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From: Directorate: Mineral Regulation: Mpumalanga Region
Enquiries: L C Santho Ref: MP 30/5/1/1/2/10039 MR

Subdirectorate: Mineral Laws

Registered Mail

Aquarius Platinum SA(Pty) I fd 16 Beatrice Street Wandywood 2144

Fax No. 012 001 2070

Attention: Neels Hoek

ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A MINING RIGHT IN TERMS OF SECTION 22 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT 28 OF 2002): MINERAL AREA 2 OF THE FARM VYGENHOEK 10 JT, MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF LYDENBURG.

- 1. This is to inform you that your abovementioned application for the prospecting of **Platinum Group Metals** and **associated minerals** in terms of Section 22 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) has been accepted.
- 2. In terms of Section 22 (4) of the MPRDA you are therefore required to:
 - (a) submit six (6) copies of a scoping report on or before July 2012,
 - (b) consult with interested and affected parties and submit six (6) copies of the environmental management programme which includes the environmental impact assessment report in terms of section 39 of the Act on or before 33. December 2012; which programme must be compiled with the input of the public, and must include a record as to the extent that the public participation informed the baseline environment and the potential impact assessment.

Please note that the consultation process referred to in paragraph 3.1 above does not imply issuing letters and requesting the affected parties to indicate whether they support your proposed project or not.

It includes among others an extensive process of giving and discussing the specific details of the proposed project, giving the I and a parties and opportunity to table their comments, objections and support. It also involves your written responses and specific commitments made in dealing with issues raised during the consultation.

- (c) notify in writing and consult with the landowner or lawful occupier, the surrounding community members, any other affected party and submit the result of such consultation to this office on or before \$\alpha 3...December 2012
- (d) submit two (2) copies of the Social and Labour plan on or before 30June 2012.
- (e) submit two (2) copies of the Mining Work Programme on or before 30June 2012
- 3. You are further, in terms of Sections 29 and 39 (5) of the MPRD Act, directed to compile the Environmental Management Programme in accordance with the standard directive attached hereto as **Annexure A**.
- 4. You are further requested in terms of section 17 (4) of the Act to give effect to the object referred to in section 2(d) of the Act. In this regard you are required to submit by no later than 3.0June 2012, the following documents:
- 5.1. duly signed shareholders agreements;
- 5.2. share certificates and shareholder's registers;
- 5.3, articles and memorandum of association of the company;
- 5.4. details relating to funding (all relevant agreements); and
- 5.5. any other agreement or documents relating to the agreement.

Kindly take note that our system could only print the mining work programme which you have submitted on line. Therefore you are herewith requested to submit proof that the documents were submitted on line and you have to submit hard copies of the following documents within 14 days from the date of this letter:-

- (a) An application form;
- (b) Details of the land or area (the regulation 2.2 plan)
- (c) Proof of the financial and technical competence;
- (d) Detailed financing plan as contemplated in regulation 11(g)
- (e) Certified copies of the Title Deeds in respect of the land:
- (f) Two copies of the Prospecting Work Programme;
- (g) Provide a list of existing rights which are held by our company
- (h) A certified copy of the certificates to commence business; and
- (i) A copy of resolutions; if acting in a representative capacity.

Further note that failure to submit the documents as requested and failure to adhere to the timeframes as stipulated above amounts to non-compliance with the provision of the Act and will therefore lead to your application being processed for refusal without further notification to you.

Yours faithfully

REGIONAL MANAGER: MPUMALANGA REGION DATE: 25/06/2012



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15 June 2012

Mr Xolani Mashabani The Director: Land Reform Department of Rural Development and Land Reform Private Bag X 11305 Nelspruit

Fax No: 013 755 3529

Dear Sir

ACCESS TO CONDUCT CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST STUDIES ON A PORTION OF THE FARM VYGENHOEK 10 JT AS REQUIRED FOR A MINING RIGHT APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE MINERAL AND PRETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT 28 OF 2002

Aquarius Platinum (South Africa) (Proprietary) Limited ("AQPSA") is the holder of a Prospecting Right to prospect for Platinum Group Metals on Mineral Area 2 of the farm Vygenhoek 10 JT, in extent approximaltely 180 hectares ("Property").

On 25 April 2012, an application for a Mining Right on the Property was submitted at the Department of Mineral Resources, Mpumalanga Region. A copy of the online acceptance notice for that application is attached as annexure "A" to this correspondence, for your records.

The surface of the land is currently registered in the name of the Republic of South Africa and is subjected to a land claim by the Pakaneng Community in terms of the Restitution of Land Rights Act. We have reason to believe that the land claim is being processed and a final decision with respect to the claim may be taken soon by your Department.

AQPSA, as well as its environmental consultants, Digby Wells and Associates ("DWA"), have been in communication with both the Community representatives as well as with your Department in the context of the fact that the Property is subject to a land claim by the Pakaneng Community.

The Community, through their Advisors, have made certain unreasonable demands to AQPSA and have refused AQPSA and DWA access to the property until such demands have been met.

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You will note from the attached mail from your Department that there is internal conflict between the Members of the Pakaneng Community and that your Department will initiate and oversee a mediation process to resolve this conflict. Until this conflict is resolved by way of the mediation process, it has been suggested to AQPSA by your Department that AQPSA must liase with your Department with respect to all isssues related to surface access and use of the Property by AQPSA in the context of the fact that no constructive engagement with the Pakaneng Community is possible until the internal conflict within the Pakaneng Community has been resolved and direct interaction with the Pakaneng Community can take place. Such direct interaction can in any event, in AQPSA's understanding of the Restitution process, only take place when the Pakaneg Community, through a Communal Property Association or similar structure, becomes the owner of the Property. Pursuant to the fact that AQPSA must liase with your Department with respect to issues realting to the access of the Property for the reasons set out above, please note that access is required to the Property for the carrying out of the following specialist work to be carried out between June to October 2012;:

- Geohydrology drilling of boreholes (approximately 2 weeks), pump testing (1 week)
- Fauna and Flora dry season survey (4 days)
- Aquatic Assessment 1 week
- Archaeology assessment 2 weeks for a phase 1 assessment
- Soils study with soils samples 1 week
- Noise assessment 1 week

Please note that that abovementioned specialist works are required to compile an Environmental Management Plan and Impact Study. No mining activities will be conducted until such time as the Minister of Mineral Resources has granted a Mining Right to AQPSA for the Property and consultation with the surface owner of the Property has been undertaken in compliance with all applicable legislation.

It should also be mentioned that Core samples of previous drilling done has been stored in a container on the Property. Our Geologists have also been refused access to the core samples by the Community. Due to quality testing required, those Core samples need to be removed from the property.

Should the Community continue to refuse AQPSA and\ or its Consultants access to the Property it would be appreciated if your Department could urgently arrange a meeting with the Community reprentatives to resolve this matter. AQPSA will advise you if the need should arise for such intervention.

Please do not hesitate to contact the writer, Mr Neels Hoek at 082 071 7571 or 012 001 2001, if you require any assistance with respect to the contents of this correspondence.

Yours Sincerely

Anton Lubbe Managing Director

Aquarius Platinum (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd



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Attention: Mr N Hoek

Dear Sir

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Your letter dated 15 June 2012 has reference.

It is herewith acknowledged that you are in possession of a Prospecting Right to prospect for Platinum Group Metals on certain portions of the farm Vygenhoek 10 JT, registered in the name of the State, and that you also applied for a Mining Right.

In the light of the above mentioned, it is acknowledged that you need access to the properties to conduct environmental studies to adhere to the provisions of the *Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act*, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002), and that a Mining Right will only be issued after such studies have been completed.

Access to the subject properties is herewith granted on condition that activities will be limited to environmental studies only, and only for the period specified in your letter.

Please note that when a Mining Right is issued to you, mining can only take place after a surface lease agreement has been entered into with the landowner, being the State or successful Claimant Community.

Should you encounter any difficulty regarding access to the properties, please contact the Department so that a meeting can be set up with the RLCC and the leadership of the Claimant Community.

Hope you find this in order.

Yours faithfully

ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR: MPUMALANGA

DATE: 27/06/12

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Attachments:

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From: Neels Hoek [mailto:Neels.Hoek@aquariussa.co.za]

To: Anton De Vos.; Jac van Heerden; Albert Jordaan; Martin Bevelander; Robyn Mellett; Ernest Dikobe; Mackson

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Subject: Minutes- Meeting at RLLC- 29 Aug

Importance: High

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Please see draft minutes of yesterday's meeting. (Anton, Ernest and Mackson: Your comments and amendments to minutes please. I forward draft to others so long due to limited time to prepare.)

In short the issue is about damaged graves. We are also not allowed to remove the core due to their concern that there may be human remains in the core.

We agreed on a meeting with them again next week Tuesday at 10:00 near Everest.

- 1. We need to explain activities during Prospecting done, the location of the boreholes vs the location of the
- 5. We need to show proposed mine layout plan and impacts on community plus known graves.
- 3. We need to inform them what specialist studies need to be conducted, when, and the impacts on the

Community.

The Communication is thus important.

Jac/ Albert: Can you please assist in putting team together for the meeting.

Regards

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COMMISSION REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A MINING RIGHT ON THE FARM MINUTES OF MEETING BETWEEN AQPSA, SYLVANIA, PAKANENG COMMUNITY, DEPARTMETN OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESTITUTION OF LAND CLAIMS **VYGENHOEK 10 JT**

Date: 29 August 2012

Time: 11:00

Venue: Department of Land Reform: Nelspruit

Attendance

Present

Mr E Dikobe Mr N Hoek AQPSA AQPSA

Mr M Maripane

AQPSA

Mr A de Vos

Mr S Mako Mr Samuel Choma

Mr M Moengane Mr Z Maphanga

Mr Simon Choma

Mr C Hielele Mr D Nyani

Ms J Gumbi

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DISCUSSION

	Item
	Discussion
Responsibility	Decision and
Frame	Time

1. Welcoming	Ms Gumbi welcomed everyone present and said that that this meeting was requested by AQPSA and that Land Reform and
	Land Restitution shall facilitate the meeting to try to resolve the issues between AQPSA and the Pakaneng Community.
2. Apologies	None Received
	However, the Community Advisor, Alan Senzul, requested that
	the meeting be postponed which was declined due to the
	confirmed attendance of the Pakaneng Representatives.
	The DMR, RM: MP was also invited but never responded.
3. Background	Mr Hoek explained that AQPSA is the holder of a Prospecting
	Right over a portion of the farm Vygenhoek 10 JT, in extent
	180 ha. He explained that it is quite a small area in relation to
	the remainder of the farm. On 25 April AQPSA applied for a
	Mining Right over the portion held under the PR. The DMR
	accepted the application and instructed the Applicant to submit
	certain documents within a specific timeframe. This includes
	documents such as a Scoping Report and an EMP.

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 AQPSA application for a Mining Right 	
Mr Hoek said that in order for AQPSA to meet DMR timeframes access to the property is needed to conduct certain Environmental Specialist Studies. He also added that AQPSA wish to move the core samples,	Sylvania entered into a JV with AQPSA to develop the project. It is the intention, once the DMR has granted the Mining Right, to transfer the right into a Newco, in which shareholding shall be held by AQPSA and Sylvania equally. Mr Hoek added that both parties in principal agreed to allocate a percentage in shareholding to athe Pakaneng-Community, Trust as well. This process can however not be finalized now, as the property is still held by the State and has not been transferred to the successful land claimants. Ms Gumbi answered that with regard to ownership of the property that the property is in the process of being transferred. Ms Gumbi added that the CPA documents have also been drawn up. Therefore the transfer of the property to the Pakaneng CPA will be concluded soon.

Comment [A1]: Suggest we don't commit to allocate anything to Pakaneng until they become the registered owner of the land

Ms Gumbi and the other Government Representatives mentioned that the matter of heritage is extremely important and that AQPSA must show respect for such matters.	report. They further expressed their concern that AQPSA do not acknowledge the Community and do not communicate properly. They wish to be acknowledged to be in a "Partnership" with AQPSA.	an expert went on site some time ago to investigate. The report indicated no damage to graves. The Pakaneng Representatives said that they were not involved in the investigation and therefore do not accept the	that there may be human remains in the core. Therefore the core may not leave the property. Mr Hoek mentioned that AQPSA is aware of the allegation and	currently in a container on the property to the Everest Mine. The Pakaneng Representatives said that during Prospecting activities, AQPSA damaged graves and they are concerned

			5. Way forward	
AQPSA shall explain the process of the Mining Right Application, the proposed location of the mine, the studies to be conducted and the expected impacts on the Community. During this meeting the matter of a access to the property and	etc.	Community will meet on Tuesday, 4 September at avenue near Lydenburg. AQPSA shall explain what was done during the	Ms Gumbi mentioned that AQPSA and the Pakaneng Community must agree on the way forward.	Mr Hoek and Mr Dikobe mentioned that party of the specialist studies to be conducted is a heritage study. This study shall show the location of graves and other important places. Based on that study, proper consultation will be done with the Community. However the issue of access to the property remain crucial to conduct these studies.
meeting		be made on access to property and removal of core.	Parties to meet on 4 September to address all issues. At same	
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			6 Alan Senzul
This arrangement was agreed upon by all parties.	The Pakaneng Representatives answered that Mr Senzul should only communicate to the Pakaneng. He is not allowed to communicate with either AQPSA of the Department of Land Reform. All communication with the Pakaneng Community must be through Mr Simon Choma.	involvement of Mr Senzul and his mandate to represent the Community. Ms Gumbi also requested the Pakaneng Representatives to inform Mr Senzul that the Department of Land Reform will not communicate through Advisors, they communicate directly with the Claimants.	Mr. Hook asked the Dakanena Benracentatives about the

7. Closure

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8 October 2012

Mr Simon Choma The Leadership The Pakaneng Community

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COMMUNITY AND AQUARIUS FLATINUM (SA) (FTY) LTD ("AQF(SA)")AND SYLVANIA SOUTH
COMPIRMATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING BETWEEN THE PAKANENG

I wo meetings were held with the Conmunity Leadership on 31 August 2012 and 4 September 2012 regardings a Mining Right Application by AQP(SA) on Mineral area no 2 of the Parm Vygenhoek 10 JT, in extent 180. Attendance Registers for both meetings are available. During the meetings, a number of issues were discussed. Below is a list of the decisions taken.

- As soon as the letter describing the possible Pakaneng participation in the Evenest North project has been delivered to the Evenest North project has been delivered to the property to conduct specialist studies required to finalize the Environmental Management Programme.
- It has been agreed that AQP(SA) and Sylvania and their consultants shall always inform Mt Simon

 Choma prior to entering the property except it the property ownership is an arded to a different group
 than the Pakaneng
- It has been agreed that all communication with the Pakaneng Community should be conducted through Mr Simon Choma. This will include any communication with Mr Alan Senzul, the Community Advisor. Mr Simon Choma. This will include any community and other immortant.
- I With regard to possible daniage caused during prospecting activities to graves and other important heritage areas, it was resolved that specialists will investigate these areas with representatives of the Community. A date for the proposed site visit and investigation will be confirmed with Mr Simon Community. A date for the proposed site visit and investigation will be confirmed with Mr Simon Choma as soon as reasonably possible.
- Choma as soon as reasonably possible.

 Upon completion of the said investigation and confirmation of the extent of damage (if any.) the parties will meet and in good faith attempt to reach agreement on any compensation to be paid and on matters

In conclusion, both AQP(SA) and Sylvania look forward to a long and successful partnership with the Pakaneng Community.

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CONFIRMATION OF SHARE OFFERING TO THE PAKANENG COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINING PROJECT TO BE DEVELOPED BY AQUARIUS PLATINUM (SOUTH AFRICA) (PTY) LTD ("AQP(SA)")AND SYLVANIA SOUTH AFRICA (PTY) LTD (" Sylvania").

- 1. I refer to the two meetings held with the Community Leadership on 31 August 2012 and 4 September 2012 regarding the Mining Right Application by AQP(5A) on Mineral area no 2 of the Farm Vygenhoek 10 JT, in extent 180 hectares ("Project Area"). Attendance Registers for both meetings are attached herewith. During the meetings, a number of issues were discussed, including the issue of Community participation in the development of a Mining Project on the Project Area, A Sketch plan of the Project Area is attached.
- 2. AQP(SA) is currently the holder of a Prospecting Right for Platinum Group Metals for the Project Area AQP(SA) applied on 25 April 2012, in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002 ("MPRD Act") for a Mining Right for the Project Area ("Project Area Mining Right"). This application was accepted by the Department of Mineral Resources. The Mining project in the Project Area is to be developed as a joint venture between AQP(SA) and Sylvania.
- 3. AQP(SA) and Sylvania have resolved to form a new joint venture company ("Newco") into which the Project Area Mining Right will be transferred in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the MPRD Act.
- 4. To facilitate Broad based Community Participation in the Mining Project, AQP(SA) and Sylvania have decided to dispose of a 2.5 % shareholding in Newco ("Community Shareholding"), to the owner of the rights to the surface of the Project Area, which is expected to be the Pakaneng Community.

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- 5. The process to be followed, the terms and conditions relating to the acquisition by the Pakaneng Community of the Community Shareholding and the funding proposals for that acquisition, will be discussed with the Community leaders in due course. It is advisable that the Pakaneng Community create a Trust which should hold the Community Shareholding in Newco on behalf of the Pakaneng Community. The appropriate entity which will hold the Community Shareholding will however be finally determined in consultation with the Department of Land Affairs and Rural Development.
- 6. Please note however that the disposal of the Community Shares to the Pakaneng Community will be subject to the successful transfer of the rights to the surface of the Project Area to the Pakaneng Community. I believe that the matter of transfer to the Community will be finalized soon and that the Commissioner for the Restitution of Land Rights has already finalized his Investigation and declared the Pakaneng Community to be the exclusive Community to whom the rights to the surface of the Project Area will be restored.
- Please note that the contents of this correspondence comprises only a recordal of the intention of Sylvania and AQP(SA) to dispose of the Community Shareholding to the Pakaneng Community in circumstances where the Pakaneng Community becomes the owner of the rights to the surface of the Project Area and does accordingly not create enforceable rights and obligations as between the Pakaneng Community, Sylvania and AQP(SA), with respect to the Community Shareholding. Such enforceable rights and obligations will only arise when Sylvania, AQP(SA) and the Pakaneng Community have negotiated and signed formal written agreements to give effect to the disposal of the Community Shareholding to the Pakaneng Community and to furthermore regulate the relationship of those parties as shareholders in Newco.

In conclusion, both AQP(SA) and Sylvania look forward to a long and successful partnership with the Pakaneng Community.

Yours Faithfully,

Rob Schroder

Managing Director AQP(SA):

Nigel Trevarthen

Deputy CEO Sylvania

FROM AGPSA



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RESOLUTION OF PAKANENG CHOMA COMMUNITY PASSED AT KHUBETSWANE VILLAGE , GROBLERSDAL AREA ON THE 13^{TH} OCTOBER 2012.

HAND POST

RECORDAL

 THAT Pakaneng choma community gave mandate to its committee (MOKOMOTWANE SIMON CHOMA'S COMMITTEE) on Saturday the 13th October 2012, to prepare and sign a community resolution as community resolve during the above reflected date.

2. THE AQSA and Sylvania are playing games on the minerals issue and them under value PCC. Their time constrain is on their side, the ball is at their moment on their side, not on PCC .it is on their best interest of all.

3. THAT, the 2.5% is totally unacceptable.PCC shall no longer go for a meeting to discuss this percentage.

RESOLVED AND RECTIFIED

1.THAT, as the PCC have participated in the discussions of PCC ownership in NEWCO as stated in your letter dated 8th October 2012, and we are fully conversant with its contents .IT IS HEARBY RESOLVED to adopt a firm stand and inform u that PCC will only accept a shareholding percentage which is not less than 26%, the minimum of 26% goes together with chrome minerals rights (license) being part of PCC ownership. PCC arrived to this preference after compromising many other things PCC is prepared to meet with you to discuss any other share above 26% or to come sign the agreements.

2. THAT. Should AQSA and Sylvania deny PCC the right to the above reflected minimum ownership in NEWCO, the community shall have no other option but to go alone on section 104 of the mineral and petroleum resources development act's requirements

3. THAT, we agreed that no work could be done before ownership agreements are concluded and signed, before any type of work could be commenced and again regardless of time constraints on your site.

RESOLVED:

- 3. THAT the PCC hereby authorises Mr. Mokomotwane Simon Choma (the Claimant Applicant), to take all such steps and do all things necessary, and sign the resolution to Newco Officials as well as to:
- 3.1. bring to finalization the abovementioned process asap;
- 3.2 Place on record and notify the AQSA & Sylvania that the Pakaneng Choma Community shall not abdicates its rights that are enshrined in the Mineral Act and go for something unknown. It should be remembered that the delay is on your site, and it may end up benefiting our community.

Signed at KNUBETSWAME on the 15 of the month OCTOBER 2012.

mo komotwane Choma

CHAIRPERSON

Signature.