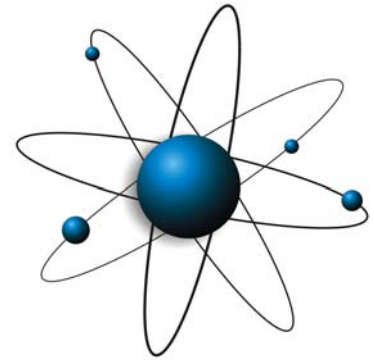


**REGISTERED INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES
PROPOSED VOLSPRUIT MINE EIA PROCESS**

18 October 2012
By electronic mail.



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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR
THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OPENCAST
P.G.M. MINE ON THE FARMS VOLSPRUIT 326 KR AND
ZOETVELD 294 KR – SPECIALIST ASSESSMENTS**

Dear Stakeholder,

This letter serves to inform you and/or the organisation that you represent of the availability, for review and comment by stakeholders, of the following specialist assessments relating to the above mentioned EIA process:

- Draft Heritage Impact Assessment
- Draft Palaeontological Desktop Assessment
- Draft Noise Impact Assessment
- Draft Land Capability Assessment
- Draft Geotechnical Assessment
- Draft Acid Mine Drainage Formation Potential Assessment

The above list should please not be construed as an exhaustive list of the specialist assessments that have been commissioned in support of the subject EIA process. Further studies will be released for comment in due course, as they are completed. The *ad hoc* release of completed specialist assessments (i.e. outside of the formal EIA phase comment period) is being implemented by EScience Associates (PTY) Ltd. ('ESA') in response to requests made by a number of registered interested and affected parties (IAPs).

Please note that all specialist assessment reports (incl. those referenced above) will ultimately be made available for review and comment as supporting appendices to the draft environmental impact assessment report (EIR) and draft environmental management programme report (EMPR) for the proposed project, which are scheduled for release to registered IAPs for comment toward the middle of November 2012.

You will be formally notified, in due course, of the availability of the draft EIR and EMPR for review and comment by IAPs. The said communication will detail –

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- The date from which the subject reports will be made available for comment;
- Where the subject reports can be viewed/accessed;
- The duration of the comment period to be made available to IAPs; and
- Avenues through which IAPs can submit their comments and queries on the subject reports to EScience Associates.

The date, time and venue of a proposed EIA Public Meeting will also be communicated to IAPs in due course.

The available specialist assessment reports can be accessed at ESA's website (www.escience.co.za). To view the reports –

1. Open the above webpage;
2. Scroll to the very bottom of the page and click on the '*projects*' link;
3. Then click on the '*environmental impact assessments*' tab under ESA projects on the left hand side of the page; and finally
4. Then scroll down to project No. 23 (SRVM) to find the reports.

ESA is looking forward to your continued, active, involvement in the EIA-phase as the process continues. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries in the interim. Note that all correspondence to EScience Associates regarding the EIA process for the proposed Volspruit Mine must be directed to me, Bradley Thorpe, at:

bradley@escience.co.za, or (011) 718 6380

Yours faithfully,



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