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**PER FACSIMILE / REGISTERED MAIL**

Dear Estie Retief

**APPLICATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR TALINGS  
BACKFILL PLANT AND PIPELINE, CITY OF JOHANNESBURG AND WEST  
RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY: GAUT 002/12-13/E0230**

The scoping report and a plan of study for environmental impact assessment which were submitted by you in respect of the abovementioned application and received by the Department on 19 April 2013 have been accepted by the Department. You may accordingly proceed with undertaking the environmental impact assessment in accordance with the tasks that are outlined in the plan of study for environmental impact assessment.

Please note that in addition to providing information as required by EIA Regulations, the following must also be included in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR):

- a) The socio-economic impacts associated with the proposed activity and mitigation measures thereof;

- b) Environmental impacts associated with the proposed activity and mitigation measures thereof;
- c) Information on the co-ordination of the spill response procedure as well as training of personnel in managing spills;
- d) Discussion on the management of stormwater during construction and operational phase of the proposed project;
- e) Commitment to comply with the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act , 1993 (Act No 83 of 1993);
- f) Proposed mitigation measures to ensure that noise levels on site comply with the applicable legislative requirements and Gauteng Noise Control Regulations, 1999 operational and decommissioning phases;
- g) Proof that National Nuclear Regulation has been consulted regarding the proposed operation;
- h) Proof that necessary authorizations will be obtained from the Department of Water Affairs regarding pipeline river crossings and deposition of tailings materials in the underground voids;
- i) Incident management plan, including Emergency/Fire Response and Spill response plans approved by qualified risk consultant and/or local authority;
- j) A detailed discussion on the waste disposal methods (both general and hazardous) during construction, operational and decommissioning phases of the proposed activity;
- k) Confirmation that the Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) were given sufficient time to comment on the proposed activity; and
- l) A comprehensive Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for various phases of the proposed activity (construction, operational and decommissioning phases). The EMP must include a discussion on mitigation measures for all potential impacts as well as the persons responsible for implementing such measures.

Please note that the EIA report must also reflect all the requirements as stated in section 30 (2) of Government Notice R543 of Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2010 promulgated in terms of section 24 (5), 24M and 44 of the NEMA act, 1998 (as amended).

Yours faithfully



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