

B.7 BID

Environmental Impact Assessment and amendment of the Mining Right and Water Use License for the Cooke Uranium Project's proposed new Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) and associated pipeline infrastructure

GDARD Ref: GAUT:002/11-12/E0305

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT



APRIL 2012



Purpose of the document

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide information on Gold One's/Rand Uranium's proposed project. Rand Uranium is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Gold One International Ltd. The proposed project envisages the re-mining of tailings facilities in Westonaria, Randfontein, Mogale City and Johannesburg regions and to establish a single large new Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) for the residual tailings from the re-mining process at Geluksdal in the Westonaria area. The construction of pipelines connecting the proposed Cooke Uranium Project, a proposed permitted uranium plant near Toekomsrus (Randfontein area) and the TSF is also planned. This document will assist people to:

- Determine if they have an interest in the project and/or if they could potentially be affected;
- Make initial comments on and contributions to the proposed project; and
- Register as interested and affected parties (I&APs) to be kept informed about future opportunities to participate.

More documents will be available at various stages during the environmental authorisation process to provide stakeholders with information and further opportunities to raise issues of concern and suggestions. Stakeholders will also be given the opportunity to verify that their issues have been considered and to comment on the findings of the specialist studies.

Registration of I&APs and Submission of Comments:

You can register as an I&AP and submit comments at any time during the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. Comments received by 21 May 2012 will be included in the Final Scoping Report and comments received after 21 May 2012, will be addressed in the Draft EIA Report. Your comments, issues, concerns and suggestions on any aspect of the proposed project, including the technical and public participation processes, will help to focus the technical studies, and will ultimately assist the authorities to make a decision.

Please complete the enclosed comment and registration sheet or contact the public participation office by mailing or faxing a letter, by telephone or e-mail. You will then receive further information about the proposed project and the EIA.

Return address for comments and to register as an Interested and Affected Party:

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Background

Mining and ore processing methods have produced vast volumes of residues, resulting in many mine tailings dams scattered around mining towns and cities, as is the case in Randfontein. Previous technologies were not able to recover 100% of the gold therefore, these historical tailings dams still contain varying amounts of gold and other economically recoverable elements like uranium and sulphur. Because of recent technological advances this gold and other elements can now be recovered economically by re-mining old tailings dams and disposing of tailings on newly designed tailings facilities.

Gold One/Rand Uranium is currently investigating the feasibility of re-mining old historic tailings dams at its operations in Randfontein area. The objectives of the project are to:

- Re-mine the old tailings dam;
- Re-process the tailings to extract gold, sulphur and uranium; and
- Consolidate the residue tailings from the processing plant onto one large modern tailings facility.

There are a number of historic tailings dams in the Randfontein area that are being considered as part of this project. The proposed operations in Randfontein area will initially process about 150 million tons (Mt) which will be ultimately extendable to 350/400 Mt of tailings from these existing tailings dams. The re-mining of tailings presents an opportunity to consolidate tailings facilities spread across a wide urbanised region into a single large tailings storage facility (TSF) located away from highly populated areas. This will allow for the application of state of the art engineering of the new facility, better management of the facility and the implementation of stricter control on environmental management, which historical facilities may not have been taken into account.

Previous EIA for the same project

An EIA process for this proposed project was initiated in 2009/10. The process included a site selection process and the compilation of a Draft Scoping Report (Ref: GAUT 002/09-10/N0736) in which stakeholders participated. The project was delayed in 2010 and then postponed. Since the EIA regulations were amended in 2010, a new application for environmental authorisation has been lodged, which means that stakeholders again have the opportunity to participate during a full EIA process. The information gathered since 2008 and the completed site selection report will be used to inform the 2012 Draft Scoping Report. Any new information will be used to inform the Final Scoping and EIA Report.

Since the project was put on hold, project and management related changes have taken place. The following is a list of the main changes:

- Rand Uranium is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Gold One International Ltd;
- Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) has been appointed as the environmental consultant and will appoint the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) on the project. They will be responsible for completing the public participation process and the required environmental reports for submission and approval to the various authorities; and
- There are different proposed pipeline routes as a result of land ownership changes in the area.

Location

Gold One's/Rand Uranium's Operations in Randfontein area are situated in the West Rand District Municipality approximately 40 km west of Johannesburg city centre and south west of Mogale (Krugersdorp) in the Gauteng Province. It lies in the Vaal River catchment. The closest towns and residential suburbs to the mining operation are Randfontein, Mogale and Westonaria (See Map). The proposed pipeline alternative routes to transport the tailings are to the south of Randfontein towards the proposed site for the large Tailing Storage Facility on Geluksdal farm in the Westonaria area.

Description of the proposed project

Gold One/Rand Uranium is continuing in the process of obtaining environmental authorisation for their proposed long term TSF and the associated pipeline infrastructure in the Westonaria/Randfontein area of the Gauteng Province. The larger Cooke Uranium Project, which commenced in 2007 has been structured into various components and associated permitting processes of which this project is one as described below:

Permit 1: Uranium Plant, Acid Plant and Cooke Dump Re-processing Infrastructure:

The requisite permits have been granted for this Permit, comprising the construction of a uranium plant, an acid plant and re-pulping infrastructure to extract uranium, gold and sulphur from old tailings, following the submission of the final EIA to the various decision-making authorities in March 2010. Approval of the Environmental Management Plan (EMPr) was received from the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) on 7 July 2010 and the notice to appeal expired on 17 July 2010. The Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) approved the EMP on 25 August 2010.

Permit 1A: Pyrite Storage Facility:

The requisite permits have been granted for this Permit, comprising the construction of a facility to store pyrite removed from the tailings in the uranium plant, produced during the recovery of uranium and gold, or during similar beneficiation processes. The pyrite will be used to produce sulphuric acid when the acid plant is built. The application for environmental approval was submitted to the GDARD on 20 July 2011 and approved on 22 September 2011 and DMR approved the EMP on 15 December 2011.

Permit 2: Long-term Disposal Option:

This Permit consists of the development of a long-term, large capacity TSF for storage of re-processed tailings from the uranium plant, as well as tailings arising from the beneficiation of other tailings and resources owned or controlled by Gold One/Rand Uranium. This Section is the subject of this EIA process and no permits or approvals have yet been granted. This is the focus of this BID document and the associated regulatory processes.

Permit 3 and 3A: Interim Deposition on Millsite TSF and Deposition into Pits:

The existing Millsite tailing dam and Pits will be re-commissioned as TSFs for storage of Dump 20 tailings and re-processed Cooke Dump tailings. The applications for the necessary permits were submitted to the DMR and approved on 25 August 2010. The DMR approval is based on a 12 year deposition programme for both permits.

This project is a continuation in support of Permit 2 described above.

The Cooke Uranium Project entails the reclamation and re-processing of existing tailings dams in the Westonaria, Randfontein, Mogale City and Johannesburg areas. In addition, some underground ore is being mined from the various Cooke shafts. Gold One/Rand Uranium holds approximately 350 Mt of sand and tailings resources that contain residual gold and uranium values, not previously extracted during previous

processing operations. These resources include the following: Cooke Dump TSF, Lindum TSF, Millsite TSF, Old Number 4 TSF, Dump 20 sand and tailings dams (the sand dump is currently being processed at the Cooke Gold Plant).

In order for Gold One/Rand Uranium to re-process the tailings material and recover the residual gold, sulphur and uranium, a uranium and gold plant and deposition site for the re-processed tailings are required. The re-processed tailings are those from which the commercially recoverable uranium, gold and sulphur has been extracted. A new long term, high capacity TSF is therefore required where the re-processed tailings can be deposited. Permission will initially be sought for a facility which can contain 150 million tons but which could be extendable to accept up to 350/400 million tons (Mt) of feed material, should such an enlarged project prove commercially viable.

This project will allow for the consolidation of a number of different tailings and sand deposits into one large and modern TSF facility. The potential impacts from a number of different sources such as dust, groundwater, visual and more will be removed and deposited onto one state of the art, concurrently rehabilitatable facility. Properly managed and designed, this will enable the cumulative impact of all of these current sources to be reduced to the benefit of the vast majority of stakeholders in the region. The resultant tailings will have much lower sulphur and uranium values than is currently the case in the various tailings facilities thereby reducing ongoing impacts in what have become highly urbanised areas.

Tailing Storage Facility

After treatment and recovery of gold, pyrite (sulphur) and uranium in the processing plant (authorised as part of permit 1), the residue tailings will be partially thickened or dewatered, and pumped via an overland pipeline to a consolidated TSF for deposition. The facility will initially have a footprint of about 400 hectares. It will be about 75 m high and will be able to accommodate ultimately about 350/400 Mt of tailings. The final capacity is being evaluated as part of the engineering feasibility studies. The facility will be developed in modules as the viability of the larger project unfolds. It will include a return water and seepage management facility.

A site selection process was undertaken to identify a suitable area to locate the tailings facility. Several alternative areas were evaluated against a set of criteria, including biophysical, ecological/ biodiversity, social, economic and safety aspects as well as, technological feasibility. The proposed study area on part of which the TSF will be located, the proposed site for the processing plants and the proposed pipeline routes from the treatment plant to the TSF are shown in the map. A similar process was followed by another company and independent consultants and indicated the same area.

Electricity supply to the proposed project will be obtained from the existing Eskom distribution system via a newly established substation to the mines facilities. Existing servitudes will be used as far as possible. New infrastructure, including a return water dam, will be developed at the proposed TSF site.

Proposed scheduling

Should Gold One/Rand Uranium obtain environmental authorisation and decide to go ahead with the proposed project, construction of the proposed pipeline will commence early 2013 with completion of the facilities by late 2014.

Authorisations required

Various authorisations are required before the proposed project may go ahead. To this end, several regulatory processes, one of them being an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is being conducted by Digby Wells, an independent environmental consulting company. The EIA will meet the requirements of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act 107 of 1998; the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA), Act 28 of 2002 and the National Water Act (NWA), Act 36 of 1998. In addition, the specialist assessments will meet the requirements of the National Nuclear Regulator Act (Act 47 of 1999) and the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). Provincial regulations and municipal by-laws will also be considered and adhered to. The processes will be conducted simultaneously as integrated processes complemented by a combined public participation process.

NEMA, and EIA Regulations

The proposed TSF and associated infrastructure requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in terms of the new EIA regulations (Government Notice Regulation {GNR} 543 to 546, published 18 June 2010). The Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) is the competent authority for this EIA.

Activities listed in GNR 544, 545 and 546 apply to the proposed project and thus a full scoping and EIA will be conducted. An application form was submitted to GDARD on 15 March 2012 and has been awarded with **Gaut:002/11-12/E0305** as the reference number. The following listed activities formed part of the application:

- Activities 2, 5, 6 (ii), 8, 10, 15, 18 and 19 from GNR 545 Listing Notice 2: Activities requiring an environmental authorisation subject to a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment; and
- Activities 9, 10, 11(ii), 12, 22 and 23(ii) from GNR 544 Listing Notice 1: Activities requiring an environmental authorisation subject to a Basic Assessment.

MPRDA

Gold One/Rand Uranium currently holds Mining Rights over their current operations in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (No 28 of 2002) (MPRDA) and intends to submit an application to the DMR, to amend the existing Mining Right to include this TSF facility and infrastructure.

A Mining Right Amendment application (Section 102 Amendment) is a structured process through which a mining company must demonstrate to the DMR and other relevant authorities such as the Department of Water Affairs (DWA), that it adequately understands all aspects of the proposed project, that it has the financial resources and technical expertise to successfully develop and operate the proposed operations, and that it is able to implement the necessary measures to successfully rehabilitate and close the operations and prevent long term impacts to the environment. The mining company must also describe how the project will contribute towards sustainable development in the region.

In support of the Mining Right Amendment application (Section 102 Amendment), Gold One/Rand Uranium will need to submit an Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPR), which incorporates the findings of the EIA and sets out practical measures for managing or mitigating the identified environmental impacts of the proposed project. It must also indicate how environmental performance will be measured once the project commenced, during operation and after closure of the proposed mine.

NWA

Gold One/Rand Uranium currently holds a Water Use License in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act (No 36 of 1998) (NWA). Various other water uses during construction and operation of the proposed project will require an amendment to the existing license. A full list of water uses to be licensed, in addition to the existing uses, will be identified during the early stages of the EIA phase.

Understanding the EIA and associated public participation process

Public participation during the various authorisation processes (EIA application, amendment to the Mining Right and Water Use License) will enable I&APs to influence the course of the investigations and to review and comment on the findings of the investigations. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner will correspond directly with registered I&APs at various intervals during the environmental studies to keep them informed of progress in the study and the timing of opportunities to be involved.

An EIA is conducted in phases, as outlined below.

Scoping phase (April to June 2012)

The first phase of an EIA is the scoping phase, which is conducted to gain an understanding of the potential environmental issues that are relevant to the project, and to determine where further information is required, in the scope of specialist studies and investigations required.

Activities involved in the scoping phase include:

- Notifications to landowners and people in control of affected properties via direct registered letters. *(Completed)*
- Submission of application forms to the GDARD. *(Completed)*
- Acceptance of application forms by GDARD. *(Completed)*
- Consultation with relevant authorities for the different environmental processes to agree on process and study requirements. *(Completed)*
- Notification to I&APs in the project area (letters, emails, advertisements in selected local and regional newspapers and on-site notices). *(Completed)*
- Distribution of this background information document and an invitation to contribute to the EIA process.
- Compilation of a Draft Scoping Report.
- Review of Draft Scoping Report and stakeholder meetings to solicit comment on the Draft Scoping Report.
- Compilation of the Final Scoping Report.
- Review of Final Scoping Report.
- Submission of a Final Scoping Report to GDARD, DMR and DWA, capturing all issues raised and to be considered during the impact assessment phase.

Impact Assessment Phase (June to August 2012)

The second phase of the EIA is the full impact assessment phase, which will include:

- Continuation of specialist studies focused on outcomes of the scoping phase and issues raised by stakeholders.
- Compilation of a Draft EIA Report indicating the significance of positive and negative impacts and measures to enhance positive impacts, and to reduce or avoid negative impacts.
- Compilation of a Draft EMP Report, appended to the Draft EIA Report.
- Compilation of the Draft Water Use License Amendment application documentation.
- Review of draft reports and stakeholder meetings to solicit comment on the draft reports.
- Stakeholder meeting in the project area to present the findings of the EIA for stakeholder comment.
- Compilation of final EIA and EMP reports.
- Review of final reports.
- Submission of the EIA and EMP reports to GDARD and the DMR.
- Submission of Final Water Use License Amendment documentation to the DWA. The final EIA and EMP reports will be appended to the submission to the DWA.
- Authority review and decision to grant or refuse the project.

Appeal phase

Should the authorities (GDARD, DWA and DMR) decide to grant authorisation for the project, stakeholders will be advised of the decision as well as the opportunity to appeal the decision within 12 days of the issuing of the environmental authorisation. Intentions to appeal must be

submitted within 20 days of the date of the issuing of the authorisation. The applicant also has the right to lodge an appeal in the event that the authorities do not grant authorisation for the project to proceed.

Issues and potential impacts to be investigated

Several issues and concerns from I&APs have already been noted for further investigation by specialists. The issues listed below have been summarised from the previous EIA process which ended in April 2010:

Groundwater	The impact of the TSF on groundwater is a major concern especially where water pathways are being impacted upon by existing mining and other activities to an extent that water is no longer drinkable in several areas.
	The lining of the TSF as a mitigation measure against leakage in groundwater is a strong recommendation made by stakeholders.
	Acid mine drainage as a compounded/cumulative impact by additional mining in the area is of significant concern.
Air quality	Dust emanating from the TSF impacting on human and animal health is a serious concern.
	Radiation residue in dust settling in water and on crops in the area is a significant concern for people as there are suspicions that it could be the cause of cancer in humans.
Radiation	Radiation from residue uranium in the tailings is a cause of concern as stakeholders suspect that incidents of cancer and premature delivery and abortion in cattle are as a result of radiation impacting on water and air quality.
Agricultural potential	Food security and the loss of agricultural land to mining are major concerns to landowners throughout the area.
Land and property value	The loss of property and land value of farms in the proximity of the TSF and pipelines is a major concern to all landowners.
	The issue of compensation of landowners for the loss of land and property values due to the development of the TSF in close proximity to farms is identified as one of the contentious issues.
Company conduct and policy	Mining houses in general are not trusted to responsibly manage mines and the areas they impact upon.
	The developer is relatively new to the area and is perceived in the same manner as above and stakeholders requested guarantees from the proponent to manage the project responsibly throughout the life of the TSF.
Security concerns	The area is vulnerable to crime and especially cattle theft and stakeholders suggested that the developer collaborate with farmers in the area to address the following issues: a) security and crime prevention, b) fire and disaster management, and c) general liaison with neighbours on issues of mutual concern.
Rehabilitation and closure	The ability of the proponent to ensure responsible rehabilitation and financial provision for closure is of concern to stakeholders. Guarantees to this effect have been requested.
Health and safety	The risk of the TSF and pipelines breaking and the subsequent impact on livelihoods was of significant concern to stakeholders, especially those adjacent to the sites and where the pipeline routes are planned.
Land acquisition	Several stakeholders are concerned about the process that the proponent will undertake if additional land is required for the TSF. Information was requested about how property and land value will be determined.
Pipeline routes	Several stakeholders expressed strong sentiments that the proponent will have to buy out complete farms in case the pipeline runs across their properties as the impact on agricultural activities will be too significant.

In addition, the following specialist studies will specifically be conducted:

- **Air quality:** Dust generated by re-mining the existing tailings dams and construction and operational activities could affect air quality in the area. An air quality study will investigate the potential impacts on air quality in the area and make recommendations to mitigate the impacts adequately.
- **Radiation Exposure:** In terms of the National Nuclear Regulator Act (Act 47 of 1999) the existing tailings dams, processing plants and new Tailing Storage Facility must be designed, commissioned, operated and rehabilitated in line with regulatory requirements. An assessment will be carried out to ensure occupational, public and environmental health is protected adequately for all aspects of the proposed project.
- **Soils and agriculture:** The nature of the soils in the proposed project area and the current condition of soils will be investigated to determine ways of reducing potential negative impacts on soils and rehabilitating soils after construction and re-mining. Recommendations will be made on how to reduce soil erosion, contamination of soil and loss of land capability.
- **Surface water and groundwater:** People in the area may be concerned about the potential impacts of the proposed project on water supply and the quality of water in the area. The surface water and groundwater studies will investigate these concerns.
- **Terrestrial ecosystems:** Specialists will investigate what types of plants and animals are currently found in the proposed project area. There could be endangered animals or plants in the area, or plants that have medicinal value to local communities, which have to be protected or relocated. Specialists will determine how plants and animals in the project area are likely to be affected by the proposed project, and will make recommendations on how negative impacts can be kept to a minimum and mitigated.
- **Social impact:** The proposed developments (pipelines) will be located close to the settlements in places and a number of resident and farming communities. These communities, residents and landowners could be affected by the proposed project, either in a positive or a negative sense. For example, a positive effect of the proposed project could be job creation. This study will investigate

the potential positive and negative impacts on communities and residents, and will make recommendations on how positive impacts could be enhanced and negative impacts minimised.

- **Visual aesthetics:** The Tailing Storage Facility (TSF) and pipeline route will result in a change in the landscape. A visual impact assessment will be done to determine how significant the facility will change the landscape and how well alternative rehabilitation vegetation or other cover will help to mitigate the change.
- **Heritage Assessment:** A specialist will investigate the sites of cultural and archaeological importance in the area. This study will also determine whether there are any graves in the proposed project area and where such graves are located. The impact of the proposed development on these heritage sites will be determined and the specialist will make recommendations on how heritage sites can be protected and managed.
- **Noise:** A specialist will investigate the potential noise impact during the proposed construction and operation of the Tailing Storage Facility and pipelines. Recommendations will be made to ensure the minimum impact on stakeholders in the area.

Draft Scoping Report (DSR) available for public review

The Draft Scoping Report (DSR) for the proposed Tailing Storage Facility and associated infrastructure will be available for public review from **11 April 2012 to 21 May 2012**. The document will be available at the following public places:

Person	Location	Contact
Printed Copies		
Mr Clement Daniels	Randfontein Public Library	011 411 0076/5
Ms Monica Fourie	Krugersdorp Public Library	011 951 2496
Ms Lizelle Andrews	City of Johannesburg	011 226-0953
Mr Mandla Maseko	Meyerton Public Library	016 360 7443
Mr E Radebe	Sebokeng Public Library	016 594 1233
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I&APs are invited to attend any of the following public meetings.

Date and time	Venue
Tuesday, 17 April 2012 from 15:00 to 20:00	Fochville Civic Centre (open session from 15:00 to 16:30 – formal meeting starts at 17:00)
Wednesday, 18 April 2012 from 15:00 to 20:00	Westonaria Civic Centre (open session from 15:00 to 16:30 – formal meeting starts at 17:00)

The contents of the Draft Scoping Report will be presented and stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide their comments and concerns. Please register for the public meetings by contacting the public participation office before 13 April 2012 and / or to complete the registration / comment sheet.

You are requested to comment on the DSR in any of the following ways:

- Completing a comment sheet;
- Writing a letter, or producing additional written submissions;
- Sending an email or phoning the public participation office; or
- Attending the public meeting.

**Thank you for taking the time to read this document. Your comments are important to us
– please contact us should you need more information.**

3 April 2012

Dear Stakeholder

Environmental Impact Assessment and amendment of the Mining Right and Water Use Licence for the Cooke Uranium Project's proposed new Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) and associated pipeline infrastructure

Gold One International Limited/Rand Uranium is proposing to establishment a new Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) at Geluksdal, southern Westonia, which would be linked to the Cooke Uranium Project, a uranium plant near Toekomsrus (Randfontein) by a new pipeline.

The attached background information document provides more information regarding the proposed project.

Notification of environmental applications

Notification is hereby given that Gold One International Limited/Rand Uranium is applying for:

- Environmental authorisation from the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, and Government Notice Regulations 543 to 546 (18 June 2010);
- Amendment of an existing Environmental Management Programme, in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, Act 28 of 2002, by the Department of Mineral Resources; and
- Amendment of an existing Water Use Licence, in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, by the Department of Water Affairs (DWA).

An environmental impact assessment (EIA) process for the proposed development of a TSF, similar to the currently proposed development, was initiated in 2009/10. The process included a site selection process and the compilation of a Draft Scoping Report (DSR) (Ref: GAUT 002/09-10/N0736) in which stakeholders participated. The project was delayed in 2010 and then postponed due to unforeseen economic circumstances. Since the EIA regulations were amended in 2010, a new application for environmental authorisation has been lodged, which means that stakeholders again have the opportunity to participate during a full EIA process.

Since the project was put on hold, some project and management related changes have taken place. The following list reflects the major changes:

- Rand Uranium is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Gold One International Ltd;
- Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) on the project and is therefore responsible for completing the public participation process and the required environmental reports for submission to the various authorities; and
- Due to land ownership changes in the area the proposed pipeline routes have changed.

Based on the feedback received to date and investigations conducted since 2008, a Draft Scoping Report has been prepared and will be made available for review.

The Draft Scoping Report will be available for public review from 11 April 2012 to 21 May 2012

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, the DSR will be submitted to the competent authorities, namely the GDARD, DMR and the DWA, respectively. At the same time it will be made available for review by the public, relevant organs of state and other government departments for a period of 40 days.

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The public review period will be from **11 April 2012 to 21 May 2012**. Thereafter the report will be updated and resubmitted to the registered interested and affected parties (I&APs) and to the competent authorities as the Final Scoping Report. The report will be available for review from 11 April 2012 at the following locations:

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Invitation to a public meeting

Two similar public meetings will be held at different venues. You are welcome to choose which one would be most convenient for you to attend. The purpose of the public meeting will be to present the outcomes of the scoping phase, and to allow discussions around those. Recommendations and issues/concerns raised during the meetings will be taken into account during the EIA phase. The contents of the DSR will be presented during the meeting.

It is important that you register for the public meeting - use the **enclosed form and return it to Digby Wells by Friday, 13 April 2012**. This will allow us to send you an electronic copy of the DSR in advance. The details of the public meeting are:

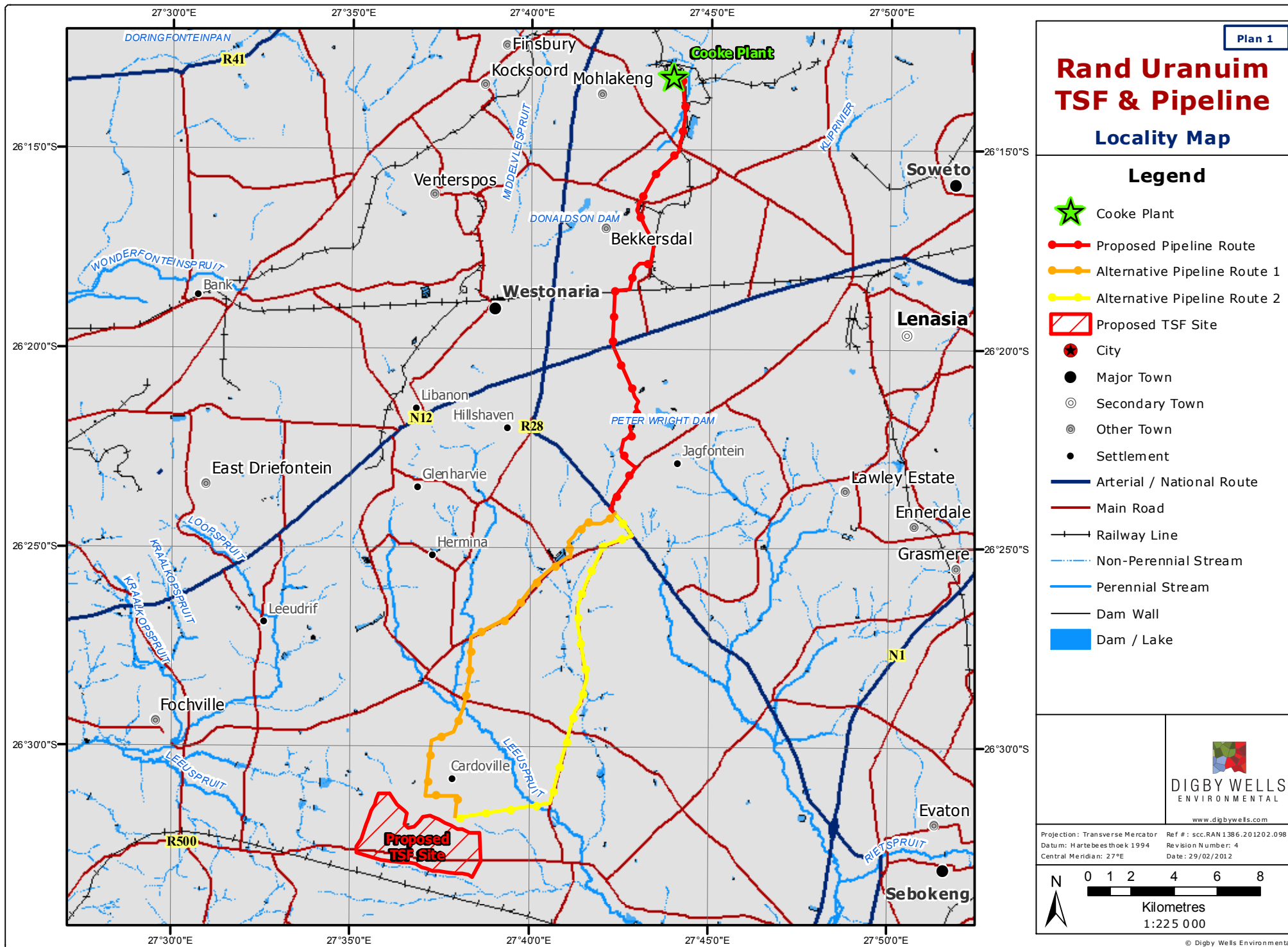
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Please complete and return the attached response sheet to Digby Wells to indicate your interest in receiving further information regarding the EIA as the study progresses and to register as an I&AP. You are also welcome to contact us telephonically on 011 789-9495. Your input and feedback are highly valued.

Yours sincerely



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Inserted in the Background Information Document
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Reply sheet to register for this project, or to receive the Draft Scoping Report and/or to attend a public meeting

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Please complete by 13 April 2012 and return to the EIA Public Participation Office (as above)

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REGISTRATION TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AND/OR TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING

DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

I would like to receive a copy of the Draft Scoping Report (please circle the appropriate block)

Per email	YES	NO
CD by mail	YES	NO

PUBLIC MEETINGS

I would like to attend one of the public meetings (please circle the appropriate block)

If you have indicated "yes", you will receive a copy of the agenda and directions to the venue before the meeting

I will attend the public meeting on 17 April 2012 at the Fochville Civic Centre (open session from 15:00 to 16:30 – formal meeting starts at 17:00)	YES	NO
I will attend the public meeting on 18 April 2012 at the Westonaria Civic Centre (open session from 15:00 to 16:30 – formal meeting starts at 17:00)	YES	NO

COMMENTS (please use separate sheets if you wish)

Any comments you may have at this stage:

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Please ask the following of my colleagues/friends/neighbours to register for this project:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION