

30 September 2011

Dear Stakeholder

PHOLA-KUSILE OVERLAND COAL CONVEYOR

Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report, Environmental Management Programme and Integrated Waste and Water Management Plan available for public comment

and

Invitation to a public meeting for the Environmental Impact Assessment and Water Use License

Application

MDEDET- 17/2/3 N-13

DWA file no: 16/2/7/B200/K524

Anglo American Inyosi Coal (AAIC) is proposing to develop an overland conveyor to transport coal from the Phola Coal Processing Plant to Eskom's Kusile Power Station currently under construction, just south of the N4 highway between Bronkhorstspuit, and Witbank (eMalahleni). The Phola Coal Processing Plant is an existing operation located approximately 20 kilometres south-east of the Kusile Power Station, between Kendal Power Station, Ogies and Phola.

The project requires a water use license in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act (No 36 of 1998) and an environmental impact assessment (EIA) and environmental authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998) and the new EIA regulations (Government Notice Regulation (GNR) 543 to 546, published 18 June 2010).

Ms Mari Wolmarans of **Synergistics Environmental Services** is the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner responsible for the EIA and Water Use License application.

The Scoping Report and the associated Plan of Study for the EIA were submitted to the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET) and Department of Water Affairs respectively on 8 June 2011. As Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) you also had the opportunity to submit your comments on the report to the MDEDET case officer Ms Thuli Nkonyana.

The MDEDET accepted the Scoping Report and Plan of Study for the EIA in a letter dated 13 July 2011. The DWA acknowledged receipt of the Scoping Report. Since the end of 2010, specialist studies were conducted as per the Plan of Study for the EIA and these are each compiled in a report. The findings of these reports are now being integrated and a draft EIA report and an Environmental Management Programme (EMP) are being developed. The draft EIA and EMP report will provide a proposed route for the Phola-Kusile Coal Conveyor, based on an integration of the specialists findings and AAIC's technical requirements by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner.

The draft EMP will detail proposed mitigation measures to ensure that limited harm is done to the environment with regards to the construction and operation of the conveyor. Also available is the Integrated Waste and Water Management Plan (IWWMP); a plan detailing how AAIC will ensure that waste and water generated before, during and after construction is management in a way that will not pollute the environment.

Please complete and return the attached response sheet to Zitholele Consulting to indicate your interest in receiving further information about the EIA as the study progresses and to register as an interested and affected party. You are also welcome to contact Zitholele telephonically on 011 207 2076 / 2074. For technical, EIA and Water Use License related queries you may contact Synergistics on 011 807 8225 (Mari Wolmarans / Marline Medallie). Your input and feedback are highly valued.

Yours sincerely



Anelle Lötter
Public Participation Office

Please note:

In addition to the notice that the draft EIA report, EMP and IWWMP will be available for **public review from Tuesday, 11 October 2011 to Friday, 25 November 2011**, please see the notice on application for a Waste Management License for the proposed installation of a Mobile Waste Water Treatment Plant on
Portion 1 of the Farm Klipfontein 566 JR.

Options to supply water to the Phola-Kusile Coal Conveyor during the operational phase of the conveyor has been discussed at the public meetings, however, a separate Waste Management License Application has to be submitted to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (NDEA).

Please find more information on the other side of this page regarding this matter.

Geagte Belanghebbende

30 September 2011

PHOLA-KUSILE BOGRONDSESTEENKOOLVVERVOERBAND

Konsep-Omgewingsimpakbepalingsverslag, Omgewingsbestuursprogram en Geïntegreerde Afval- en Waterbestuursplan beskikbaar vir kommentaar deur die publiek

Uitnodiging na 'n openbare vergadering vir die Omgewingsimpakbepaling en Aansoek vir

Watergebruiklisensie

MDEOOT: 17/2/3 N-13

DW-leer no: 16/27/B200/K524

Anglo American Inyosi Coal (AAIC) beoog om 'n bgrondse vervoerband te ontwikkel om steenkool van die Phola-steenkoolprosesseeraanleg te vervoer na Eskom se Kusile-kragstasie wat nou in aanbou is, net suid van die N4-deurpad tussen Bronkhorstspuit en Witbank (eMalahleni). Die Phola-steenkoolprosesseeraanleg is 'n bestaande onderneming ongeveer 20 km suidoos van die Kusile-kragstasie, tussen die Kendal-kragstasie, Ogies en Phola.

Die projek moet 'n watergebruiklisensie kry ingevolge artikel 21 van die Nasionale Waterwet (No 36 van 1998) en 'n omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB) en omgewingsmagtiging ingevolge die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No 107 van 1998) en die nuwe OIB-regulasies (Goewermentskennisgewings R.543 tot 546, op 18 Junie 2010 gepubliseer).

MeMari Wolmarans van **Synergistics Environmental Services** is die Onafhanklike Omgewingsbepalingspraktisyn verantwoordelik vir die OIB en die aansoek vir 'n Watergebruiklisensie.

Die Omvangbepalingsverslag en die gepaardgaande Studieplan vir die OIB is op 8 Junie 2011 aan onderskeidelik Mpumalanga se Departement van Ekonomiese Ontwikkeling, Omgewing en Toerisme (MDEOOT) en die Departement van Waterwese (DW) voorgeleë. As Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Partye (B&GP's) het u ook 'n geleentheid gehad om u kommentaar op die verslag aan die MDEOOT se saakbeaampte, me Thuli Nkonyana, voor te lê.

Die MDEOOT het die Omvangbepalingsverslag en die Studieplan vir die OIB aanvaar in 'n brief gedateer 13 Julie 2011. Die DW het ontvangs van die Omvangbepalingsverslag erken. Sedert die einde van 2010 is spesialisstudies volgens die Studieplan vir die OIBgedoen, en dit word elk in 'n verslag saamgevat. Die bevindings van hierdie verslae word nou geïntegreer en 'n Konsep-OIB-verslag en 'n Omgewingsbestuursprogram (OBP) word opgestel. Die Konsep-OIB en die OBP-verslag sal 'n voorgestelde roete vir die Phola-Kusile-steenkoolvervoerband bied, gebaseer op 'n integrasie van die spesialisbevindings en AAIC se tegniese vereistes deur die Omgewingsbepalingspraktisyn.

Die Konsep-OBP sal voorgestelde versagtingsmaatreëls uiteensit om te verseker dat net beperkte skade aan die omgewing aangerig word met betrekking tot die konstruksie en bedryf van die vervoerband. Ook beskikbaar is die Geïntegreerde Afval- en Waterbestuursplan (GAWBP); 'n plan wat toon hoe AAIC sal verseker dat afval en water wat voor, tydens en na konstruksie ontstaan, so bestuur sal word dat dit nie die omgewing sal besoedel nie.

Vul asb die bygaande antwoordblad in en stuur dit aan Zitholele Consulting om aan te dui of u verdere inligting oor die OIB wil ontvang namate die studie vorder en om as 'n belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party te registreer. U kan Zitholele ook telefonies skakel by 011 207 2076 / 2074. Vir tegniese navrae of navrae oor die OIB en die Watergebruiklisensie kan u Synergistics skakel by 011 807 8225 (Mari Wolmarans / Marline Medallie). U inset en terugvoer word hoog op prys gestel.

Met vriendelike groete

A. Lötter

Anelle Lötter
Kantoor vir Openbare Deelname

Let Wel:

Afgesien van die kennisgewing dat die Konsep-OIB-verslag, OBP en GAWBP van **Dinsdag 11 Oktober tot Vrydag 25 November 2011 vir insae deur die publiek** beskikbaar sal wees, let asb ook op die kennisgewing oor die aansoek vir 'n Afvalbestuurslisensie vir die voorgestelde installering van 'n Mobiele Afvalwaterbehandelingsaanleg op Gedeelte 1 van die plaas Klipfontein 566 JR.

Opsies om water aan die Phola-Kusile-steenkoolvervoerband te lewer gedurende die bedryfsfase van die vervoerband is op die openbare vergaderingsbespreek, maar 'n afsonderlike Aansoek vir 'n Afvalbestuurslisensie moet aan die nasionale Departement van Omgewingsake (DOS) voorgelê word.

Meer inligting is hieroor beskikbaar op die agterkant van hierdie bladsy.

EIA Public Participation Office

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Please complete and return to the EIA Public Participation Office (as above) before 25 November 2011

COMMENTS (please use separate sheets if you wish)

Please ask the following of my colleagues/friends/neighbours to register for this project:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED PHOLA-KUSILE COAL CONVEYOR

Reply sheet to receive the Draft Environmental Report
(DEIR)and Integrated Waste and Water Management Plan
(IWWMP)

and/or to attend a public meeting on 1 November 2011

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Please complete by 24 October 2011 and return to the EIA Public Participation Office (as above)

TITLE	FIRST NAME
INITIALS	SURNAME
ORGANISATION	EMAIL
POSTAL ADDRESS	POSTAL CODE
TEL NO	FAX NO

REGISTRATION TO RECEIVE THE DEIR AND IWWMP AND/OR TO ATTEND A PUBLIC MEETING

I would like to receive a copy of the DEIR and IWWMP (please circle the appropriate block)		
Per email	YES	NO
CD by mail	YES	NO
PUBLIC MEETINGS		
I would like to attend one of the public meetings (please circle the appropriate block) If you have indicated "yes", you will receive a copy of the agenda and directions to the venue before the meeting		
I will attend the public meeting on Tuesday, 1 November at 14:00 at the El Toro Conference Centre	YES	NO
I will attend the public meeting on Tuesday, 1 November at 18:00 at the El Toro Conference Centre	YES	NO

COMMENTS (please use separate sheets if you wish)

Any comments you may have at this stage:

Please ask the following of my colleagues/friends to register as I&APs for this project:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION