

NORTHAM
PLATINUM LIMITED



BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (NEMA), 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) [AS AMENDED] AND HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 38(8) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (NHRA), 1999 (ACT NO. 25 OF 1999), AND THE NATIONAL WATER ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 36 OF 1998) [AS AMENDED] (NWA) FOR THE PROPOSED NORTHAM ZONDEREINDE 3 SHAFT = AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT NORTHAM ZONDEREINDE MINE

Purpose of Document:

The purpose of this document is to:

- Provide all potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with information about the proposed application.
- Introduce, explain and initiate the Public Participation Process (PPP) that is prescribed by the relevant legislation.

All I&APs are requested to provide comment on:

- The environmental (bio-physical) and socio-economical environmental and/or considerations and potential impacts.
- The proposed Public Participation Process (PPP) to be followed.
- The proposed application and authorisation process being followed.
- Any other suggestions and/or recommendations.

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Applicant: Northam Platinum Limited

EAP: Monica Niehof

Ref No: 21863

Project Location:

The Remaining Extent of the farm Elandsfontein 386 KQ and The Remaining Extent of the Farm Zondereinde 384 KQ, Thabazimbi Local Municipality, Limpopo Province. The project site is 0.77 km Southeast of the R510 road and is approximately 3.73 km Southeast of Thabazimbi. The coordinates of the centre point of the site are provided below:

- 24° 50'53.81" S
- 27° 18'40.86" E

Project Description:

Northam Zondereinde (western extension) plans to develop 3 Shaft with associated infrastructure on their existing Mining Right area. This will allow improved access to this block; it will secure economic viability for Zondereinde. It will secure several mining jobs associated with this operation.

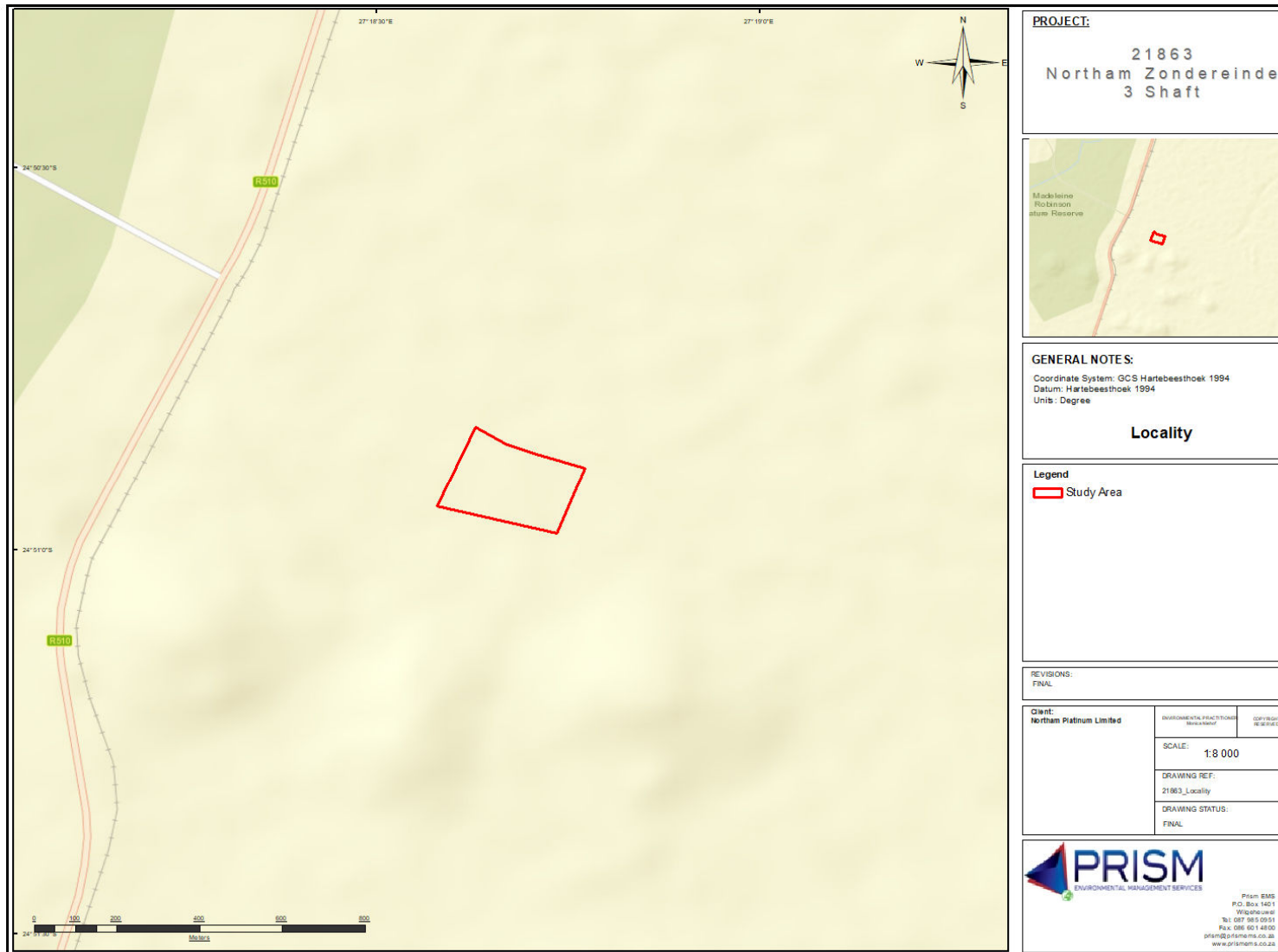


Figure 1: Locality Map

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Prism EMS is a multi-disciplinary Environmental Management consulting firm. With a vision encompassing a holistic understanding of integrated environmental management in combination with sustainability, the company prides itself on excellent service and value-added solutions to a range of clients. The team involved with the process is as follows:

Table 1: Project Team

Project Director Principle EAP	Unit Manager/Quality Control Senior EAP	Project EAP
De Wet Botha Pr.Sci.Nat. M.A. Env. Man. PHED. 16 years' experience	Vanessa Stippel Pr.Sci.Nat. MSc. Ecol, Env, & Cons 8 years' experience	Monica Niehof Hons. Env. Man. 12 years' experience

Legal Requirements:

National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act 107 of 1998):

The proposed development triggers certain listed activities in terms of NEMA and as such requires environmental authorisation: The following listed activities are triggered in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended):

Table 2: Potential listed activities

Competent Authority	GN	Activity Number	Type of Environmental Assessment	Authority Reference number
Department of Mineral Resources (DMR)	R 983 of 4 December 2014 (as amended in 2017)	12	Basic Assessment	LP30/5/1/2/2/37MR
		19		
		27		
		28		
	R. 984 of 4 December 2014 (as amended in 2017)	6	Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment	
		12		
		17		

National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) (Act No. 25 of 1999):

A Heritage Impact Assessment will be undertaken and submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for comment in terms of Section 38 of NHRA. Please note that an integrated authorisation process is being undertaken.

National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) [as amended]:

The required application for Section 21 water uses will be undertaken.

Be an Integral Part of the Environmental Impact Assessment Process:

Public involvement is an essential part of any environmental assessment process. Parties wishing to register as I&APs, who wish to participate by contributing comments, or require additional information, should register and/or submit their contact details and correspondence in writing to Prism EMS by **11 August 2019**. See attached comment sheet. All comments received will be captured, considered and incorporated into the relevant impact assessment reports. Registered I&APs will be notified of all comment periods and availability of information within the various phases of the project.

Environmental Authorisation and Public Participation Processes

The key objective of Public Participation is to assist stakeholders to identify issues of concern and suggestions for enhanced benefits, and to comment at various phases of the application process. The Public Participation Process is an integral part of the impact assessment and is undertaken in a systematic approach by the Proponent and/or EAP.

**Proposed Northam Zondereinde 3 Shaft
Application for Environmental Authorisation and
I&AP Comment and Registration Form
Mining Right Ref No: LP30/5/1/2/2/37MR
Prism EMS Ref No: 21863**



Name:				Surname:		
Title:				Initials:		
Organisation / interest:				Capacity (e.g. Chairperson):		
Postal / Residential Address:						
	Area:				Code:	
Contact Details:	Tel:	()				
	Mobile:	()				
	Email:					
Please mark with an X to indicate whether you would like to participate in the process:						Yes
						No
Preferred Method of Communication	Email			Fax		Post
Date of Comment						
What is your main area of interest with regard to the proposed project?						
What are your points of concern or support for this project?						
Please indicate in which aspects you would require more information						
Please indicate any I&APs you feel we should notify regarding this process						
Name:				Surname:		
Tel/Mobile:				Email:		
<p>In order to be registered as an I&AP for this project, fax, mail, or e-mail the completed registration form and all other comments to Prism EMS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attention: Monica Niehof ▪ Tel: (087) 985 0951 ▪ Fax: (086) 601 4800 ▪ Email: monica@prismems.co.za ▪ Post: PO Box 1401, Wilgeheuwel, 1736</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your participation.</p>						