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Exemption from further palaeontological assessments for Proposed Decommissioning and Closure of the Fe-Cr Waste Disposal Facility at Transalloys (Pty) Ltd in eMalaheni (Witbank), Mpumalanga Province

Historical context: The Fe-Cr WDF was established in 2006/7 when material was reprocessed historically. A separate storage and disposal facility was required for the Fe-Cr material which was produced then. This Fe-Cr facility has not been used by Transalloys (Pty) Ltd for disposal for more than ten years.

Reason for decommissioning & closure: Since Transalloys has not been producing Fe-Cr for the last 20 years, the Fe-Cr facility is not required to remain active. Transalloys (Pty) Ltd intends to decommission and/or permanently close this facility as it currently remains an environmental liability.



Motivation for exemption of palaeontological assessments: Palaeontological assessments will be unnecessary for the decommissioning and closure of the Fe-Cr Waste Disposal Facility at Transalloys. The palaeontologically sensitive geological formation underlies the slimes dam and the closure of the facility will not have a negative impact on the formation below. A palaeontological impact assessment will be necessary if the material in the slimes dam is removed at some time in the future and the bedrock is exposed in the process,

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