

Dear stakeholder

## **MINING RIGHT APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED HARWAR COLLIERY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

(DMR Ref. No.: MP 30/5/1/1/2/78 PR).

Duiker Mining (Pty) Ltd (a subsidiary of Xstrata South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Xstrata Coal) is applying for mining right for the proposed Harwar Colliery. The proposed project is located 15 km east of the town of Breyten in the Msukaligwa and the Albert Luthuli Local Municipalities, under the jurisdiction of the Gert Sibande district municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

The proposed Harwar Colliery is made up of the Harwar Mining area and is situated within the Chrissiesmeer Biodiversity Site. The Minister of Mineral Resources announced in March 2011 that no new reconnaissance permission, prospecting right, mining right or mining permit will be granted within the borders of the Chrissiesmeer Biodiversity Site (Government Gazette No. 169). Xstrata Coal requested the DMR to extend the prospecting right until there is more clarity on whether or not the moratorium on the Chrissiesmeer Biodiversity Site will be lifted. This request was denied due to the prospecting right being issued prior to the moratorium being gazetted. Should a Mining Right be granted to Xstrata Coal, it will be transferred from Xstrata and its subsidiaries to Msobo Coal in terms of section 11 of the MPRDA, allowing Harwar Colliery to undertake the proposed mining activities and become part of the greater Tselentis Operations. The proposed Harwar mining site was granted prospecting rights in 2008 under the previous ownership of Duiker Mining (Pty) Ltd, a subsidiary of Xstrata Coal South Africa.

Xstrata Coal submitted a Mining Right Application (MRA) to the Mpumalanga Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) in November 2012, for the proposed Harwar Colliery located on the farms:

De Goedeverwachting 57 IT	Vryheid 59 IT
Harwar 58 IT	Tevreden 56 IT
Mooifontein 35 IT	

This Notification is being given in compliance with the terms of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA), which requires that landowners and people in control of land be notified of Xstrata Coal's intention to obtain the mining right to establish the proposed Harwar Colliery.

Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) responsible for the EIA and Public Participation processes to be undertaken in support of the MRA for the proposed coal mining activities of Harwar Colliery.

The Scoping Report will be available for public review from **Wednesday, 6 March – Tuesday, 9 April 2013** at the following public places:

Location	Address	Contact
<b>Printed Copies</b>		
Ermelo Public Library	Cnr Church and Smut Street, Msukaligwa Municipal Building, Ermelo, 2350	Mr T.S Dondolo
Breyten Public Library	Cnr Breytenbach & Oos Streets	Mr C Joseph
Chrissiesmeer Public Library	Edward street, Chrissiesmeer	Mr J Hadebe
Carolina Public Library	28 Kerk Street, c/o Voortrekker and Versvelds Street, Carolina	Mr Sisiso Zwane
<b>Electronic Copies</b>		
www.digbywells.com Phone and request a CD copy at (011) 789 9495		

You are hereby invited to attend any of the following public meetings:

**Date & time:** Tuesday, 26 March 2013, 10:00 – 12:00  
**Venue:** Chrissiesmeer Community Hall  
 151 King Edward Street, Kwachibhibikhulu

**Date & time:** Tuesday, 26 March 2013, 14:00 – 17:00  
**Venue:** Breyten Town / Municipality Hall  
 Cnr Oustrobleer & Breytenbach Streets, Breyten

For your participation, you are encouraged to register as an I&AP, and submit any comments, questions or issues of concern that you may have about the proposed project to Digby Wells Environmental:

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Yours sincerely



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