

MEETING NOTES

Job Title	Proposed Installation of Sulphur Dioxide Abatement Equipment at Polokwane Smelter	
Project Number	31101	
Date	27 January 2017	
Time	10:00 – 11:30	
Venue	Anglo American Platinum Limited Polokwane Offices	
Subject	Proposed Installation of Sulphur Dioxide Abatement Equipment at Polokwane Smelter – LEDET Pre-Application Meeting	
Client	Anglo American Platinum Limited	
Present	See Attached Attendance Register (Appendix A)	
Apologies	None	
Distribution	As per the Attendance Register	

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1.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1Anri Scheepers thanked the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) for the opportunity to meet with them to discuss the Proposed Installation of Sulphur Dioxide Abatement Equipment at Polokwane Smelter.
- 1.2 A round of introductions was done, including:
 - → LEDET Melinda Rodgers and Koena Ramalepe
 - → Anglo American Platinum Limited Gerrit van De Linde, Adriaan Venter, Munei Sitsula and Frank Pieterse
 - → WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff, Environment & Energy, Africa (WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff) Anri Scheepers
- 1.3 Anri Scheepers mentioned that the presentation (**Appendix B**) would be attached to the minutes together with the attendance register (**Appendix A**).

2.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Anglo American Platinum Limited (Anglo) owns and operates the Polokwane Smelter, which is located off the R37 to Burgersfort on Portions 6 and 49 of the farm Palmietfontein 24KS. The Polokwane Smelter is an existing metallurgical industrial furnace where sulphide ores are smelted.
- 2.2 The National Environmental Management Air Quality Act (No. 39 of 2004) (NEM:AQA) requires that furnaces at metallurgical industries be operated with efficient SO₂ abatement systems by 2015, however Polokwane Smelter has been given an extension until 2020. In order to comply with new South African legislation, and associated more stringent emission standards, an SO₂ abatement system must be installed at the Polokwane Smelter.
- 2.3 The proposed strategy to reduce SO₂ to achieve the Minimum Emission Standards (MES) is the installation of a Wet Gas Sulphuric Acid (WSA) Plant that will convert the SO₂ contained in the off-gas into commercial-grade concentrated sulphuric acid (H₂SO₄). The exhaust from the WSA plant (containing reduced SO₂ concentrations) will be vented into the

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	atmosphere, and the commercial grade sulphuric acid will be temporarily stored before being despatched into the commercial market.	
3.0	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT	
3.1	The LEDET requested that a 30 day notification period must be undertaken prior to the distribution of the Draft Scoping Report for public comments.	WSP
4.0	PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	
4.1	It was agreed that the proposed clearance of the area and the access route alternatives will be included in the layout map.	WSP
5.0	SPECIALIST STUDIES	
5.1	It was agreed that the identified specialist studies are sufficient.	
6.0	DOCUMENTATION SUBMISSION	
6.1	It was agreed that 2 hard copies and 2 electronic copies of all Reports must be submitted to the LEDET.	WSP

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Appendix A – Attendance Register

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Project:

Proposed Installation of Sulphur Dioxide Abatement Equipment at

Polokwane Smelter

Applicant:

Anglo American Platinum Limited

Meeting Title:

Pre- Application Authority Meeting (Limpopo Department of Economic

Development, Environment and Tourism)

Venue:

Anglo American Platinum Limited, 30 General Joubert Street in

Polokwane

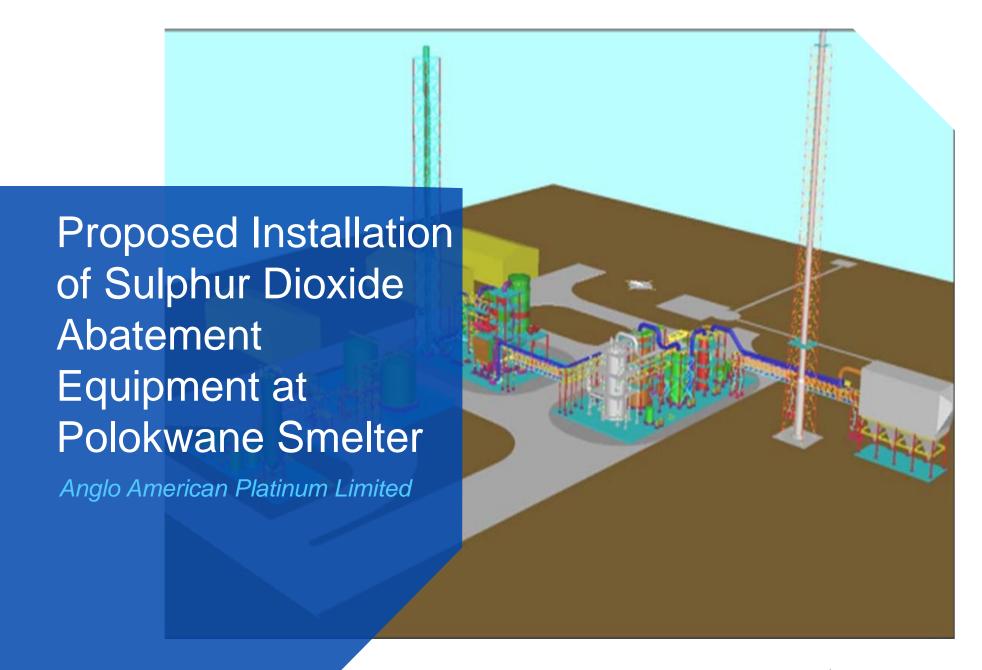
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27 January 2017

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Appendix B - Presentation





AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Introduction
- 2. Role Players
- 3. Project Location
- 4. Project Background
- 5. Project Description
- 6. Alternatives
- 7. Legislative Requirements
- 8. Specialist Studies
- 9. Proposed Schedule
- **10.** Questions and Discussions



WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Competent Authority

Limpopo Department: Economic Development, Environment and Tourism

Commenting Authorities

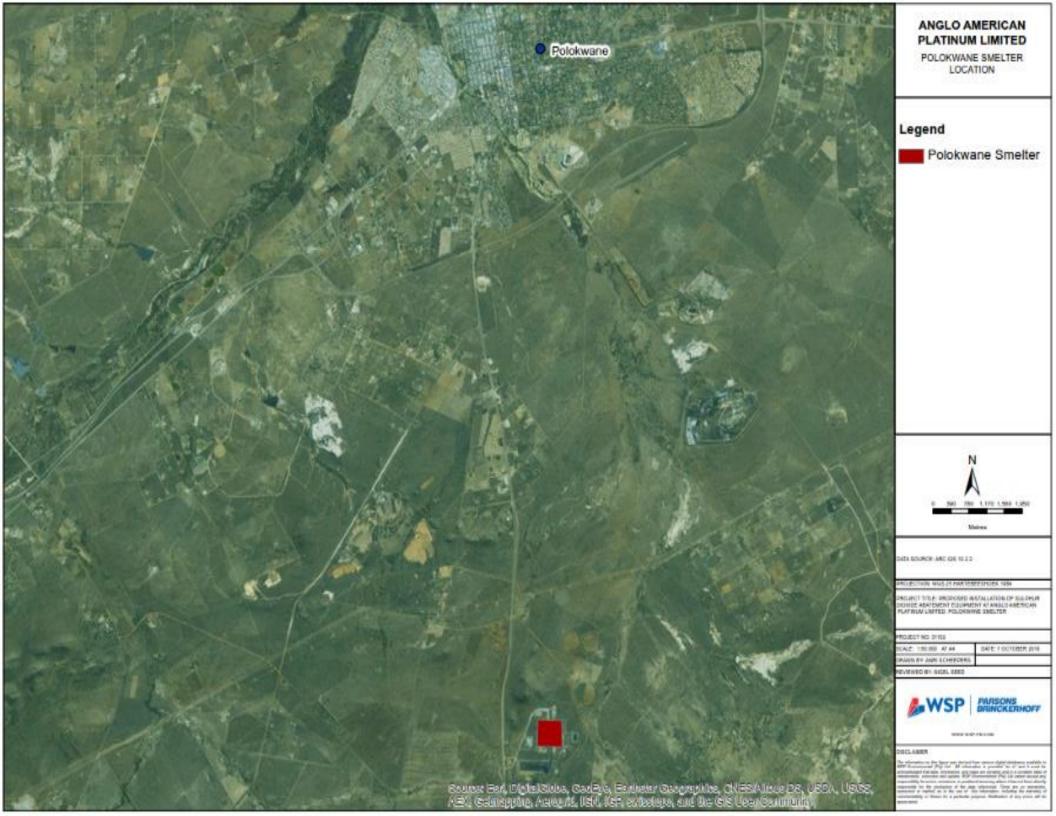
Capricorn District Municipality
Department of Water and Sanitation

Applicant

Anglo American Platinum Limited

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff, Environment & Energy, Africa





PROJECT BACKGROUND

SO₂ postponement & related appeal

Government notice of Minimum Emission Standards (MES) are published in the Government Gazette: 1 April 2010, then amended for Parliamentary Portfolio Review, and finally revised 22 November 2013

MES: SO₂ for existing facility: 3500mg/Nm³

MES: SO₂ for new/all facility: 1200mg/Nm³

2020



Despite already achieving ~90% abatement (through furnace matte converting at ACP), ask for postponement on achieving site SO₂ limits for 2015. Commit to legal compliance targeting 2020 limit of **1200** mg/Nm³



20 Feb 2015: Postponement granted as from 1 April 2015 on regulatory limits of 30 000mg/Nm³ vs a requested 57 000mg/Nm³.



A "novel" technical solution for SO_2 abatement and control will be developed that produces "useful" acid instead of another solid waste.

Appeal has been dismissed - AAP initiate legal process to get an interim relief order and to institute judicial review

proceedings

Compliance date of 1 April 2020.

AAP lodge an appeal
against interim limit of
30 000 mg/Nm ³ vs a
requested
57 000mg/Nm ³

16 March 2015

SO2 Compliance requirementsPolokwane SmelterPre-2015 AEL condition2500 mg/Nm³1 April 2015 MES requirement3500 mg/Nm³1 April 2015 – 31 March 2020 postponement limit30 000 mg/Nm³ (requested 57 000 mg/Nm³)1 April 2020 MES requirement (require abatement)1200 mg/Nm³



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- → Electric Furnace Primary Gas Cleaning (Existing)
- Secondary Gas Cleaning (new additional cleaning)
- → WSA Acid Plant
- → Effluent Treatment Plant (401m³/day)
- → Acid Concentrating Plant
- → Acid Plant Cooling Water
- → Dangerous Goods Storage and Handling

Acid - 1 200m³

LPG – 68m³

Water Usage and Storage

Required - 869m³/day

Storage – 3 338m³

→ Roads





ALTERNATIVES

- → Location None
- → Type of activity None
- → Design or Layout of Activity
 - Contractor facilities
 - Operational
- → Technology
- → Operational Aspects None
- → No-Go
 - Legal non-compliance





National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998)

- → EIA Regulations (GNR 982)
- → Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983)
 - Activity 24

The development of –

(ii) a road with a reserve wider than 13,5 metres, or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres;

New roads which will be wider than 8 metres but have a reserve of less than 30 metres will be constructed.



National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998)

→ Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983)

Activity 34

The expansion or changes to existing facilities for any process or activity where such expansion or changes will result in the need for a permit or licence or an amended permit or licence in terms of national or provincial legislation governing the release of emissions or pollution

The existing Atmospheric Emissions Licence (AEL) for Polokwane Smelter will have to be amended.



National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998)

→ Listing Notice 2 (GNR 984)

Activity 4

The development of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or storage and handling of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of more than 500 cubic metres.

The facility will store in excess of 500 cubic metres of dangerous goods.

Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting Process



National Environmental Management Air Quality Act (No. 59 of 2008) Due to the changes in emissions (positive) from the Polokwane Smelter an amendment to the existing Atmospheric Emissions Licence as well as a revised emissions inventory will be required for the proposed project (once authorised)



National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998)

- → Polokwane Smelter Water Use Licence No: 27085555
- Provision for the abstraction of 218 m³/day from boreholes for watering of gardens and game watering purposes
- → The Licence will have to be amended to enable Anglo to use the abstracted water for processing purposes



SPECIALIST STUDIES

- → Air Quality Impact Assessment
- Noise Impact Assessment
- **→** Biodiversity Assessment
- → Climate Change Assessment
- → Heritage Impact Assessment
- Major Hazard Assessment
- → Social Impact Assessment
- Closure Assessment and Plan



PROJECT SCHEDULE

Task	Dates
Pre-Application Meeting - LEDET	27 January 2017
Submission of Application Form	11 February 2017
Stakeholder Review of Draft Scoping Report	11 February 2017 –13 March 2017 (30 days)
Submission and Review of WUL Amendment Application	13 March 2017 to 7 October 2017
Authority Approval of Scoping Phase	31 March 2017 – 15 May 2017 (43 days)
Stakeholder Review of Draft EIAR	18 May 2017 to 17 June 2017 (30 days)
Authority Approval of EIAR	30 June 2017 to 25 October 2017 (107 days)



QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

