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**ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED
RELOCATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SERITARITA SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MOGALAKWENA
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

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BACKGROUND

Seritarita Secondary School is located in the Skimming and Leruleng Villages approximately 25 km northwest of the town of Mokopane, Limpopo Province, in the Mogalakwena Local Municipal area. The school has approximately 840 learners and 24 teachers. The school is adjacent to Anglo American Platinum (AAP) Rustenburg Platinum Mines' Mogalakwena Mine (Mogalakwena Mine), and specifically its South Pit. The open pit is impacting the school due to its close proximity to the opencast operations including increased dust fallout, noise and tremors which poses adverse health and safety risks. Learning at the school as well as the productivity of the mine are impacted by their incompatible co-existence.

AAP is planning to relocate both Skimming and Leruleng communities, who are also affected by the mining activities. The relocation of these communities is planned for 2027/2028. As the planned extension of the South Pit (Cut 11) will place Seritarita Secondary School within the regulated blast zone (within 500 m) of the South Pit, AAP is proposing to temporarily relocate the school outside of the blast zone, but still within the Skimming and Leruleng communities. The proposed location for the temporary relocation is approximately 2,5 km west from the school's current location. The school will be permanently relocated with the overall Skimming and Leruleng Villages relocation planned by AAP.

AUTHORISATIONS REQUIRED

The environmental related authorisations required for the proposed relocation of Seritarita Secondary School are as follows:

- A Basic Assessment process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The competent authority for this process is the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET).
- A Water Use Licence Application (WULA) in terms of the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA). The competent authority for this process is the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).

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The Draft Basic Assessment Report will be available for public comment for a period of 30 days, from **14 July to 14 August 2023** at the venues listed in the table below. The document is also available electronically on the AVDE website:

<https://www.altavandykenvironmental.co.za/public-documents/>.

Public Place	Locality	Physical Address
Mapela Traditional Council Office	Mapela TC Offices, Mapela 2	Magope
Seritarita Secondary School	Skimming/Leruleng	Bakenberg Road, Matopa
Mogalakwena Mine Social Performance Office	Mogalakwena Mine, South Concentrator	Mogalakwena Mine, South Concentrator

The comment period provides stakeholders with the opportunity to review the Draft Basic Assessment Report in order to better understand the project and implication of potential impacts and provide response to any comments or queries and to verify that stakeholder contributions thus far have been recorded and correctly understood and addressed in the Draft Basic Assessment Report.

If you would like more information on the proposed project, or to comment on the proposed project or the Draft Basic Assessment Report, please direct all enquiries to the undersigned by **Monday, 14 August 2023**.

Kind regards,



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