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Date: 2009/07/29 08:06 AM
Subject: RE: Blouberg_Limpopo Province

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Dear Phillip

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Thank you for your comments as received via e-mail on 27 July 2009. I would like to confirm that you indicated that a Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) should be done.

I would like to clarify that the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) which has been compiled does not pertain to a development and does not entail any construction. It will not directly affect any heritage resources.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could clarify whether your comments call for a Phase 1 HIA across the entire municipal area. The project team does not feel that this would be necessary, and have rather recommended in the EMP that an overview heritage assessment be commissioned by the Blouberg Local Municipality (BLM) or the Capricorn District Municipality (CDM) to identify areas or sites of heritage importance which need to be preserved and those with potential to be developed as tourism sites.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with further queries.

Kind regards,

Louise

-----Original Message-----

From: PHILLIP HINE [mailto:PHINE@sahra.org.za]
Sent: 27 July 2009 02:59 PM
To: Lizande Kellerman ; Louise Agenbag
Subject: Blouberg_Limpopo Province

Dear All

Please find attached the following document which has relevance to the above project

With kind regards
Phillip

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**PROPOSED SHOPPING CENTRE ON PART OF PORTION 1 OF THE FARM
SCHOONGELEGEN 432-LT, GA-KGAPANE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

(LDEDET REF: 12/1/9-7/1(R)-M1)

In May 2009, notice was given of Ghiordes CC's intent to establish a **shopping centre and associated infrastructure** on part of Portion 1 of the farm Schoongelelegen 432-LT, Ga-Kgapane, in the Greater Letaba Municipality. In terms of Regulation No. R. 386 and 387 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2006), published in terms of section 24(5) read with section 44 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), environmental authorization is required, and to this end an EIA is being conducted by Polygon Environmental Planning.

Please note that the **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING REPORT (ESR)** will be **available for public review and comment from 27 July to 27 August 2009** at the following venues:

- Office of Modjadji Royal Council, Modjadji
- Bakgaga BaMaupa Traditional Authority: Mr KA Maake (Secretary) – 072 719 1929
- Greater Letaba Municipality: Ga-Kgapane satellite office (next to beer hall, near Kgapane Hospital)
- Office of Polygon Environmental Planning, 21C Peace Street, Tzaneen
- Office of Kamekho Town Planners, 10a Biccard Street, Polokwane

Comments on the draft ESR can be filled in on the comment sheets which will accompany the copies of the draft ESR, or can be sent to the details provided below, before or on **27 August 2009**. All comments received will be incorporated into the final ESR, which will be submitted to the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LDEDET), the decision-making authority.

We would furthermore like to invite community members and stakeholders to a **PUBLIC MEETING** where the details of the proposed project will be presented and where community members and stakeholders will have the opportunity to discuss queries or concerns with the project team. The details of the meeting are as follows:

Date and time: Saturday, 08 August 2009 at 09:00

Venue: Ga-Kgapane Community Hall (previously known as Sasko Bakery Hall)

Should you have any queries or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us on the details below.

**ŠIŠINYO YA MABENKELE GO SERIPA SA KAROLO 1 YA POLASENG YA
SCHOONGELEGEN 432-LT, GA-KGAPANE**

(LDEDET REF: 12/1/9-7/1(R)-M1)

Ka kgwedi ya Mmei 2009 ba ga Ghiordes CC ba file tsebišo ya maekemišetšo a go tlhoma mabenkele le go fapanafapana ga motheo wa setšhaba go seripa sa karolo ya 1 ya polase ya Schoongelelegen 432-LT, Ga-Kgapane, go masepala wa Greater Letaba. Go ya ka Molawana wa R.386 le R.387 ya Tsheka-Tsheko ya Kamego ya Hlago (EIA) ya 2006 tse di phatlhaleletšwego go ya ka karolo ya 24(5) e balwa le karolo ya bo 44 ya Molao wa Taolo ya Hlago (NEMA) wa 1998 (Molao wa 107 wa 1998), tumelelo ya tikologo e ya nyakega, gape fa tsheka-tsheko ya kamego ya tikologo (EIA) e tla dirwa ke ba-Polygon Environmental Planning.

Tseba gore kgopolo ya pegelo ya sebakanyana ya tikologo e tla ba gona go bonwa molaleng le ditlaleletšo go tlhoma ka **27 Julae go fihla 27 Agosetose 2009** mafelong a a latelago:

- Offising ya Modjadji Royal Council, Modjadji
- Bakgaga BaMaupa Traditional Authority: Morena KA Maake (Secretary) – 072 719 1929
- Offising ya Greater Letaba Municipality go Ga-Kgapane (kgauswi le Sepetlele le Kgapane, kgauswi le lefelo la madila / bjaleng)
- Offising ya Polygon Environmental Planning, 21C Peace Street, Tzaneen
- Offising ya Kamekho Town Planners, 10a Biccard Street, Polokwane

Dikakanyo mabapi le ESR di ka ngwalwa mo letlakaleng la ditlaleletšo leo le tla bego lena le dikopi tša kgopolo ya motswa-o-swere ya pegelo ya tikologo, goba di ka lebiswa di-atereseng tse di filwego mo tsebisong ye pele goba ka **27 Agosetose 2009**. Dikakanyo ka moka tšeo di tla amogelwago di tla dirišwa mafelelong a kgopolo ya motswa-o-swere ya pegelo ya tikologo, tšeo di tla išwa Kgorong ya Limpopo ya Hlabollo ya Maruo, Hlago le Boeti (LDEDET), tumelelo ya go tšia sepheto.

Godimo ga fao re ile go rata go mema setšhaba le batšiakarolo go kopano kgothekgothe fao šišinyo ya projeke e tla bontšwago ka botlalo gape fao setšhaba le batšiakarolo ba tla hwetšago nako / sebaka sa boledišana ka dipotšišo goba dipelaelo le lekgotla la projeke. Ditaba ka botlalo tša kopano di ka tsela ye e latelago:

Letšatši kgwedi le nako: Mokibelo, 08 Agosetose 2009 ka 09:00
Lefelong: Ga-Kgapane Community Hall (Sasko Bakery Hall)

Ge o na le dipotsiso go ba o nyaka go tseba go feta mo ikopanye le rena mo:

Contact / Motsereganyi: Mrs Louise Agenbag
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NORTHAM

PLATINUM LIMITED

Booyesendal Platinum Mine

PUBLIC DOCUMENT

PROJECT : 053-001

PURPOSE OF

THIS

DOCUMENT

- Overview of the Environmental Amendment Process
- Invites you, as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), to participate in the Environmental authorisation process;
- Provides you as an I&AP with the opportunity to contribute to the sustainable development of for the project.

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Project Description 2

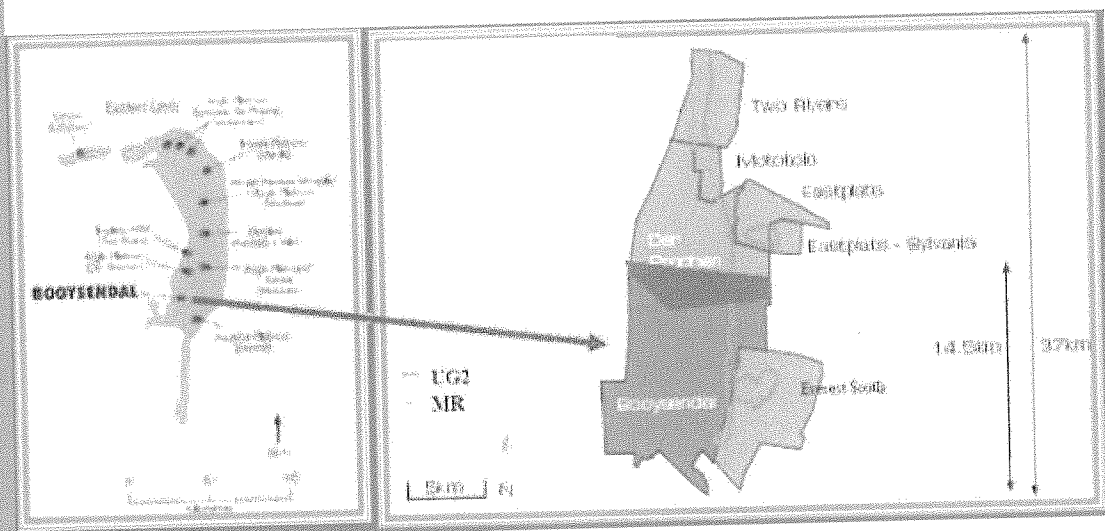
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Background Information Document

Locality of the Project



Ownership	: Northam Platinum Limited.
Project	: Development of a 150 kilo ton per month (ktpm) mine with its associated infrastructure.
Location	: Eastern Limb of the Bushveld Complex, with all infrastructure on the farms Booyesendal and Der Brochen - Mpumalanga. Adjacent to the Everest and Mototolo operations. The closest town is Steelport.
Access	: Current access is from the north via the D212 Steelport-Lydenburg road across Anglo Platinum's Der Brochen operations.
Project extent	: 15 170 hectares.
Resources	: 103 million oz (3PGE + Au)
Life of Mine	: Greater than 30 years initially at 150 ktpm (kilo tons per month), potentially building up to 400 ktpm from the UG2 and Merensky reefs.
Project Status	: EMPR approved in 2003 Preliminary mine review process completed in August 2008. New Order Conversion right approved in 2009. EMP amendment commenced in 2009. Feasibility study due for completion in the second half of 2009. Mine construction to start in 2010 and first production in 2011.

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

LOCALITY

Northam Platinum holds the Mining Rights on the farms Booyssendal 43JT; Buttonshope 51JT; Pietersburg 44JT; Uysedoorns 47JT; Kliprivier 73JT; Draaikraal 48JT (portions of which has now been consolidated into Scheeprun 179JT); ; Johannesburg 45JT; Scheeprun 50JT (and the portion of Scheeprun 179JT which was previously part of Scheeprun 50JT) and a portion of the farm Der Brochen 7JT, Hebron 5JT and Hermansdal 3JT.

The Booyssendal Project area is located approximately 46km south of Steelpoort. Both the UG2 and Merensky Reef are present on the mine area.

PROPOSED NEW MINING RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE PROPOSED BOOYSENDAAL PLATINUM MINE

Access Road

The access road will be from the north off the D212 via the existing Mototolo JV operations towards the Booyssendal area.

Bulk Water Supply

During the early stages of development, the Booyssendal Operation will utilize a 7Ml/day allocation from the Lebalelo Pipeline that was secured along with the project area from Rustenburg Platinum Mines Ltd. The pipeline route will still be determined.

Power

Electrical power for the initial phase of construction will be supplied under agreement from the current Mototolo Operation / Sub Station. This power will fulfill the needs of the construction phase but additional power is needed for the operational phase. Currently Northam Platinum is in negotiations with ESKOM to supply the necessary power.

Housing

A small allowance has been made for housing during the initial development stage since it is assumed that contractors will carry out the initial work. It is envisaged that houses and or housing subsidies will be available by the time the large mine production build up starts. Taking cognizance of other operations in the area, it is envisaged that management employees would live in Burgersfort and Lydenburg, whilst the majority of the remaining employees would live in either the Sekhukhune or Burgersfort or Roossenekal area.

Main Mining Area

The infrastructure requirements include a tailings dam complex and associated return water dams, security fencing, offices and basic parking areas, change houses, surface stores and central workshops, topsoil stockpile, water and sewage treatment facilities, ore stockpile, waste rock dump, pollution control dams, ventilation fan housing, mine and potable water storage, overland conveyors as applicable, dirty water system and stormwater management and a 120 kilo ton per month plant. All this infrastructure will be located on the farms Booyssendal 43Jt and a portion of Der Brochen 7JT for which Northam Platinum holds the surface rights

Short HISTORY of Applications

2008

Northam Platinum purchased the Booyssendal Project including 7Ml/day of water from the Lebalelo Pipeline from Rustenburg Platinum Mines Ltd.

2008

Pre-feasibility review process completed August 2008.

2009

EMP Addendum for the portal relocation approved

2009

New order rights mining right approved in May per condition of a updated EMP/EIA.

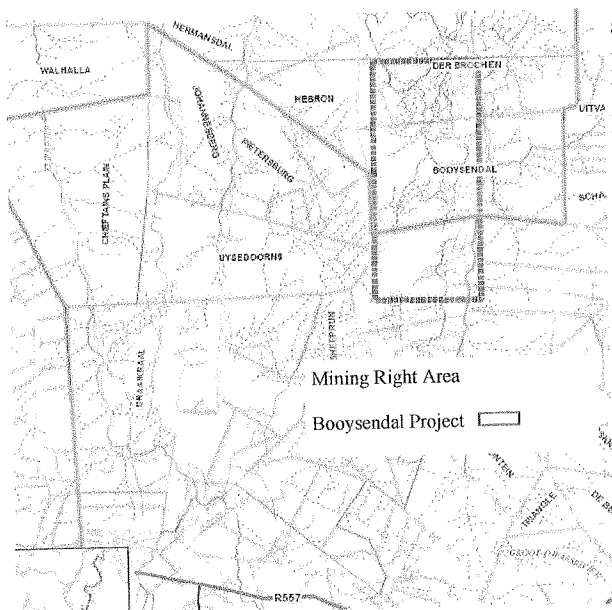
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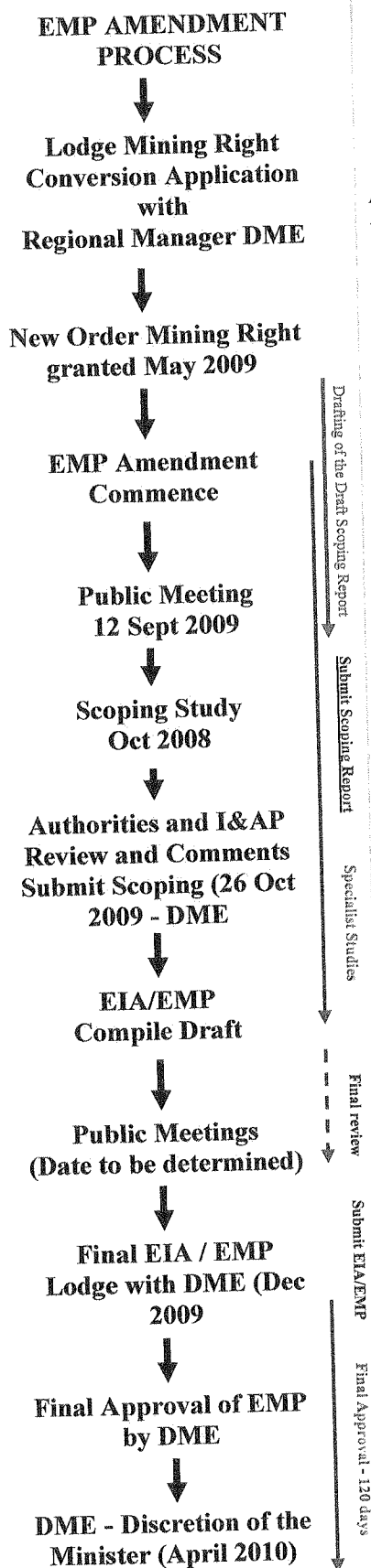
Feasibility study due for completion during the third quarter of 2009.

2010

Mine construction to commence.

2011





THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS

A number of processes will run parallel during the EMP amendment and consolidation process.

- *Mineral & Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002)* - in accordance with the requirements of the MPRDA a Mining Right Conversion Application has been lodged with the Department of Minerals and Energy (DME), Witbank Region. Ivuzi has been appointed to co-ordinate, manage and compile the relevant environmental impact and management reports as part of the EMP amendment and consolidation.
- *National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998)* - In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment EIA) Regulations (Regulation 386 and 387 dated 21 April 2006) promulgated in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Act, (Act 107 of 1998), an Environmental Impact Assessment need to be undertaken for listed activities associated with the mining operations.
- *National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998)* - In terms of Section 21, certain water uses need to be authorised: 21(g) - disposing waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource; 21(c) - impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse; 21(i) - altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a water course; 21(j) - removing; discharging or disposing of water found underground and *Government Notice 704* exemption application.
- *National Environmental Management: Waste Act (59 Of 2008)* - License application for the establishment of a general waste disposal site.

The following Specialist Investigations will be undertaken as part of the authorisation processes:

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| • Soil and land capability assessment | • Surface Water |
| • Visual Impact Assessment | • Geological Assessment |
| • Noise Impact Assessment | • Hydro-geological Assessment |
| • Archaeological/heritage assessment | • Air Quality |
| • Social Impact Assessment | • Biodiversity |
| • Fauna and Flora | |

Additional issues identified during the Scoping Phase will be assessed during the detailed EIA phase, culminating in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Management Program (EMP). The EIR involves the assessment of the probable environmental impacts that will potentially be caused by the construction, operation and eventual closure of the mining operations at the proposed Northam Platinum-Booyssendal Mine.

The EIA process will provide the authorities and I&APs with clear, accurate and understandable information about the expected environmental impacts associated with the mining operation.

Environmental Consultants and Project Managers

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Public Participation Practitioners P3 Consulting cc



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NOTE

To ensure that you are identified as an interested and/or affected party (I&AP), you must register. Please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to:

Correspondence Coordinator
Ms Mari Zietsman
Box 2597
Rivonia 2128
Tel: 011 807 8925
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Email: mari@ivuzi.co.za

THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

WHO ARE INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (I&APs)

The I&APs are the persons who will be directly or indirectly involved and/or affected by the mining project.

Your role as an I&AP is to:

- Register with the environmental consultants, who will include you on a database of I&APs in order for you to receive future project information and/or formally record issues and concerns; and
- Attend public events to obtain further information, interact on a one-to-one basis with the project team, and/or raise issues and concerns.

AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS

The future environmental reports associated with this project will include the Environmental Scoping Report, an EIA and EMP, a Water Use License and a Waste License Application to be submitted to the relevant Government Authorities on completion. These reports will be made available to the public for comments for a period of 30 days. The Scoping Report containing a more detailed overview of the proposed project will be available for comment from 2 September 2009 to 12 October 2009 for comment at the following venues:

Ivuzi website: www.ivuzi.co.za and office

Jane Furse Police Station

Steelpoort Police Station

Burgersfort Library

Lydenburg Library

Moletsi Restaurant and Take Away

Dept of Minerals (Witbank)

Roosenekal Library Please submit comments by no later than 12 October 2009

HOW TO COMMENT

Comments, questions or issues, which you wish to raise, and registration as I&AP can be made by telephone or in writing (sent to us by fax, e-mail or post). A comment sheet is attached. It is not essential that you submit comments, but please ensure that you provide us with your name, contact details and interest in the project if you should wish to register.

PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Meeting regarding the proposed project is scheduled as follows:

Date: 12 September 2009

Time: 11:00

Venue: Tubatse Recreational Club—Chrome Mine Hall

All stakeholders are hereby invited to attend this meeting. The aim of the meeting is to provide stakeholders with more information regarding the proposed project and process to be followed, to note issues, comments and concerns and to discuss future meetings and dates.

THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS THE WAY FORWARD

Northam Platinum is embarking on a Structured Community Participation Program to address all social, cultural, heritage, economic and environmental aspects associated with the Booyssendal Mine. This Structured Community Participation Program will take the form of 8 focus group meetings, of which the dates will be discussed during the first meeting of the 12th of September. Refer to the Table below for the proposed Structured Community Participation Program.

MEETING THEME	PURPOSE OF THE MEETING	DATE
1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STRUCTURED COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full project description; • Discuss the intended program; • Provide and update on the project progress; • Discuss and highlight critical new dates. 	12 September 2009 Tubatse Recreational Club
2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: MINE	EIA Scoping Phase meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background to the legal process; • Purpose of the Scoping Phase; • Plan of study for EIA; • Invitation to participate. 	12 September 2009 Tubatse Recreational Club
3. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PIPELINE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full description of the Lebalelo Water Supply Scheme Pipeline extension; • Discussion of potential impacts; • Invitation to participate. 	Dependant on final routing of pipeline
4. HUMAN RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting out and discussing the mine's labour requirements; • Discussion of associated plans and benefits 	To be determined during meeting one
5. RECRUITMENT AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Provide and explanation of the planned recruitment, selection and assessment process. 	To be determined during meeting one
6. COMMUNITY SKILLS AUDIT PROCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planned community skills audit will be explained and discussed. 	To be determined during meeting one
7. SMME's AND PROCUREMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the role and extent of procurement during project ramp up; • Discuss the envisaged steady state requirements. • Discuss the procurement process 	To be determined during meeting one
8. SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the planned socio-economic development programme. 	To be determined during meeting one

I&AP Registration Form

Project Reference

**Northam Platinum Limited
Booysendal Platinum Mine**

Please Note: In order to be registered as an I&AP for this project, a completed registration form must be either faxed, mailed, e-mailed or delivered to the project coordinating officer.

Name and Surname

Physical Address

**Postal Address
(important)**

Contact Details

Telephone number and area code:

Fax number and area code:

Cell phone number:

E-mail Address:

Please indicate any issues, comments and concerns with regards to the proposed project.

Please indicate in which aspects you would require more information

Please indicate any I&APs whom you think should be contacted