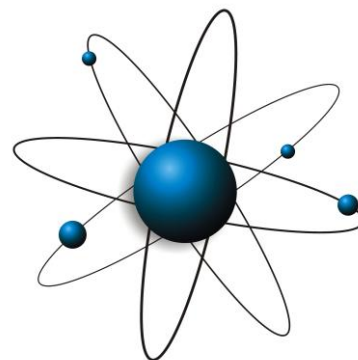


19 May 2014
By email/Fax/Registered Post:

RE: Peer review, flood monitoring report and updated avifaunal impact assessment - proposed establishment of an open cast PGM mine on the farm Volspruit 326 KR and the farm Zoetveld 294 KR, Mokopane District, Limpopo Province



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DMR Ref No: LP30/5/1/2/2/10068 MR

LEDET EIA Ref No: 12/1/9/2-W11

Dear Sir/Madam,

Regarding the above mentioned proposed project, please note that additional information relating to the above mentioned application is provided under cover of this letter for your information. Note that this information has also been submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) and the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET).

New information which is being made available is as follows:

- i. Comments and Responses Report
- ii. EIA peer review by S O'Beirne (this has been sent out previously)
- iii. Updated peer review of Volspruit Hydrogeological Study by University of the Free State Institute for Groundwater Studies (IGS) and a cover letter drawing summarising conclusions and way forward.
- iv. Flood monitoring report from Geo Pollution Technologies and cover letter that draws conclusions from flood monitoring
- v. Updated avifaunal report and cover letter reporting on additional monitoring

Additional information can be accessed by downloading information through links contained in the email covering this letter.

Additional groundwater modelling, required to investigate efficacy of grouting and closure of mine to prevent decant, will be made available once it has been approved by the IGS.

Please note that an updated NEMA EIA report will be generated incorporating: additional hydrogeological work specified by IGS, amendments made at the hand of comments and responses received as part of public participation as well as comments from engagement with authorities.

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Insofar as opportunity for comment is concerned, I&APs will be provided with 30 days opportunity for comment on this updated NEMA EIA.

Anticipated timelines are set out below, please note that these will in part be determined by authority comments on additional information submitted.

Table: Timeline including key stakeholder and authority engagement

Process Phase	Details	Estimated Date
EIA & EMPR ↓	Draft EIA and EMP report issued to IAP's for comment	14 January 2014
	Focus Group and Public meetings	20-24 January 2014
	EIA report issued to the DMR and LEDET	28 January 2014
	EIA and EMPR comments period closed for submission to the DMR	28 February 2014
	EIA and EMP comment period closed for submission to LEDET	17 March 2014
Final EIA and EMPR ↓	Comments and Responses Report updated and submitted to the DMR and LEDET	4 April 2014
	Estimated release of updated NEMA EIA	15 June
	Updated NEMA EIA comments period closed for submission to LEDET	30 days estimated 15 July 2014
Decision and appeals	Authority decision-making	July, August, September 2014
	Appeal period (Chapter 7 – 2010 NEMA EIA Regulations)	October 2014

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any further queries.

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