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**Subject:** PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE WESSELS MINE, NORTHERN CAPE: NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

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Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP)

Our previous correspondence dated 1 July 2021, regarding the above-mentioned project has reference. You and/or your organisation have been identified as a potential I&AP for the Proposed Extension of the Railway Infrastructure at the Wessels Mine, Northern Cape (proposed project). The attached correspondence (in English, Afrikaans and Setswana) provides information regarding the availability of a Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Non-Technical Summary (NTS) for review and comment. Should you and/or your organisation wish to comment on the BAR and/or NTS for the proposed project, comments should be sent to SLR (at the details below) **by no later than 11 October 2021.**

**Alternatively, should you wish to be removed from our I&AP database for the proposed project, please let me know.**

Should you have any queries on the above, or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards



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**INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE WESSELS MINE, NORTHERN CAPE: AVAILABILITY OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT**

Our previous correspondence (dated 1 July 2021) regarding the above-mentioned project, has reference. This letter provides information on the availability for comment of a Basic Assessment Report (BAR) prepared for the above-mentioned proposed project.

Notice is hereby given, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998; NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), that the BAR prepared for the Proposed Extension of the Railway Infrastructure at the Wessels Mine, Northern Cape, has been made available for a public review and comment period from 10 September – 11 October 2021. A copy of the BAR and Non-Technical Summary (NTS) are accessible at the following SLR websites:

- [www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/](http://www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/); and
- <https://slrpublicdocs.datafree.co/public-documents> (data-free website).

Any comments on the BAR and NTS should be forwarded to SLR at the address, telephone or e-mail address shown below. For comments to be included in the revised BAR, they should reach SLR **by no later than 11 October 2021**.

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Yours sincerely

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**BELANGSTELLEDE EN GEAFFEKTEERDE PARTYE**

Geagte heer/dame

**VOORGESTELDE UITBREIDING VAN DIE SPOORINFRASTRUKTUUR BY DIE WESSELS-MYN, NOORDKAAP: BESKIKBAARHEID VAN DIE BASIESE ASSESSERINGSVERSLAG VIR OORSIG EN KOMMENTAAR**

Ons vorige korrespondensie (gedateer 1 Julie 2021) met betrekking tot die bogemelde projek verwys.

Hierdie skrywe verskaf inligting oor die beskikbaarheid vir kommentaar van 'n Basiese Asseseringsverslag (BAV) wat vir die bogemelde voorgestelde projek saamgestel is.

Kennisgewing geskied hiermee kragtens die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (Wet Nr. 107 van 1998; NEMA) en die Regulasies Insake Omgewingsimpakassessering (OIA), 2014 (soos gewysig) dat die BAV wat vir die Voorgestelde Uitbreiding van die Spoorinfrastruktuur by die Wessels-myn, Noordkaap, saamgestel is, vir 'n tydperk van openbare oorsig en kommentaar vanaf 10 September – 11 Oktober 2021 beskikbaar gestel is. 'n Afskrif van die BAV en Nietegniese Opsomming (NTO) is toeganklik op die volgende SLR-webwerwe:

- [www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/](http://www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/); en
- <https://slrpublicdocs.datafree.co/public-documents> (datavrye webwerf).

Enige kommentaar op die BAV en NTO moet na SLR by die adres, telefoon of e-posadres hieronder gestuur word. Om kommentaar by die hersiene BAV in te sluit, moet die kommentaar SLR teen **nie later nie as 11 Oktober 2021** bereik.



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**MOTHO YO O NANG LE KGATLHEGO LE YO O AMEGANG**

Rre/Mme yo o rategang,

**KATOLOSO E E KOPELWANG YA KAGO YA SEPORO KWA MOEPONG WA WESSELS, KAPA BOKONE: PEGO YA TSHEKATSHEKO E E TLWAELEGILENG E TENG GORE E SEKASEKIWE LE GO TSHWAELEWA KA YONE**

Tlhaeletsano ya rona ya nako e e fetileng (ya letlha la 1 Phukwi 2021) malebana le porojeke e e umakiwang fa godimo, ke yone e go buiwang ka yone.

Lekwalo leno le naya tshedimose tso ka go nna teng ga Pego ya Tshekatsheko e e Tlwaelegileng (Basic Assessment Report [BAR]) e e rulaganyeditsweng porojeke e e kopelwang e e umakiwang fa godimo.

Go newa kitsiso fano, go ya ka Molao wa Naga wa Taolo ya Tikologo (*National Environmental Management Act*) (No. 107 wa 1998; NEMA) le Melawana ya Tshekatsheko ya Kamego ya Tikologo (*Environmental Impact Assessment [EIA]*), 2014 (e e fetotsweng), gore BAR e e rulaganyeditsweng Katoloso e e Kopelwang ya go Agiwa ga Seporo kwa Moepong wa Wessels Mine, Kapa Bokone, e teng gore morafe o e tthatlhobe le go akgela ka yone mo sebakeng sa 10 Lwetse – 11 Diphlane 2021. Khopi ya BAR le Tshobokanyo e e Seng ya Botegenike (Non-Technical Summary [NTS]) e ka kgona go bonwa mo diwebosaeteng tse di latelang tsa SLR:

- [www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/](http://www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents/) ; le
- <https://slrpublicdocs.datafree.co/public-documents> (webosaete e e sa tlhokeng deitha).

Ditshwaelo dipe ka BAR le NTS di tshwanetse go romelwa kwa SLR kwa tereseng, mogaleng kgotsa imeileng ya aterese e e bontshitsweng fa tlase. Gore ditshwaelo di akarediwe mo BAR di tshwanetse go fitlha kwa SLR **eseng morago ga 11 Diphlane 2021.**



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Weno ka boikanyego,



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**From:** Modiegi Matsietsa <thaabie@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** 02 July 2021 01:49 PM  
**To:** Rizqah Baker  
**Subject:** Extension of the railway infrastructure at Wessels mine

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Good Afternoon

I would like to know if there is any sub contracting opportunities for local contractors.

Kind Regards  
Modiegi Matsietsa

**SOUTH32 LIMITED  
BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

**PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE WESSELS MINE, NORTHERN CAPE  
JULY 2021**

<b>DATE</b>	06 July 2021	<b>TIME</b>	16:30
<b>PARTICULARS OF THE INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	MICHELLE REYNECKE		
<b>INTEREST IN THE PROPOSED PROJECT</b>	LAND OWNER REPRESENTATIVE NCHWANING 267 PROPERTY LEASE HOLDER DIKGATLONG 268		
<b>POSTAL/STREET ADDRESS</b>	PO BOX 158		
	SANTOY		
		<b>POSTAL CODE</b>	8491
<b>WORK/DAY TELEPHONE NUMBER</b>	073 235 1328	<b>WORK/DAY FAX NUMBER</b>	073 235 1328
<b>CELL PHONE NUMBER</b>		<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS</b>	michellereynecke7@gmail.com
<b>PLEASE REGISTER ME AS AN INTERESTED &amp; AFFECTED PARTY (I&amp;AP) SO THAT I MAY RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATIONS DURING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS</b>		<b>YES</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NOTIFICATIONS?</b>		<b>E-MAIL</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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**PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS HERE (please use separate sheets if you wish)**

Good day  
Please see email send on 06 July 2021.

**PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING OF MY COLLEAGUES/FRIENDS/NEIGHBOURS AS I&APS FOR THIS PROJECT:**


Please return completed forms to:  
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!!!**

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**From:** michelle reynecke <michellereynecke7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 06 July 2021 04:54 PM  
**To:** Rizqah Baker  
**Cc:** Milisa Rala; Sharon Meyer; Rob Hounsome; Bobby Reynecke  
**Subject:** Re: PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE WESSELS MINE, NORTHERN CAPE: NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

**Attachments:** I&AP Wessel Railway.pdf

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Good day Rizqah

Trust you are well. As representative of the landowner of Nchwaning Farm 267, and holder of the property lease for Dikgatlong 268 we would like to register as I&AP for the proposed railways infrastructure extension at Wessel Mine, South32.

I have read through the background information. May I please request a more detail map for the proposed extension.

From the background information I do understand that South32 are the mining right holder (mineral rights) of the four properties, but they are not the surface use right holder and/or landowners of Nchwaning 267, Dikgatlong 268 and Dibiagomo 226. Please confirm that the information is on SLR's side the same.

Furthermore, may I please ask that you forward me the draft BAR and EIA

Please find attached completed registration form.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me

Kind regards

Michelle Reynecke  
073 235 1328

On Thu, Jul 1, 2021 at 12:00 PM Rizqah Baker <[rbaker@slrconsulting.com](mailto:rbaker@slrconsulting.com)> wrote:

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP)

You and/or your organisation have been identified as a potential I&AP for the Proposed Extension of the Railway Infrastructure at the Wessels Mine, Northern Cape (proposed project). The attached correspondence (in English, Setswana and Afrikaans) provides information regarding the availability of a Background Information Document (BID) for review and comment. Should you and/or your organisation wish to comment on the BID for the proposed project, comments should be sent to SLR (at the details below) **by no later than 2 August 2021**.

It is assumed that in providing your Personal Information to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party, or providing comment on the BID or any other aspect of this Project, you authorise SLR to retain and use your Personal Information as part of a contact database for this and/or other Social and Environmental Impact Assessment Project(s) and that you confirm your acceptance for SLR to contact you regarding this and/or other Social and Environmental Impact Assessment processes. SLR warrants that we will not process your Personal Information, other than as permitted or required by Social and Environmental Impact Assessment processes or as required by Law or public policy. SLR will use reasonable, appropriate security safeguards in order to protect Personal Information, and to reasonably prevent any damage to, loss of, or unauthorised access or disclosure of Personal Information, other than as required for Social and Environmental Impact Assessment processes or as required by any Law or public policy.

**You may request for your Personal Information to be deleted from the I&AP database at any time by contacting SLR by e-mail or in writing at the address below.**

Should you have any queries on the above, or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards



**Rizqah Baker**

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**From:** Moses Moalahi <moseslebogang@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 08 July 2021 12:16 PM  
**To:** Rizqah Baker  
**Subject:** Acknowledgment of the expansion of Wessels Mine internal railway lines  
**Attachments:** Good day.docx

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Good day

I also one again register an interested parties for new development which are taking place at Wessels, Mamatwan including UMK mines

See attached letter

Yours in development  
Moses Moalahi



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**08 July 2021**

**The Senior Consultant**

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**PO Box 1596**

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**2060**

Good day

**Acknowledgment of the expansion of Wessels Mine internal railway lines**

Thanks once again to let us know about current activities which are taking place in Wessels mine South 32.

Last time I registered as an interested party for the new development which was also taking place at Mamathwan Mine South 32. At Mamathwan my interest was to have access to waste rock for aggregate and to use it for the construction of the roads, bricks and paving blocks making including other road materials like culverts & bridges/rails concrete components.

Recycling of waste rock from the mine was also the initiative of South 32 Mine because last year they advertised in our local newspapers looking for local SMME'S which are interested in recycling of the waste rock from the mine.

I was also interested in having access to wastewater from the mine to use it during road construction and irrigation of lucerne or gain/maize for animal feedings.

In short, I hereby registered once again to have access to waste rock for aggregate and wastewater from both mines, Wessels, Mamathwan including UMK mine.

Last but not list, I also interest to work with the Engineers for both mines during construction at Mamathwan and Wessels.

Looking forward for your positive response

Yours in development

Moses Moalahi

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**From:** Melissa Pillay <mp@menar.com>  
**Sent:** 03 August 2021 12:37 PM  
**To:** Rizqah Baker  
**Cc:** Gomolemo Fritz  
**Subject:** FW: Form Submission - Contact Form - Landowner details

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Good day,

Please register myself and Gomolemo (cc'd in this email) as IAPs for the project mentioned below.

Also, provide me with an update on the application.

Thank you

Kind Regards,

**Melissa Pillay**  
Head of Environmental Compliance

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**From:** Squarespace <[form-submission@squarespace.info](mailto:form-submission@squarespace.info)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 30, 2021 1:48 PM  
**To:** Arne Hansen  
**Subject:** Form Submission - Contact Form - Landowner details

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Sent via form submission from [Sitatunga](#)

**Name:** Rizqah Baker

**Email Address:** [rbaker@slrconsulting.com](mailto:rbaker@slrconsulting.com)

**Subject:** Landowner details

**Message:** Good morning. SLR has been appointed by South32 to undertake an Basic Assessment process for operations at their Wessels Mine, in the Northern Cape. Sitatunge has been identified as an adjacent landowner. Please provide me with the contact details of a relevant representative so that i may share more information about the proposed project.

Kind regards  
Rizqah Baker

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**From:** Melissa Pillay <mp@menar.com>  
**Sent:** 04 August 2021 07:54 AM  
**To:** Rizqah Baker  
**Cc:** Gomolemo Fritz; Sharon Meyer  
**Subject:** RE: Form Submission - Contact Form - Landowner details

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Good morning,

Can you send me a background information document ?

Kind Regards,

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**From:** Rizqah Baker <rbaker@slrconsulting.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 03 August 2021 16:34  
**To:** Melissa Pillay <mp@menar.com>  
**Cc:** Gomolemo Fritz <gf@sitatunga.com>; Sharon Meyer <smeyer@slrconsulting.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Form Submission - Contact Form - Landowner details

Good afternoon Melissa

Thank you for your email and your interest in the proposed project. I have added yourself and Gomolemo Fritz to the I&AP database for the project.




We are currently in the pre-application stage of the project. A Basic Assessment Report is being compiled and will be released for comment and review in the next few weeks.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries.

Kind regards



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**From:** Joseph V/D Walt <dibaslaghuis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 08 August 2021 05:13 PM  
**To:** Rizqah Baker  
**Subject:** Interested and affected party

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Good day.

Can we please be registered as an interested and affected party on the proposed extension of the Wessels Mine railroad.

We gain entrance to our farm driving next to Wessels security fence and our turn off is more or less at the proposed turn of the new extension.

We farm on the remaining portion of the farm Dibiaghomo.

Thank you.

Joseph and Engela van der Walt  
082 517 6104

# Proposed upgrade to the existing railway infrastructure at the Wessels Mine near Hotazel in the Northern Cape

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CaseID: 17101

Date: Friday October 08, 2021  
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## Interim Comment

**In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: SLR Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd

**South32 intends to upgrade the existing railway infrastructure at the Wessels Mine. The upgrade will consist of modifications to the staging rail lines and the design of a new rail balloon. The extension of the railway into the new railway balloon measures at approximately 2 500 m long and 25 m wide and would result in the clearing of indigenous vegetation (more than 1 hectare, but less than 20 hectares). Additionally, the railway would cross a section of the existing tailings dam and would thus result in the removal of approximately 15 000 – 25 000 m<sup>3</sup> of material from the tailings area, which would then be deposited on another existing tailings dam. The new railway extension would be located within the existing Mining Right (MR) boundary at the Wessels Mine and amendments to the mine's Water Use Licence (WUL) are not required.**

SLR Consulting (South Africa)(Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Hotazel Manganese Mines (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed extension of railway infrastructure at the Wessels Mine, near Hotazel, Northern Cape Province (DMRE Ref: NC-00212-MR/102).

A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The proposed development will include the construction of a new rail balloon and the upgrade of existing rail infrastructure.

CTS Heritage was appointed to provide heritage specialist input as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*Lavin, J. 2021. Heritage Impact Assessment in terms of Section 38(8) of the NHRA for the Proposed upgrade to the existing railway infrastructure at the Wessels Mine near Hotazel in the Northern Cape.*

No heritage resources were identified within the proposed development footprint. A Chance Fossil Finds and Chance Finds Procedure have been recommended to be implemented.



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## Interim Comment

The proposed development footprint is located in an area of moderate sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist as part of the proposed development EA process. Further comments will be issued upon the receipt of the outstanding report.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Natasha Higgitt  
Heritage Officer  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Phillip Hine  
Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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## Final Comment

**In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: SLR Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd

**South32 intends to upgrade the existing railway infrastructure at the Wessels Mine. The upgrade will consist of modifications to the staging rail lines and the design of a new rail balloon. The extension of the railway into the new railway balloon measures at approximately 2 500 m long and 25 m wide and would result in the clearing of indigenous vegetation (more than 1 hectare, but less than 20 hectares). Additionally, the railway would cross a section of the existing tailings dam and would thus result in the removal of approximately 15 000 – 25 000 m<sup>3</sup> of material from the tailings area, which would then be deposited on another existing tailings dam. The new railway extension would be located within the existing Mining Right (MR) boundary at the Wessels Mine and amendments to the mine's Water Use Licence (WUL) are not required.**

SLR Consulting (South Africa)(Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Hotazel Manganese Mines (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed extension of railway infrastructure at the Wessels Mine, near Hotazel, Northern Cape Province (DMRE Ref: NC-00212-MR/102).

A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended). The proposed development will include the construction of a new rail balloon and the upgrade of existing rail infrastructure.

CTS Heritage was appointed to provide heritage specialist input as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*Lavin, J. 2021. Heritage Impact Assessment in terms of Section 38(8) of the NHRA for the Proposed upgrade to the existing railway infrastructure at the Wessels Mine near Hotazel in the Northern Cape.*

No heritage resources were identified within the proposed development footprint. A Chance Fossil Finds and Chance Finds Procedure have been recommended to be implemented.

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In an Interim Comment issued on the 08/10/2021, SAHRA requested that a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment be conducted by a qualified palaeontologist as part of the proposed development EA process. Since the issuing of the Interim Comment, a desktop PIA has been submitted for review (14/10/2021).

*Bamford, M. 2021. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the proposed extension of the railway infrastructure at the Wessels Mine, near Hotazel, Northern Cape Province.*

The proposed development is underlain by aeolian sands of the Kalahari Group that do not preserve fossils. A Fossil Chance Finds Protocol is recommended to be followed.

## Final Comment

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final BAR and EMPr:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51 of the NHRA for offences;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
- If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological

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or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;

- The Final BAR and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;
- The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Natasha Higgitt  
Heritage Officer  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Phillip Hine  
Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

## ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/582468>

## Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.

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2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.

## Rizqah Baker

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**From:** Jacoline Mans <Jmans@environment.gov.za>  
**Sent:** 11 October 2021 08:47 AM  
**To:** Piet Moima  
**Cc:** Rizqah Baker  
**Subject:** RE: Basic Assessment Report: Proposed Extension of the Railway Infrastructure at the Wessels Mine, Northern Cape

Good Morning

May you please re-send the link?

Regards, Jacoline

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**Cc:** Rizqah Baker <rbaker@slrconsulting.com>  
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Good morning Ms. Mans

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards



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Dear Rizqah

I downloaded the documents, but Appendix E (Part 1 of 3 and Part 3 of 3 are both the Heritage Impact Assessment Report). May you please forward me the Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment Report because I cannot find it. I can receive up to 5 MB per e-mail. Thank you.

Kind Regards, Jacoline

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Kind regards

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**RE: COMMENTS ON BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE AT WESSELS MINE, NORTHERN CAPE (DMR REFERENCE: NC-00212-MR/102).**

The Directorate: Forestry Management (Other Regions) in the Department of **Forestry**, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) is responsible for the administration of the National Forests Act, Act 84 of 1998 (NFA) and the National Veld and Forest Fires Act, Act 101 of 1998 (NVFFA) as amended.

**A. NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, ACT 84 OF 1998 (AS AMENDED)**

1. Section 12(1) of the National Forests Act, Act 84 of 1998 (NFA) states that the Minister may declare a particular tree, group of trees, woodland; or trees belonging to a particular species, to be a protected tree, group of trees, woodland or species.
2. Section 15(1)(a) of the NFA states that no person may cut, disturb, damage, destroy or remove any protected tree or (b) possess, collect, remove, transport, export, purchase, sell, donate or in any other manner acquire or dispose of any protected tree, or any forest product derived from a protected tree, except under a license granted by the Minister; or in terms of an exemption published by the Minister in the Gazette.
3. Section 58(1) read with s62 and s63 states that any person who contravenes the prohibition on protected trees referred to in section 15(1)(a) and s15(1)(b), is guilty of a first category offence and may be sentenced to a fine or imprisonment for a period of up to three years, or both.
4. The list of protected trees is published annually in the Government Gazette. See Government Gazette No. 44204, Government Notice, GN 155 of 1 March 2021.

## B. PROJECT BACKGROUND

5. Hotazel Manganese Mines (Pty) Ltd (HMM), a subsidiary of South32 Limited (South32), owns and operates the underground Wessels Manganese Mine (Wessels Mine) located approximately 1.5 km north-east of Blackrock Mine, in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality. The project entails the upgrading of the existing railway infrastructure (a single proposed railway loop measuring at approximately 2 500 m long and 25 m wide) at the Wessels Mine. The Wessels Mine is located on the farms Dibiaghomo 226, Wessels 227 and Dikgatlong 268. The proposed project covers an area of approximately 10 ha. The project site is in the Kathu Bushveld vegetation type, in an area classified as Other Natural Areas (ONA), but in the Griqualand West Centre of Endemism. Three habitat units were identified on site:

- 1) Transformed Area with little to no remaining vegetation
- 2) *Senegalia melifera* Thicket Habitat Unit; and
- 3) Open Mixed *Senegalia melifera* – *Vachellia erioloba* – *Vachellia haematoxylon* Woodland Habitat



Figure 1: Layout map of the proposed railway link, showing the three habitat types on site.

## C. COMMENTS ON BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AND BIODIVERSITY SPECIALIST REPORT

6. The Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Biodiversity Assessment Report confirmed the presence of nationally and provincially protected plants in the project footprint, namely *Vachellia erioloba*, *Vachellia haematoxylon*, *Harpagophytum procumbens* and *Boophone disticha*. No indication was given of the density of protected trees on site and/or the number of trees that may be impacted on. The developer will therefore need to apply for and obtain a valid Forest Act License, prior to disturbing any protected trees on site. The Department is assessing cumulative impacts on protected trees and once a certain threshold

is exceeded, may ask for a biodiversity offset to be implemented, for impacts on slow-growing, long-lived protected trees that cannot be mitigated.

7. Trees with active bird nests or other significant biodiversity features may not be damaged or disturbed without a valid Fauna permit from the provincial Conservation Authority, under the Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act, Act 9 of 2009, if these would be affected.
8. The developer must kindly take note of the timeframe to obtain a license. It can take up to 30-days upon receipt of all the requested information, to process the application. Please submit a .kml or .kmz with the license application, as well as an accurate estimation of the tree count (number of protected trees per species affected), as well as the supporting documentation listed in the license application form, i.e., the applicant's I.D. document and a copy of the approved Environmental Authorisation. Should any additional information be required, the Department will inform the applicant upon receipt of the license application form.

Yours faithfully,



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Jacoline Mans  
Chief Forester: NFA Regulations  
**DATE: 11/10/2021**



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**From:** Johannes Nematatani <Johannes.Nematatani@dmre.gov.za>  
**Sent:** 12 October 2021 12:03 PM  
**To:** Rizqah Baker  
**Cc:** Waldo Bezuidenhout; Vincent Muila; Humbulani Mashau  
**Subject:** RE: South32 Wessels Railway - DMRE Case Officer

Good day

Please kindly note that as I advised you telephonically. The case officer will not give you comments on DBAR. The case office is Mr Humbulani Mashau.

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**From:** Rizqah Baker <rbaker@slrconsulting.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 08 October 2021 10:08 AM  
**To:** Johannes Nematatani <Johannes.Nematatani@dmre.gov.za>  
**Cc:** Waldo Bezuidenhout <Waldo.Bezuidenhout@south32.net>; Vincent Muila <Vincent.Muila@dmre.gov.za>  
**Subject:** RE: South32 Wessels Railway - DMRE Case Officer  
**Importance:** High

Good morning, Johannes

I am just sending another follow up regarding the Case Officer assigned to the project. Please let me know soonest, as I would like to follow up with the Case Officer regarding comments for the BAR. The comment period closes on Monday, 11 October 2021.

Your soonest response would be much appreciated.

Kind regards

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**From:** Rizqah Baker  
**Sent:** 07 October 2021 09:07 AM  
**To:** Johannes Nematatani <[Johannes.Nematatani@dmre.gov.za](mailto:Johannes.Nematatani@dmre.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** RE: South32 Wessels Railway - DMRE Case Officer

Hi Johannes

I am just following up on my mail below. Have you managed to assign a CO yet?

Regards

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**To:** Rizqah Baker <[rbaker@slrconsulting.com](mailto:rbaker@slrconsulting.com)>  
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Good day

Noted. You will be advised soon.

**From:** Rizqah Baker <[rbaker@slrconsulting.com](mailto:rbaker@slrconsulting.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 05 October 2021 9:45 AM  
**To:** Johannes Nematatani <[Johannes.Nematatani@dmre.gov.za](mailto:Johannes.Nematatani@dmre.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** South32 Wessels Railway - DMRE Case Officer




Hi Johannes

Thank you for taking my call yesterday. This is just a friendly reminder to let me know who the Case Officer is assigned to the South32 Wessels Railway Extension project. Your soonest response would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards



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We are looking to bulk purchase Sugalite from the mine. We seek your assistance and clarity on how we can acquire, mode and method of delivery payment grade certificates etc.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

Lenton Van Heerden  
0797837299 / 0657413742



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Hi Rizqah,

Thanks for your reply. I'm looking at wessels. Or where they mine manganese.

Thank you

Lenton

On Mon, 30 Aug 2021, 14:50 Rizqah Baker, <[rbaker@slrconsulting.com](mailto:rbaker@slrconsulting.com)> wrote:


Hi Lenton


I'm not sure that I can assist you, as I work for an environmental consultancy, and not a mine. Which mine are you referring to?


Regards



**Rizqah Baker**  
Environmental Consultant

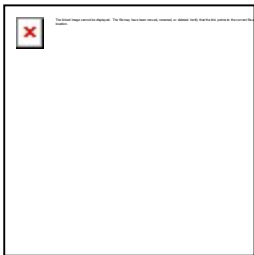
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Good Morning Rizqah,

We are looking to bulk purchase Sugalite from the mine. We seek your assistance and clarity on how we can acquire, mode and method of delivery payment grade certificates etc.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

Lenton Van Heerden

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## Rizqah Baker

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**From:** Moses Moalahi <moseslebogang@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 14 September 2021 03:26 PM  
**To:** Rizqah Baker  
**Subject:** PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE WESSELS MINE, NORTHERN CAPE: NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

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Good day

Thanks for letting me know about the progress at Wessels mine. We can save water in the mine especially the overflowing of the reservoirs and any quality wastewater which can be used for irrigation purposes and irrigation of crops. I can recycle waste metals during the construction and recycle waste rock for aggregate purposes, especially making of paving blocks in order to maintain our internal roads in our local municipalities.

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**From:** michelle reynecke <michellereynecke7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 14 September 2021 11:20 AM  
**To:** Rizqah Baker  
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Good day Rizqah

Trust you are well. Thank you for your email, I will send input if there is any.

Have a good day

Kind regards  
Michelle

On Thu, Sep 9, 2021 at 4:57 PM Rizqah Baker <[rbaker@slrconsulting.com](mailto:rbaker@slrconsulting.com)> wrote:

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**From:** Gomolemo Fritz <gf@sitatunga.com>  
**Sent:** 23 September 2021 09:17 AM  
**To:** Rizqah Baker  
**Cc:** Melissa Pillay  
**Subject:** Re: PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE WESSELS MINE, NORTHERN CAPE: NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

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Good morning, Mr. Baker

I have been looking at the documents provided for the BAR but the link for the **data-free website** is not opening. It keeps saying "*Page not found*".

Regards  
Gomolemo Fritz  
Environmental Intern  
East Manganese

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**From:** Rizqah Baker <rbaker@slrconsulting.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 4:57 PM  
**To:** Rizqah Baker <rbaker@slrconsulting.com>  
**Cc:** Rob Hounsome <rhounsome@slrconsulting.com>; Milisa Rala <mrالا@slrconsulting.com>; Sharon Meyer <smeyer@slrconsulting.com>  
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Good day Rizqah Baker

The comments on the BAR are closed, is it possible to still input comments on behalf of East Manganese mine. I have attached the listed the comments and questions below.

### **Potential Impact of the Proposed Extension of the Railway Infrastructure at the Wessels Mine, Northern Cape on East Manganese**

- **Soil erosion**

This region where the mine is situated have very loose sandy soil. Rainfall in the area is associated with very windy conditions. The tree removal with earthworks phase of the project will leave exposed soil which may affect the dust fall of the East Manganese mine.

Dust fall is tested on a monthly basis on the mine and the mine has been compliant thus far. The project may lead to excessive dust and may lead to non-compliance on the mine.

- **Chemical pollution of soils**

The project will result in contamination of groundwater resources. Based on the Geohydrological report of East Manganese the Regional groundwater flow is mainly in a north-western direction, with localised groundwater flow towards the drainage channels. Boreholes for Ground water testing are situated around the pit; the open pit is located in the in the Ga-Mogara River. There is a possibility that the chemical pollution of soils will be picked up in the quarterly borehole testing of the mine.

Apologies for the inconvenienced caused by submitting the comments this late. I appreciate any assistance in this regard.

Regards  
Gomolemo Fritz  
Environmental Intern  
East Manganese

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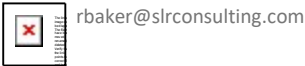
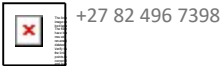
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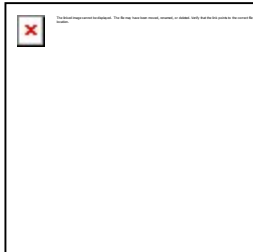
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**From:** Mantwa Gabaitumele (MA) <GabaiMA2@telkom.co.za>  
**Sent:** 22 September 2021 10:59 AM  
**To:** Rizqah Baker  
**Cc:** Vivian Groenewald (VR)  
**Subject:** CHZL0544-21 REF: NC-00212-MR/102  
**Attachments:** CHZL0544-21 COVER LETTER.pdf; CHZL0544-21 UPDATED SKETCH.pdf

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Good Day

Please find our approval.

**The Infrastructure marked is very important and require supervision by this Company. Please make arrangements for this with Mr. [Vivian Groenewald](#) at telephone number 054 338 6501 / 081 362 6738, 2 (Two) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work.**

Kindest Regards

Mantwa Aletta Gabaitumele  
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22 September 2021

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FOR ATTENTION: Rizqah Baker

PROPOSED EXTENTION OF THE RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE WESSELS MINE-  
NORTHERN CAPE

Your mail dated 10 September 2021 refers.

With reference to your above-mentioned application, I hereby inform you that the proposed application is approved by our client (Openserve) in terms of Section 22 of the Electronic Communications Act No. 36 of 2005 as amended.

No infrastructure of our client (Openserve) will be affected by this proposal; however, care should be taken should it become evident that there is in fact infrastructure of our client (Openserve) present at the actual sites. **We did our utmost to ensure that we indicate our route as accurate as possible and should you discover any of our cables that are not on the sketch please stop and contact us immediately to arrange a site meeting. Please make use of pilot holes in order not to damage our infrastructure. In the event that our cables are exposed and damaged/stolen by a third party the damages will be repaired at the customer's account.** Please make use of pilot holes in order not to damage our infrastructure.

**Although we are not affected, Mr. Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number 054 338 6501 / 081 362 6738, Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of the proposed work from our Client (OPENSERVE)'s Network Field Services before any commencement of work.**

On completion of this project, please certify that all requirements as stipulated in this letter have been met. Please note that should any of our client (Openserve) infrastructure has to be relocated or altered as a result of your activities the costs for such an alteration or relocation will be for your account in terms of section 25 of the Electronic Communications Act.

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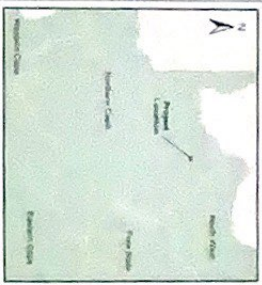
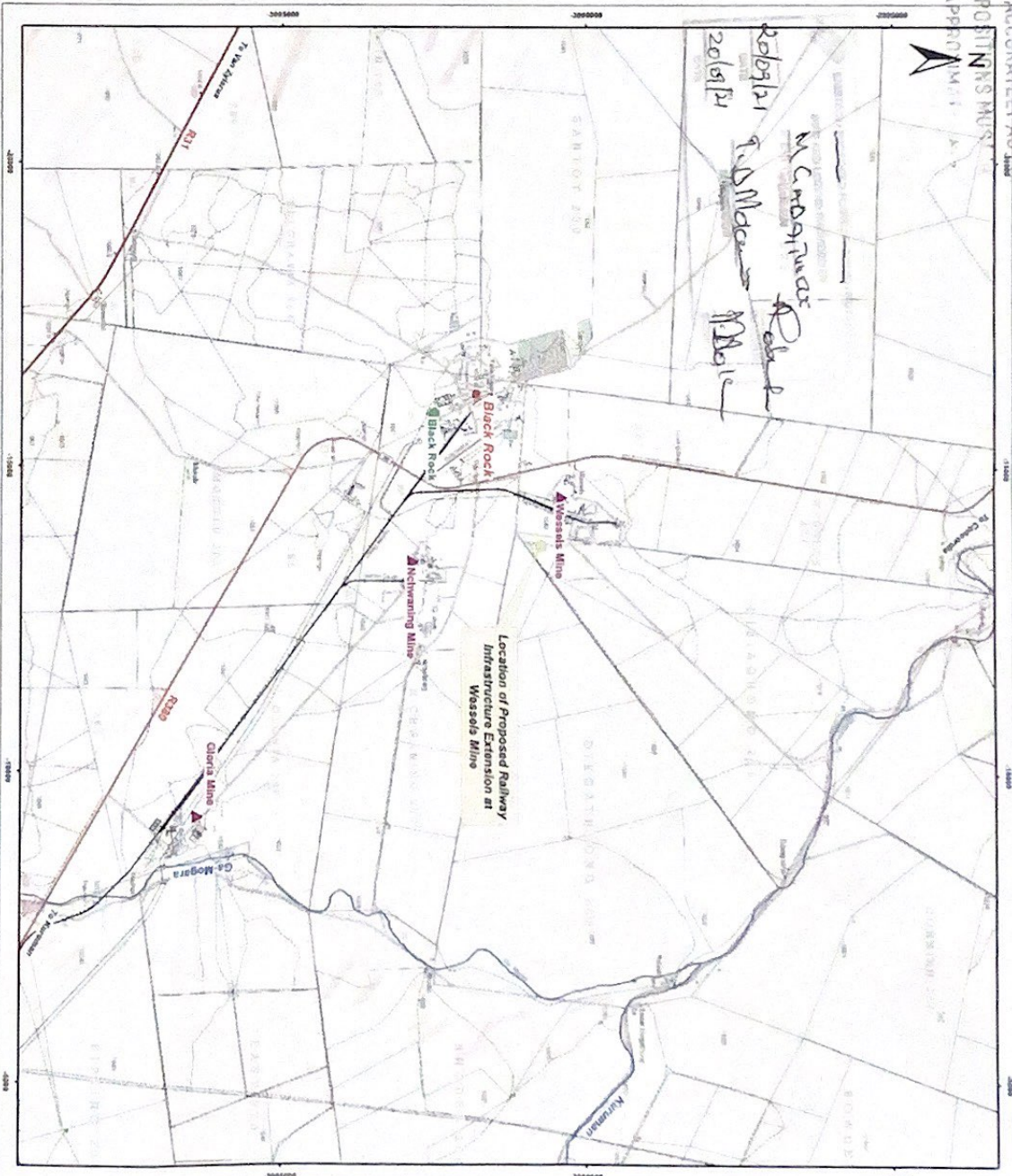
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Yours faithfully

MA Gabaitumele

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MANTWA GABAITUMELE

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**Legend**

- Towns
- Main Roads
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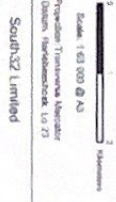


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