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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Public Participation is one of the most important aspects of the environmental authorisation process. This stems from the requirement that people have the right to be informed about potential decisions that may affect them and that they must be afforded an opportunity to influence those decisions. Effective public participation also improves the ability of the competent authority to make informed decisions and result in improved decision-making as the views of all parties are considered.

The Public Participation Process:

- Provides an opportunity for interested and affected parties (I&AP) to obtain clear, accurate and comprehensive information about the proposed activity, its alternatives or the decisions and the environmental impacts thereof;
- Provides I&AP with an opportunity to indicate their viewpoints, issues and concerns regarding the activity, alternatives and/or the decisions;
- Provides I&AP with the opportunity of suggesting ways of avoiding, reducing or mitigating negative impacts of an activity and for enhancing positive impacts;
- Enables an applicant to incorporate the needs, preferences and values of the affected parties into the activity;
- Provides opportunities to avoid and resolve disputes and reconcile conflicting interests;
- Enhance transparency and accountability in decision - making

Public Participation therefore allows interested and affected parties the opportunity to give their viewpoints and influence the process and the decisions of the competent authority.

## 2. PROCESS FOLLOWED

The following process was undertaken to facilitate the public participation for the proposed project:

### 2.1 Newspaper Advertisement

Advertisements, notifying the public of the Environmental Authorisation application process and requesting I&AP's to register their comments with AGES, was placed in both English and Afrikaans in the Plattelander on the 12th of July 2013. In addition an advertisement was also placed in English in the Government Gazette on the 12th of July 2013 in accordance with regulation 54(2)(c) of the EIA Regulations.

### 2.2 Site notice

In order to inform surrounding communities and adjacent landowners of the proposed development, notice boards (in accordance with regulation 54(2)(a) and 54(3) of the EIA Regulations) were erected at the following places on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2013:

| Site notice number | Placement                                               | Language              |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1                  | Intersection of the N7 and provincial road OP09810      | English and Afrikaans |
| 3                  | Proposed Zandkopsdrift Mine site offices                | English and Afrikaans |
| 5                  | Stofkraal Community Centre                              | English and Afrikaans |
| 6                  | Molsvlei Community Centre                               | English and Afrikaans |
| 7                  | Rietpoort Medical Centre (adjacent to community centre) | English and Afrikaans |

### 1.2 Direct Notification of Identified I&AP's

Key stakeholders, who included the following sectors, were directly informed of the proposed development:

- The owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the proposed route alignment where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site;
- Communities in close proximity to the proposed access road or who make use of the existing provincial roads (Stofkraal, Molsvlei and Rietpoort communities);
- Namakwa District Municipality;
- West Coast District Municipality;
- Kamiesberg Local Municipality;



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- Matzikama Local Municipality;
- Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning;
- Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation;
- Department of Transport and Public Works;
- Department of Water Affairs;
- Department of Agriculture;
- Department of Economic Development and Tourism;
- Department of Tourism, Environment and Conservation;
- Department of Forestry;
- Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Development
- Department of Economic Development;
- SAHRA;
- Provincial Roads and Transport Management: West Coast;
- SANRAL;
- WESSA;
- SANparks;
- Cape Nature;
- Transnet; and
- Eskom

Please note that Public Participation process was started during the initial registration period for the project, and will extend to the Basic Environmental Impact Assessment (Basic Assessment) Phase. A final Comments and Response Report, detailing all comments from the I&APs will be included in the Final Basic Assessment Report (BAR).

## 2.3 Public Meeting

From 31 July to 1 August 2014, Public meetings were hosted by the project team as follows:

| Date              | Time  | Location                     |
|-------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| Thursday, 31 July | 16h00 | Garies Town Hall             |
| Friday, 1 August  | 08h00 | Stofkraal Community Hall     |
| Friday, 1 August  | 10h30 | Bitterfontein Community Hall |

Details of the meetings were communicated to I&APs when they were notified of the availability of the Draft BAR on the 2nd of July 2014. Notifications were also erected in the towns of Garies, Bitterfontein and Stofkraal informing I&APs of the details of the public meetings. I&AP concerns and questions were documented along with the project team's response (please refer to the meeting minutes attached as Appendix E6 to the BAR).

## 1.3 Draft Basic Assessment Report

The EIA Regulations specify that I&AP's must have an opportunity to verify that their issues have been captured. A period of 30 days (2 July to 1 August 2014) was made available for public comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) as part of the environmental impact assessment process. The availability of the Draft BAR was announced via personal notification letters to all the registered I&AP's on the distribution list.

In addition, the Draft BAR was distributed for comment as follows:

- Published on the AGES website at [www.ages-docs.co.za](http://www.ages-docs.co.za);
- Electronic copies on request; and
- Hard copies were made available at the following venues:
  - Stofkraal Community Centre
  - Library in Garies
  - Matzikama Municipal Service Point in Bitterfontein
  - Matzikama Municipal Service Point in Rietpoort

## 1.4 Final Basic Assessment Report

A period of 21 days will be made available for public comment on the Final Basic Assessment Report (BAR) as part of the environmental impact assessment process. The availability of the Final BAR will be announced via personal notification letters to all the registered I&AP's on the distribution list.

In addition, the Final BAR will be distributed for comment as follows:

- Published on the AGES website at [www.ages-docs.co.za](http://www.ages-docs.co.za);
- Electronic copies on request; and
- Hard copies will be made available at the following venues:
  - Stofkraal Community Centre
  - Library in Garies
  - Matzikama Municipal Service Point in Bitterfontein
  - Matzikama Municipal Service Point in Rietpoort
  - Proposed Zandkopsdrift Mine Site Office

## 3. KEY ISSUES

Assessing the comments/concerns received during the public participation process, it is evident that the main concerns are:

- Location of proposed access route and affected farms
- Location of mine
- Timeframe for road construction
- Construction of road prior to start of mine operations
- Progress of the water use licence application
- Road building material and the authorisation of borrow pits
- Use of authorised borrow pits for road maintenance after construction

- Issuing of tenders for road construction
- Soil pollution
- Ecological Impacts
  - Impact on fauna and flora
  - Occurrence of Namaqua Stream Frog
  - Impact on conservation areas
  - Impact on grazing areas
  - Impact of vibrations on herpetofauna
- Heritage Impacts
  - Impact on graves, old buildings, cultural and historical areas
  - Demarcation of heritage areas
- Traffic Impact
  - Traffic Impact Assessment
  - Application for upgrade of N7/OP09810 intersection
  - Road management agent: West Coast District
- Surface Water Impacts
  - Water pollution of rivers and watercourses
  - Number of water resources which will be crossed
  - Number of bridges to be constructed / widened
  - Flooding: measurement so of Swart-Doring River during floods
- Socio-Economic impacts
  - Job creation

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- Use of local labour
- Availability of skilled labour in not directly affected communities
- Scarcity of jobs in the area
- Socio-economic impacts in the long run
- Socio-economic empowerment of community
- Impact on closely situated communities currently and in the future (during construction and operations)
- Health impact from water pollution
- Agreements with community with regard to appropriation of land for the establishment of a road servitude
- Establishment of a community liaison platform
- Project would lead to socio-economic upliftment in the community
- Necessary road construction skills were available in local communities
- Economic Benefits
  - Impact on local economy
  - Contribution of development to economic welfare of affected community
  - Development to advantage of broader community is appreciated
  - Development of local entrepreneurs
  - Assistance to local businesses
  - Request for road construction operations to be located in Stofkraal
- Noise Impact
  - Noise impact on fauna and community members
- Safety and Security

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- Fencing of road
- Safety of children
- Enforcement of speed limits
- Road crossings within residential areas
- Alternative routes
  - Identification and assessment of alternative access routes
  - Reason for concrete drifts being the preferred alternative
  - Alternative access for communities during construction phase
- Public Participation
  - Public Meeting
  - Communication channels between mine and community leaders and townspeople
  - Municipal involvement with project and public meeting
  - Use of community hall for public meetings

#### **4. COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT**

The following table forms the core of the Comments and Response Report as part of the Public Participation process for the project.

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**Table 1: Comments and Responses**

| <b>Organisation/Company/Individual</b> | <b>Contact Details</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Date</b> | <b>Notification</b>                                                                                                                                               | <b>Comment</b>               | <b>Response</b> |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Municipalities</b>                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |             |                                                                                                                                                                   |                              |                 |
| Namakwa District Municipality          | Ms Madeleine Brandt<br>Municipal Manager<br>Private Bag X20<br>Springbok<br>8240<br>Tel: (027) 712 8000<br>Fax: (027) 712 8040<br><a href="mailto:info@namakwa-dm.gov.za">info@namakwa-dm.gov.za</a><br><a href="mailto:benv@namakwa-dm.gov.za">benv@namakwa-dm.gov.za</a> | 12/07/2013  | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the municipality.                                         | No comment received to date. |                 |
|                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 02/07/2014  | Via email:<br>On 2 July 2014 a notification informing I&APs of the availability of the Draft BAR and details of the public meetings was sent to the municipality. | No comment received to date. |                 |
|                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 28/07/2014  | Via email:<br>On 28 July 2014 a notification of change of venue for the public meetings was sent to the municipality.                                             | No comment received to date. |                 |
| Kamiesberg Local Municipality          | Mr Gert Maarman<br>Municipal Manager<br>Private Bag X200<br>Garies<br>8220<br>Tel: (027) 652 8000<br><a href="mailto:gertm@kamiesberg.co.za">gertm@kamiesberg.co.za</a>                                                                                                    | 12/07/2013  | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the municipality.                                         | No comment received to date. |                 |

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|                                         |                                                                                                                                                        | 17/07/2013 | Via email and registered letter:<br>On 17 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the municipality.                   |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                         |                                                                                                                                                        | 02/07/2014 | Via email:<br>On 2 July 2014 a notification informing I&APs of the availability of the Draft BAR and details of the public meetings was sent to the municipality. | No comment received to date.                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                         |                                                                                                                                                        | 28/07/2014 | Via email:<br>On 28 July 2014 a notification of change of venue for the public meetings was sent to the municipality.                                             | No comment received to date.                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| West Coast District Municipality (WCDM) | PO Box 242<br>Moorreesburg<br>7310<br>Tel: (022) 433 8400<br>Fax: (086) 692 6113<br><a href="mailto:westcoastdm@wcdm.co.za">westcoastdm@wcdm.co.za</a> | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the municipality.                                         | Via email:<br>On 15 July 2013 Ms Kotze provided Ms Smith with her registration form and informed her that the West Coast District is the road management agent in the area. | Via email:<br>On 16 July 2013 Ms Smith thanked Ms Kotze for her comments and informed her that she had been registered as an I&AP on the project. Furthermore the Draft BAR inclusive of the specialist studies will be made available during the course of the process, of which she will be notified in advance. |



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| <p>Doretha Kotze<br/>Town and Regional Planner<br/>58 Long Street<br/>PO Box 242<br/>Moorreesburg<br/>7310<br/>Tel: 022 433 8523<br/><a href="mailto:dkotze@wcdm.co.za">dkotze@wcdm.co.za</a></p> | 13/08/2013 |                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Via email:<br/>On 13 August 2013 Ms Kotze provided the Ms Smith with her registration form and requested that the WCDM be registered as an I&amp;AP on the project.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Via email:<br/>On 13 August 2013 Ms Smith thanked Ms Kotze for her email and informed her that she had been registered as an I&amp;AP on the project. Furthermore the Draft BAR inclusive of the specialist studies will be made available during the course of the process, of which she will be notified in advance.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 02/07/2014 | <p>Via email:<br/>On 2 July 2014 a notification informing I&amp;APs of the availability of the Draft BAR and details of the public meetings was sent to the municipality.</p> | <p>Via email:<br/>On 11 August 2014 Ms Kotze provided Ms Smith with the West Coast District Municipality's comments as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should material for road upgrades be sourced from borrow pits in the West Coast District Municipal Area, the necessary authorisation need to be obtained from the Department of Mineral Affairs. Before mining from borrow pits commence, land use applications must also be submitted to the relevant local authorities for approval in terms of the Western Cape Land Use Planning Ordinance (Ord 15 of 1985).</li> <li>Measures to ensure public safety, especially the communities adjacent to these roads (i.e. Stofkraal, etc) should be instituted during the construction and operational phases.</li> </ol> | <p>Via email:<br/>On 11 August 2014 Ms Smith acknowledged receipt of the Municipality's comments. She further stated that the municipality's comments will be included and addressed in the final CRR which will be made available for public review along with the Final BAR, of which she would be notified in advance.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please note that borrow pits may not be required as the vertical alignment will be cut in key locations where the alignment traverses steep crests in order to achieve an acceptable level of safety and to provide the required road construction material. Investigations are currently underway to determine whether this would constitute borrow pits and liaison with the Department of Roads and Transport is ongoing with regards to this. However the authorisation and permits will be obtained for all the relevant borrow pits.</li> <li>Safety measures are provided in Section 3 of the EMPr attached as Appendix G to the BAR.</li> </ol> |

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|                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 28/07/2014 | Via email:<br>On 28 July 2014 a notification of change of venue for the public meetings was sent to the municipality.                                             | No further comment received to date.                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Matzikama Local Municipality  | <p>Mr Dean O'Neill<br/>Municipal Manager<br/>PO Box 98<br/>Vredendal<br/>8160<br/>Tel: (027) 201 3301 / (027) 201 3300<br/>Fax: (027) 213 3238</p> <p>Mr Briaan Smit<br/>Town and Regional Planner<br/>Tel: 027 201 3481<br/>Fax: 027 213 3238<br/><a href="mailto:bsmit@matzikamamun.co.za">bsmit@matzikamamun.co.za</a></p> | 17/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 17 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the municipality.                             | Via email:<br>On 22 August 2013 Mr Smit requested that the Matzikama Municipality be registered as an I&AP on the project and provided Ms Smith with his registration form. | Via email:<br>On 26 August 2013 Ms Smith acknowledged receipt of the municipality's registration form and informed Mr Smit that the municipality had been registered as an I&AP on the project. Furthermore, the Draft BAR inclusive of the specialist studies will be made available during the course of the process, of which he will be notified in advance. |
|                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 02/07/2014 | Via email:<br>On 2 July 2014 a notification informing I&APs of the availability of the Draft BAR and details of the public meetings was sent to the municipality. | No comment received to date.                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 28/07/2014 | Via email:<br>On 28 July 2014 a notification of change of venue for the public meetings was sent to the municipality.                                             | No comment received to date.                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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|  |  | 01/07/2013 |                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Via fax:</p> <p>On 1 July 2013 Ms Smith received a letter from the department stating that they had considered the information contained in the application for Environmental Authorisation, and confirmed that the Environmental Impact Evaluation Directorate will be a commenting authority and will provide comment during the Environmental Impact Assessment process. Comments will be provided directly to DEA and copied to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP). They requested that reference number 16/3/1/6/6/F3/14/3131/13 be quoted in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</p> | Noted.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|  |  | 15/07/2013 | <p>Via registered letter:</p> <p>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.</p>                                   | No comments received to date.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|  |  | 02/07/2014 | <p>Via email:</p> <p>On 2 July 2014 a notification informing I&amp;APs of the availability of the Draft BAR and details of the public meetings was sent to the municipality.</p> | <p>Via email:</p> <p>On 2 July 2014 Ms Engelbrecht confirmed receipt of the Draft BAR and stated that she would provide her comments by the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2014.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Via email:</p> <p>On 3 July Ms Smith thanked Ms Engelbrecht for her email and informed her that the venues for the proposed public meeting had changed. She provided her with and updated notification.</p> |

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|  |  | 11/08/2014 |  | <p>Via fax:</p> <p>On 11 August 2014 Ms Engelbrecht provided Ms Smith with comments from the DEADP. The comments are shortly summarised below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The description of the proposed activity is inadequate as it does not describe the full extent of the proposed development and its associated infrastructure.</li> <li>2. The impacts associated with the proposed development were not assessed in accordance with Regulation 22(2)(i) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2010.</li> <li>3. Potential impacts associated with the pollution and degradation of the watercourse as a result of construction activities have not been assessed in the BAR.</li> <li>4. To avoid potential pollution and degradation of the Swart-Doring River and its tributaries, construction activities must take place during the dry months.</li> <li>5. The removal of vegetation associated with the watercourse, floodplains and riparian woodland must be kept to a minimum and only within the development footprint.</li> </ol> <p>5.1 No major alteration of these important drainage areas is recommended, especially considering it to form part of an important catchment.</p> | <p>Via email:</p> <p>On 18 September 2014 Ms Smith provided Ms Engelbrecht with a response on the comments from DEADP. The response is shortly summarised below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please note that the development footprint of the proposed activity is provided on page 11 of the Draft BAR. The servitude for the road within which the concrete drift and culverts will be constructed is 501 000m<sup>2</sup>. The individual development footprints for the concrete drift and culverts were provided for each crossing. The length and width of the road is provided on pages 3, 4 and 11 of the Draft BAR. The length of the entire road is 20040m and the width of the road is 9.8m within a 25m reserve.</li> <li>2. Please note that the impact assessment matrix table is provided on page 49 onwards of Section D of the Draft BAR. Each impact has been described and assessed in terms of the probability, duration, scale, and magnitude/severity of the impact in order to determine the significance without and with mitigation for both the construction and operational phase.</li> </ol> |
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|  |  |  |  | <p>5.2 All construction and maintenance activities should be conducted in such a way that minimal damage is caused to the riparian and floodline zone.</p> <p>5.3 Limited development such as crossings can be supported in this vegetation unit considering the ecosystem functionality and importance of the area as an ecosystem driver for drainage channels further downstream; and</p> <p>5.4 The riparian zones and floodplains should be monitored over the longer term to prevent any negative impact on these sensitive ecosystems.</p> <p>For the detailed comments from the DEADP please refer to Appendix D6 of the BAR.</p> | <p>Likewise cumulative impacts are described and assessed on page 55 of the Draft BAR. Mitigation measures for each impact are provided in the Environmental Management Plan (Appendix G of the Draft BAR). Potential impacts associated with the pollution and degradation of the Swart-Doring River and its tributary during the construction phase are provided on page 49 and 50 of the Draft BAR under "water impacts".</p> <p>3. Potential impacts identified during the construction phase are provided in the impact assessment matrix table in Section D of the Draft BAR from page 49 to 51.</p> <p>4. Noted.</p> <p>5.1 Noted</p> <p>5.2 Noted</p> <p>5.3 Noted</p> <p>5.4 Noted</p> <p>The above recommendations are included as mitigation measures in the Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPr). Please refer to Appendix G of the EMPr.</p> <p>Please refer to Appendix E6 of the BAR for the detailed response.</p> |
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| Northern Cape<br>Department of<br>Environment and<br>Nature Conservation | L Pienaar / A.T. Mkaudi<br>Administration: EIA<br>Private Bag X6102<br>Kimberley<br>8300<br>Tel: (053) 807 7430<br>Fax: (053) 831 3530<br><a href="mailto:eia@half.ncape.gov.za">eia@half.ncape.gov.za</a><br><br>Ms O. Ndzumao<br>027 718 8800 | 10/06/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 10 June 2013 a copy of the application for Environmental Authorisation was sent to the department.                                   | No comment received to date.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
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|                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 28/07/2014 | Via email:<br>On 28 July 2014 a notification of change of venue for the public meetings was sent to the municipality.                                             | No further comment received to date.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| <b>Western Cape Government Departments</b>                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |            |                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |

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| Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works | Johan Fourie (Head of Department)<br>Private Bag X9185<br>Cape Town<br>8001<br>Tel: (021) 483 2826 / 2078<br>Fax: (021) 483 5068 / 2217<br><a href="mailto:Johan.Fourie@westerncape.gov.za">Johan.Fourie@westerncape.gov.za</a> ;<br><a href="mailto:Transport.Publicworks@westerncape.gov.za">Transport.Publicworks@westerncape.gov.za</a> ;<br><a href="mailto:Malcolm.Watters@westerncape.gov.za">Malcolm.Watters@westerncape.gov.za</a> | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                                           | No comment received to date. |  |
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| Department of Water Affairs - Western Cape            | Mr MAR Khan (Chief Director: Western Cape)<br>Private Bag X16<br>SANLAMHOF<br>7532<br>Tel: (021) 941 6000<br>Cell: (082) 809 2218                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 15/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                               | No comment received to date. |  |



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| Department of Agriculture | <p>Mr. AS Roux<br/>Private Bag x1<br/>Elsenburg<br/>7607</p> <p>Mr. Francis Steyn<br/>Tel: 021 808 7613<br/><a href="mailto:franciss@elsenberg.com">franciss@elsenberg.com</a></p> | 15/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                                                     | No comment received to date. |  |
|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                    | 02/07/2014 | Via registered letter and email:<br>On 2 July 2014 a notification informing I&APs of the availability of the Draft BAR and details of the public meetings was sent to the municipality. | No comment received to date. |  |
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| Department of Water Affairs | Mrs. Hester Lyons<br>Private bag x16<br>Sanlamhof<br>7532                                                                                                                                                                                             | 15/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                               | No comment received to date. |
|                             | Warren Dreyer (Berg Proto-CMA: Water Quality Management) Environmental Officer)<br>Private bag x16<br>Sanlamhof<br>7532<br>Tel: 021 941 6185<br>Cell: 082 600 8684<br>Fax: 086 556 9985<br><a href="mailto:Dreyerw@dwa.gov.za">Dreyerw@dwa.gov.za</a> | 15/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                               |                              |
|                             | Colin Taylor<br>Private Bag X16<br>Sanlamhof<br>7532<br>Tel: 021 941 6041<br>Fax: 021 941 6100<br>Cell: 083 791 0900<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:taylorc@dwa.gov.za">taylorc@dwa.gov.za</a>                                                            | 02/07/2014 | Via email:<br>On 2 July 2014 a notification informing I&APs of the availability of the Draft BAR and details of the public meetings was sent to the municipality. | No comment received to date. |

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| Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism (DEDAT) | Nigel Gwynne-Evans (Acting chief director)<br>PO Box 979<br>Cape Town<br>8000<br>Tel: (021) 483 3859                                                                                             | 15/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department. | No comment received to date. |  |
|                                                                     | Jim Petrie (Energy director)<br>PO Box 979<br>Cape Town<br>8000                                                                                                                                  | 15/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department. | No comment received to date. |  |
|                                                                     | Solly Fourie (Head of department)<br>PO Box 979<br>Cape Town<br>8000<br>Tel: (021) 483 5065<br>Fax: (021) 483 7527<br><a href="mailto:ecohead@westerncape.gov.za">ecohead@westerncape.gov.za</a> | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.             | No comment received to date. |  |
|                                                                     | Jo-Ann Johnston (Chief Director: Strategic Initiatives)<br>PO Box 979<br>Cape Town<br>8000                                                                                                       | 15/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department. | No comment received to date. |  |



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|  | <p>Head office: Mr Walcolm Watters<br/>9 Dorp Street<br/>Cape Town<br/>8000<br/>Tel: 021 483 2203<br/><a href="mailto:Malcolm.Watters@westerncape.gov.za">Malcolm.Watters@westerncape.gov.za</a></p> | <p>15/07/2013</p> <p>16/07/2013</p> <p>17/07/2013</p> <p>20/09/2013</p> | <p>Via registered letter:<br/>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.</p> <p>Via email:<br/>On 17 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to Mr Watters.</p> | <p>Via email:<br/>On 16 July 2013 Mr Starke provided Ms Smith with Mr Watters's contact details.</p> <p>No comment received to date.</p> | <p>Via email:<br/>On 17 July 2013 Ms Smith thanked Mr Starke for his assistance.</p> <p>Via email:<br/>On 20 September 2013 Ms Smith responded to Mr Starke's correspondence dating 15 July 2013 stating his interest in the Traffic Impact Assessment. Ms Smith informed Mr Starke that a Traffic Impact Assessment has not been conducted as a Preliminary Road Design Report had been compiled for the project which took into account traffic counts and the impact on the road due to an increase in heavy traffic. The report also provides detailed recommendations with regards to the design and material required for the upgrade of the roads. She asked whether this would be sufficient.</p> |
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|                      |                                                                           | 28/07/2014 | <p>Via email:</p> <p>On 28 July 2014 a notification of change of venue for the public meetings was sent to the municipality.</p>                                                 | <p>No further comment received to date.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                              |
| SAHRA - Western Cape | Jenna Lavin<br><a href="mailto:jlavin@pgwc.gov.za">jlavin@pgwc.gov.za</a> | 12/07/2013 | <p>Via email:</p> <p>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.</p>                                               | <p>No comment received to date.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Northern Cape Government Departments</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |            |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |  |
| Department of Water Affairs Northern Cape   | A Abrahams (Acting Chief Director: Northern Cape)<br>Private Bag X6101<br>Kimberley<br>8300<br>Tel: (053) 830 8803<br>Cell: (082) 883 6741<br>Fax: (053) 831 4534<br><a href="mailto:AbrahamsA@dwa.gov.za">AbrahamsA@dwa.gov.za</a><br>LJ Snyders (Chief Director)<br>Private Bag X6101<br>Kimberley<br>8300<br>Tel: (053) 830 8804<br>Cell: (082) 809 2306 | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                                                   | No comment received to date.         |  |
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| Department of Tourism, Environment & Conservation | Lucille Karsten<br>Private Bag X16<br>Springbok<br>8240<br>Tel: (027) 718 1958<br>Fax: (027) 718 1949<br><a href="mailto:lkarsten@sptour.ncape.gov.za">lkarsten@sptour.ncape.gov.za</a> | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                     | No comment received to date. |
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|                                                   | Sibonelo Mbanjwa (Deputy Director)<br>Private Bag X6102<br>Kimberley<br>8300                                                                                                            | 17/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 17 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.         | No comment received to date. |
|                                                   | Basani Mkhombo (Assistant Director)<br>Private Bag X6102<br>Kimberley<br>8300                                                                                                           | 17/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 17 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.         | No comment received to date. |
|                                                   | Dineo Moleko (Principal Officer)<br>Private Bag X6102<br>Kimberley<br>8300<br>Tel: (053) 807 4800                                                                                       | 17/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 17 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.         | No comment received to date. |



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| Department of Forestry | Jacoline Mans<br>Private Bag X5912<br>Upington<br>8800<br><a href="mailto:JacolineMa@daff.gov.za">JacolineMa@daff.gov.za</a> | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                                           | No comment received to date. |  |
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| Department of Agriculture, Reform & Development Northern Cape<br>Land Rural - | Thabo Mothibi (Media Liaison Officer)<br>Private Bag X5018<br>Kimberley<br>8300<br>Tel: (053) 838 9158                                                                                                                                              | 15/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department. | No comment received to date. |
|                                                                               | Lorato Sehularo (Communication Officer)<br>Private Bag X5007<br>Kimberley<br>8300<br>Tel: (053) 830 4042<br>Cell: (082) 827 0010<br>Fax: (053) 831 4095<br><a href="mailto:Lsehularo@ruraldevelopment.gov.za">Lsehularo@ruraldevelopment.gov.za</a> | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.             | No comment received to date. |
|                                                                               | Sydney Hlongwane (Regional Land Claims Commissioner)<br>PO Box 4376<br>Bloemfontein<br>9300<br>Tel: (051) 403 0700<br>Cell: (082) 827 0010                                                                                                          | 17/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 17 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department. | No comment received to date. |
|                                                                               | Cindy Damons (Communications Manager)<br>PO Box 2458<br>Kimberley<br>8300<br>Tel: (053) 807 1340<br>Cell: (082) 827 0010<br>Fax: (053) 833 1160<br><a href="mailto:cjdamons@ruraldevelopment.gov.za">cjdamons@ruraldevelopment.gov.za</a>           | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.             | No comment received to date. |

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|                                    |                                                                        | 28/07/2014 | Via email and sms:<br>On 28 July 2014 a notification of change of venue for the public meetings was sent to the municipality.                                             | No comment received to date. |  |
| Department of Economic Development | E Julius<br><a href="mailto:ejulius4@gmail.com">ejulius4@gmail.com</a> | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                                                   | No comment received to date. |  |
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| SAHRA - Northern Cape | Mariagrazia Galimberti<br>PO Box 1930<br>Kimberley<br>8300<br><a href="mailto:mgalimberti@sahra.org.za">mgalimberti@sahra.org.za</a> | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                                           | No comment received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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|                       |                                                                                                                                      | 28/07/2014 | Via email:<br>On 28 July 2014 a notification of change of venue for the public meetings was sent to the municipality.                                             | Via email:<br>On 7 August 2014 Ms Galimberti informed Ms Smith that she noticed that the application for the roads project had been left in "draft" in their system and that no Draft BAR had been uploaded to the case. She requested that the document be uploaded to SAHRIS and that they be informed of its availability. She stated that they would try to comment on it by the 11th or soon after that. | Via email:<br>On 7 August 2014 Ms Smith apologised to Ms Galimberti and informed her that the Draft BAR and EMPr had been uploaded onto SAHRIS. She asked that she be informed should SAHRA require any of the appendices to the BAR and EMPr to be uploaded. |

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|  |  | 12/08/2014 |  | <p>Via letter:<br/>                 On 12 August 2014 Ms Galimberti provided Ms Smith with SAHRA's final comments as follows:<br/>                 SAHRA has no objections to the development and supports both Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 on the Farm Zandkopsdrift 537, provided that the following recommendations are implemented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since Site SA01 will be disturbed during construction, SAHRA requires that the archaeologist creates the site on the SAHRIS as Site. The information required is: extent of the site mapped in details, density of the material, type of raw material used, type of artefacts identified and chronological attribution. Images of the site should also be uploaded. Please note that, while some of this information is already included in the report, the storing of this on the system, with the addition of a more detailed description of the site, will allow for it to be permanently recorded.</li> <li>2. If any new evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations), unmarked human burials, fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA APM Unit (Colette Scheermeyer 021 462 4502) must be alerted immediately</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted. Mr Neels Kruger from AGES has conducted the Heritage Documentation Study of Site SA01 at the end of September as per SAHRA's requirements. A site will be created on SAHRIS and all the relevant information will be uploaded.</li> <li>2. Noted.</li> </ol> |
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|                  |                                                                                                               |            |                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>A professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the newly discovered heritage resources. If these prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.</p> |  |
| Conservancies    |                                                                                                               |            |                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| WESSA - National | PO Box 394<br>Howick<br>3290<br>Tel: (033) 330 4576<br><a href="mailto:info@wessa.co.za">info@wessa.co.za</a> | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the stakeholder.                                          | No comment received to date.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
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| SANParks:<br>Biodiversity & Social<br>Projects: Arid Region<br>Parks | Ben-Jon Dreyer<br>PO Box 53<br>Kamieskroon<br>8241<br>Tel: (027) 672 1159<br>Cell: (079) 523 6830 | 15/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the stakeholder.                                                  | No comment received to date. |  |
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| Namaqua National Park | Bernard van Lente<br>Park Manager<br>PO Box 117<br>Kamieskroon<br>8241<br>Tel: (027) 672 1948<br>Fax: 027 672 1015<br>Cell: 083 640 4915<br><a href="mailto:Bernard.vanlente@sanparks.org">Bernard.vanlente@sanparks.org</a><br>Elanza van Lente<br><a href="mailto:elanza.vanlente@sanpark.org.za">elanza.vanlente@sanpark.org.za</a> | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the stakeholder.                                          | No comment received to date. |  |
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| Cape Nature           | Amukelani Nkuna<br>(Catchment Manager: West Coast Cluster)<br>PO Box 26<br>Porterville<br>6810<br>Tel: (022) 931 2900<br>Cell: (072) 437 4011<br>Fax: (086) 266 2645<br><a href="mailto:ankuna@capenature.co.za">ankuna@capenature.co.za</a>                                                                                           | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the stakeholder.                                          | No comment received to date. |  |

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| <b>Other</b>            |                                                                                                                                                                    |            |                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| SANRAL - Western Region | R De Kock<br>Private Bag X19<br>Bellville<br>7535<br>Tel: (021) 957 4600 / 4607<br>Fax: (021) 946 1630<br><a href="mailto:dekockr@nra.co.za">dekockr@nra.co.za</a> | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Transnet Freight Rail (Infrastructure)                            | Gerhard Leibbrandt (Chief Administrative Official)<br>Tel: (011) 773 2706<br><a href="mailto:Gerhard.Leibbrandt@transnet.net">Gerhard.Leibbrandt@transnet.net</a>                                                                                                                                         | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                                           | No comment received to date. |  |
| Transnet Freight Rail - Risk Department: Environmental Specialist | Livhuwani Wilson Ndou<br>Tel: (051) 408 2939<br>Cell: (083) 278 9499<br>Fax: (051) 408 4487<br><a href="mailto:Livhuwani.Ndou@transnet.net">Livhuwani.Ndou@transnet.net</a>                                                                                                                               | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                                           | No comment received to date. |  |
| ESKOM                                                             | Andrea van Gensen (Environmental Officer)<br>PO Box 356<br>Bloemfontein<br>9300<br>Tel: (051) 404 2040<br>Cell: (082) 482 7579<br>Fax: (086) 539 5177<br><a href="mailto:Andrea.vanGensen@eskom.co.za">Andrea.vanGensen@eskom.co.za</a><br><a href="mailto:vgenseal@eskom.co.za">vgenseal@eskom.co.za</a> | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                                           | No comment received.         |  |

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| <p>Mr. Richard Jones (Key Customer Executive)<br/>PO Box 5736<br/>Tygervalley<br/>7536<br/>Tel:<br/>Cell:<br/><a href="mailto:jonesr@eskom.co.za">jonesr@eskom.co.za</a></p> <p>Owen Peters (Land Development Distribution)<br/>Tel: (021) 980 3817<br/>Cell: (084) 460 5801<br/>Fax: (086) 566 7877<br/><a href="mailto:Owen.Peters@eskom.co.za">Owen.Peters@eskom.co.za</a></p> <p>Justine Wyngaardt<br/>Land Development: Environmental Management Distribution Division: Western Operating Unit<br/>1 Eskom Road<br/>Eskom Engineering Complex: Land Development<br/>PO Box 222<br/>Brackenfell<br/>7560<br/>Tel:<br/>Cell:<br/>Fax:<br/><a href="mailto:WyngaaJO@eskom.co.za">WyngaaJO@eskom.co.za</a></p> | <p>12/07/2013</p> | <p>Via email:<br/>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.</p>                                               | <p>No comment received.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Borehole Water Association of SA   | PO Box 1155<br>Saxonwold, JHB<br>2132<br>Tel: (011) 447 0853<br>Fax: (011) 447 0851<br><a href="mailto:info@bwa.co.za">info@bwa.co.za</a>       | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.             | No comment received to date.         |  |
| Orange Vaal Water User Association | W Bruwer (Chief Executive Officer)<br>Cell: (082) 575 6828<br>Fax: (053) 298 1262<br><a href="mailto:aqua@douglas.co.za">aqua@douglas.co.za</a> | 12/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.             | No comment received to date.         |  |
| Lower Orange Water Management Area | Jolene van Wyk-Towel (DWA – NC)<br>Private Bag X5912<br>Upington<br>8800<br>Tel: (054) 338 5800<br>Cell: (082) 887 8866                         | 15/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department. | No comment received to date.         |  |

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| <p>Mr Shaun Cloete<br/>Private Bag X5912<br/>Upington<br/>8800<br/>Tel: 054 338 5800<br/>Cell: 083 633 3642<br/>Fax: 054 334 0205<br/><a href="mailto:cloetes@dwa.gov.za">cloetes@dwa.gov.za</a></p> | 05/08/2013 |                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Via fax:<br/>On 5 August 2013 Mr Cloete sent his registration form to Ms Smith with the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The amount of water resources that will be crossed or the amount of bridges that will be constructed / widen etc. for the proposed road construction.</li> </ul> | <p>Via email:<br/>On 5 August 2013 Ms Smith acknowledged receipt of the registration form and informed Mr Cloete that he had been registered as an I&amp;AP on the project. Furthermore, the Draft BAR inclusive of the specialist studies will be made available during the course of the process, of which he will be notified in advance.</p> <p>Please note that the route alignment follows that of the existing gravel road as far as possible. The proposed access road will therefore cross the Swart-Doring River at the current crossing in Stofkraal as well as at a tributary of the Swart-Doring River. Concrete drifts will be constructed at these points. Furthermore, culverts will be constructed at all drainage crossings (where necessary).</p> |
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| Agri - Northern Cape            | B Badenhorst<br>Tel: (053) 832 9595 / (053) 204 0036<br>Fax: (053) 832 7126<br><a href="mailto:ncagric@worldonline.co.za">ncagric@worldonline.co.za</a>  | 12/07/2013                   | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                                                                                                                                                    | No comment received to date.                                     |  |
| AGRI - Western Cape             | PO Box 227<br>Paarl<br>7620<br>Tel: (021) 860 3800<br>Fax: (021) 872 3388<br><a href="mailto:info@awk.co.za">info@awk.co.za</a>                          | 12/07/2013                   | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.                                                                                                                                                    | No comment received to date.                                     |  |
| SEDA                            | BE Vries<br>PO Box 831<br>Springbok<br>8240<br>Tel: (027) 712 8500<br>Cell: (076) 539 0451<br><a href="mailto:Bvries@seda.org.za">Bvries@seda.org.za</a> | 12/07/2013<br><br>17/07/2013 | Via email:<br>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department.<br><br>Via email & registered letter:<br>On 17 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the department. | No comment received to date.<br><br>No comment received to date. |  |
| Rietpoort Community (Rietpoort) | Rietpoort Matzikama Office – Medical Centre<br>Rita Cloete<br>Tel: 027 632 5013                                                                          | 12/07/2013                   | Via hand delivery:<br>On 12 July 2013 Background Information Documents (BIDs) and registration forms were delivered to the Rietpoort Medical Centre.                                                                                                                       | No comment received to date.                                     |  |

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| Molsvlei Community (Molsvlei) | Molsvlei Community Centre Office<br>Theresa Marais<br>Tel: 027 632 5145                                                                                                | 12/07/2013 | Via hand delivery:<br>On 12 July 2013 Background Information Documents (BIDs) and registration forms were delivered to the Molsvlei Community Centre Office.      | No comment received to date.                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Elsa Schreuder                | Garies Boerevereniging<br>Posbus 187<br>Garies<br>8220<br>Tel: 027652 2411<br>Cell: 076 126 1925<br><a href="mailto:elsa@roodeheuwel.co.za">elsa@roodeheuwel.co.za</a> | 19/07/2013 |                                                                                                                                                                   | Via email:<br>On 19 July 2013 Ms Schreuder provided Ms Smith with her registration form. | Via email:<br>On 19 July 2013 Ms Smith thanked Ms Schreuder for her email and informed her that she had been registered as an I&AP on the project. Furthermore, the Draft BAR inclusive of the specialist studies will be made available during the process, of which she would be notified in advance. |
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| <b>Landowners</b>             |                                                                                                                                                                        |            |                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| RE of Moordenaars Kraal 41    | Johannes Nicolaas Boonzaaier<br>PO Box 94<br>Bitterfontein<br>8202                                                                                                     | 06/06/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 6 June 2013 a notification letter was sent to the landowner informing him of the project.                                            | No comment received to date.                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



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|                                         | <p>Tel: 0276427217 /<br/>0276427217<br/>Cell: 0836770084</p>                                               | <p>15/07/2013</p> <p>02/07/2014</p> <p>28/07/2014</p> | <p>Via registered letter:<br/>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the landowner.</p> <p>Via registered letter and sms:<br/>On 2 July 2014 a notification informing I&amp;APs of the availability of the Draft BAR and details of the public meetings was sent to the municipality.</p> <p>Via registered letter and sms:<br/>On 28 July 2014 a notification of change of venue for the public meetings was sent to the municipality.</p> | <p>No comment received to date.</p> <p>No comment received to date.</p> <p>No comment received to date.</p> |  |
| <p>Portion 7 of Bruintjes Hoogte 40</p> | <p>Gideon Andries van Zyl<br/>PO Box 1<br/>Van Rhynsdorp<br/>8170<br/>Tel: 0276421110 /<br/>0546023102</p> | <p>06/06/2013</p> <p>15/07/2013</p>                   | <p>Via registered letter:<br/>On 6 June 2013 a notification letter was sent to the landowner informing him of the project.</p> <p>Via registered letter:<br/>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the landowner.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>No comment received to date.</p> <p>No comment received to date.</p>                                     |  |

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| Portion 8 of Bruintjes Hoogte 40 | J.T. Myburgh<br>PO Box 2<br>Van Rhynsdorp<br>8170 | 06/06/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 6 June 2013 a notification letter was sent to the landowner informing him of the project.                                                        | No comment received to date. |  |
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| Portion 10 of Bruintjes Hoogte 40 | Johanna Elizabeth Kotze<br>P O Box 11<br>Bitterfontein<br>8202                                                  | 06/06/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 6 June 2013 a notification letter was sent to the landowner informing her of the project.                                                        | No comment received to date. |  |
|                                   |                                                                                                                 | 15/07/2013 | Via registered letter:<br>On 15 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the landowner.                                            | No comment received to date. |  |
|                                   |                                                                                                                 | 02/07/2014 | Via registered letter:<br>On 2 July 2014 a notification informing I&APs of the availability of the Draft BAR and details of the public meetings was sent to the municipality. | No comment received to date. |  |
|                                   |                                                                                                                 | 28/07/2014 | Via registered letter:<br>On 28 July 2014 a notification of change of venue for the public meetings was sent to the municipality.                                             | No comment received to date. |  |
| RE of Stof Kraal 42               | Rietpoort Gemeenskap (Stofkraal)<br>Mr. Chris van Westruis (Matzikama Municipal councillor)<br>Cell: 0827174925 | 06/06/2013 | Via email:<br>On 6 June 2013 a notification letter was sent to the councillor informing him of the project.                                                                   | No comment received.         |  |



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|  |  | 01/08/2014 |  | <p>On 1 August 2014 Mr van der Westruis attended the public meeting in Stofkraal and raised the following main concerns/comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development of local entrepreneurs and businesses in community</li> <li>2. Noise impact on community</li> <li>3. Alternative routes which were considered through other towns</li> <li>4. Alternative route for use of Stofkraal community during construction</li> <li>5. Safety impact relating to crossings over the road within the residential area</li> <li>6. Socio-economic upliftment in the community</li> <li>7. Safety of the community and the environment</li> </ol> <p>For more details please refer to the meeting minutes in Appendix E6 of the BAR.</p> | <p>Mr van der Westruis's comments and concerns were addressed during the public meeting as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted.</li> <li>2. Management measures restricting construction activities from 6:00am to 22:00pm have been included in the Environmental Management Plan (EMPr). Please refer to Appendix G of the BAR.</li> <li>3. Three routes were originally identified, however the preferred alternative route via Stofkraal has been chosen as it is the shortest route with the least environmental impact and with a smaller financial cost.</li> <li>4. Alternative access routes will be available to the Stofkraal Community during the construction phase.</li> <li>5. Management measures relating to road safety have been included in the EMPr (Appendix G of the BAR)</li> <li>6. Social impacts were identified and assessed in the BAR.</li> <li>7. Management measures are included in the EMPr (Appendix G of the BAR)</li> </ol> <p>Please refer to the meeting minutes for more details.</p> |
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|  |  | 12/07/2013 | <p>Via email:<br/>On 12 July 2013 a Background Information Document (BID) and registration form was sent to the stakeholder.</p> | <p>Via email:<br/>On 17 July 2013 Mr Owies enquired where the public participation took place as he was not notified or invited.</p> | <p>Via email:<br/>On 17 July 2013 Ms Smith informed Mr Owies that a public meeting had not yet been scheduled. Initial public participation was conducted in order to notify the public of the project and invite them to register as I&amp;APS on the project. Two adverts had been placed in a national and local newspaper and site notices had been placed along the proposed access road route. BID's were distributed to the landowners as well as the communities of Stofkraal, Molsvlei and Rietpoort.<br/>She further informed him that she had provided him with a copy of the BID and registration form on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2013 via email and requested confirmation that he had received the email.<br/>She stated that a public meeting will only be held later in the process and the Draft BAR will also be made available for review by I&amp;APs. She requested that Mr Owies register as an I&amp;AP should he wish to participate in the public participation process. She also asked that he provide the consultants with comments on or before the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2013.</p> |
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|  |  | 20/07/2013 |  | <p>Via email:<br/>On 20 July 2013 Mr Owies provided Ms Smith with his registration form with the following comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Water and soil pollution and ecology impact;</li> <li>2. Impact on conservation areas;</li> <li>3. Impact on grazing areas;</li> <li>4. Impact on graves and buildings, cultural and historical areas;</li> <li>5. Demarcation of these areas;</li> <li>6. Impact on closely situated communities;</li> <li>7. Impact on closely situated communities in future;</li> <li>8. Job creation; and</li> <li>9. Impact on local economy.</li> <li>10. Department of Public Works and Transport – Western Cape:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Other alternative routes;</li> <li>– Socio-economic impact over 30 years and effects; and</li> <li>– Socio-economic empowerment for community.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | <p>Via email:<br/>On 22 July 2013 Ms Smith thanked Mr Owies for his email and informed him that he had been registered as an I&amp;AP on the project. In addition, the draft BAR inclusive of the specialist studies will be made available during the course of the process of which he will be notified in advance.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A specialist Ecological Study was conducted to assess the water and soil pollution and ecological impacts of the project. Please refer to Appendix D1 of the BAR.</li> <li>2. Please refer to the Ecological Impact Assessment in Appendix D1 of the BAR.</li> <li>3. Please refer to the Ecological Impact Assessment in Appendix D1 of the BAR.</li> <li>4. A Heritage study was conducted to assess the impact on heritage resources in the area. Please refer to Appendix D2 of the BAR</li> <li>5. Please refer to the Archaeological Impact Assessment in Appendix D2 of the BAR.</li> <li>6. Socio-economic impacts were identified and assessed as part of the Basic Assessment process and are included in Section D of the BAR.</li> <li>7. Please refer to Section D of the BAR.</li> <li>8. Please refer to Section D of the BAR.</li> <li>9. Please refer to Section D of the BAR.</li> <li>10. Alternative routes were assessed in Section 2 of the BAR. Cumulative impacts were identified and assessed in Section D of the BAR.</li> </ol> |
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|  |  | 02/07/2014 | <p>Via email:</p> <p>On 2 July 2014 a notification informing I&amp;APs of the availability of the Draft BAR and details of the public meetings was sent to the municipality.</p> | <p>Via email:</p> <p>On 2 July 2014 Mr Owies informed Ms Smith that the conclusion that he makes is that the route to be constructed to the mine has already been decided. He stated that it was presented to them in meetings with the Mine that the decision with regards to which routes will be used would be made after consultation with the communities involved. He further stated that what bothered him from the entire process is that the Rietpoort Community who is also directly affected by the activities are bypassed. He asked that a correction be made and that the documents which were available for comment is made available at the Matzikama Service point in Rietpoort. He stated that the plan route might be best according to the mine, but that for the communities concerned it could differ. Therefore he proposed that all alternative routes were first discussed in cooperation with the communities and that the best solution is found which is beneficial to all parties.</p> | <p>Via email:</p> <p>On 9 July 2014 Ms Smith answered Mr Owies as follows:</p> <p>Please note that consultations with regards to the access route took place with the Rietpoort Forum (representing the communities of Stofkraal, Molsvlei, Rietpoort, Put se Kloof and Samsamshoek) on the 26th April 2013 in Put se Kloof and in the subsequent meeting with Mr Owies on the 10th of May 2013 in Vredendal. The following three possible routes to the mine were discussed during the above consultation meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southern Route via Rietpoort and Bitterfontein</li> <li>• Northern route towards Garies turning at the Groenrivier road towards the N7</li> <li>• Route via Stofkraal linking OP09810 and OP09811 to the N7</li> </ul> <p>During the above meetings the route via Stofkraal was identified as the preferred route alignment due to the following main reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As this is the shortest route to the mine, the environmental impact will be minimised; and</li> <li>2. The route also presents the most cost effective solution for the Project and will therefore enhance the financial viability of the Project.</li> </ol> <p>Copies of the meeting minutes and presentations for the above consultation meeting were provided to Mr Owies in the form of hard copies on the 10th of May 2013 and subsequently via email on the 24th of May 2013.</p> |
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|  |  | <p>28/07/2014</p> | <p>Via email:<br/>On 28 July 2014 a notification of change of venue for the public meetings was sent to the municipality.</p> | <p>Via email:<br/>On 28 July 2014 Mr Owies emailed Ms Smith and asked her why the Rietpoort Community who is also directly affected by the activities are not involved in the process. He stated that Bitterfontein is further than Rietpoort and that that community was being accommodated. He asked for valid reasons why the Rietpoort community were not being accommodated in the public participation process, and asked why a meeting could not be held there (Rietpoort). He stated that otherwise transport would need to be provided if people from Rietpoort had to attend in Stofkraal and Bitterfontien. He stated that he would understand if a meeting in this respect had already taken place.</p> | <p>Ms Smith provided Mr Owies with the details with regards to the availability of the hard copies of the BAR as well as access to the electronic copy of the report. She also stated that a copy of the Draft BAR had also been made available at the Matzikama Service Point in Rietpoort.</p> <p>Via email:<br/>On 4 August 2014 Ms Smith replied to Ms Owies and informed him that the Rietpoort community had been accommodated in the public participation process. Background Information Documents were provided to the medical centre next to the Matzikama Municipal offices in Rietpoort on the 11th of July 2013. At the same time, notices were erected requesting people to register as interested and affected parties on the project. To date, no one from Rietpoort has registered as an interested and/or affected party. The Draft BAR was also made available for comments at the Matzikama service point in Rietpoort. To date, no comment has been received from the Rietpoort community.</p> <p>The proposed access road goes directly through the town of Stofkraal and therefore a public meeting will be held here as the Stofkraal community will be directly affected. A public meeting will also take place at Bitterfontien as vehicles travelling to and from the mine will make use of the N7 which passes directly by the town of Bitterfontein and this town will also be directly affected.</p> |
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|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Consultation with regards t the access road took place with the Rietpoort Forum (which represents the communities of Stofkraal, Molsvlei, Rietpoort, Put se Kloof en Samsamshoek) on the 26th of April 2013 at Put se Kloof.                                                                                                                      |
| Rietpoort Community (Stofkraal) | Stofkraal Community Centre Office<br>Shahida Van Wyk<br>Tel: 027 632 5291<br><br>Mr Preen Wayne Sinclair van der Westhuizen<br>PO Box 91<br>Rietpoort<br>8202<br>Fax: 027 632 5291 | 12/07/2013 | Via hand delivery:<br>On 12 July 2013 Background Information Documents (BIDs) and registration forms were delivered to the Stofkraal Community Centre office. | On 24 August 2013 Mr van der Westhuizen's registration form was collected at the Stofkraal Community Centre with the following comments:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A thorough investigation should be conducted to avoid water, ecological and soil pollution.</li> <li>• The road will result in job creation for the less privileged.</li> <li>• The road should be fenced to ensure the safety of children.</li> <li>• The project will contribute to the economic welfare of the affected community.</li> <li>• Any development to the advantage of the broader community will be appreciated.</li> </ul> | Mr van der Westhuizen's comments are noted.<br>Please note that a Basic Assessment was conducted for the project in order to identify and assess any potential environmental impacts.<br>Socio-economic impacts, such as job creation, safety and economic benefits, were also assessed in the above study. Please refer to Section D of the BAR. |

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| Ms Milicent Saul | Kharkhams Community | 31/07/2013 |  | <p>On 31 July 2014 Ms Saul attended the public meeting in Garies and raised the following main concerns/comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Flooding: measurement of Swart-Doring River during floods</li> <li>2. Municipal involvement with project and public meeting</li> <li>3. Use of community hall for public meetings</li> <li>4. Job creation</li> <li>5. Use of local labour</li> <li>6. Availability of skilled labour in not directly affected communities</li> </ol> <p>For more details please refer to the meeting minutes in Appendix E6 of the BAR.</p> | <p>Ms Saul's comments and concerns were addressed during the public meeting as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Floodline delineation study had been conducted for the project. Please refer to Appendix D6 of the BAR.</li> <li>2. The Namaqua and West Coast District Municipalities as well as the Kamiesberg and Matzikama Local Municipalities had been involved in the public participation process since the start of the project.</li> <li>3. Noted.</li> <li>4. Noted.</li> <li>5. Noted.</li> <li>6. Noted.</li> </ol> <p>Please refer to the meeting minutes for more details.</p> |
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| <p>Ms E. Links</p> | <p>Kharkhams Community<br/>072 416 0894<br/>linkse@elections.org.za</p> | <p>31/07/2014</p> |  | <p>On 31 July 2014 Ms Links attended the public meeting in Garies and raised the following main concerns/comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fauna that occur on site</li> <li>2. Occurrence of Namaqua Stream Frog</li> <li>3. Occurrence of old buildings and cemeteries in the area</li> <li>4. Extent of pollution of river and watercourses and associated health impacts on workers</li> <li>5. Extent of advertising of public meeting</li> <li>6. Open communication between the mine and community leaders and townspeople</li> </ol> <p>For more details please refer to the meeting minutes in Appendix E6 of the BAR.</p> | <p>Ms Links's comments and concerns were addressed during the public meeting as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An ecological study was conducted for the project and identifies all the fauna in the project area as well as the potential impact on the fauna. Please refer to Appendix D1 of the BAR.</li> <li>2. The Namaqua stream may occur in the area as it has been documented just south of Garies. An Amphibian study is currently underway for the Zandkopsdrift Mine Project and will be completed by the end of September.</li> <li>3. A Heritage Study was conducted and no old building or cemeteries occur within or close to the proposed route alignment. Please refer to Appendix D2 of the BAR.</li> <li>4. Please refer to Section 3 of the EMPr (Appendix G of the BAR) for the potential impacts on watercourses.</li> <li>5. Please refer to Section 2.3 of this report.</li> <li>6. Noted. It is recommended that a community liaison platform be established.</li> </ol> <p>Please refer to the meeting minutes for more details.</p> |
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| Mr Riaan Basson | West Coast District Municipality – Van Rhynsdorp | 01/08/2013 |  | <p>On 1 August 2014 Mr Basson attended the public meeting in Bitterfontien and raised the following main concerns/comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Road building material and the authorisation of borrowpits</li> <li>2. Use of authorised borrowpits for road maintenance after construction</li> <li>3. Start of construction</li> <li>4. Water provision</li> <li>5. Creation of jobs for local communities</li> </ol> <p>For more details please refer to the meeting minutes in Appendix E6 of the BAR.</p> | <p>Mr Basson’s comments and concerns were addressed during the public meeting as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The vertical alignment of the road will be cut in key locations where the alignment traverses steep crests in order to achieve an acceptable level of safety and to provide the required road construction material. Should this constitute borrowpits or should borrowpits be required, the necessary authorisations and permits will be obtained.</li> <li>2. It is noted that authorised borrowpits will be used for maintenance purposes following construction.</li> <li>3. Construction is planned to start 2017 and operations in 2019.</li> <li>4. The project would be obtaining water for construction purposes from the proposed Zandkopsdrift Mine who would be getting their water from the Volwaterbaai Desalination Plant. A water use licence application was being conducted for the roads project for the road crossings at the Swart-Doring River and associated drainage lines.</li> <li>5. Local labour will be employed as far as possible.</li> </ol> <p>Please refer to the meeting minutes for more details.</p> |
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| <p>Mr Joseph Beukes</p> | <p>106 Spoorweg Straat<br/>Bitterfontein<br/>Cell: 061 995 7953</p> | <p>01/08/2013</p> |  | <p>On 1 August 2014 Mr Beukes attended the public meeting in Bitterfontien and raised the following main concerns/comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Employment opportunities at the mine</li> <li>2. Location of the mine</li> <li>3. Issuing of tenders for road construction</li> </ol> <p>For more details please refer to the meeting minutes in Appendix E6 of the BAR.</p> | <p>Mr Basson's comments and concerns were addressed during the public meeting as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The mine would provide 140 employment opportunities for the life of mine, which is approximately 25 years, however there was not guarantee that the mine would be constructed. The Zandkopsdrift Mine Project was subject to a separate EIA process (NCDENC Ref No: NC/EIA/NAM/KAM/ZAN/2012).</li> <li>2. The mine was located approximately 2km in the Northern Cape from the Western Cape provincial boundary.</li> <li>3. If tenders were placed they would be placed in local newspapers. Large companies usually constructed roads due to the high costs of road construction, however talks will be held with the contractor to ensure that local labour is employed as far as possible.</li> </ol> <p>Please refer to the meeting minutes for more details.</p> |
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| <p>Mr Andrew Cloete</p> | <p>Put-se-kloof<br/>073 902 4149</p> | <p>01/08/2014</p> |  | <p>On 1 August 2014 Mr Cloete attended the public meeting in Stofkraal and raised the following main concerns/comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noise impact on fauna</li> <li>2. Speed limits to be implemented</li> <li>3. Accidents generally associated road upgrades due to increased speeds on tarred roads</li> <li>4. Accountability for the transgression of speed limits</li> <li>5. Use of local labour</li> <li>6. Agreements with community with regards to appropriation of land for the establishment of a road servitude</li> <li>7. Job opportunities and consultation with community with regards to these opportunities</li> <li>8. Contractor for road construction should preferable come from community</li> <li>9. Operations for road construction to be based in Stofkraal</li> <li>10. Progress of the water use licence application</li> <li>11. Copy of BAR to have been left in Rietpoort</li> </ol> <p>For more details please refer to the meeting minutes in Appendix E6 of the BAR.</p> | <p>Mr Cloete's comments and concerns were addressed during the public meeting as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noise impact had been rated as of negligible significance by the noise specialist. Please refer to D4 of the BAR for the Noise Impact Assessment.</li> <li>2. Speed limits have been prescribed in the Environmental Management Plan (EMPr) and will be enforced by the mine on all mine vehicles and personnel (please refer to Appendix G of the BAR). Speed limits on the public provincial roads OP09810 and OP09811 are subject to enforcement by the provincial authorities to whom these roads belong.</li> <li>3. Noted. This impact has been assessed in the EMPr.</li> <li>4. Please refer to above comment relating to enforcement of speed limits.</li> <li>5. Local labour will be used as far as possible. Please refer to the EMPr attached as Appendix G to the BAR.\</li> <li>6. Noted. Consultations with the community will take place prior to construction.</li> <li>7. Consultation with the community/ies with regards to the establishment of a road servitude and job opportunities will be conducted should Environmental Authorisation be granted and prior to any construction activities.</li> </ol> |
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|  |  |  |  |  | <p>8. Noted. Consultations with the community will take place prior to construction.</p> <p>9. The request is noted. However, socio-economic impacts associated with basing construction in Stofkraal should be considered, e.g. a large number of people entering the community could lead to conflict.</p> <p>10. Water Use Licence Application was being compiled and would be submitted to the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) prior to submission of the Final BAR.</p> <p>11. A copy of the Draft BAR and a notification advertising its availability was delivered to the Matzikama Municipal Service Point in Rietpoort.</p> <p>Please refer to the meeting minutes for more details.</p> |
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## 5. CONCLUSIONS

Public participation was adequately addressed during the Basic Environmental Impact Assessment (Basic Assessment) process for the proposed development. In order to facilitate an open and transparent process, I&AP's were identified and notified of the proposed development, in accordance with the legislation. Comments/concerns received were incorporated and addressed in this Comments and Response Report and will be mitigated for in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR). Assessing the comments/concerns received during the public participation process, it is evident that the main concerns are:

- Location of proposed access route and affected farms
- Location of mine
- Timeframe for road construction
- Construction of road prior to start of mine operations
- Progress of the water use licence application
- Road building material and the authorisation of borrow pits
- Use of authorised borrow pits for road maintenance after construction
- Issuing of tenders for road construction
- Soil pollution
- Ecological Impacts
  - Impact on fauna and flora
  - Occurrence of Namaqua Stream Frog
  - Impact on conservation areas
  - Impact on grazing areas
  - Impact of vibrations on herpetofauna
- Heritage Impacts

- Impact on graves, old buildings, cultural and historical areas
- Demarcation of heritage areas
- Traffic Impact
  - Traffic Impact Assessment
  - Application for upgrade of N7/OP09810 intersection
  - Road management agent: West Coast District
- Surface Water Impacts
  - Water pollution of rivers and watercourses
  - Number of water resources which will be crossed
  - Number of bridges to be constructed / widened
  - Flooding: measurement of Swart-Doring River during floods
- Socio-Economic impacts
  - Job creation
  - Use of local labour
  - Availability of skilled labour in not directly affected communities
  - Scarcity of jobs in the area
  - Socio-economic impacts in the long run
  - Socio-economic empowerment of community
  - Impact on closely situated communities currently and in the future (during construction and operations)
  - Health impact from water pollution
  - Agreements with community with regard to appropriation of land for the establishment of a road servitude

- Establishment of a community liaison platform
- Project would lead to socio-economic upliftment in the community
- Necessary road construction skills were available in local communities
- Economic Benefits
  - Impact on local economy
  - Contribution of development to economic welfare of affected community
  - Development to advantage of broader community is appreciated
  - Development of local entrepreneurs
  - Assistance to local businesses
  - Request for road construction operations to be located in Stofkraal
- Noise Impact
  - Noise impact on fauna and community members
- Safety and Security
  - Fencing of road
  - Safety of children
  - Enforcement of speed limits
  - Road crossings within residential areas
- Alternative routes
  - Identification and assessment of alternative access routes
  - Reason for concrete drifts being the preferred alternative
  - Alternative access for communities during construction phase
- Public Participation

- Public Meeting
- Communication channels between mine and community leaders and townspeople
- Municipal involvement with project and public meeting
- Use of community hall for public meetings

These concerns have been documented here and will be carefully assessed with the appropriate mitigation measures to address these impacts in the BAR.