WATERBERG PLATINUM MINE

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT (FINAL BAR)

## APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 102 OF THE MPRDA

DMRE Ref No: LP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (10161) MR

**FEBRUARY 2023** 

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## **1** INTRODUCTION AND APPLICATION OVERVIEW

This Environmental Authorisation Amendment Application is for the inclusion of the Extension Area within the Mining Right, namely Bonne Esperance 356 LR and Too Late 359 LR, situated within the Blouberg Local Municipality, Capricorn District, Limpopo Province. No additional infrastructure is planned at this stage.

## 2 LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

The inclusion of the Extension Area in terms of Section 102 of the MPRDA. The Section 102 application triggers Activity 21D of EIA listing notice 1 which requires a Basic Assessment to be completed.

As per the Acknowledgement of the Application provided by the DMRE the following Public Participation was conducted:

- Public Participation as required in terms of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations
  - Placement of an advertisement in a local newspaper;
  - Placement of a notice board on the boundary of the properties affected; and
  - Written notification to Landowners and/or occupiers of the affected properties, Landowners/occupiers of adjacent properties, The Municipal Ward Councillor, The Blouberg Local Municipality, and any organ of state with jurisdiction.
- Public Participation as required in terms of Section 24K of NEMA: Section 24K requires consultation with other relevant organs of state as determined by the Competent Authority. As per the acknowledgement letter, the Competent Authority (DMRE) has indicated that the BAR must be made available to the following organs of state for 30 days:
  - Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism;
  - Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd;
  - Department of Water and Sanitation;
  - o Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development;
  - South African Heritage Resources Agency;
  - Capricorn District Municipality; and
  - Blouberg Local Municipality.

## **3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS RESULTS**

## 3.1 Interested and Affected Party (IAP) Register

An application specific IAP register was compiled and included the following parties:

- Landowners and/or occupiers of the affected properties;
- Landowners/occupiers of adjacent properties;
- The Municipal Ward Councilor of Blouberg Local Municipality;
- Blouberg Local Municipality;
- Capricorn District Municipality;
- Any organ of state with jurisdiction;
- Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism;
- Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd;
- Department of Water and Sanitation;
- Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development; and
- South African Heritage Resources Agency.

See Appendix 1-1 for the Interested and Affected Party Register.

## **3.2** Notification of the Application

The following notifications was done on 17 November 2022 at announcement of the Extension Project:

- An Advertisement was placed in the Polokwane Observer;
- On-site notices were placed at the property boundaries; and
- A notification with information on the application was sent to IAPs.

Notifications was sent via Email (where email addresses exists), via Fax (where only a fax number exists), via SMS (where a cell phone number is available).

Appendix 1-2 have copies of the Advertisement, On-site notices, and notifications sent.

# **3.3** Making available the Draft Basic Assessment Report to the required Organs of State

Copies of the Draft Basic Assessment Report was submitted to the following organs of state and registered interested and affected parties on 13 January 2023:

The organs of state included:

- Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism;
- Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd;
- Department of Water and Sanitation;
- Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development;
- South African Heritage Resources Agency;
- Capricorn District Municipality; and
- Blouberg Local Municipality.

The commenting period provided was 30 calendar days. From 16 January to 15 February 2023.

Appendix 1-2 have a copy of the notification sent and proof of submission to organs of state.

## 3.4 Comments and Response Report (CRR)

Comments was only received from the South African Heritage Resource Agency. The following comments were received:

#### Table 1: CRR table

Comment	Response
The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) notes the submission of the draft BAR and EMPr reports however, as there has been no assessment of impacts to the heritage landscape by mining and blasting activities on heritage resources/sites sensitive to these activities located on the farms Bonne Esperance 356 LR and Too Late 359 LR, the SAHRA cannot make an informed decision on this application. There is still the risk of subsidence, vibrations and blasting on highly significant surface heritage resources. Due to the very sensitive nature of the Makgabeng Plateau, an assessment of impacts to heritage and palaeontology must be undertaken by the relevant heritage and palaeontological specialists as part of the Amendment Application. All heritage assessments (a total of 4) for the original Mine Right Application (Case ID 12878) did not assess the farms Too Late 359 LR and Bonne Esperance 356 LR and as such the significance ratings provided in the EMPr is based off of insufficient information. The application for non substantive amendment is recommended to be reconsidered due to the lack of previous assessment on heritage resources on the	<ul> <li>After consideration of the concerns raised in your comments Waterberg JV is prepared to conduct the following to address your concerns:</li> <li>1. Conceptual geological modelling based on available information to determine the likely depth of the mineral resources on the two properties.</li> <li>2. Complete a high-level blasting assessment / statement to indicate the potential vibration levels at surface level and the potential risk to heritage resources possibly on surface.</li> <li>3. Complete a desktop palaeontological assessment / statement to determine the potential occurrence of fossils at the depth of the mineral resource and the potential associated risks.</li> <li>4. Complete a high-level heritage impact assessment based on the geological modelling and blasting assessment to determine the potential risk of subsisdence and vibrations on the sensitive heritage resources and landscape.</li> </ul>

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It should be noted that the Heritage Management Plan has not been submitted to SAHRA as per the EA granted to the mine under condition 8.	The HMP has been developed, and WaterbergJVCo is now commencing with the process of consulting with RARI before the HMP will be submitted to SAHRA for review and approval.

# APPENDIX 1-1: INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY REGISTER

Category	Stakeholder	Designation	Organisation
Provincial Government	Mrs RJ Maisela	HOD	Department of Agriculture
			Department of Agriculture Forestry &
Provincial Government	Mr Steve Kgobalale	Acting Director	Fisheries (DAFF)
			Department of Agriculture Forestry &
Provincial Government	Mr C Mokgotho	DAFF - Resource Auditor	Fisheries (DAFF)
			Department of Economic Development,
Provincial Government	IM Rathumu	HOD	Environment & Tourism (LEDET)
			Department of Economic Development,
Provincial Government	Mrs Tiouane Kele	DDG	Environment & Tourism (LEDET)
		Senior Manager -	
		Environmental Impact	Department of Economic Development.
Provincial Government	Mr V M Mongwe	Management	Environment & Tourism (LEDET)
		Manager Capricorn and Greater	Department of Economic Development,
Provincial Government	Mr R Mthombeni	Sekhukhune	Environment & Tourism (LEDET)
Provincial Government	Ms Daisy Mudau	Environmental Officer	Department of Mineral Resources (DMR)
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Provincial Government	Melton Tshililo	Acting CD	Land Reform
		Hoang OD	Department of Rural Development and
Provincial Government	Mrs M Ramaila	Director: Capricorn District	Land Reform
Provincial Government		bread. Capiton District	Department of Rural Development and
Provincial Government	Mr T Maphoto	HoD: Restitution	Land Reform
Provincial Government	Mr i Mapricio	Hob. Resultion	
			Department of Water Affairs (DWA)
Provincial Government	Mr D H Mabada	Deputy Director : W&U	Mpumalanga
			Limpopo Heritage Resource Agency
Provincial Government	Mr D Lithole	Senior Manager	(LIHRA)
			South African Heritage Resources Agency
Provincial Government	Mrs Nokukhanya Khumalo	Case officer	(SAHRA)
		Acting Director Economic	
Local Government	Stanford Moremi	Development & Planning	Blouberg Local Municipality
Local Government	Mr LM Maifo	Ward Councillor: Ward 3	Blouberg Local Municipality
		Environmental Management	Capricom District Municipality
Local Government	Clir M Teffo	Inspector	sourcement memory
Community IAP	Kgoshi NI Leboho	Traditional Leader	Bahananwa Traditional Authority
Community IAP	Mr Mr Manaka	General Secretary	Bahananwa Traditional Authority
ESKOM Holdings			

# APPENDIX 1-2 NOTIFICATIONS, ADVERTISEMENTS, ON SITE NOTICES

Notice sent

## WATERBERG JV RESOURCES PTY LTD

## WATERBERG PLATINUM MINE

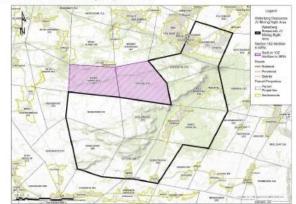
Ref Number: LP30/5/1/2/2/10161 MR Applicant: Waterberg JV Resources (Pty) Ltd Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Gert Pretorius, Bateleur Environmental & Monitoring Services Date: 17 November 2022

Dear Stakeholder

#### NOTIFICATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF THE MINING RIGHT IN TERMS OF SECTION 102 OF THE MPRDA AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE 2014 EIA REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED

Please note that Waterberg JV Resources (Pty) Ltd has submitted an application to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) for the amendment of its Mining Right in terms of Section 102 of the Mineral and Petroluem Resources Development Act (MPRDA). The Section 102 triggers an amendment of the Environmental Authorisation in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended.

The amendment entails the inclusion of two additional farms within the Mining Right, namely Bonne Esperance 356 LR and Too Late 359 LR, which is located to the north west of the existing Mining Right as indicated in the figure below. It should be noted that the amendment application does not include an application for any additional infrastructure and/or disturbances on the two farms, it only includes the two farms in the Mining Right Area.



The DMRE requires a public participation process in terms of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations and Section 24K of NEMA. Interested and Affected Parties are invited to submit comments on the application to the details below.

Kind Regards Lizinda Dickson PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OFFICE Contact the Public Participation Office for any further information on: 012 543 9093 (t); 086 607 6464 (f) or email at waterbergmine@gmail.com.

#### **Advertisement Placed**



#### **On site Notices**

#### WATERBERG JV RESOURCES (PTY) LTD MINING RIGHT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AMENDMENT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION

APPLICANT: Waterberg JV Resources (Pty) Ltd

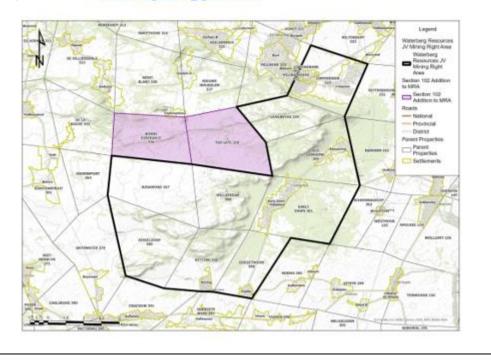
APPLICATION: Waterberg JV Resources (Pty) Ltd holds a Mining Right for platinum group metals and other minerals. Waterberg JV has submitted an application for the inclusion of two farms into the Mining Right Area, namely Bonne Esperance 356 LR and Too Late 359 LR, situated within the Blouberg Local Municipality, Capricorn District, Limpopo Province.

The inclusion of the two farms is done in terms of Section 102 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act. The Section 102 application triggers Activity 21D of EIA listing notice 1 which requires a Basic Assessment to be completed.

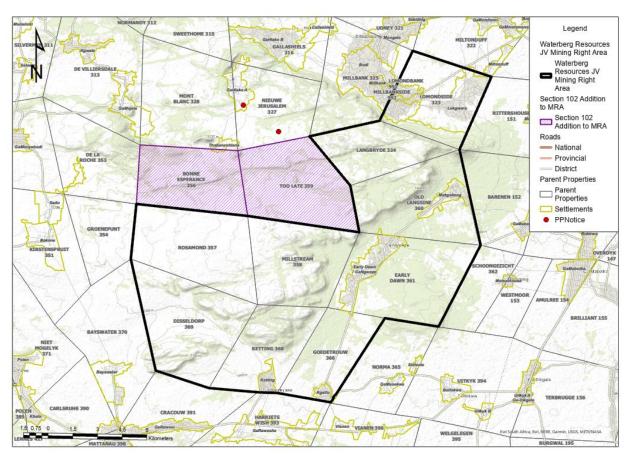
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CONTACT DETAILS: Public Participation Office - Lizinda Dickson / Lucky Ngale (012) 543 9093 or <u>waterbergmine@gmail.com</u>



### Location of Notices placed



## Photos of Notices Placed

<b>Description &amp; Location</b>	Photo
Project Boundary	
23° 16′ 2″S	
28° 52′ 58″E	
Project Boundary	
23° 15′ 15″S 28° 51′ 48″E	

## WATERBERG JV RESOURCES PTY LTD

## WATERBERG PLATINUM MINE

Ref Number: LP30/5/1/2/2/10161 MR Applicant: Waterberg JV Resources (Pty) Ltd Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Gert Pretorius, Bateleur Environmental & Monitoring Services Date: 16 January 2023

Dear Stakeholder

#### NOTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT APPLICATION OF THE MINING RIGHT IN TERMS OF SECTION 102 OF THE MPRDA, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE 2014 EIA REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED

Waterberg JV Resources (Pty) Ltd submitted an application to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) for the amendment of its Mining Right in terms of Section 102 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA).

The Section 102 application triggers an amendment of the Environmental Authorisation in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended. The amendment entails the extension of the Mining Right Area with the inclusion of two additional farms, namely Bonne Esperance 356 LR and Too Late 359 LR, which is located to the north west of the existing Mining Right. **The amendment application does not include any additional infrastructure and/or disturbances on the two farms.** 

The Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) is available for comment for a period of 30 days, and comments should be submitted on or before 15 February 2023.

The Draft BAR can be accessed from the follow link: https://tinyurl.com/WBJV-AmendmentDBAR

Hard copies of the Draft BAR have been submitted to the following Departments:

- Department of Mineral Resources and Energy, Limpopo
- · Provincial Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Limpopo
- Department of Water and Sanitation, Limpopo
- Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Limpopo

The report has also been uploaded onto the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS).

## Kind Regards Lizinda Dickson

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Bateleur Environmental & Monitoring Services PO BOX 70706 DIE WILGERS 0041 CEL: 082 338 6607 EMAIL: gertenes@lantic.net 6 2.2.3 pri RAMOHCOLD 13 January 2023 The Regional Manager e Oi Department of Mineral Resources & Energy - Limpopo 101 Dorp Street Polokwane 0699

APPLICATION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION BY WATERBERG JV RESOURCES (PTY) LTD IN RESPECT OF ITS MINING RIGHT SITUATED VARIOUS FARMS SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF BLOUBERG.

#### LP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/10161 EM

We refer you to the above matter and we attach hereto the undernoted documentation for your kind attention.

2 copies of the Draft Basic Assessment Report prepared by Bateleur Environmental & Monitoring Services in support of the above mentioned application.

Kindly direct all correspondence to the Public Participation Officer (Lizinda Dickson) on:

e-mail: waterbergmine@gmail.com or fax: 086 607 6464

We trust that the above is in order.

Best Regards,

Gert Pretorius

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GHJ Pretorius (Pr.Sci. Nat.), BSc. Honns

## Bateleur Environmental & Monitoring Services

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CEL: 082 338 6607 FAX: 086 619 3120 EMAIL: genteres@lantic.net



13 January 2023

Limpopo Department of Water and Sanitation 49 Azmo Place General Joubert Street Polokwane, 0699

#### Attention: Ms Winnie T Phuluwa

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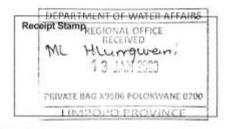
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Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism Directorate Environmental Impact Management 19 Biccard Street Polokwane, 0699

Attention: Mr Victor Mongwe

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Limpopo Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Directorate: Land-use and Soil Management (Natural Resource Management) 20 Biccard Street Polokwane, 0699

Attention: Mr Clement Mokgotho

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## SAHRIS



#### **Special Notice**

Following comments received on the proposed Revised Schedule of Fees for applications made to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), made in terms of Section 25(2)(I) of the National Heritage Resources Act No. 25 of 1999 (NHRA) and published in the Government Gazette of 22 July 2022, SAHRA hereby publishes the final Revised Schedule of Fees for Applications made to SAHRA. Applications for provision of services submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA), in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999 (NHRA) must be accompanied by a payment of the appropriate fee, taking effect from 1 January 2023

Revised Schedule of Fees for Applications made to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)

## WaterbergJV Mining Right Amendment

#### 1 read

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#### ProposalDescription:

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Waterberg JV Resources (Pty) LtdConsultants/Experts: Gert Pretorius

Dept	CaseReference	DueDate	FinalDecision
	LP30/5/1/2/2/10161MR	15/02/2023	

#### AdditionalDocuments

1. 2. 3. 3. Draft BAR Appendices Part 1 for EA Amendment 3. Draft BAR Appendices Part 2 for EA Amendment Draft BAR Appendices Part 2 for EA Amendment

# APPENDIX 1-3 COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

#### **Comment received**



Enquiries: Nokukhanya Khumalo Tel: 021 462 4502 Email: nkhumalo@sahra.org.za CaseID: 20490 Date: Wednesday February 15, 2023 Page No: 1

#### **Final Comment**

#### In terms of Section 38(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Waterberg JV Resources (Pty) Ltd

1st Floor, Platinum House 24 Sturdee Avenue Rosebank, Johannesburg 2196

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Bateleur Environmental and Monitoring Services has been appointed by Waterberg JVC Resources (Pty) Ltd, to undertake an EMPr amendment application. It is noted that this is a non substantive application.

The draft BAR and EMPr have been submitted to SAHRA in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 for commenting. This amendment application relates to the initial Mining Right application on SAHRIS case ID

12878, https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/waterberg-platinum-mine-mining-right-a...

#### Final Comment

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Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Nokukhanya Khumalo Heritage Officer South African Heritage Resources Agency

**Reponse provided** 

## WATERBERG JV RESOURCES PTY LTD WATERBERG PLATINUM MINE

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Case ID: 20490

#### SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCE AGENCY

Attention: Ms Nokukhanya Khumalo

#### AMENDMENT APPLICATION OF THE MINING RIGHT IN TERMS OF SECTION 102 OF THE MPRDA, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE 2014 EIA REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED: BONNE ESPERANCE 356 LR AND TOO LATE 359 LR

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Please advise whether the above studies should be uploaded under the current case ID.

#### Kind Regards

#### Lizinda Dickson

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