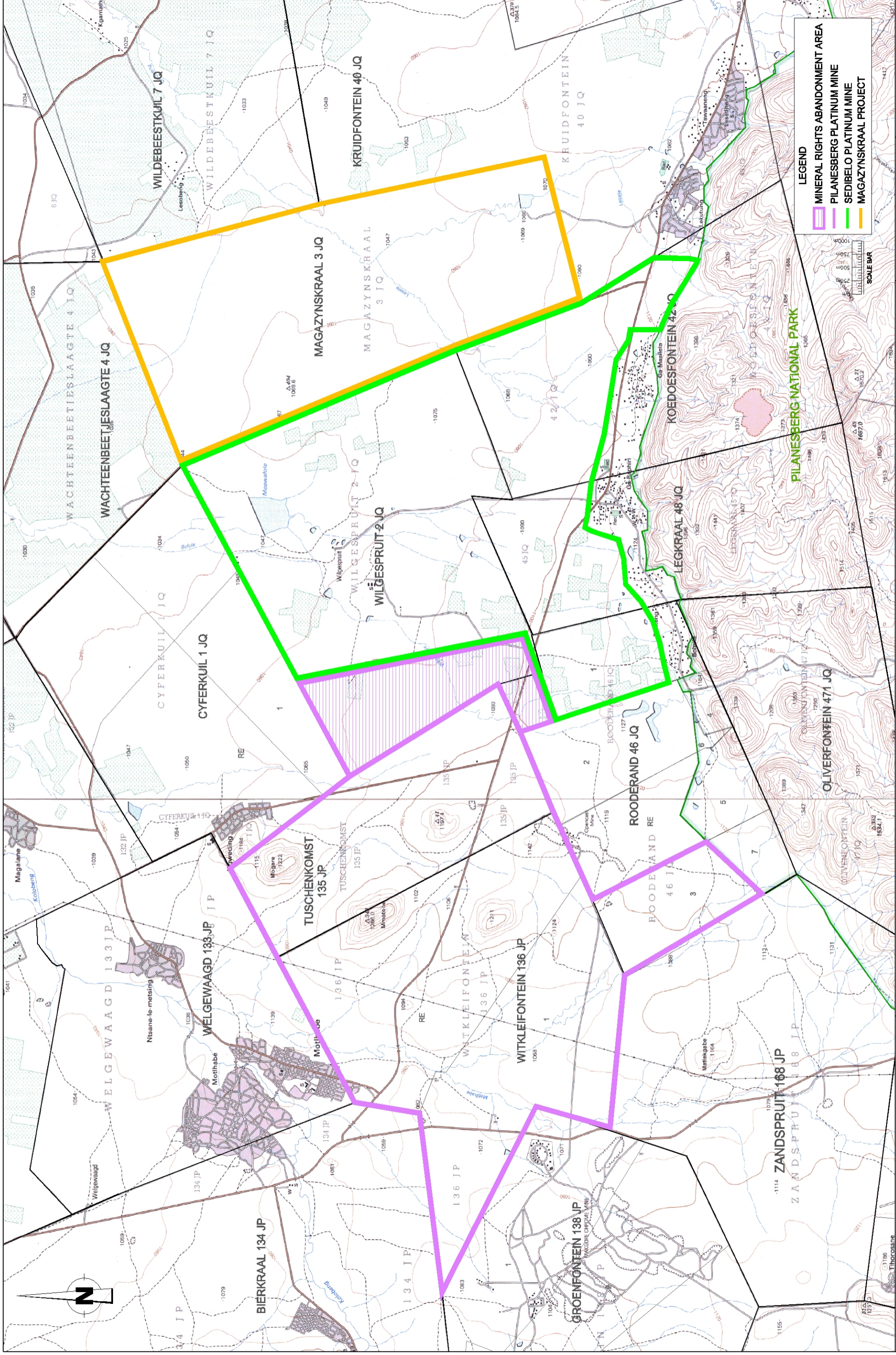
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