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## Appendix D: Correspondence with I&APs



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Ms Keabitswe Mothupi  
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform  
Land Claims Commission (North West Province)

**LAND CLAIMS ENQUIRY: SECTION 102 EMP AMENDMENT FOR PROPOSED  
OPEN PIT AND UNDERGROUND MINING OPERATIONS FOR LANXESS AT  
RUSTENBURG, NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

Dear Ms Mothupi

Lanxess Chrome Mining (Pty) Ltd (Lanxess) is currently amending their existing Mine Works Programme (MWP) for submission to the Department of Mineral Resources. This is to provide the authorities with the latest information for their current operations, as well as proposed mining activities and updated life of mine plan. This update includes the proposed opencast pit operation within the mining right area as well as the extension of the underground operations as part of a transfer of rights with neighbouring mines. The implication of such a submission is the amendment to Lanxess' existing approved Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan (EIA/EMP) in the form of a Section 102 EMP Amendment.

The EMP amendment will be undertaken in accordance with the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, Act No. 28 of 2002 (MPRDA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, promulgated in terms of Sections 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (GN R982 of 4 December 2014). An amendment to the existing Integrated Water Use License Application (IWULA) will also be required to be submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).

**Project Background and Description**

The proposed open pit mining operation will be located on the farm Rietfontein 338 JQ and the proposed underground mining operations on portions of the farms Kroondal 304 JQ, Klipfontein 300 JQ and Brakspruit 299 JQ. Lanxess Chrome Mine is located 7 km east of Kroondal and 11 km south-east of Rustenburg and falls within the Rustenburg Local Municipality of the North West Province

Glencore Operations South Africa (Pty) (Ltd) (formerly known as Xstrata) currently holds the mining rights for some of these neighbouring areas which are currently in the legal process of being transferred to Lanxess.

Proposed future mining activities will include the opening of a pit within the existing Lanxess mining right area as well as the expansion into the neighbouring Glencore underground areas. Additional infrastructure required for the opencast mining, will be located on the property alongside the pit which is currently owned by the mine. This infrastructure includes the following: a waste rock dump, stockpile, small workshop, office block and parking area.

Lanxess Chrome Mining (Pty) Ltd Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) as the independent environmental consultants to undertake the Section 102 Amendment and associated specialist studies for the inclusion of the new mining area.

As part of the Application, Digby Wells would like to enquire if there are any land claims on the following farms, as outlined in table below:

Farm Name	Portion	Local Municipality	District Municipality
<b>Directly Affected Landowners</b>			
Bankfontein 9	RE, 9	Rustenburg Local Municipality	Bojanala District Municipality
Kroondal 304 JQ	RE, 97, 98, 95, 144	Rustenburg Local Municipality	Bojanala District Municipality
Reitfontein 338 JQ	1, 10, 11, 14, 32, RE	Rustenburg Local Municipality	Bojanala District Municipality
Klipfontein 300 JO	RE, 2	Rustenburg Local Municipality	Bojanala District Municipality
Brukspruit 299 JQ	RE	Rustenburg Local Municipality	Bojanala District Municipality
<b>Adjacent Landowners</b>			
Reitfontein 338 JQ	RE, 12, 13, 28, 30	Rustenburg Local Municipality	Bojanala District Municipality
Brakspruit 299 JQ	RE, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 22	Rustenburg Local Municipality	Bojanala District Municipality
Kroondal 304 JQ	94, 150, 151	Rustenburg Local Municipality	Bojanala District Municipality
Spruitfontein 341 JQ	RE, 16, 101	Rustenburg Local Municipality	Bojanala District Municipality
Waagfontein 340 JQ	RE, 15	Rustenburg Local Municipality	Bojanala District Municipality

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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