Appendix E: Public Participation

Appendix E1: Comments and responses report



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## Proposed Alleen 2 Open Cast Extension, Magdalena Colliery in Dannhauser, KwaZulu-Natal

## **Comments and Response Report**

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Zinoju Coal (Pty) Ltd



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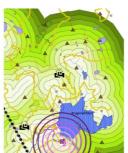
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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

This Comment and Response Report (CRR) lists issues raised by stakeholders, potentially affected landowners and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) during the Basic Assessment process. Comments submitted via telephone, email, post or fax have been included in this report. The public participation for this project has been undertaken in accordance with Regulation 54 of the EIA Regulations (GNR 543) and associated guidelines. As part of the prescribed process, the following tasks were undertaken:

- Identification and registration of stakeholders and I&APs on a database.
- Notification of Key Stakeholders through letters, email and telephonic discussions.
- An invitation for the registration and participation of I&APs, was placed in the Newcastle Advertiser and Northern KwaZulu-Natal newspapers.
- Notice boards detailing information about the project and the BA Process, as well
  as invitation to register as I&APs, were strategically fixed at various points around
  the development site.
- A Background Information Document (BID) was compiled in English and Zulu and distributed to surrounding landowners. The BID contains information on the proposed project, the proponent, consultants, the BA process and associated PPP to be followed.
- The Draft BAR was made available for public review and comment from 17 January to 25 February 2014.
- A public meeting was held on 21 February 2014 in order to provide I&APs with a further opportunity to raise concerns and submit comments.
- Minutes of this meeting are included in Appendix E7 of the Final Basic Assessment Report, and include responses given to I&APs during the meeting.
- The Final BAR was submitted to DEDTEA and made available to I&APs for a further 21 day comment period. All I&AP and Stakeholder comments submitted in response to the review of the Final BAR were submitted directly to the DEDTEA for consideration in the application.
- This amended report has been produced in order to address additional comments that were submitted by the Department of Water Affairs, Amajuba District Municipality and Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (EKZNW).
- Copies of written comments received are included in Appendix E8 of the Final Basic Assessment Report.

#### 2 COMMENTS ON DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Table 1: Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (EKZNW) Comments - 11 April 2014

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Wildlife and the	overmentioned application has been reviewed by the Ezemvelo KZN e (Ezemvelo) IEM Planning Staff. Based on the information supplied e interrogation of our databases, provided that the recorded outlined are adhered to any potential negative impacts upon local ersity.	Mr Musawenkozi Mkhize (EKZNW)	Email (15 April 2014) - Kelly Taylor (GCS (Pty) Ltd):  Many thanks for submitting your comment on the Alleen 2 Open Cast Extension. Your comments have been included in the Final BAR due to be submitted to the DEDTEA shortly.
	a license for the proposed application be granted, it is mended that the following be included into the conditions of the :		In reference to Point 1 of the comment submitted, please note that Zinoju Coal are applying for the mining footprint to extend through a number of ephemeral streams, and
1) No ali	access is allowed to ecologically sensitive areas, including inter a:		that the preferred site cannot feasibly exclude these. Therefore the recommendation to exclude from the 1:100 year floodline and streams / rivers would not be applicable
a)	The 1:100 year flood line including a further ecological buffer zone of 20m;		should Authorisation be granted for Zinoju to mine within the watercourses. However, an Ecological Assessment has
b)	Wetlands, springs and pans, and their 200m ecological buffer (the outer edge of the hydromorphic zone must be delineated by a suitably qualified specialist);		been undertaken for the project which investigated impacts to watercourses in great detail. This Assessment is available in Appendix D of the Draft Basic Assessment Report, and the updated Assessment will be included in the Final Report.
c)	Streams, rivers and dams, and their 100m ecological buffer (the outer edge of the hydromorphic zone must be delineated by a suitably qualified specialist);		You will be notified of the availability of the Final Report for comment shortly.
d)	Rocky outcrops and ridges;		Further to the response submitted, the following comments are made with respect to each stated condition:
e)	Sensitive areas identified by Ezemvelo, or any other suitably qualified specialist; and		1a) Nine degraded and incised first-order watercourses
f)	Known breeding, roosting and foraging sites of species of conservation significance and their required buffer zones (as identified by a suitably qualified specialist).		occur within the proposed mining footprint none of which were recognised as ecologically sensitive. While these ephemeral streams are dry for much of the year, it is recognised that they still perform valuable functions.
ro	isting access routes should be used as far as possible. New access utes should avoid all sensitive areas and their ecological buffers (see int 1 above);		However, application of 1:100 year floodlines with additional 20m ecological buffer zones would exclude much of the proposed mining area and render the project unfeasible.
3) A	Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) is produced for this		diffeasible.

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development to ensure that post-development stormwater runoff approximates pre-development conditions in terms of water quality, intensity of release and spatial distribution of release points; and		b) No wetlands or their 100m buffer zones occur within the proposed mining zone.
<ul><li>4) Permits for the removal of protected plant species must be obtained from Ezemvelo's Permits Office.</li><li>Should any biodiversity issues arise or should you require any clarity on the</li></ul>		c) Continuing from 1a) above, application of a further 100m ecological buffer zone to each of the streams would render the project unfeasible and unpractical to mine small portions between buffer zones.
points raised above, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.		<ul> <li>d) No Rocky outcrops and ridges are present within the mining zone.</li> <li>e) Apart from the watercourses, no sensitive areas were identified.</li> <li>f) No known breeding, roosting and foraging sites of species of conservation significance were identified.</li> </ul>
		2) Existing access routes will be used as far as possible. New access routes will avoid all sensitive areas and their ecological buffers where possible; 3) A Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) for mining operations at Magdalena does exist to ensure the principles of the Water Act are considered in the mine's activities pre-, during and post-mining with the separation of clean and dirty water as one of the primary objectives. The updated SWMP including the proposed open cast extension will be included in the pending IWULA Amendment. 3) Permits for the removal of protected plant species will be obtained from Ezemvelo's Permits Office as required.

#### 3 COMMENTS ON FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Table 2: Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DEDTEA) Comments - 14 July 2014

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COMMENTS	ACTION	Ref.	
The comments/objection from the Department of Water Affairs dated 10	Comments from DWA have been addressed and/or actioned in	Please refer to the table below	
June 2014 needs to be addressed.	the Revised Final BAR.	for specific references.	
The rationale for following a Basic Assessment process is not clear. The vacant, undeveloped or derelict area to be disturbed is to be calculated and indicated in the report. The activity related to the transformation of land is not included in the report.	Section B3 (Activity Description) of Final BAR clarified.	Please refer to Table 1 of Section B3 within the Final BAR for an explanation of how the size of vacant land was determined.	
A rehabilitation plan is not included in the report	A Rehabilitation Plan extracted from the approved Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPR) for Magdalena Colliery has been included in the Environmental Management Plan compiled for the Alleen 2 application.	Please refer to Section 7 of the EMP for a Rehabilitation Plan, included as Appendix F of the Final BAR.	
The impact to livestock during blasting and mitigation measures needs to	Section of FBAR updated with impacts to livestock and mitigation	Please refer to Section E3 (Impact	
be assessed and included in the report.	measures.	Significance Tables) -	
		Construction and Operational	
		Phase - for updated mitigation	
		measures.	
A layout map indicating existing and proposed expansion with	An updated Mine Work Programme has been produced indicating	Please refer to Appendix C2 of the	
superimposed buffers should be included.	the existing open cast area and proposed expansion, including	Final BAR for an amended Mine	
	buffers from watercourses within the expansion area.	Work Programme.	
A relocation plan for the affected houses is not included in the report	Details regarding the proposed relocation have been included in the Final BAR.	Please refer to Section B2 of the Final BAR.	
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Table 3: Department of Water Affairs (DWA) - 10 June 2014

COMMENTS	SITE VISIT	ACTION	Ref.
1. Page v of the executive summary makes	DWA need to understand what happens to waste	GCS - re-submit a copy of the Discard	Not applicable - Scoping Report
mention of an application for the extension of a	generated on site. The report notes that an	Dump Extension Scoping Report to	to be submitted separately.
discard dump on site which is said to be	application for extension of the discard dump is	DWA.	
underway. This office would be pleased to get	underway.		
a copy of that application for review and	a) Mr Russell Stow (RS - GCS) noted that the		
comments.	application for the discard dump is underway, a		
	Scoping Report has already been submitted to		
	DWA. Noted that GCS will check who this report		
	was submitted to and give another copy if		
	necessary.		

COMMENTS	SITE VISIT	ACTION	Ref.
	<ul> <li>b) Ms Zethu Makwabasa (ZM - DWA) noted that this probably went to Lindiwe. Agreed that DWA will need another copy to comment. The IWULA is also required, need as much information as possible, e.g. the size of the dump.</li> <li>c) RS - The approach was to include the dump and open cast extension into one IWULA amendment.</li> <li>d) Mr Fanie Muller (FM - Zinoju) noted the urgent timeframes for this project as the current open cast is almost exhausted and the mine might need to retrench staff if the extension is not granted.</li> </ul>		
	Lwandle Sibango (LS - DWA) noted that DWA will need the calculation of undeveloped versus developed land, as this was not clear in the report.  a) Poovi Moodley (PM - DEDTEA) agreed that they would require this information to clarify if the project is subject to a Basic Assessment or Scoping and EIA.  b) Ms Kelly Taylor (KT - GCS) to send an addendum noting the size of the vacant land to DEDTEA and DWA.	GCS - Clarification of the calculation of undeveloped versus developed land.  GCS - write up explanation of calculation and confirmation of EIA triggers and required process.	Please refer to Table 1 of Section B3 within the Final BAR for an explanation of how the size of vacant land was determined.
<ul> <li>2. Page ix of the Executive summary and the Desktop Ecological Assessment conducted by GCS (2013) which is included as Appendix D concluded that:-</li> <li>2.1 Nine degraded and incised first-order watercourses occur within the proposed mining footprint;</li> <li>Despite the report indicating that these are first-order watercourses it should be noted that this office has a mandate to protect all watercourses as stated in Chapter 1 of the</li> </ul>	ZM - Regarding the Ecological Assessment and watercourses identified, what are the strategies to mitigate this damage?  Also note that an IWULA is required. The report must make clear that no fish are present in these watercourses, etc. as per comments sent by DWA.  Regarding the headwaters, the IWULA Amendment will be required for a description of the headwaters.  a) RS - Agreed, this will be done. RS explained the proposed diversion of channels to keep flow through main watercourses, and that Zinoju has excluded the first channel and last channel (before the school) from the extended mining	GCS to prepare and submit an IWULA Amendment which would include:  a) Strategies to mitigate damage to water courses¹. (EMP/SWMP) b) Clarification on presence of fish. c) Description of the headwaters. d) More detailed description in the EMP on the diversion of water around the working mine area. e) Detailed description of mining approach for the extension. f) Anticipated programme for the	IWULA to be submitted as a separate process.  a) Refer to EMP and Section E3 of the Final BAR for measures to mitigate damage to watercourses. b) Refer to Section E2.2b (Biological Environment) and Appendix D1. c) Refer to Section E2.2b (Biological Environment). d) Please refer to Section 6.10 of the EMP (Appendix F of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2008 EMPR section, EIA EMP, RSIP, IWWMP

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National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, irrespective of their order and/or size. It should further be noted that first-order stream flow into and feed larger streams, are commonly headwater streams and constitute waterways in the upper reaches of the watershed. Therefore the protection of this level of watercourses is vital for the existence of larger ones.  2.2 The study area occurs within a subquaternary catchment classified as a Fish Support Area by National Freshwater Ecosystems Priority Area (NFEPA. Furthermore, Page 13 of the Desktop Ecological Assessment report confirms that the sub-catchment within which the site falls is a Fish Support Area (FSA).  Despite the fact that the report indicates that the area is not a fish sanctuary, this office regards FSA as important for the migration of threatened or near-Threatened fish species. In this regard, this office would like to know what strategies will be in place to mitigate the impacts to this important migratory corridor.	operations. Exploration drilling found burnt coal in this area which was unfeasible to mine.  b) RS noted that GCS will need to send an updated layout map from Zinoju showing this, and indicating the planned diversions.  c) ZM suggested that Zinoju submit an IWULA Amendment now and allow DWA to review information available until such time as the ROD is received from DEDTEA. ZM noted that the headwaters will be the greatest challenge and will need a (c) and (i) application.	life of the mine. g) Provision of an updated layout showing newly revised mining area, mining blocks and diversion areas.	the Rehabilitation Plan). e) Please refer to Section B2 and Appendix G of the Final BAR for a detailed description of the mining approach. f) Please refer to Appendix G for a Mining Work Programme. g) Please refer to Appendix C2 of the Final BAR for an updated layout plan.
3 Page xv of the Executive summary states that "An Integrated Water Use Licence Application (IWULA) must be submitted to the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) for in terms of watercourse and wetland crossings (Section 21 c and i). The IWULA Amendment requirements will be incorporated into the IWULA amendment application currently in progress for the extension of the discard dump."  3.1 This office notes that statement with appreciation, in particular, the subsequent statement that the relevant approvals must be		Noted - GCS to prepare and submit an IWULA Amendment.	IWULA to be submitted as a separate process.

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in place prior to the commencement of any site clearing or construction activities.  3.2 Similarly to point 1 this office would be pleased to get a copy of this (IWULA) application for review.	PM requested details of water supply for the community, the end use of land, and plans for rehabilitation.  a) FM and RS noted that there is a pipeline in place which supplies water to the community, and end use is grazing (as the land is unstable), with potential options for forestry / crops. Rehabilitation is undertaken as mining progresses. b) ZM - noted that the mine needs to inform DWA when rehabilitation is planned. c) LS requested that Zinoju investigate options to preserve the other watercourses on site as well, and not just two. RS responded that this is difficult as mining activities are always likely to cross watercourses, and need to look at this in context of the condition of the watercourses, as well as the planned diversions and rehabilitation. d) ZM asked how long it takes to mine a portion of land, and if the mine can separate sections out into 'mining blocks' for ease of assessment and	Addendum to the Basic Assessment Report to confirm and emphasise:  a) Details of water supply for the community. b) The end land use. c) Plans for rehabilitation <sup>2</sup> . d) Mining blocks. e) Mining programme time frames f) Description / reference to housing relocation plan.	a) Please refer to Section E2.2b (Community Housing). b) Please refer to Section B2 and E 2.4b (Increase in Land Capability) for a description of the end land use. c) Please refer to Section 7 of the EMP for a Rehabilitation Plan, included as Appendix F of the Final BAR. d) Please refer to Appendix C2 of the Final BAR. e) Please refer to Appendix G for the Mining Work Programme. f) Please refer to Section E2.2b (Community Housing).
	context of the condition of the watercourses, as well as the planned diversions and rehabilitation.  d) ZM asked how long it takes to mine a portion of land, and if the mine can separate sections out into 'mining blocks' for ease of assessment and rehabilitation. FM noted that layout plans do separate areas out into mining blocks and the mine can provide this to DWA. ZM asked if		f) Please refer to Section
	timeframes can also be provided with the plan. e) PM noted that houses still need to be relocated, and asked how these houses are profiled, and how monitoring is done for damage to houses. Shaun Lake (SL - Zinoju) noted that the mine undertake monitoring of houses for cracking, etc. and compensate where required.		

 $^2$  RSIP (2013) and IWWMP (2013)– requirement of IWULA

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4. Page 52 of the BAR lists 'water abstraction' as one of the activities likely to have an impact on the lives of the communities. This office would like to know the meaning of the term abstraction as well as the water resource to be used for this purpose. In the event that water abstraction will occur then this should be included in the IWULA.		Explanation of the term abstraction and the associated water uses.	Please refer to Section B 14 of the Final BAR (Water Use).
5. Page 53: Groundwater Contamination and flow reduction states that pit dewatering will continue during the operational phase which will create a cone of depression This office regards dewatering of a pit as a water use in terms of Section 210) of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 and thus hopes that it is included as such in the IWULA mentioned above.	ZM and LS noted that the IWULA Amendment will need to include Section 21 (j) - pit dewatering.	Noted and to be included in IWULA Amendment.	Please refer to Section B 14 of the Final BAR (Water Use).
6. Page 54 of the FBAR indicates that "it is evident that the proposed open cast extension will reduce peak flows and volumes in the catchment. Page 82 of the FBAR: Section F: Recommendations of EAP recommends that "the Water Balance be updated and that the measures recommended in the signed Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) be adhered to and that detailed SWMP designs are signed off by a registered engineer". This office appreciates such a move but would like to know as to when this recommendation will be implemented.	ZM and LS noted that the water balance must be updated and SWMP recommendations must be adhered to.	Noted: The updated water balance and signed off SWMP designs will be included in the IWULA Amendment.	N/A
7. Page 12 of the Desktop Ecological Assessment report states that there are two wetlands located closer to the site, but are not actually located along the Poonaspruit and Bloubanspruit whereas page 11 of the same report states that "no wetland areas appear to	ZM - Watercourses and wetlands to be delineated to show the distance from wetlands to the open cast extension and how big the buffer zone is. Addendum must clarify issue about wetlands on site as per requirements in DWA comment.	Noted.  A wetland assessment has been completed as part of the BA process. An additional map will be provided showing the distance from the wetlands to the	Refer to Section E2.2b (Biological Environment) and Appendix D1.

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be present on or immediately downstream and/or adjacent to the project site". The presence of wetlands is also confirmed in Page 33 of this report which states that "there are also important wetlands (EGSAs) to the east of the site associated with the floodplain wetland located at the confluence of the Bloubanspruit and the Buffels River". This office would like to:  7.1 get clarity with regards to this contradiction.  7.2 be supplied with the exact distance between the proposed development and delineated boundaries (edges) of these wetlands.  8. Page 39 of the Desktop Ecological Assessment report: Recommended Mitigation Measures recommends that "the most northern show	- The Addendum must explain the rationale for the m buffer from watercourses, and give a map wing all watercourses and buffer areas needed, if buffer zone of 100m, then an IWULA is needed.	Note. IWULA and Final BAR Amendment to include:  a) Explanation of rationale for 30m buffer zone. b) Define a small buffer zone from applicable watercourses. c) Explanation to note revision of mining plan to exclude the northern and southern-most drainage lines from mining operations.	Please refer to Section B4 of the Final BAR (Alternatives Assessment).  It is noted that a 100m buffer has now been applied to the northern-most watercourse.  IWULA Amendment to include full details required from comments.

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8.4 The applicant is reminded that in terms of			
the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, a			
distance of 100m from a water course or a			
1: 100 flood line (whichever is greatest) is			
regarded as a regulated area and that no			
activities should occur within that area.			
9 (i) A majority of figures such as Figure 7:	ZM noted that altering of river characteristics is a	Note.	Not applicable - IWULA to be
Desktop vegetation communities; Figure 6 -1:	fatal flaw, and the major issue from DWA is the	a) Zinoju / GCS to motivate need to	submitted as a separate
Magdalena Catchments; Figure 9-3 : Conceptual	watercourses and effect of headwaters on	cross catchment headwaters in	process.
stormwater management indicate that the	downstream. IWULA Amendment required with	IWULA Amendment.	·
proposed development will bisect drainage	detailed documents.		
lines and/or streams occurring within this sub-			
catchment which also serve as head waters of			
the Poonaspruit and Bloubankspruit .			
(ii) Page 27 of the Hydrological Assessment also			
states that " the mining activity and the			
catchments of streams are likely to be			
impacted by proposed mining, it is immediately			
apparent that a large number of watercourses			
cross the proposed opencast mining area the			
entire site must be considered to fall within			
protected riparian zones.			
(iii) Page 24 of the Hydrological Assessment			
states that " the most significant challenge in			
terms of Storm Water Management Planning			
will be to contain runoff from areas upstream			
of the proposed works and divert this clean			
water past the proposed mining activities. Page			
27 of the Hydrological Assessment also states			
that in some instance it may be possible to			
design and construct cut-off drains and divert			
the 1:50 year flood expected from the			
catchments past the opencast areas.			
The northern drain will need to divert flows of			
up to 24m/s and will most likely need a grassed			
waterway that is 25m wide. An additional			
complication is that the local soils appear to be			

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highly dispersive and prone to erosion.			
From the above statements it appears that the proposed mining activities will significantly alter the water resources' characteristics as this operation will involve bisecting and diversion of the affected watercourses. This office regards 'bisecting and diversion of watercourse(s) as a fatal flaw and therefore does not support any development involving diversion, re-routing or bisecting watercourses.			
	ZM and PM requested that an Addendum be submitted as soon as possible, including the following:  a) Clarify method of mining. b) Maps and plans as discussed above. c) Clarification of watercourse / wetland impacts. d) Clarify method of rehabilitation. e) Confirm if EMP needs an Addendum / amendment. f) Include safety register audits. g) Also include any responses need to KZN Wildlife comments.	Noted. GCS to prepare the IWULA and Final BAR Amendment inclusive of the stated required documents.	a) Please refer to Section B2 and Appendix G of the Final BAR for a detailed description of the mining approach. b) Please see the above mentioned references. c) Refer to Section E2.2 - 2.4 (Biological Environment) and Appendix D1. d) Please refer to Section B2 of the Final BAR and Section 7 of the EMP. e) The EMP included in Appendix F of the Final BAR has been amended. An EMPR Amendment has already been submitted to the DMR for the proposed project. f) Regular Safety audits will be undertaken and details thereof will be included in the IWULA Amendment. g) Responses to KZN Wildlife comments are included in the table below.

Table 4: Amajuba District Municipality Comments - 04 June 2014

14	Table 4. Amajuba district Municipatity Comments - 04 June 2014				
	ISSUE/COMMENT RAISED	COMMENTATOR/S	RESPONSE		
1)	There is a potential for dust generation from open cast mining activities on site as well as emissions from transport and mining vehicles. In terms of the Draft National Dust Control Regulations 2012,	Ms Nkaheleng Motaung (Amajuba District Municipality)	The following responses are made with respect to each stated comment:		
	the dust fall rate at the boundary or beyond the boundary of the premises where dust originates should not exceed 600mg.m2/day measured using ASTM D1739 for residential areas and should be less than 1200mg/m2/day averaging over 30 days for non-residential and light commercial areas. It is therefore required that a detailed dust monitoring plan be prepared and submitted to this office.		<ol> <li>Dust monitoring will be undertaken as per the existing EMPR for Magdalena Colliery. It is recommended that should the Alleen 2 opencast extension receive Environmental Authorisation (EA), that the submission of a dust monitoring plan to the Amajuba District Municipality be included as a condition of the EA. This has been included in the Amended EMP included as</li> </ol>		
2)	Any form of waste material including rubble resulting from demolishing of buildings and other solid infrastructure generated during		Appendix F of the BAR.		
	construction must be disposed of at a facility registered in terms of section 20(b) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008), if it cannot be responsibly re-used on site or offsite. No waste material may be buried or burned on site.		<ol> <li>5) The comments are noted and have been included in the Amended EMP included as Appendix F of the BAR.</li> </ol>		
3)	On the proposed expansion there are five heritage sites situated more than 70m from the proposed mining band, these sites include two later Iron Age sites and three grave sites. However, a buffer of 15m must be maintained around the grave sites and 50m around the Iron Age sites as stipulated in section 2 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999.				
4)	There must be no impact on the quality of both surface and groundwater in the area. If pollution of any surface or groundwater occurs, it must be immediately reported to the Department of Water Affairs and the appropriate mitigation measures must be implemented.				
5)	Blasting at the open cast section must bear in mind breeding and nesting sites in close proximity of the area. Animal life must be left unharmed and must not be disturbed by mining activities or any other associated activities.				

# Appendix E2: Proof of Advertisement

#### VACANCY

Glencoe Pre Primary School

Closing date: 29 November 2014

Post Description:

- Bilingual person

Teaching 4/5 year old learners

Salary: According to SAVF salary scales

Enquiries and application to: SAVF Glecoe Pre Primary School Contact: Gerda Rall 034 393 1524 Email: glencoepp@vodamail.co.za

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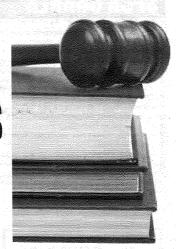
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# LEGALS **AUCTIONS NOTICES**



NOTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, EMPR AMENDMENT AND WATER LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED ALLEEN 2 OPENCAST EXTENTION AT MAGDALENA COLLIERY NEAR DUNDEE, KWAZULU-NATAL

GCS REFERENCE NO: 13-727

Notice is given of the commencement of an Environmental Assessment, Environmental Management Programme (EMPR) amendment and Integrated Water Use License Application (IWULA) process for the proposed extension to the Magdalena Colliery opencast area, located approximately 25km north-northwest of the town of Dundee, GPS Co-ordinates: 27° 55′ 55.64°5; 30° 10′ 39.28°E, KwaZulu-Natal. The extension is required in order to accommodate the operational life of the company's mining operations at the MagdalenaColliery. The Environmental Assessment and EMPR amendment will be undertaken by GCS (Pty) Ltd on behalf of the applicant, Zinoju Coal (Pty) Ltd. This is in compliance with Regulation 54 of the Environmental Impact Regulations (GN No. R. 543 - 2010), under Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998), the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (No. 28 of 2002) and the National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998) (NWA). 36 of 1998) (NWA).

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#### **IRIFERENSI NO. YAKWAGCS: 13-727**

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N THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH **3efore The Honourable Madam Acting** MILLENNIUM CONSTRUCTION CC APPLICANT) and FEIZEL DAWOOD BEMAT N.O. (1st RESPONDENT), KASSIM AHMED GOGA N.O. (2nd RESPONDENT) **BEMAT FAMILY TRUST (IT NO: 1314/2010/** PMB)(3rd RESPONDENT). UPON reading a rule nisi issued out of this Court on the 22rd August 2013 and the other documents filed of record; and UPON the motion of Counsel for the Applicant; IT IS ORDERED THAT: 1. The matter be and is hereby adjourned sine die. 2. The rule is extended until confirmed or discharged. 3. Costs to be costs in the cause. BY ORDER OF THE ON THE 05TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2013. Justice STRETCH. In the matter between: AFRICA, KWAZULU-NATAL DIVISION, PIETERMARITZBURG, Case no. 1148/13 COURT: RJ JOOSTE, REGISTRAR. NOTICE OF COURT ORDER

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# **Appendix E3: Proof of Site Notices**



#### **PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG – SITE NOTICES**

**Client Name:** 

Zinoju Coal (Pty) Ltd

Site Location: Dannhauser local area, Dundee, KwaZulu Natal

Project No. 13-727

Photo No.

Date: 26 November 2013

**Direction Photo Taken:** 

Description:

Currah Trade Store





Photo No.

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Date: 26 November 2013

**Direction Photo Taken:** 

**Description:** 

Buhle Be-Allen Primary School





# PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG – SITE NOTICES

**Client Name:** 

Zinoju Coal (Pty)Ltd

Site Location: Dannhauser local area, Dundee, KwaZulu Natal

**Project No.** 13-727

Photo No.

**Date:** 26 November 2013

**Direction Photo Taken:** 

Description:

Dannhauser Library public notice. Notice was put up inside, on the library communication board.

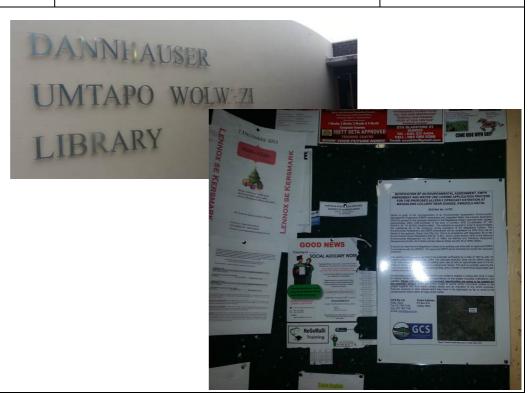


Photo No. 4

Date: 26 November 2013

**Direction Photo Taken:** 

Description:

Nellies Farm Clinic public notice.





# PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG – SITE NOTICES

**Client Name:** 

Zinoju Coal (Pty)Ltd

Site Location: Dannhauser local area, Dundee, KwaZulu Natal

**Project No.** 13-727

Photo No.

Date: 26 November 2013

#### **Direction Photo Taken:**

#### Description:

JZ Supermarket and wholesale public notice. Notice location is highlighted in yellow.



Photo No.

Date: 26 November 2013

#### **Direction Photo Taken:**

#### Description:

Mana Senior Secondary School public notice. Notice location is highlighted in yellow.





# PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG – SITE NOTICES

**Client Name:** 

Zinoju Coal (Pty)Ltd

Site Location: Dannhauser local area, Dundee, KwaZulu Natal

**Project No.** 13-727

Photo No. 7

Date: 26 November 2013

#### **Direction Photo Taken:**

#### Description:

Dannhauser local office public notice. Notice was pinned to the communications board inside the office building.



# **Appendix E4: Background Information Document**

# Background Information Document: BA, IWULA and EMPR Amendment Process for the proposed Alleen 2 Opencast Extension at Magdalena Colliery



#### **Purpose of this Document**

The purpose of this document is to provide all interested and affected parties (I&APs) with information about the Alleen 2 Opencast Extension Project and to introduce and explain the Environmental Basic Assessment (BA) process. This Background Information Document (BID) also aims to provide information about the Integrated Water Use License Application (IWULA) associated with this project and explain the public participation process that is prescribed by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA). All I&AP's are invited to comment on issues and concerns related to the project.

#### **Project Description**

Zinoju Coal (Pty) Ltd proposes the extension of the opencast mining area at the Magdalena Colliery. Magdalena Colliery is an existing coal mine with an approved Environmental Management Programme (EMPR) in accordance with the Minerals Petroleum Resource Development Act (Act 28 of 2002) (MPRDA). However, it is now the intention of Zinoju to extend the site's opencast mining area in order to accommodate the operational life of the company's mining operations at the Magdalena Colliery.

The existing mining area is planned to be extended northwards by a total of 180 ha onto 18 portions of the Farm Alleen 2 No. 4280. The opencast extension area will be 2350m long by 315m wide extending north from the existing open cast pit. Planned mining will include 106 ha of underground mining.

The approved EMPR will be amended to include the opencast extension in compliance with the MPRDA.

#### **Location of the Development**

Magdalena Colliery is an existing coal mine located approximately 22km north of the town of Dundee and approximately 325km east-northeast of the City of Durban, in the province of KwaZulu-Natal (GPS Coordinates: 27° 56' 55.64"S; 30° 10' 39.28"E). The Colliery is located in the magisterial district of Amajuba and the local municipality of Dannhauser.

The proposed site for the opencast extension at Alleen 2 is previously disturbed, and consists of rural settlements (Anville). Large portions of the land have evidence of misuse in terms of large erosion gullies and overgrazing. Some subsistence farming (maize) and grazing occurs on site. Local access roads are present throughout the site.

It is expected that the proposed opencast mining will intersect with a number of seasonal drainage lines, and that infilling or excavation of soil, sand, pebbles or rock from the drainage lines will be required. Access roads are proposed to be constructed along with the progression of mining on site.

#### **Basic Assessment**

Section 24 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) requires that activities (e.g. construction), which may impact on the environment must obtain an environmental authorization from a relevant authority before commencing with the activities. Such activities are listed under GNR 544 and GNR 545 (Dated 2 August 2010) of NEMA. In terms of the proposed project, the Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (DAEA) is the competent authority for environmental authorization. The listed activities which are triggered by the proposed project are only included under GNR 544 and not under GNR 545, and as such, require an application for an Environmental Authorization in the form of a Basic Assessment (BA) process. The BA activities identified to date include:

- **Activity 11:** The construction of infrastructure covering 50 square metres or more, where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.
- Activity 18: The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 5 cubic metres from a watercourse.
- **Activity 22:** The construction of a road, outside urban area, where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres.



#### **Need and Desirability**

The Magdalena Colliery requires additional opencast mining to ensure the continued operation of the mine and continued employment of mine workers at the Colliery Employment of this nature is a major source of income to local communities in the region of Dundee and Dannhauser.

#### **Potential Impacts Identified**

- Soil Erosion
- Visual Impacts
- Dust Pollution
- Noise Pollution
- Social Impacts
- Economic Impacts •
- Watercourse Impacts
- Heritage Resources
- Ecological Impacts
- Land use
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#### **Specialist Studies**

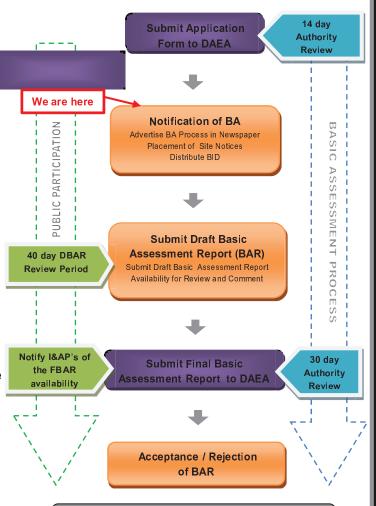
As part of the initial investigations for the site, the following specialist studies will be undertaken:

- Hydrological Study
- · Geohydrological Assessment
- · Vegetation Assessment
- · Heritage Impact Assessment

#### **Integrated Water Use License**

The BA process will include the concurrent submission of an Integrated Water Use License Application (IWULA) to the Department of Water Affairs in terms of the National Water Act (Act No 36 of 1998), Section 21 (c) and (i).

#### **BA Process Flow Diagram**



#### **EMPR Amendment**

This process includes an Amendment to the existing EMPR, to be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources in terms of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA). Public participation will be combined with that of the BA and IWULA.









#### **Public Participation Process (PPP)**

The public participation process is an integral part of the BA process, and continues throughout the life of the project. The key objective of public participation during a BA is to identify issues of concern for the community and propose suggestions for enhanced benefits.

I&APs include any person who will be directly or indirectly involved and/or affected by the project. You may wish to register as an I&AP and receive further information regarding the proposed project and be allowed to provide your input into the environmental assessment process. All comments will be recorded and presented to the project team and regulatory authorities. You will receive feedback on how your comments have been taken into account and the outcome of the assessment.

Steps in, and scheduling of, the process are as follows:

#### STEP 1: Notify I&APs and Identify Issues

- ☐ Identify and notify I&APs of the proposed project.
- ☐ Identify any issues / concerns of I&APs.
- ☐ Provide I&APs with Background Information Documents (BID) on the Project, including a locality map.
- □ Request I&APs to register their interests in the project to receive further project information.

#### STEP 2: I&AP Review of Draft BA Report

- □ Prepare a Comments and Response Report which includes issues and concern raised by I&APs for inclusion in the Draft BA Report (BAR).
- Notify all registered I&APs on the project database of the release of the Draft BAR for a 40 day comment period.
- ☐ Copies of the Draft BAR will be made available for public review and on the GCS website (www.qcs-sa.biz).

#### STEP 3: Final BA Report

- □ Include comments received from I&APs during the review process in the compilation of the Final BAR before it is submitted to the DAEA for a decision.
- Notify registered I&APs of the submission of the Final BAR to the DAEA.
- ☐ Copies of the Final BAR will be made available for public review and on the GCS website (www.gcs-sa.biz).



#### Environmental Assessment Practitioner: GCS (PTY ) LTD

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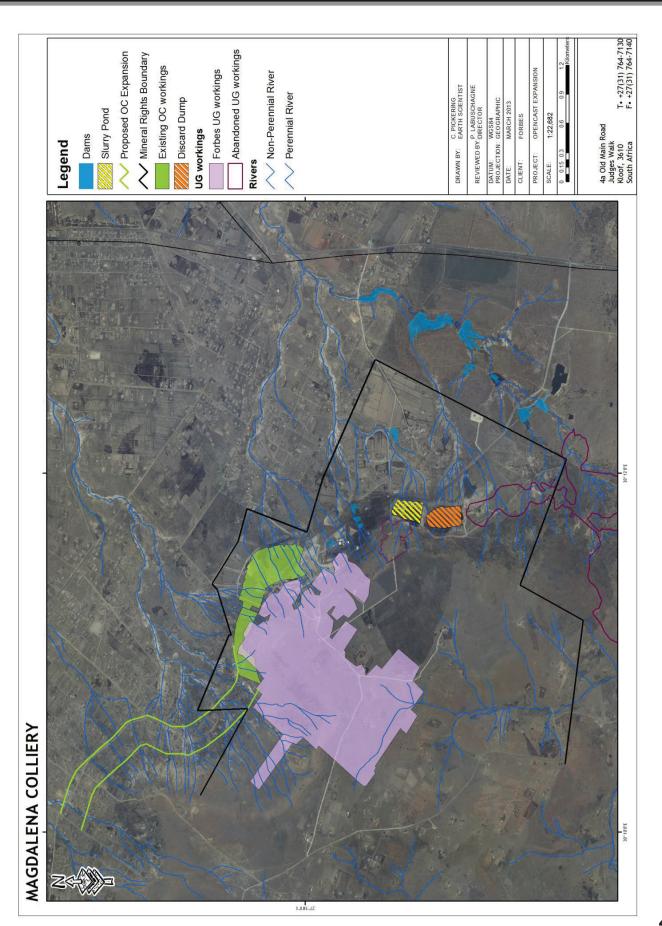
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Mrs Kelly Taylor Tel: 031 764 7130 Fax: 031 764 7140 Email kellyt@gcs-sa.biz **Postal Address:** 

PO Box 819 Gillitts 3603 South Africa

#### Alleen 2 Opencast Extension: Locality Map





#### Umqulu Oyisendlalelo Solwazi : Ucwaningo Lwezemvelo Oluyisisekelo Ngesicelo Sokunwetshwa kwendawo Yokumba Yasobala eMagdalena Colliery Yenwetshelwa Kwipulazi u-Alleen 2



#### Inhloso Yalomqulu

Inhloso yalomqulu iwukwazisa bonke abathintekayo (I&APs) mayelana nephrojekthi ehlongozwayo yokunwetshwa kwemisebenzi yasobala yokumba eMagdalena Colliery yenwetshelwa kwipulazi u-Alleen 2 kanye nokwethula kuhlanganise nokuchaza inqubo yokuhlola kwezemvelo okuyisisekelo (iBasic Assessment) okuyingxenye yalephrojekthi. Lomqulu uhlose nokunikeza imininingwane mayelana nesicelo sokusebenzisa amanzi okuhambisana nalephrojekthi kanye nokuchaza inqubo yokuzibandakanya kwabathintekayo kulephrojekthi echazwe kumthetho sisekelo mayelana nezemvelo i-National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA). Ngaphezu kwalokho lomqulu umema bonke abathintekayo ukuba balethe iziphakamiso nezimvo zabo mayelana naleprojekthi.

#### Incazelo YePhrojekthi

Abakwa-Zinoju Coal (Pty) Ltd bahlongoza ukunweba indawo yabo yokumba kwasobala emayini yabo iMagdalena Colliery. I-Magdalena Colliery iyimayini yokumba amalahle evele isebenza ngaphansi kwe-EMPR ephasisiwe ngokwe-Minerals Petroleum Resource Development Act (Act 28 of 2002) (MPRDA). Kepha njengamanje abakwa-Zinoju bafisa ukwandisa indawo yabo yokumba kwasobala ukuze bakwazi imisebenzi yabo yokumba iqhubeke lapha emayini iMadalena.

Indawo yokumba evele ikhona njengamanje ihlelelwe ukunwetshelwa ngasenyakatho nendawo elinganiselwa ku-180 ha ukuya kuzingxenye ezingu-18 zepulazi u-Alleen 2 No. 4280. Indawo yemisebenzi yokumba kwasobala ihlelwe ukuthi ibe ngamamitha angu- 2350m ubude kanti ukuvuleka kona kuhlelwe ukuthi kube ngu-315m ngasenyakatho yemisebenzi yokumba yasobala evele iqhubeka njengamanje. Imisebenzi yokumba ehleliwe ihlanganisa no-106 ha wemisebenzi yokumba ngaphansi komhlaba.

I-EMPR ephasisiwe izokwengezelelwa ukuze ifake nalendawo yephrojekth ehlongozwayo ngokuvumelana ne-MPRDA.

#### Indawo Yephrojekthi

IMagdalena Colliery Iyimayini yamalahle evele isebenza, futhi itholakala emabangeni alinganiselwa ku-22km enyakatho yedolonba lase-Dundee nasemabangeni alinganiselwa ku-325km empumalanga-yenyakatho mpumalanga yedolobha laseThekwini, esifundazweni sakwaZlu-Natal (GPS Co-ordinates: 27° 56' 55.64"S; 30° 10' 39.28"E). Le mayini itholakala kumasipala womkhandlu Amajuba and kumasipala waseDannhauser.

Indawo yokumba kwasobala ehlongozwayo i-Alleen 2 iyindawo esiye yaphazamiseka kakhulu ngenxa yokuthi isetshenziswa njengendawo yokuhlala futhi maduze nayo kutholakala izindawo zokuhlala zasemapandleni ezinjenge-Anville. Indawo enkulu kulelipulazi ikhombisa ubufakazi bokusetshenziswa kabi kwendawo njengokundliwa kotshani ngokweqile imfuyo yendawo kanye nokukhukhuleka komhlabayi ngesikhathi sezimvula. Imigwaqo igcwele yonke indawo kule ndawo yeprojekthi ehlongzwayo.

Kulindeleke ukuthi imisebenzi yokumba ezoqhubeka lapha endaweni yephrojekthi izophazamisa imisele yamanzi ekulendawo futhi kuzodingeka eminye yalemisele ivalwe ngamatshe nangenhlabathi. Kuhlongozwa nokwakhiwa kwemigwaqo kulendawo ukuze isetshenziswe imisebenzi yokumba kulendawo isiqalile.

#### Ukuhlolwa Kwemvelo Okuyisisekelo

Ingxenye 24 ye-National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) idinga ukuthi imisebenzi (e.g. ukwakha), okungenzeka ibe nemithelela emvelweni kumelwe ithole isigunyazo sezemvelo kumgunyazi ofanele ngaphambi kokuba leyo misebenzi iqale. Imisebenzi enjengaleyo ibalwe ngaphansi GNR 544 and GNR 545 (2 August 2010) ye-NEMA. Ngokwalephrojekthi ehlongozwayo, umgunyazi ofanele owengamenle izigunyazo zezemvelo umnyanwo wezolimo kanye nezemvelo (DAEA). Imisebenzi esohlwini ethintekayo kulephrojekthi ehlongozwayo ibalwe kuphela ngaphansi kuka-GNR 544 hhayi ngaphansi kuka-GNR 545, futhi ngenxa yalokho lesi sicelo sidinga isigunyazo sezemvelo ngokwenqubo yokuhlola okuyisisekelo i-Basic Assessment (BA).

Imisebenzi ye-BA ebaliwe kuze kube manje ihlanganisa:



#### Ukudingeka Nokufuneka kwephrojekthi

Imayini i-Magdalena Colliery idinga indawo yokumba eyengeziwe ukuze iqinisekise ukuthi imisebenzi yakumba iyaqhubeka futhi ukuze iginisekise nokuthi imisebenzi yabantu abasebenza kulemayini iyagcineka. yalolu Imisebenzi hlobo iwumthombo wokungenisa imali emakhaya amaningi emphakathini waseDundee nase-Dannhauser ngaleyo ndlelake kubaluleke nakakhulu ukuthi lemayini yenwetshwe ukuze kuqikelelwe ukuthi abasebenzi abaphelelwa imisebenzi yabo.

#### Imithelelo Elindelekile

- Ukukhukhuleka Komhlabathi
- Izintuli
- Umsindo
- Ukuphazamiseka kwezenhlalakahle nezomnotho
- Imithelelo kumifula namaxhaphozi
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- Ezemvelo

#### **Ucwaningo Lochwepheshe**

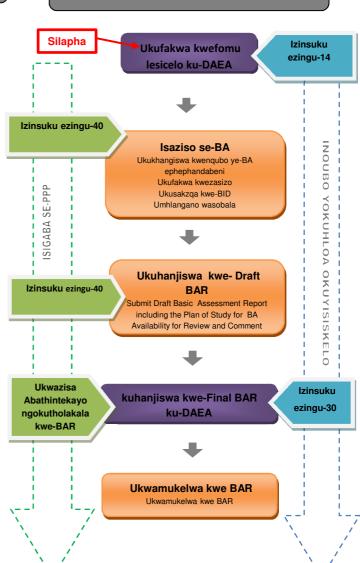
Njengenxenye yophenyo lokuqala lwendawo, lokhu kucwaninga kochwepheshe okulandelayo kuzokwenziwa:

- · Ucwaningo lokuthinteka kwamanzi
- Ukuhlola kwemitheleo kuzihlahla nezitshalo
- · Ukuhlolwa kwamafa.

#### Isicelo Sokusebenzisa Amanzi

Inqubo ye-BA izohlanganisa nokuhanjiswa kwesicelo sokusebenzisa amanzi esibumbene (IWULA) emnyangweni wezamanzi (DWA) ngokuvumelana ne-NWA ( No 36 of 1998), ingxenye 21 (c) kanye no (i).

#### Inqubo ye-BA











#### Ukubamba Iqhaza Kwasobala

Ukubama ighaza kwabathintekayo kuyingxenye ebalulekile ye-BA futhi iyophela kughubeka ize i-BA. Ihloso yalengubo maphakathi ne-BA iwukusiza abathintekayo ukuthi bakwazi ukubona izinto ezingase zibahluphe bese befaka izikhalazo noma imibono ezobazuzisa. Izinyathelo ezithathayo ekuqhutshweni kwalengubo ikanjena:

# STEP 1: Ukwazisa ama- I&APs kanye nokukhonjwa kwezinkinga

- ☐ Ukwazisa ama-I&APs ngesicelo sephrojekthi.
- □ ukukhonjwa kwezinkinga nezikhalazo zama-I&APs.
- Ukunikeza ama-I&APs umqulu wolwazi oluyisendlalelo (BID) ngephrojekthi, kuhlanganise nebalazwe lendawo yephrojekthi.
- ☐ Ukucelwa kwama-I&APs ukuba abhalise iminingwane yawo ukuze athole ukwaziswa ngokuqhubeka kwe-phrojekthi.
- ☐ Ukubanjwa komhlangano ukuze kwaziswe kabanzi ama-I&APs mayelana nephroekthi kanye nokuvulwa kwenkundla yokuxoxa ngezinkinga ezilindelekile mayelana nephrojekthi.

# STEP 2: Ukuhlolwa kwe-Draft BA Report ngama I&AP

- ukulungiselelwa kombiko weziphakamiso okuhlanganisa izinkinga eziphakanyiswe ama-I&APs ezizofakwa kumbiko we-Draft ye-BA Report (BAR).
- ☐ Ukwazisa wonke ama-I&APs abhalisile ohlwini lweprojekthi mayelana nokukhishwa kwe-Draft BAR izinsuku ezingu 40 zokufaka iziphakamiso.
- ☐ Ama-khophi e-Draf BAR azotholakalela ukuhlola kwasobala kuyi-GCS website (www.gcs-sa.biz).

#### STEP 3: IFinal BAR

- ☐ Ukufakwa kwemibono eyamukelwe kuma-I&APs ngesikhathi sokuhlolwa nokubhalwa kwe-Final I BAR ngaphambi kokuba ihanjiswe ku-DAEA.
- Ukwazisa ama-l&APs abhalisile mayelala nokuhanjiswa kwe- Final BAR kwabaka-DAEA.
- ☐ Ama-khophi e-Final BAR azotholakalela ukuhlola kwasobala kuyi-GCS website (www.gcs-sa.biz).



#### Umcwaningo Wezemvelo: GCS (PTY) LTD

Bonke abathintekayo (I&AP's) bangadlulisela iziphakamiso zabo ngokuzibhala phansi kanye namagama abo kuhlanganise nemininingwane yabo yokuxhumana. Laba bayacelwa ukuba bakhombise ukuthi bathinteka kanjani okungase kuhlanganise ukuthinteka ngebhisinisi, ngezimali, ngokomuntu siqu kanye noma yikuphi okunye. Lokhu bangakwenza ngeposi, ifeksi noma i-imeyli.

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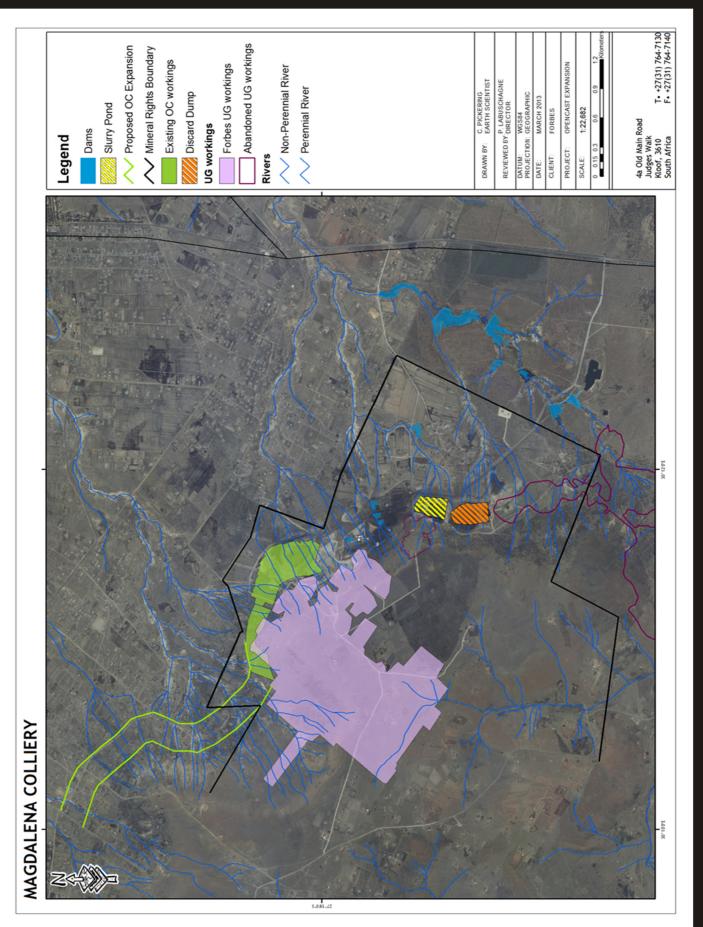
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# Appendix E5: Background Information Document: Proof of BID Delivery

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# **Appendix E6: List of Interested and Affected Parties**

#### Alleen 2 (13-727): INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES DATABASE

I&AP TYPE	NAME	ORGANISATION	
Assessing Authority	Poovi Moodley	Department of Agriculture & Environmental Affairs - Newcastle	
Assessing Authority	Simphiwe Myeza - Assessing Officer	Department of Agriculture & Environmental Affairs - Newcastle	
Landowner	Buyisiwe Ptience Khoza	Landowner - Khumalo Stand	
Landowner	Dumisani Johan Zwane	Landowner - Zwane Stand	
Landowner	Jina Esther Mbongwa	Landowner - Mbongwa Stand	
Landowner	Mandlenkosi elliot Ndlovu	Landowner - Ndlovu Stand	
Landowner	Maxwell Bonginkosi Khumalo	Landowner - Khumalo Stand	
Landowner	Mr Mtubuzi Zwane	Landowner	
Landowner	Ncedile Lineth Mbatha	Landowner - Zwane Stands Portion	
Landowner	Nkosazana Katherine Mjinakho	Landowner - Sthebe Stand	
Landowner	Nobe Happiness Khoza	Landowner - Khoza Mtabeni	
Landowner	Nosipho Thembeka Luvuno	Landowner - Luvuno Stand	
Landowner	Phumlani Derick Kubheka	Landowner - Kubheka Stand	
Landowner	Picona Rose Mtshali	Landowner - Ndlovu Stand	
Landowner	Shadrack Ndukwana	Landowner - Ndima Stand	
Landowner	Sizile Ansera	Landowner - Kapunana Khumalo	
Landowner	Thabani Fransi Zwane	Landowner - Zwane Stand	
Landowner	Thembisile Princess Sthebe	Landowner - Sthebe Lututu	
Landowner	Thosi Cecil Zwane	Landowner - Zwane Stand	
Landowner	Vusimuzi Victor Mtshali	Landowner - Mtshali Mdingi	
Library	Carol Delange	Danhausser Library	
Library	JJ Nkosi	Dundee Library Manager	
Local Authority	Mandlakayise Ramsay Nyembe	Ward Councillor - Dannhauser	
Local Authority	Mboneni Nene	Dannhauser Local Municipality	
Local Authority	Nothile Mthimkhulu	Amajuba District Municipality	
Local Authority	PP Biyela	Municipal Manager - Endumeni Municipality	
NGO	Chris Galliers	EIA Co-ordinator, WESSA KZN Region	
Parastatal	Dinesree Thambu	Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	
Provincial Authority	Eric Ngema	Department of Health	
Provincial Authority	Karoon Moodley	Department of Mineral Resources	
Provincial Authority	Lwandle Sibango	Department of Water Affairs - Water Quality	
Provincial Authority	MC Cebekhulu	Rural Development	
Provincial Authority	Peter Woolf / Percy Phillison	Department of Human Settlements	
Provincial Authority	Vhutshilo Gelebe	Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs	
Provincial Authority	Weziwe Tshabalala	AMAFA	
Public Meeting Attendee	A Myeza	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	AA Myeni	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	AK Mabele	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	Ameja Vilikazi	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	Ayanda Ntabinde	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	B Dlamini	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	B Mazibuko	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	B Mtshali	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	BG Khuzwayo	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	Bheki Ndebele	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	Bheki Sithebe	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	Billy Mlambo	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	BK Mayisela	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	BN Vilakazi	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	Bonagne Ngcobo	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	Bonginkhosi Zwane	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	BP Khumalo	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	Brian Nkosi	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	BV Madela	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	Cebesile Khubeka	Private	
Public Meeting Attendee	DJ	Private	
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Public Meeting Attendee	Eunice	Private
Public Meeting Attendee	Excellent Manana	Private
Public Meeting Attendee	Gugu Mthembu	Private
Public Meeting Attendee	Hlanganani Mbatha	Private
Public Meeting Attendee	Hlengiwe Mposula	Private
Public Meeting Attendee	J Bongwa	Private
Public Meeting Attendee	Jabulani Ndlovu	Private
Public Meeting Attendee	Jabulani Nene	Private
Public Meeting Attendee	Judith Mtshali	Private
Public Meeting Attendee	Khanyisile Khanyi	Private
Public Meeting Attendee	Khanyisile Sunrise Mzolo	Private
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Public Meeting Attendee	Khumalo Bongikhosi	Private
Public Meeting Attendee	Khuzwayo Gugulethu	Private
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Public Meeting Attendee	Nqobani Nkhosi	Private
Public Meeting Attendee	Nsibanyoni Mondli	Private
Public Meeting Attendee	NT Luvuno	Private
Public Meeting Attendee	Ntombi Mseleku	Private
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Public Meeting Attendee	Simon Shabangu	Private
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Public Meeting Attendee	SJ Buthelezi	Private
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Public Meeting Attendee	Zama Ngema	Private
Public Meeting Attendee	ZP Mthembu	Private
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Zinoju Coal	ND Ntombela	Zinoju Coal
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### Appendix E7: Public Meeting Minutes and Register



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Your Reference Alleen 2 Open Cast Extension

## PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: MAGDALENA COLLIERY ALLEEN 2 OPEN CAST EXTENSION

Subject: Public Meeting for the Proposed Alleen 2 Open Cast Extension at the Magdalena Colliery

Venue: Buhle Be-Alleen Primary School

Date: 21 February 2014

Time: 09:30 -12:00

In Attendance: Refer to attached Attendance Register

Project team:

### Zinoju Coal (Pty) Ltd:

Shaughn Lake (SL)Frank Talbot (FT)

S. Makena (SM)

- Pat Rundgren (PR)
- Debbie Ntombela (DN)
- Mpumi Hlope (MH)

### GCS (Pty) Ltd:

Futhi Vilakazi (FV) Kelly Taylor (KT) Nhlakanipho Zondi (NZ)

### 1. Introduction

- Shaughn Lake (SL) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting and introduced the project team (Zinoju and GCS).
- SL stated briefly the purpose of the meeting.
- SL then handed over to Futhi Vilakazi (FV) to begin the presentation.

### 2. Presentation

- FV formally introduced herself and presented the following:
  - The detailed purpose of the meeting.
    - To present the Zinoju Coal Magdalena Colliery Alleen 2 open cast extension proposal and associated Basic Assessment process to the local residents.
    - To gather issues and concerns from the local residents.
    - To respond to comments and/or concerns from the local residents where possible.
  - The proposed project (motivation, importance, extent, legal requirements).

- The environmental process (Basic Assessment process and public participation process).
- The key potential impacts (both positive and negative).
- FV then opened the meeting to the floor for discussion.

### 3. Issues arising from the meeting and responses

Table 1: Comments made and responses provided during the public meeting

No.		Issue Raised	Perpense						
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	FIRST MEETING SESSION								
1	S. Khumalo	Raised a concern about blasting and vibrations that results in damage to the local residents' houses and would like to know what steps the mine will take as there is damage already and there is likely to be even more damage from the proposed expansion.	KT: Responded by explaining that the impacts on blasting and vibrations have been noted and addressed in the Basic Assessment Report.						
2	S. Khumalo	Indicated that he is not satisfied with the given answer because he would like to know what steps the mine is going to take in order to ensure that the local residents are not affected by the impacts of blasting and vibrations.	Frank Talbot (FT): Responded by mentioning that typically those living within a 500m radius from blasting would be affected by vibrations.  The blasting and vibrations issue is a very difficult issue to deal with because a lot of factors will have to be taken into consideration (such as the plan and the quality of the house foundation). FT further mentioned that in order to deal with this issue effectively and efficiently, before the mine start mining activities, Zinoju will have to come and assess the situation of the houses within a 500m radius, and should the mine receive complaints from the community during mining activities, the mine will then check the situation of the affected houses after mining and compare it to before mining.  Should it happen that investigations indicate that the houses are affected by blasting at Magdalena, Zinoju will consult the affected residents to						
3	S. Khumalo	Enquired about what will happen to the houses that are already damaged by the current mining activities at Magdalena because obviously the assessments that will be undertaken before mining commence at Alleen 2 will not incorporate the already damaged houses.	determine the best compensation.  FT: Explained that Zinoju will note his concern and will get back to the community and the affected people in the next meeting because blasting and vibrations is a complex issue as he had indicated before.						
4	T Zwane	<ul><li>a) Would like to know how the livestock will be affected by the proposed project.</li><li>b) Would also like how the mine will address the</li></ul>	FV: Explained that it has been already noted in the draft Basic Assessment Report that livestock will be affected by noise, blasting, vibrations, dust and water quality.						

No.	Person Raising Issue / Comment	Issue Raised	Response
		impacts on livestock.	FT: The mine will get back to the community about how the impacts to livestock will be addressed.
5	Billy Mlambo	<ul><li>a) What will happen to the pits and voids after the mine has finished operations?</li><li>b) Are there funds that have been allocated for rehabilitation of the affected area?</li></ul>	FT: The open pits will be rehabilitated as per the environmental management programme (EMPR) that has been prepared as part of the Basic Assessment process.  FT: There are funds that have already been allocated for rehabilitation and those are kept by the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) and can only be accessed upon closure of the site.
6	Thulani Mbatha	<ul> <li>a) Raised a concern about the dust impacts during blasting and requested that the mine provide the residents with disposable respiratory masks so they can protect themselves from dust impacts.</li> <li>b) Raised a concern that the mine is not being considerate if it is proposing relocations because the majority of people residing in the area are old people who have already bonded with the area and would like to be buried there.</li> <li>c) What will happen to the mined out land after mining activities have ceased?</li> <li>d) Asked for the copy of the presentation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a) FT: Generally when blasting is undertaken, dust distribution cannot be controlled, giving the affected households masks might be a useful idea.</li> <li>b) Dust is currently being monitored and is within the required limits; however since dust direction is not easily predicted, the nearby residents might be affected by dust impacts.</li> <li>c) DN: The project is still in the very early stages, but with regards to relocations, the affected families will be contacted and will be compensated based on what type of compensation they would prefer.</li> <li>d) After mining activities have ceased the mined out land will be rehabilitated and will be given back to the original landowners. They can use the land for agricultural farming.</li> </ul>
7	Billy Mlambo	Enquired whether the mine is currently recycling any water on site? And if so they would appreciate it if the mine can give that water to the community.	FT: Explained that the water is being recycled on site.  However, the mine is not allowed to give the recycled water to the community because it is not within the drinking standards (it can only be used for industrial or mining related activities, such as cooling processes).
8	Thulani Buthelezi	Enquired about how the mine is going to deal with soil erosion impacts.	FT: Explained that the impacts associated with soil erosion have been already noted and addressed in the EMPR.
9	Ntshingila	Raised a complaint that the current mining	FT: Explained that the raised issue is a debatable one because borehole

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		activities at Magdalena have polluted their borehole water. Further mentioned that before mining activities there was water coming out of their borehole and now mud is coming out instead.	water becomes depleted after sometime. This is usually not caused by mining operations in the area but results from natural causes.  FT: Indicated that the mine will be happy to make arrangements to help with drilling another borehole.				
		Asked if there is any way that the mine can help them to drill another borehole because they now do not have access to water.					
10	Ndlovu	Complained that the mine has damaged his house and he now does not have a place to stay.	FT: Explained that the mine will have to have a look at the house and Ndlovu will be compensated if the investigation results indicate that the mine is responsible for the damages.				
11	Sibonelo	Raised a concern that the blasting and vibration impacts that are beyond the 500m radius and unfortunately the owners of the houses are mainly old people who are also unemployed and do not have means to rectify the damage on their houses.	FT: Explained that this issue has already been noted and that the mine will have to report back to the community as to how this situation will be addressed.  Investigations will be undertaken for the affected houses.				
12	Mduduzi	Asked how long the mining activities will last at the proposed site.	KT: This will depend on the environmental authorisation process.  The sooner the authorisation is granted the sooner the mining operations can commence.  FT: Once authorisation have been granted, mining will last for 3 ½ years.				
13	Thulani Buthelezi	Asked what will happen to the uBuhle Be-Alleen School during mining.	Mining activities will not intersect with the school, and the land will be mined up to the school property boundary.				
14	Sibonelo	<ul> <li>a) The local people from Alleen 2 are currently not given opportunities to seek employment at the Magdalena Mine because they do not necessarily stay in the properties where mining operations are currently taking place. Asked what will happen with the proposed operations as they will be based in Alleen 2 specifically.</li> <li>b) Asked what will happen to the people who are</li> </ul>	DN: Explained that the method of employment that was implemented at Magdalena was done so by the management of Slater Coal which was the former mineral owner of the Magdalena Mineral Right. That arrangement was made in consultation with DMR. After Zinoju took ownership, they were informed by DMR to equitably hire the community members. A forum was then instituted in order to ensure that community members are given equal opportunities to be hired. Since then Zinoju submits available positions to the community forum and the forum forwards names of the candidates to Zinoju. However, this issue will be addressed in further				

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		currently employed at Magdalena but do not stay at Alleen 2.	detail in the meeting to follow (i.e. community meeting led by DN).
15	Kingdom	Raised a concern about the document that was accessed online (on the GCS website) as part of the Draft Basic Assessment Report, which had contact details of the landowners from Alleen 2 and their comments with regards to the proposed extension. The major concern was that the hand writing on the documents was the same throughout, depicting that someone wrote comments on behalf of the landowners without consulting with them because the written comments are not a true reflection of how most the landowners feel about the proposed development.	Chair-person of the Forum, S. Makena (SM): Indicated that it was his hand writing on the documents and that he had consulted all the landowners whose names are reflected in the document. He further stated that he was writing down the comments of the landowners while they were speaking. He noted that the people raising this concern do not stay permanently in the area and at the time of circulation of this document, they were not available and therefore their names and their comments are not on the document.  FT: Indicated that the presented document was only meant for contact details and not comments.  DN: Suggested that the information on the document should be declared incorrect and is written off due to the confusion that has arisen.  All agreed.
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16	Vukani Mgenge	Asked what the appropriate distance should be between the mining operations and the nearby communities.	FT: Explained that this would depend on the residents because some of them are not comfortable with relocating if they are located just on the mining area boundary. However, in most cases the distance is 150m.
17	Vukani Mgenge	Raised a concern that 150m is too small and not viable because within that distance residents are still affected by noise, vibrations and dust.	FT: Explained that this concern has already been noted and the mine will engage with the community with regards to the distance between the mining operations and the residential areas.
18	Thobani Madonsela	Asked about the plan for relocations.	FT: Explained that after the mine has obtained environmental authorisation, there will be negotiations between the mine and the affected community members to discuss the relocations, compensations and how they would like the whole process to happen.
19		Indicated that even the residents who are located	FT: Explained that this concern has been noted a number of times and will
20	Mzwakhe Ngwenya Sibusiso	beyond the 150m are affected by blasting and this has resulted in cracking of their houses.  Wanted to know what will happen to the grave	be taken into consideration. It should be noted that the blasting and vibrations issue is a difficult one due to other factors that may be involved. However, as mentioned before, the impacts on housing will have to be investigated to determine if blasting and vibrations from the mine are the primary cause for cracking of houses.  FT: Explained that the grave yards will have to be relocated but

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	Mathebula	yards that are present in the proposed area for development.	negotiations will be undertaken with affected families.
21	Sbusiso Mathebula	Noted that they (i.e. community members) are not sure exactly where the mine proposes to mine, so we not sure if we will be affected.	FT: Explained where the proposed extension area is located using the Layout and Locality Map on the presentation.
22	Vukani Mgaga	Noted that his house is already damaged and is worried that it will be damaged even more now that the mine is getting closer to his house.	FV: We have noted all the issues related to blasting and vibrations and we suggest that you take your complaints to the forum and make arrangements for investigations to be undertaken at your house.
23	Xolani Ndebele	Asked what the mine will do to benefit the community.	FT: Explained that the mine has a Social Labour Plan where initiatives which benefit the community are addressed. Zinoju communicates directly with the community forum with regards to social labour plans.
24	Xolani Ndebele	Asked how the families will be affected by relocation benefits from the mine.	FT: Explained that the mine will undertake discussions with the affected families (and the forum) and reach an agreement as to how they would like to be compensated.
25	Siphesihle Nkosi	<ul> <li>a) Asked whether the community is allowed to reelect the forum, because many of them feel that they are not being informed properly on what is happening on their land.</li> <li>b) Asked what will happen to the land after mining operations have ceased.</li> </ul>	FT/FV: Explained that such a decision is up to the community, if the community believe that they are not being properly represented, the community should arrange a meeting with the forum and raise their concerns or propose to re-elect the forum if it needs be.  FT: The land will be rehabilitated and given back to the original landowners.
26	Nkosinathi Mathonsi	Noted that the mine deposits residue (slurry) at KwaShange and only the people that reside next to kwaShange have access to the slurry. Can we ask the mine to deposit the slurry at various locations so that we can all have access to that as we use that for making fire?	FT: Indicated that he will make arrangements for the slurry to be deposited at various locations so that everyone who wishes so can have access to the slurry.

The meeting was closed at 12:00pm by the chair person (FV). FV requested that community members send any further concerns through email or post to Zinoju or GCS. FT extended Zinoju's gratitude to the local residents for the effort that they made to attend the meeting and make it successful.

### Appendix A: Public Meeting Photographs



Figure 1: Public Meeting - First Session





Figure 3: Public Meeting - Second Session

Figure 4: Public Meeting - Second Session

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Appendix B: Public Meeting Register

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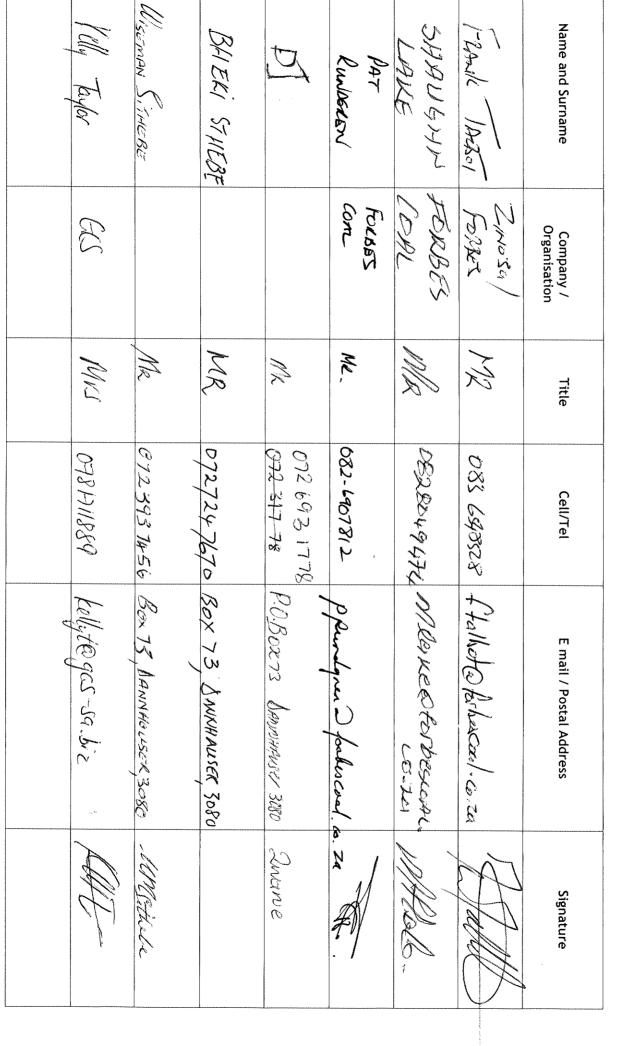
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### **Appendix E8: Copies of Comments Received**



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11 April 2014

Attentions: W. Mngoma

Dear Dr. Mngoma

## PROPOSED EXTENSION OF OPEN CAST MINING AT THE MAGDALENA IN DANNHAUSER. District Municipality: Amajuba

The abovementioned application has been reviewed by the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (Ezemvelo) IEM Planning Staff. Based on the information supplied and the interrogation of our databases, provided that the recorded outlined below are adhered to any potential negative impacts upon local biodiversity.

Should a license for the proposed application be granted, it is recommended that the following be included into the conditions of the permit:

- 1. No access is allowed to ecologically sensitive areas, including inter alia:
  - a. The 1:100 year flood line including a further ecological buffer zone of 20m;
  - b. Wetlands, springs and pans, and their 200m ecological buffer (the outer edge of the hydromorphic zone must be delineated by a suitably qualified specialist);
  - c. Streams, rivers and dams, and their 100m ecological buffer (the outer edge of the hydromorphic zone must be delineated by a suitably qualified specialist);
  - d. Rocky outcrops and ridges;
  - e. Sensitive areas identified by Ezemvelo, or any other suitably qualified specialist; and

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- f. Known breeding, roosting and foraging sites of species of conservation significance<sup>1</sup> and their required buffer zones (as identified by a suitably qualified specialist).
- 2. Existing access routes should be used as far as possible. New access routes should avoid all sensitive areas and their ecological buffers (see point 1 above);
- 3. A Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) is produced for this development to ensure that post-development stormwater runoff approximates pre-development conditions in terms of water quality, intensity of release and spatial distribution of release points; and
- 4. Permits for the removal of protected plant species must be obtained from Ezemvelo's Permits Office.

Should any biodiversity issues arise or should you require any clarity on the points raised above, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Yours sincerely

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Coordinator IEM

For CEO: EZEMVELO KZN WILDLIFE

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Attention: Kelly Taylor

## RE: COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ALLEEN 2 OPENCAST EXTENSION, MAGDALENA COLLIERY.

- 1. The abovementioned report submitted to Amajuba District Municipality in support of the application for the extension of the Alleen opencast with the reference number: DC 25/0018/2013 (KZN/EIA/0001359/2013) is referred to.
- 2. There is a potential for dust generation from open cast mining activities on site as well as emissions from transport and mining vehicles. In terms of the Draft National Dust Control Regulations 2012, the dust fall rate at the boundary or beyond the boundary of the premises where the dust originates should not exceed 600mg.m2/day measured using ASTM D1739 for residential area and should be less than 1200mg/m2/day averaging over 30days for non-residential and light commercial areas. It is therefore required that a detailed dust monitoring plan be prepared and submitted to this office.

3. Any form of waste material including rubble resulting from demolishing of buildings and other solid

infrastructure generated during construction must be disposed of at a facility registered in terms of

section 20(b) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008), if it

cannot be responsibly re-used on site or offsite. No waste material may be buried or burned on site.

4. On the proposed expansion there are five heritage sites situated more than 70m from the proposed

mining band, these sites include two later Iron Age Sites & three Grave sites. However, a buffer of

15m must be maintained around the gravesites and 50m around the Iron Age site as stipulated in

section 2 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999.

5. There must be no impact on the quality of both surface and groundwater in the area. If pollution of

any surface or groundwater occurs, it must be immediately reported to the Department of Water

Affairs and the appropriate mitigation measures must be implemented.

6. Blasting at the open cast section must bear in mind breeding and nesting sites in close proximity of

area. Animal life must be left unharmed and must not be disturbed by mining activities or any other

associated activities.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office for clarification.

Yours faithfully

Celani Myeza

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Director: Planning and Development Services



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**ATTENTION: Ms Simphiwe Myeza** 

Dear Madam

## PROPOSED ALLEEN 2 OPEN CAST EXTENSION, MAGDALENA COLLIERY IN THE DANNHAUSER LOCAL MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE AMAJUBA DISTRICT.

Reference is made to the Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR), with reference (DC 25/0018/2013), dated 06 May 2014 and received by the Department of Water Affairs (Department). This Department has the following comments:

### A. SPECIFIC COMMENTS

- Page v of the executive summary makes mention of an application for the extension of a discard dump on site which is said to be underway. This office would be pleased to get a copy of that application for review and comments.
- 2. Page ix of the Executive summary and the Desktop Ecological Assessment conducted by GCS (2013) which is included as Appendix D concluded that:-
- 2.1. Nine degraded and incised first-order watercourses occur within the proposed mining footprint;

Despite the report indicating that these are first-order watercourses it should be noted that this office has a mandate to protect all watercourses as stated in Chapter 1 of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, irrespective of their order and/or size. It should further be noted that first-order stream flow into and feed larger streams, are commonly headwater streams and constitute waterways in the upper reaches of the watershed. Therefore the protection of this level of watercourses is vital for the existence of larger ones.

- 2.2. The study area occurs within a sub-quaternary catchment classified as a Fish Support Area by National Freshwater Ecosystems Priority Area (NFEPA. Furthermore, Page 13 of the Desktop Ecological Assessment report confirms that the sub-catchment within which the site falls is a Fish Support Area (FSA). Despite the fact that the report indicates that the area is not a fish sanctuary, this office regards FSA as important for the migration of threatened or near-Threatened fish species. In this regard, this office would like to know what strategies will be in place to mitigate the impacts to this important migratory corridor.
- 3. Page xv of the Executive summary states that "An Integrated Water Use Licence Application (IWULA) must be submitted to the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) for in terms of watercourse and wetland crossings (Section 21 c and i). The IWULA Amendment requirements will be incorporated into the IWULA amendment application currently in progress for the extension of the discard dump."
  - 3.1. This office notes that statement with appreciation, in particular, the subsequent statement that the relevant approvals must be in place prior to the commencement of any site clearing or construction activities.
  - 3.2. Similarly to point 1 this office would be pleased to get a copy of this (IWULA) application for review.
- 4. Page 52 of the BAR lists 'water abstraction' as one of the activities likely to have an impact on the lives of the communities. This office would like to know the meaning of the term abstraction as well as the water resource to be used for this purpose. In the event that water abstraction will occur then this should be included in the IWULA.
- 5. Page 53:Groundwater Contamination and flow reduction states that pit dewatering will continue during the operational phase which will create a cone of depression...This office regards dewatering of a pit as a water use in terms of Section 21(j) of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 and thus hopes that it is included as such in the IWULA mentioned above.
- 6. Page 54 of the FBAR indicates that "it is evident that the proposed open cast extension will reduce peak flows and volumes in the catchment. Page 82 of the FBAR: Section F: Recommendations of EAP recommends that "the Water Balance be updated and that the measures recommended in the signed Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) be adhered to and that detailed SWMP designs are

- signed off by a registered engineer". This office appreciates such a move but would like to know as to when this recommendation will be implemented.
- 7. Page 12 of the Desktop Ecological Assessment report states that there are two wetlands located closer to the site, but are not actually located along the Poonaspruit and Bloubanspruit whereas page 11 of the same report states that "no wetland areas appear to be present on or immediately downstream and/or adjacent to the project site". The presence of wetlands is also confirmed in Page 33 of this report which states that "there are also important wetlands (EGSAs) to the east of the site associated with the floodplain wetland located at the confluence of the Bloubanspruit and the Buffels River". This office would like to:
  - 7.1. get clarity with regards to this contradiction.
  - 7.2. be supplied with the exact distance between the proposed development and delineated boundaries (edges) of these wetlands.
- 8. Page 39 of the Desktop Ecological Assessment report: Recommended Mitigation Measures recommends that "the most western watercourse within the property and mining footprint should be excluded from the mining footprint and afforded a 30m buffer. This section further recommends that "whenever possible, mining should be excluded from the watercourse and a small buffer through the breaking up of the open cast extension into segments separated by the watercourses".
  - 8.1. This office would like to know the rationale for using 30m as a buffer for the watercourse(s)
  - 8.2. This office would also like to know the meaning of the "small buffer" as indicated in the report;
  - 8.3. This office would further appreciate a representation (in a map) of the proposed development area, with all watercourses on site as well as an overlay of the proposed buffer areas.
  - 8.4. The applicant is reminded that in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, a distance of 100m from a water course or a 1:100 floodline (whichever is greatest) is regarded as a regulated area and that no activities should occur within that area.
- 9. (i)A majority of figures such as Figure 7: Desktop vegetation communities; Figure 6-1: Magdalena Catchments; Figure 9-3: Conceptual stormwater management indicate that the proposed development will bisect drainage lines and/or streams occurring within this sub-catchment which also serve as head waters of the

Poonaspruit and Bloubankspruit.

(ii) Page 27 of the Hydrological Assessment also states that "the mining activity and

the catchments of streams are likely to be impacted by proposed mining, it is

immediately apparent that a large number of watercourses cross the proposed

opencast mining area. ... the entire site must be considered to fall within protected

riparian zones.

(iii) Page 24 of the Hydrological Assessment states that " ...the most significant

challenge in terms of Storm Water Management Planning will be to contain runoff

from areas upstream of the proposed works and divert this clean water past the

proposed mining activities. Page 27 of the Hydrological Assessment also states

that in some instance it may be possible to design and construct cut-off drains and

divert the 1:50 year flood expected from the catchments past the opencast areas.

The northern drain will need to divert flows of up to 24m/s and will most likely need

a grassed waterway that is 25m wide. An additional complication is that the local

soils appear to be highly dispersive and prone to erosion.

9.1. From the above statements it appears that the proposed mining activities will

significantly alter the water resources' characteristics as this operation will involve

bisecting and diversion of the affected watercourses. This office regards 'bisecting

and diversion of watercourse(s) as a fatal flaw and therefore does not support any

development involving diversion, re-routing or bisecting watercourses.

Therefore the **Department of Water Affairs does not support** the extension of Alleen

2 Open Cast as per the existing plan.

The Department wishes to make clear that the instructions contained in this letter are

made in the interest of responsible water resource management.

Yours faithfully

AP Johns 10 JUNE 2014
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Dear Madam

## RE: DC25/0018/2013: Proposed Alleen 2 Open Cast Extension, Magdalena Colliery in Dannhauser.

- 1 The Final Basic Assessment Report as submitted in terms of the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010, and dated 06 May 2014 refers.
- 2. The report received has been reviewed and is rejected by Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (hereinafter referred to as "this Department") for the following reasons:
  - a. The comments/objection from the Department of Water Affairs dated 10 June 2014 needs to be addressed.
  - b. The rationale for following a Basic Assessment process is not clear. The vacant, undeveloped or derelict area to be disturbed is to be calculated and indicated in the report. The activity related to the transformation of land is not included in the report.
  - c. A rehabilitation plan is not included in the report.
  - d) The impact to livestock during blasting and mitigation measures needs to be assessed and included in the report.
  - e. A layout map indicating existing and proposed expansion with superimposed buffers should be included.
  - f. A relocation plan for the affected houses is not included in the report.

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- 3. The report may be amended and resubmitted to this Department for consideration, or the additional information submitted in terms of regulation 24 (2) (a) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010.
- 4. Comments, with regard to the amendments/additional information, from the Department of Water Affairs and EKZN Wildlife must be obtained and submitted to this Department
- 5. Please contact this Department if you have any gueries regarding this correspondence.

Yours faithfully

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