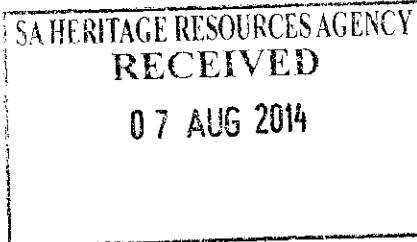


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Dear Stakeholder,

NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC MEETING AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT PUBLIC REVIEW FOR THE PROPOSED MINING OF THE BLOCK Z AREA ADJACENT TO ISIBONELO COLLIERY, MPUMALANGA

WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed by Anglo American Coal (AAC): Isibonelo Colliery as the independent environmental assessment practitioner to facilitate the Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting process (S&EIR) and associated stakeholder engagement process for the proposed Block Z Open Cast Pit (Block Z).

The proposed Block Z is approximately 141ha with a coal capacity of 9 million tons and it proposed to undergo open cast mining by Isibonelo Colliery.

The proposed project involves listed activities contained in the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), with specific reference to Government Notice Regulation (GNR) 544 and 545. In accordance with the NEMA, an S&EIR process must be undertaken for the proposed project. In addition, the proposed Block Z project will require a Water Use License Application (WULA) in accordance with the National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998) (NWA) as well as an Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPR) Amendment process and Mining Rights Amendment according to the Mineral and Resources Development Act (No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA).

The Draft Scoping Report will be available for public comment for a period of 40 days from **8 August 2014 to 12 September 2014**. WSP will include and respond to all comments received during the public review period prior to finalising and submitting the reports to the competent authorities. The report will be available at the following venues:

- Isibonelo Colliery Reception Office (26° 24' 34.17"S, 29° 12' 16.53"E);
- Bethal Public Library (Danie Nortje road, Bethal);
- Secunda Public Library (Lourens Muller Street, Secunda 2302);
- WSP Website (<http://aeco1web01.se.wspgroup.com/en/WSP-Africa/What-we-do/Services/All-Services-A-Z/Technical-Reports/>)

Please note that a Public Meeting has been scheduled during this public review process. The public meeting will be held **from 4 – 6pm on 21 August 2014**. Should you wish to attend the Public Meeting, please submit your details to Zaffar Hussain by **15 August 2014** to receive confirmation of the venue.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Kind Regards,

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