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**INVITATION TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY (I&AP) AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT COMPILED FOR THE SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTING (S&EIR) AND THE MINING RIGHT APPLICATION PROCESSES CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN FOR PORTION 22 OF FARM DRIEFONTEIN 355 IQ, MERAFOG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WITHIN THE WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG**

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In terms of Government Notice (GN) No. R.545 (Listing Notice No. 2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2010, the following listed activities require Environmental Authorisation (EA) by way of a S&EIR Process:

**Table 1: NEMA EIA Listed Activities requiring Environmental Authorisation**

<b>GN NO. R.545 Listing Notice 2 (S&amp;EIR Process)</b>	15	Physical alteration of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land for residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use where the total area to be transformed is 20 hectares or more;  except where such physical alteration takes place for: (i) Linear Activities; or (ii) Agriculture or afforestation where activity 16 in this Schedule will apply.
	20	Any activity which requires a mining right or renewal thereof as contemplated in sections 22 and 24 respectively of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002).

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2014 at the following venue (see Table 2) and on the SEF website (see below for more information).

**Table 2: Public venue where the Draft Scoping Report can be viewed**

Name of public venue	Name of Contact Person	Contact Number(s)	Viewing Times
Carletonville Pubic Library. c/o of Celestine and Emerald Street	Mrs. Carol Skuce	Tel: 018 788 9541	07:30-18:00 Weekdays 08:00-14:00 Saturdays

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The comments are due **on or before Wednesday, 20 August 2014**.

Meanwhile, should you have any questions, or would like to obtain more information, please feel free to contact Kagiso Motlhasedi at Tel: (012) 349 1307, Fax: (012) 349 1229 or E-mail: [kagiso@sefsa.co.za](mailto:kagiso@sefsa.co.za)

Yours sincerely

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