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4	National Government	Provincial Authority: Free State Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DETEA) - Environmental officer	Mr T Lekgari
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22	Local Authority	Metsimaholo Local Municipality Environmental & Waste Manager	Mr Philimon Thile
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24	Local Authority	Sigma Colliery Ward Councilor	Mr Thabo Mabasa
25	Health	Sasolburg Clinic - Primary Health Manager	Malatse Virginia
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28	Directly Affected Landowner	Prontuitbeleggings 11 (Pty) Ltd	Mr Cap Weilbach
29	Directly Affected Landowner	Sasol Townships (Pty) Ltd	Mr Johan van Rooyen
30	Directly Affected Landowner	Tharina No 2 Trust	Manager
31	Directly Affected Landowner	Lewies Trust	Manager
32	Directly Affected Landowner	Knoetze Family Trust	Manager
33	Directly Affected Landowner	D J Strydom Trust	Mr D J Strydom
34	Directly Affected Landowner	Brakkuil Trust	Mr Dirk Strydom
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36	Directly Affected Landowner	Alfresco Trust	Mr Kerneels Rossouw
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40	Directly Affected Landowner	Sasol Chemical Industries (Pty) Ltd	Mr A S Potgieter

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44	Directly Affected Landowner		Mrs J E de Jager
45	Directly Affected Landowner	Beginsel Boerdery Trust	Mr Lucas Erasmus
46	Directly Affected Landowner	Kruidfontein 67 Farm	Mr R S Cronje
47	Directly Affected Landowner	Die Pan 225 and Dnkoerhoek 323 Farms	Ms Tarina Terblanche
48	Directly Affected Landowner	Saltberry Plain 2 R & 1, Saltberry Plain R & 1 137	Mr Allan Peeters
49	Directly Affected Landowner	Wonderwater 180 (Bothma & Son Transport)	Mr Jaco Burger
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52	Farmer Owner	DIE PAN No. 225	THARINA NO 2 TRUST THARINA
53	Farmer Owner	KRUIDFONTEIN 67	LPJ BESIGHEIDSDIENSTE LOUIS BARNARD
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57	Farmer Owner	GOEDEHOOP 272	AHS BELEGGINGS PTY LTD
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60	Industry and commerce	Chamber of Commerce	Mr Konziwe - Free State Representative
61	Environmental NGO's	WESSA and Birdlife Africa Free State Province Representative	Mr John Wesson
62	Environmental NGO's	World Wildlife Fund SA (WWF)	Louise Naude
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64	Environmental NGO's	Vaal Rivier Forum	
65	Environmental NGO's	Endangered wildlife Trust (EWT)	Reynette Coetzee
66	Environmental NGO's	Birdlife Africa	Charmaine Uys
67	Environmental NGO's	Federation of Sustainable Environment (FSE)	Ms Mariette Liefferink
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77	Registered I&APs from Previous Project	Sasol Mining	Solly Tshili
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79	Registered I&APs from Previous Project	Sasol Mining	Trevor Davids
80	Registered I&APs from Previous Project	Sasol Mining	Lisa Grobler
81	Registered I&APs from Previous Project	Sasol Mining	Jacques du Plesis
82	Registered I&APs from Previous Project	Daughters of the late George Atkinson	Tracy Naude
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84	Registered I&APs from Previous Project	Representative for Tharina Boerdery	D Crous
85	Registered I&APs from Previous Project	Home occupier at Beginsel Farm (Daughter of Lukas Erasmus)	Suzanne van Dyk
86	Registered I&APs from Previous Project	Farm Owner	Dan Hauser
87	Registered I&APs from Previous Project	Principal at Leeuwspruit (directly affected )	Roos Louw
88	Registered I&APs from Previous Project	Chairperson SGB	Thabo Matima
89	Registered I&APs from Previous Project	Landowner of Saltberry Plain	Linda Cochrane
90	Registered I&APs from Previous Project	Leeuwspruit Primary School	Mr D H Kleynhans
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## **BASIC ASSESSMENT/ REGULATION 31 AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR THE SIGMA COLLIERY MOOIKRAAL, SASOLBURG, FREE STATE PROVINCE**

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

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**Project Number:**

SAS5175

**Prepared for:**

Sasol Mining (Pty) Ltd – Sigma Colliery Mooikraal

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## PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to provide all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with specific information relevant to the proposed project being undertaken at the Sigma Colliery Mooikraal near Sasolburg, Free State Province.

This document aims to:

- Provide a description of the proposed Project;
- Provide an overview of the environmental regulatory processes which will be undertaken;
- Provide details of the Public Participation Process (PPP) in accordance with the relevant South African legislation; and
- Invite all I&APs to register as stakeholders, provide comment, raise issues or concerns, and provide suggestions for the enhanced benefit of the Project.

### **TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Sasol Mining (Pty) Ltd (hereafter Sasol Mining) owns and operates the Sigma Colliery which consists of two components, namely Sigma Colliery: Mooikraal (hereafter referred to as Mooikraal) and Sigma Colliery: 3 Shaft (hereafter referred to as 3 Shaft) near Sasolburg, Free State Province.

Mooikraal operates under a consolidated Mining Right (inclusive of 3 Shaft) (Reference No. FS 30/5/1/2/2/2/1/221) and approved Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) (Reference No. 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (221) EM). In addition, Mooikraal has a separate approved Environmental Authorisation (Reference No. EMB/28/14/43) for 10 and 7 Mega litre per day (Ml/day) water transfer pipelines which are used to transport water between the Mooikraal Colliery and 3 shaft operations and the Sasolburg Operations.

Mooikraal is an underground coal mine comprising underground mining sections, incline/decline shaft, a ventilation shaft infrastructure and various ancillary infrastructure including, inter alia, workshops, water management and electricity supply infrastructure as well as chemical storage areas. The 3 Shaft area is located approximately 18 km northeast of Mooikraal and comprises a primary plant area where Run-of-Mine (ROM) coal from Mooikraal and import coal is crushed and handled, coal bunkers and stockpile area(s), associated conveyer belts and coal transfer points as well as other ancillary infrastructure including workshops, chemical storage areas, offices and haul roads for import coal transportation.

Mooikraal intends to reconfigure and relocate the existing crusher facility and associated conveyor belt series within the primary plant area at 3 Shaft as it is located within a delineated wetland area. In addition, Mooikraal also wishes to amend and consolidate the approved Mooikraal EMPr to include all activities and properties associated with its operations as well as additional activities which are proposed to be undertaken as part of the integrated operation.

Listed Activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended) (Government Notice No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014 as amended by Government Notice No. R.326 of 7 April 2017) referred to hereinafter as the EIA regulations, 2014 (as amended) which were promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) have been identified which require a Basic Assessment Process to be followed. The proposed amendment and consolidation of the Mooikraal EMPr constitutes a Regulation 31 Amendment Process in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). A summary of the activities subject to this application is provided below.

**Table -1: Summary of activities under application**

Basic Assessment Process Activities	Regulation 31 Amendment Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Demolition activities at 3 Shaft which includes the demolition of the existing conveyor belt, crushing facility and coal bunker which is currently situated within a wetland;</li> <li>▪ Relocation/reconstruction of the primary crusher on the coal stockpile area outside of the wetland at 3 Shaft (to remain within the 3 Shaft footprint);</li> <li>▪ Installation of a new conveyor belt; this belt will join the existing conveyor belt to the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In addition Mooikraal wishes to amend and consolidate the approved Mooikraal EMPr to incorporate all activities at Mooikraal, Kleinvlei ventilation shaft, 3 Shaft and along both servitudes as well as all their associated properties.</li> </ul> <p>The intention is to ensure one EMPr is utilised for the entire Mooikraal and 3 Shaft operation to ensure effective implementation of the mitigation measures.</p>

Basic Assessment Process Activities	Regulation 31 Amendment Activities
<p>relocated crusher on the stockpile. This new conveyor belt will traverse a delineated wetland (to remain within the 3 Shaft footprint); and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Drilling of exploration, monitoring and exploration boreholes within the approved Mooikraal Mining Right Area (MRA) and 3 Shaft Complex situated within 100 m of a watercourse.</li> </ul>	

Through this application, one consolidated Environmental Authorisation application Process is being undertaken to fulfil the requirements of these processes in accordance with the one environmental system.

The proposed project will also trigger water uses in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) which constitute a Water Use Licence (WUL). The decommissioning of old infrastructure and the reconstruction of the conveyor and associated infrastructure within 500 m from a delineated wetland buffer will require a WUL in terms of:

- Section 21 (c): Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse; and
- Section 21 (i): Altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse

**PROJECT LOCATION**

The amendment and consolidation for the Mooikraal project falls under the jurisdiction of the Metsimaholo Local Municipality (MLM), situated in



the Fezile Dabi District Municipality (FDDM) in Free State, and is located close to Sasolburg (Plan 1 below).

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

Stakeholders affected or interested in the proposed project are invited to register as an I&AP in order to become involved in the PPP Processes.

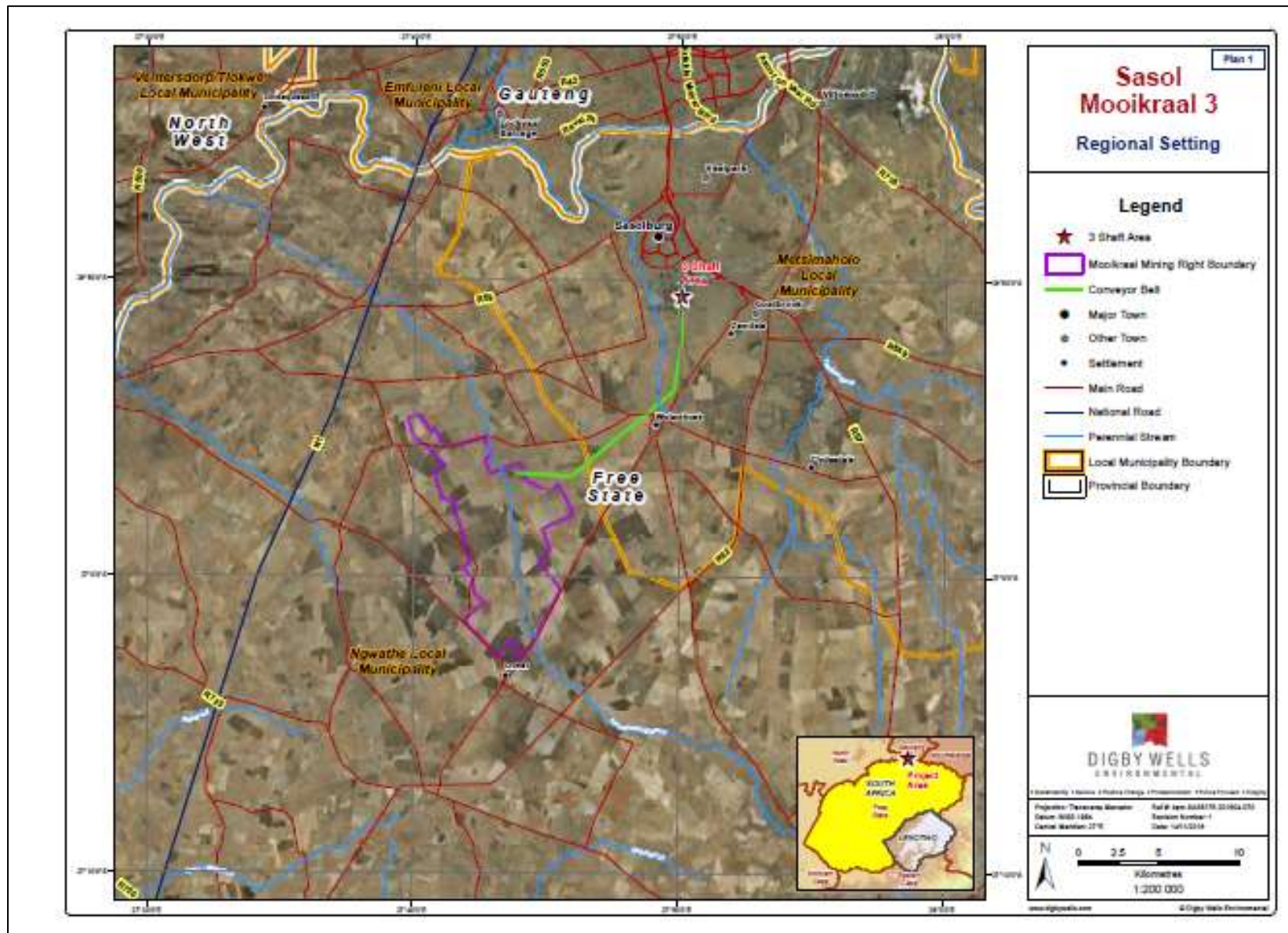
Registered I&APs will be informed about availability of reports via their preferred means of communication (SMS, email, post or fax). Contributions from I&APs will assist in informed decision-making for authorities and provides information to be considered by the project team and specialists conducting studies. All comments can be submitted using the contact details which appear on the cover page or as part of the Comment and Registration Sheet.

The Draft Basic Assessment / 31 Amendment Report will be available for public comment from **Monday 1 April 2019 to Monday 6 May 2019** at the following places:

Person	Location	Contact
<b>Printed Copies</b>		
Ms Selloane Mohapi	Zamdela Public Library 3246 Zamdela Community Centre	016 974 2163
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Comments on the Draft Basic Assessment/ 31 Amendment Report can be submitted through any of the following means tabulated below. Please include the Project Code as a reference (**SAS5175**):

Method of Communication	Contact Information
Completing Registration and Comment Form	Attached hereto as <b>Appendix A</b>
Write to Digby Wells	Private Bag X10046, Randburg, Johannesburg, 2125
Email	<a href="mailto:sh@digbywells.com">sh@digbywells.com</a>
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Plan 1 showing the local regional setting of the proposed project area





**BASIC ASSESSMENT/ REGULATION 31 AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR THE SIGMA COLLIERY  
MOOKRAAL, SASOLBURG, FREE STATE PROVINCE**

Sigma Colliery Mooikraal (Mooikraal) is a subsidiary of Sasol Mining (Pty) Ltd and situated near Sasolburg within the Fezile Dabi District Municipality in the Free State Province. The Sigma Colliery consists of two components, namely the operational complexes comprising Mooikraal Colliery and 3 Shaft Complex, and the non-operational Sigma Defunct.

Mooikraal is an underground coal mine located near Sasolburg. It currently operates under a consolidated Mining Right where the authorisation permits the undertaking of various activities associated with the underground coal mining operation. Mooikraal also holds a separate approved Environmental Authorisation and EMPr (Reference No. EMB/28/14/43) for a 10 Mega litre (ML) and 7ML water transfer pipeline which has been constructed between the pollution control dams, located at Mooikraal, and the Sasol Chemical Industries, now referred to as Sasolburg Operations (SO).

Mooikraal is now proposing to reconfigure and relocate the conveyor belt series and relocate the existing crusher facility located at 3 Shaft Complex. In addition Mooikraal wishes to amend and consolidate the approved Mooikraal EMPr. An environmental regulatory process is thus required to obtain the necessary Environmental Authorisation and associated approvals.

The following environmental processes for this application are relevant:

- Basic Assessment / 31 Amendment Report (BAR) (including associated specialist input and public participation) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA) and the associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2014) amended (Government Notice No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014 as amended by Government Notice No. R.326 of 7 April 2017); and
- Water uses in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) which constitute a Water Use Licence (WUL)

Digby Wells Environmental was appointed to assist in the obtaining of the applicable Environmental Authorisations and to facilitate the Public Participation Process (PPP). The PPP for this project will ensure sharing of project information and gathering of comments raised by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). All I&APs have been invited to participate in this process.

The Draft Basic Assessment / 31 Amendment Report will be available for public comment from **Tuesday 26 March to Thursday 2 May 2019** at the following places:

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**REGISTRATION AS AN INTERESTED AND/OR AFFECTED PARTY**

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Project No: SAS5175

### **BASIC ASSESSMENT/ REGULATION 31 AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR THE MOOIKRAAL COLLIERY, SASOLBURG, FREE STATE PROVINCE.**

Dear Stakeholder,

Sigma Colliery Mooikraal (Mooikraal) is a subsidiary of Sasol Mining (Pty) Ltd and situated in the Sasolburg area within the Fezile Dabi District Municipality in the Free State Province. The Sasol Mining (Pty) Ltd (Sasol Mining), Sigma Colliery consists of two components, namely the operational complexes comprising the operational mine Mooikraal and the 3 Shaft Complex for coal handling (hereafter referred to as 3 Shaft), and the non-operational Sigma Defunct. This document only considers the Project as relevant to Mooikraal and 3 Shaft.

Mooikraal is an underground coal mine located near Sasolburg. It currently operates under a consolidated Mining Right (Reference No. FS 30/5/1/2/2/2/1/221) and approved amended Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) (Reference No. 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (221) EM) granted in April 2016. The authorisation permits the undertaking of various activities associated with the underground coal mining operation.

Mooikraal also holds a separate approved Environmental Authorisation and EMPr (Reference No. EMB/28/14/43, dated 09 March 2015) for a 10 Mega litre (ML) and 7ML water transfer pipeline which has been constructed between the pollution control dams located at Mooikraal and the Sasol Chemical Industries, now referred to as the Sasolburg Operations (SO).

Mooikraal is now proposing to reconfigure and relocate the conveyor belt series and relocate the existing crusher facility located at 3 Shaft. In addition Mooikraal wishes to amend and consolidate the approved Mooikraal EMPr. An environmental authorisation process is thus required to obtain the necessary environmental authorisations.

Through this environmental authorisation process, it is intended that the following will be undertaken:

- Listed Activities now triggered in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014 (as amended) (Government Notice No. R. 982 of 4 December 2014 as amended by Government Notice No. R.326 of 7 April 2017) referred to hereinafter as the EIA regulations, 2014 (as amended) promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) be applied for; and
- Incorporate all activities at Mooikraal and 3 Shaft operations into an amended EMPr so as to ensure that all activities are lawfully executed.

This letter serves to inform you, as a potential Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) of the proposed project and associated application process. As part of the Environmental

Authorisation Application Process, a Public Participation Process (PPP) must be undertaken in terms of Regulation 40 to 44 of the EIA Regulations of 2014 (as amended), and) (NEMA).

The PPP involves notifying Interested and Affected Party (I&APs) of the proposed project and providing I&APs with sufficient information regarding the proposed project to enable effective stakeholder engagement. I&APs affected by, or who are interested in the proposed project, are invited to register as an I&AP.

Please complete and return the attached Registration and Comment Form to Digby Wells to register as an I&AP, or contact us via any of the contact details provided in this letter, to indicate your interest in receiving further information regarding the environmental authorisation process or to submit comments.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nondumiso Gwala', written in a cursive style.

Nondumiso Gwala

*Junior Stakeholder Engagement Consultant*