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Dear Sir/Madam

**GLENCORE OPERATIONS SOUTH AFRICA (PTY) LTD
NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY FOR THE
PROPOSED CLEARANCE OF INDIGENOUS VEGETATION FOR THE CREATION OF A
PRODUCT STOCKPILE**

This letter gives notice to potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about where information in respect of the application for the clearance of indigenous vegetation for the creation of a tailings storage facility can be obtained, as well as the opportunity I&APs have to comment on the Basic Assessment Report (BAR).

BACKGROUND TO THE PROJECT

Glencore Operations South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Glencore) own and operate the Rietvlei Silica Mine. Rietvlei Mine is an existing mine situated 10 km North West of Rustenburg in the North West Province on portions of the farm Rietvly 271 JQ and Fogwill 324 JQ. The main aim of the operation is to produce silica ore for the ferrochrome furnaces of Xstrata, situated in the Rustenburg area. The silica ore fragments are obtained through blasting, crushing, washing, drying and screening.

Current mining activities are progressing in an Easterly direction. Therefore, to make way for the continued progression of the Rietvlei Silica Mine, Glencore purchased Portion 103 of the Farm Shylock 256 that is situated adjacent to the current operations. It is proposed that this property will be used for stockpiling silica product. A drainage line is located on the north-eastern portion of the property and the current stockpile is situated within a 100 m of this non-perennial drainage line. Two alternative options for stockpiling at the new property will be investigated within the BAR. Option 1 entails stockpiling the product with an adequate buffer to the existing drainage line. This will slightly decrease the total area available for stockpiling. Option 2 entails diverting the drainage line to the east of the property which will alter the natural state of the drainage line. Which will allow for a larger area available for stockpiling. The project area that is the subject of the application is therefore an area along the western boundary of the mine (Figure 1).

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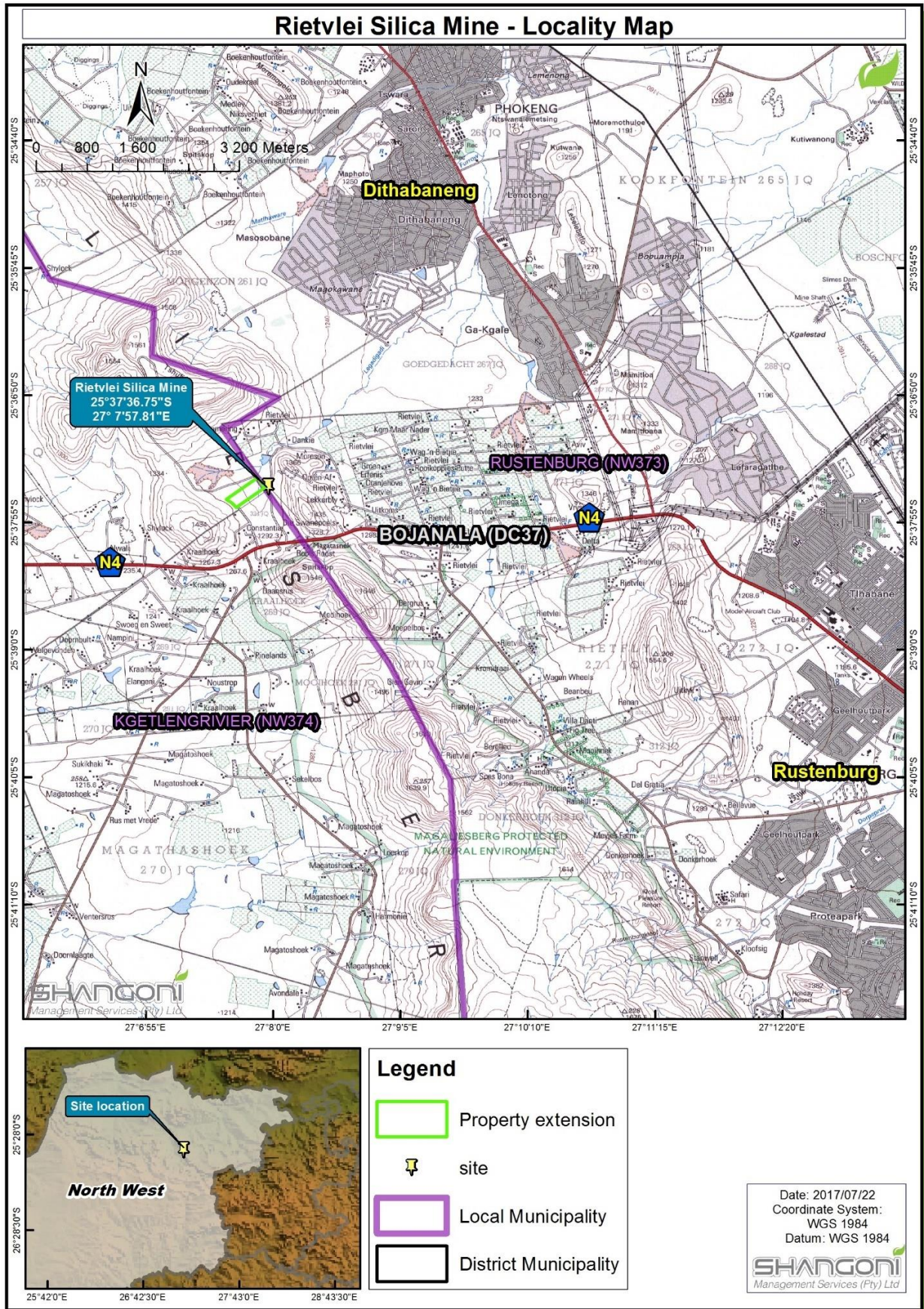


Figure 1: Locality Map of the project area

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LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Procedure applied to the application

As the project activities require the clearance of indigenous vegetation, a Basic Assessment (BA) will be required in compliance with:

- the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998) (NEMA) for the authorisation of listed activities contained in GNR 983 of 4 December 2014 (GNR 983) as amended, published in terms of Sections 24(2), 24 (5), 24D, 44 and 47(A) (1)(b) of the NEMA.

Application submitted to competent authority

An application for authorisation in terms of the NEMA, as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, will be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) on 30 August 2018.

Project description and Listed activities applied to the application

The project makes provision for:

- the clearance of approximately 12.3Ha of indigenous vegetation.
- stockpiling of product, namely; small chips, large chips, lump and fines.
- protected tree and plant species, and structures and trees older than sixty years will be removed where required.

The listed activities which have been applied for include:

- GNR 983 Listing Notice 1, as amended, Activities 12 and 27 under NEMA
- GNR 985 Listing Notice 3, as amended, Activity 12 (h) (iv and vi) under NEMA

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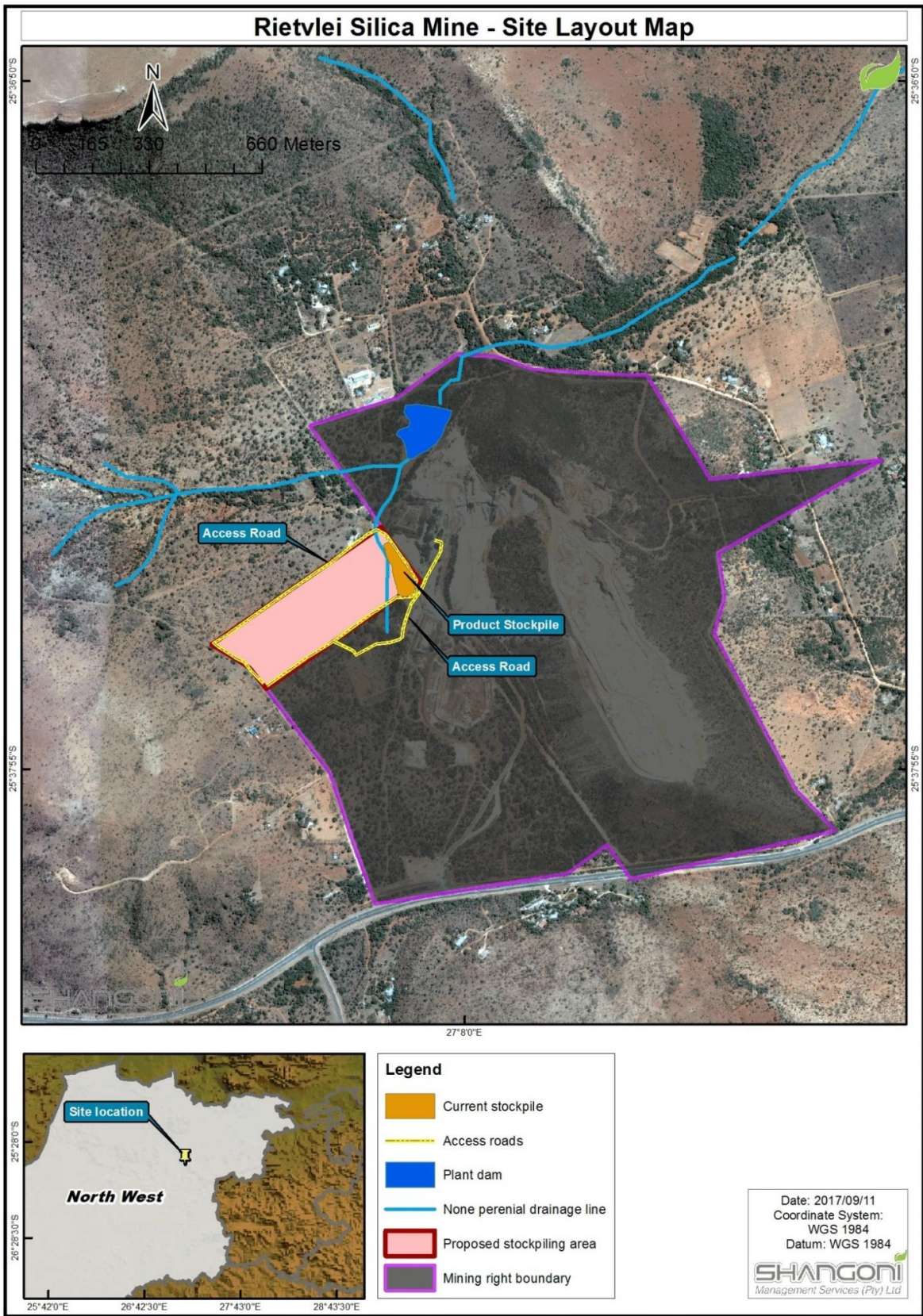


Figure 2: Layout Map of the project area

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Legislation associated with the application

South African legislation requires that a BAR and an Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPr) be compiled in accordance with Regulation 19 of Chapter 4 of GNR 982, as amended. To do so, Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd (Shangoni) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) in terms of Regulation 12 of GNR 982, as amended, to undertake and manage the processes to apply for the required environmental authorisations. Furthermore, Shangoni meets the requirements of an EAP contemplated in Regulation 13 of GNR 982, as amended.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

People have a right to be informed about potential decisions that may affect them and to be afforded an opportunity to influence those decisions. This advertisement forms part of a Public Participation Process as part of the Basic Assessment (BA). It describes the various components of the project to enable I&APs to get a better understanding of the potential environmental and social impacts that could be expected from the proposed project. It also outlines the BA process and the opportunities for the public to become involved during the study.

- **Register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)**

You may register as an I&AP. To register as an I&AP of this project, or to obtain more information or submit comments, please return the attached registration form to Shangoni by no later than 20 February 2019 at the details provided below.

- **Newspaper advertisements**

Placed in the Rustenburg Herald on 18 January 2019.

- **Availability of the draft BAR and EMPr**

Potential impacts as a result of the project, including proposed mitigation measures, are included in the draft BAR and EMPr. The draft BAR and EMPr are available to the public for review for a period of thirty (30) days, from 21 January 2019 to 20 February 2019. Hard copies of the mentioned document are available at the Mine as well as Tlhabane Community Library. A register and comment sheet will accompany the hard copies at the public viewing stations. Please complete the register subsequent to reviewing the report. Alternatively, e-mail or fax your comments to Shangoni (details provided on the last page) by no later than 20 February 2019. An electronic copy of the BAR and EMPr will also be posted on the Shangoni's website (www.shangoni.co.za) for public comment for the same period of thirty days.

Kind regards,

Marvin Grimett

Shangoni Management Services

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form and return it to Shangoni Management Services (Pty) Ltd to ensure that you are registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP).

By answering the questions below, you will help us to develop a better understanding of your information requirements. The form also gives you the opportunity to make comments regarding the project. Additional pages may be attached should this be required.

I&AP Details:

Full name and surname: _____

Contact details: Tel (w): _____ Tel (h): _____
Fax: _____ Cell: _____
e-mail: _____

Physical address: _____

Postal address: _____

Preferred method of communication: fax e-mail post
Preferred telephone number: cell home work

Organisation/Representative: _____

Farm name, number and subdivision or Street Address (if applicable): _____

Questions

1) Where did you get information about the proposed project?
 Newspaper advertisement notice board flyer other (please specify)

2) Do you represent a company/organisation or is your interest on behalf of yourself?

3) Do you know of anyone that is affected by the proposed activity who was not informed of the project? (Please provide contact details)

4) Do you have any specific concerns or comments regarding the proposed project?

YES **NO**

If yes, please indicate what the comments are?

