

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR NEW GOLD PTY LTD MINING PERMIT
APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER: NW 30/5/1/1/2/11171 MP**

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document's purpose is to provide background information to the project, and obtain comments and contributions from various stakeholders with regard to the environmental impacts they perceive to occur as a result of the mining activities. This can be done by means of the attached comments sheet, direct contact with the people listed below or input at the public meeting.

Stakeholders will have an opportunity to contribute issues of concern and suggestions for enhanced benefits. In addition, they will be able to verify that their contributions have been considered and to comment on the findings of the specialist assessments.

If you intend to register as in I&AP please forward the attached registration sheet to WTP Environmental Consulting (Pty) Ltd

Return Address for Comments & Registration:

WTP Environmental Consulting (Pty) Ltd.

For attention: Vincent/Vhangani

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Project Proposal: New Gold has lodged a Mining Permit and Environmental Authorisation application to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) to mine for Gold Ore, Silver Ore, and Uranium in terms of Section 27(2) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resource Development Act, 28 of 2002 (MPRDA). WTP Environmental Consulting (Pty) Ltd was appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAP) to conduct the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.

Location: New Gold intends to mine on : Certain Portion of Portion 10 of the Farm Rietkuil 378 IP, situated in Potchefstroom District

Application for Environmental Authorization: New Gold Mining Pty Ltd is required to obtain Environmental Authorization (EA) in support of its mining permit and has accordingly submitted an application an Environmental Authorization to the DMRE accepted on the 2nd November 2022. The proposed activities will require environmental authorization in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GN No. R324, R325, R326, R327 as amended on 07 April 2017) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (No. 107 of 1998) as amended. **The proposed Mining Permit activities triggers Activity 21, 22 and 27 of Listing Notice 1 (GN R 327)** and based on the triggered activities, the application will be subject to a Basic Assessment Process.

Opportunity to participate: Chapter 6 of NEMA requires that a full and transparent Public Participation Process (PPP) must be conducted for any listed activities. An initial Background Information Document provides a summary of the proposed project and EIA process and is available on request from the appointed EAP (Contact Details below)- please contact us in order to receive the document.

Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) are invited to register and/or provide written comments. All comments should be submitted together with their name, contact details (preferred method of communication e.g email) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that they may have in the application to the contact person indicated below. Once registered IAPs will be informed of further opportunities to comment on the Basic Assessment Reports.

Public Participation: The purpose of the public participation process is to inform Interested and Affected Parties (&IAPs) regarding the proposed mining permit activities as well as the environmental process. I&APs will also be provided with the opportunity to comment on and contribute to the identification of environmental impacts of the proposed mining activities (30 Jan – 1 March 2023). Registered IAPs will be granted an opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR). Copies of the report will be made available on request to registered I&APs for a review period to be stated on the report.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

(As per the public participation Guideline, Government Notice No. 807 of October 2012)

- *It provides an opportunity for Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs), Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) and the competent authority (CA) to obtain clear, accurate and understandable information about the environmental impacts of the proposed activity or implications of a decision;*
- *It provides I&APs with an opportunity to voice their support, concerns and questions regarding the project application or decision;*
- *It provides I&APs with the opportunity of suggesting ways for reducing or mitigating any negative impacts of the project and for enhancing its positive impacts;*
- *It enables an applicant to incorporate the needs, preferences and values of affected parties into its application;*
- *It provides opportunities for clearing up misunderstandings about technical issues, resolving disputes and reconciling conflicting interests;*
 - *It is an important aspect of securing transparency and accountability in decision-making; and*
 - *It contributes toward maintaining a healthy, vibrant democracy*

OBJECTIVE OF THIS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

This public participation will focus on identifying I&APs and provide them with an opportunity to comment on the documentation that will be submitted to all relevant departments for evaluation

YOUR ROLE AS A POSSIBLE I&AP

Public Involvement is an essential part of this process as required by the Regulatory Authorities. You have been identified as a possible I&AP who may want to be informed about the project and have input into the process. All comments will be recorded and presented to New Gold Pty Ltd. You will receive feedback on how your comments have been taken into account and the outcome of the assessment. Please submit the documentation on the next page to WTP Environmental Consulting (Pty) Ltd. Please note that, it is therefore important for I&APs to clearly state their interest in the project

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING DATE:

DATE AND LOCATION TO BE CONFIRMED

Please submit your name and contact details to be informed

.Based on the request by registered interested and affected parties, a meeting will be confirmed. Arrangements as per the approved Public Participation Plan will be made with registered I&APs.

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REGISTRATION AND RESPONSE FORM FOR INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

DATE

PARTICULARS OF THE INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY

NAME

POSTAL ADDRESS

POSTAL CODE

STREET ADDRESS

POSTAL CODE

WORK/ DAY TELEPHONE
NUMBER

WORK/ DAY
FAX NUMBER

CELL PHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PLEASE IDENTIFY YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROJECT:

PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS HERE:

New Gold Mining Pty Ltd

Please return completed forms before 6th February 2023 to:

Consultants: WTP ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING (Pty) Ltd.

For attention: VINCENT

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