

Background Information Document

APPLICATION FOR MINING PERMIT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION
PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED SEFALA INVESTMENT MINING PROJECT, FOR GOLD ORE
WITHIN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF LICHTENBURG NORTH WEST PROVINCE

DMRE REFERENCE NO: NW 30/5/1/3/2/ 11203 MP

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PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide you with information about the proposed project, and to obtain comments and contributions from you as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) with regard to potential issues and associated impacts on the environment. You are invited to register as an I&AP and to assist the EIA Team in identifying possible issues and to make suggestions for the mitigation of associated impacts.

This BID document will help I&APs to:

- Determine if they are interested and/or affected by the proposed project.
- Better understand the project in order to be able to provide comment.
- Understand the environmental authorization process so that they are able to participate effectively.

INTRODUCTION

Mahorine Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd was appointed by Sefala Investments (Pty) Ltd to undertake Basic Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed Mining activities situated the area where the mining operation will be conducted is located approximately 40 km North West of the town Delareyville on the Remaining Extent of the farm Kukana 4 IO within the Magisterial District of Lichtenburg, North West Province.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Mining Phases Activities

Phase 1.

- Site establishment
- Mine surveying

Phase 2.

- Crushing, screening
- Hauling and loading to end-user

PROJECT LOCALITY

The area where the mining operation will be conducted is located approximately 40 km North West of Delareyville town on the Remaining Extent of the farm Kunana 4 IO within the Magisterial District of Lichtenburg, North West Province.

The GPS coordinates for the proposed areas: S 25.2797711 E -26.350807

Table 1: Affected properties

Farm name	Portion number/s
Kunana 4 IO	Remaining Extent

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION REQUIREMENTS

Regulation 326 (07 April 2017) of the National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998), provides for the control of identified activities that may have an impact on the environment. This act contains a list of activities that require environmental assessment before these activities can be undertaken. The proposed development is listed in this act and an EIA is therefore necessary. Environmental Authorization by the relevant authorities is required before the proposed activity may be undertaken. A relevant activity is:

R 327 Activity 21(a, b)

Mahorine Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd was appointed by Sefala Investments (Pty) Ltd to undertake Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed mining activities situated on the Remaining Extent of the farm Kunana 14 IO, located 40 km North West of Delareyville town. This will be done in terms of the legal requirements of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) and Government Notices R326 of 2017, read together with the Mineral Petroleum Resource Development Act 2002 (Act 28 of 2002). The proposed project will undergo the process of Basic Assessment Process.

Authorization in this case has to be acknowledged by Department of Mineral Resources North West Region with application Ref No: NW 30/5/1/3/2/11203 MP. An application form for the proposed development has been submitted to the competent authority before the consultation phase. Consultative Basic Assessment Report will be submitted to the competent authority and will be available for comments from interested and affected parties and the state Department for comments for a period of 30 days.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESMENT PROCES

- The scope of this application will require Specialists in terms of Regulation 12 of R326 of Environmental impact Assessment regulations, 2017.
- The development will trigger activity 21 *“the any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act,2002(Act No.28 of 2002),including associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks directly related to the extraction of a mineral resource, including activities for which an exemption has been issued in terms of section 106 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act,2002(Act No.28 of 2002)*

RELIMINARY LIST OF ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Several potential environmental issues have already been identified and are listed here to assist I&APs to better understand the investigations to be undertaken as part of the environmental assessment process.

Potential environmental issues are:

- Waste management;
- Impact on water resources
- Impacts on fauna, flora and fauna;
- Loss of current land use capability;
- Benefits of development to the local and regional economy;
- Social and socio-economic impacts;
- Potential employment opportunities for mining operation phase ;

I&AP REGISTRATION

In terms of the EIA regulations, this proposed project requires assessment and communication of potential environmental impacts of activities based on the procedures, as described in Chapter 6, Regulations 39-44 of the Regulations R326 of 07 April 2017. I&APs are requested to register to ensure that they are sent all relevant correspondence and are notified of important dates for meetings and when project documents will be available for comment.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The Assessment Process includes opportunities for you to be involved in the decision-making process. Your comments are important in identifying issues that will help focus the process and enhance decision-making. Your comments will be addressed and included in an Issues and Response Report, which will accompany the Basic Assessment Report. Department of Mineral Resources- North West region as the decision-making authority will review the reports to check the issues that have been adequately addressed in the assessment process. Please make use of the following opportunities for participation:

- Examine and respond to information provided in this Background Information Document, at meetings, and in the Consultative Basic Assessment Reports.
- Register as an Interested and Affected Party in order to receive information and to record your comments.
- Complete the Comments Sheet and return by hand, mail, fax or email.
- Attend meetings to obtain further information, interact with the project team and raise issues and concerns.
- Contact the EAP to obtain further project information and raise issues and concerns.

It is important that you take note of the deadlines for the submission of comments during the different phases of the assessment process.

BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

As part of the Basic Assessment process, the public can participate in the environmental authorisation process. Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will receive project information for review and comments. Comments will be considered and responded to as the study unfolds. The Basic Assessment Report (BAR), including the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) will be available for public review. An EMPr, in the context of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended), is a tool that takes a project from a high-level consideration of issues down to detailed workable mitigation or management measures that can be implemented in a cohesive and controlled manner. The objectives of an EMPr are to minimise disturbance to the environment, present mitigation measures for identified impacts, maximise potential environmental benefit and assign responsibility for actions to ensure that the pre-determined aims are met. An EMPr will be drafted according to the findings in the BAR.

AVAILABILITY OF THE BAR AND EMPr FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Draft BAR and the EMPr will be compiled and will detail the impacts that the proposed Prospecting activities might have on the environment during construction, operation and thereafter. The report will also provide mitigation measures that could be followed to reduce some of the impacts. The Draft BAR and EMPr will be made available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from 15 September 2023 to 17 October 2023 at the following locations.

Table 4: Public places where the Draft BAR and EMPr can be accessed.

Location: Barolong boo Ratlou boo Seitshiro Tribal Council Office.	Contact person: Mr. Meschack Moleko +27 78924 2404
Hard copy	
Draft BAR will be made available.	
Electronic copy	
Should you require an electronic copy of the report, please contact Mahorine Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd Contact person: Mr. Hlamulo Chauke Tel: 073 346 9620 Email: info@mahorine.co.za	

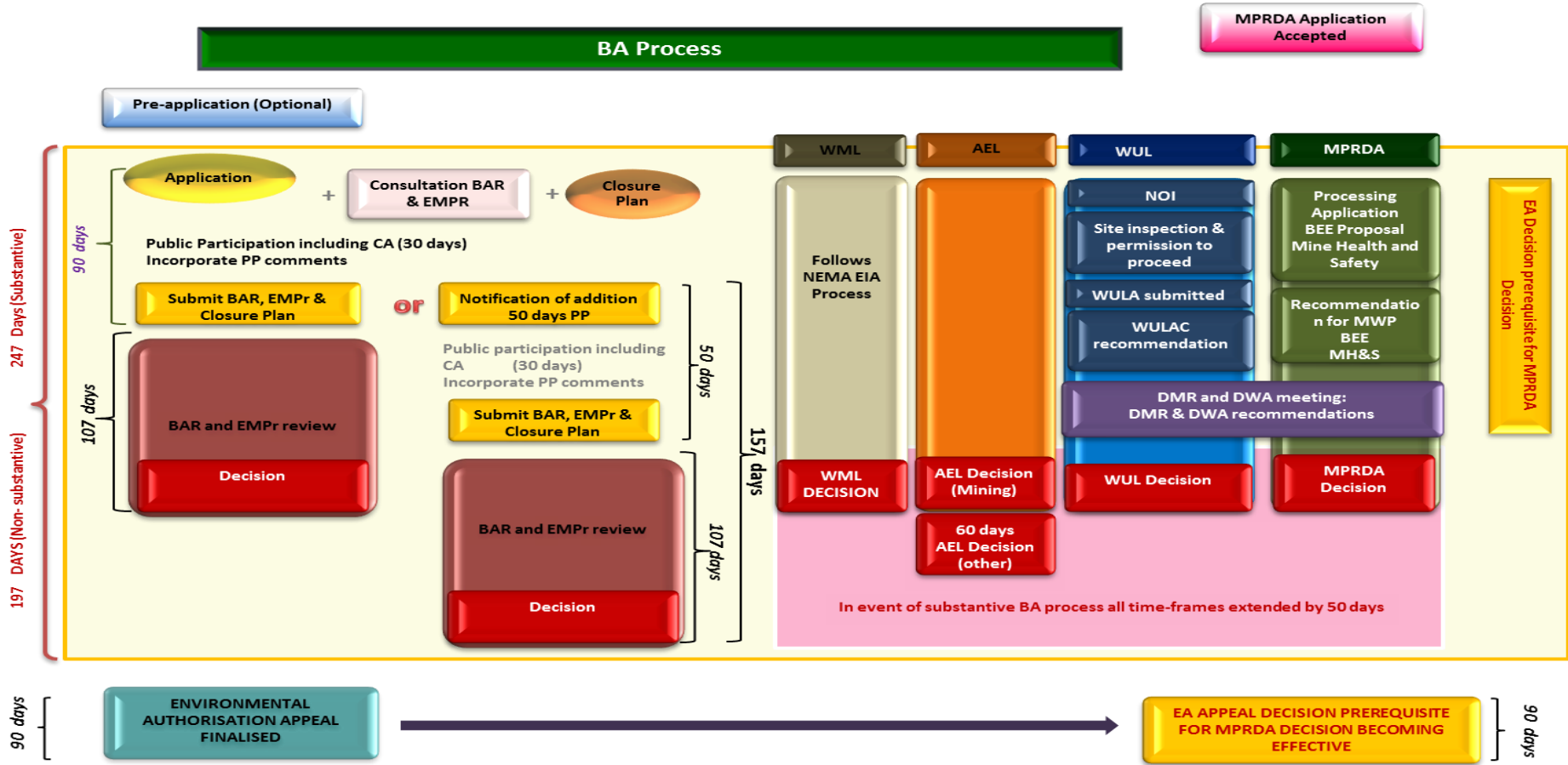
The following ways:

- By completing a comment sheet;
- By writing a letter, or producing additional written submissions; or
- By sending an email or phoning the public participation office.

INVITATION TO A PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Please complete the attached registration and comment form should you wish to register as an I&AP or contribute comments. Please register/comment and return the form to the Public Participation Office. Please note that only registered I&AP's will be notified of further opportunities to participate in this BAR/EMP process.

Basic Assessment Process



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION FORM

In order to ensure that you are kept up to date with the projects, please ensure that you register as an IAP with MAHORINE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (PTY) LTD to register as an IAP, kindly forward this page with contact details and any comments to Mr. Hlamulo Chauke/ Ms Ntokozo Cande at MAHORINE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (PTY) LTD by using the above contact details:

Title	
First Name	
Surname	
Organisation	
Position	
Postal Address	
City	
Tel	
Fax	
Cell	
Email	
Capacity: Landowner I&AP's Stakeholder Community member Other, specify	
Project description: to mine Gold Ore, on the following properties: Remaining Extent of the farm Kunana 4 IO	
Please indicate if you have read and understand the Background Information Document provided to you, regarding the proposed project. Yes/No: If No, please specify the reason....	

Do you have any additional information that you would like to add toward the environmental impacts associated with the proposed project? Please indicate:

Please state or provide any issues or comments regarding the proposed project?

Do you support the project? Yes/No, please specify the reasons: