

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID) & INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY (I&AP) REGISTRATION

WEST WITS MLI (PTY) LTD: PROSPECTING RIGHT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATIONS

PURPOSE OF THE BID

This document contains background information regarding the prospecting right and environmental authorization applications for the West Wits MLI (Pty) Ltd. The aim of this document is thus to:

- Provide information on the project;
- Explain the authorisation process followed; and
- Indicate how an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), can become involved in the process, receive information and raise issues.

INTRODUCTION

West Wits MLI (Pty) Ltd applied to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE): Gauteng Region in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA); and the EIA Regulations Government Notice Regulation (GNR) 982 of 4 December 2014 [as amended], promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) [as amended] for a Prospecting Right (PR) and Environmental Authorisation (EA) on various farm portions of the Farms Bram Fischerville 649 IQ, Roodepoort 237 IQ, Durban Roodepoort Deep 641 IQ, Vogelstruisfontein 233 IQ and various erven in Meadowlands, Mmesisi Park and Bram Fischerville townships. The PR Application covers the following areas:

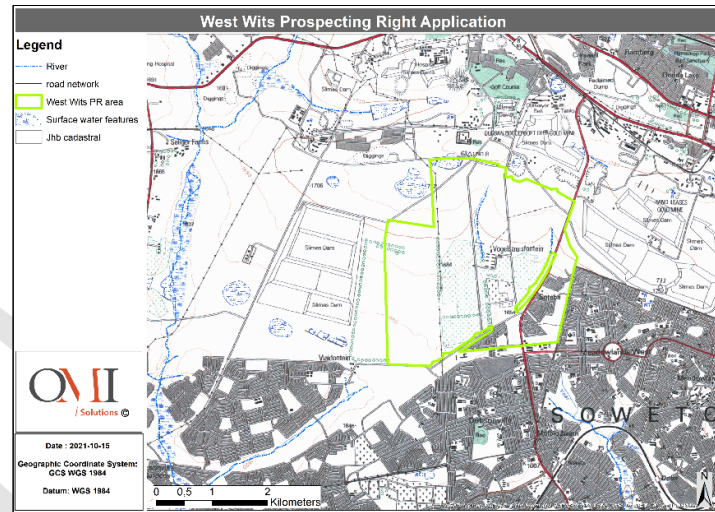


Figure 1: Regional Topographical Locality Map of PR

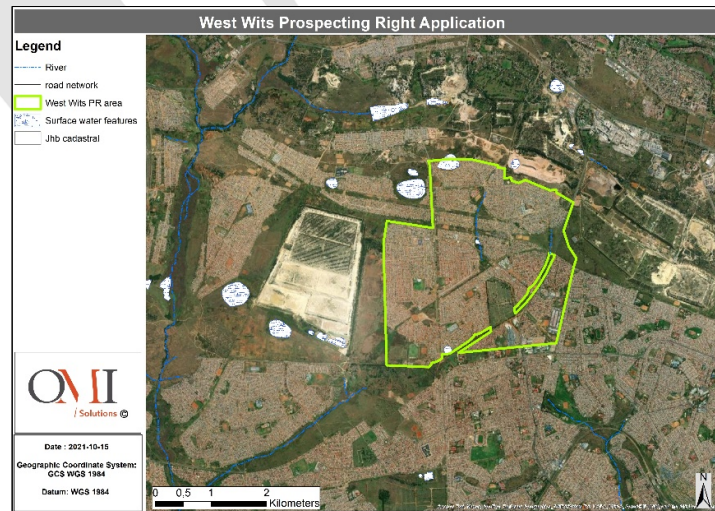


Figure 2: Regional Arial Locality Map of PR Area

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The prospecting right application over the various farm portions and erfs is for the exploration of gold, silver and uranium targeting the potentially gold bearing conglomerates (reefs) of the Central Rand Group, Witwatersrand Supergroup.

All prospecting activities are planned to be non-invasive and will include a desktop review of historical mine information, concept level mine design and generating geological models, and conducting financial and engineering feasibility / viability studies. The planned prospecting activities are all desktop bound studies with no invasive or physical prospecting activities proposed to take place on site.

The proposed prospecting right area stretches over an area of approximately 600 ha in Bram Fischerville in the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality in the Gauteng Province. The proposed prospecting right area is located approximately 12 km to the south-east of Krugersdorp, approximately 4 km north of Soweto and approximately 5 km south of Roodepoort.



LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

A Prospecting Right Application (PRA) in terms of section 16(4) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA) was submitted to the DMRE on the 23rd of February 2021 and was accepted by the Department on the 8th September 2021 with the following Reference No: GP30/5/1/1/2/10730PR.

An Environmental Basic Assessment process is required for the proposed prospecting activities in terms of the EIA Regulations (GNR. 982 in Gazette no. 40772 of 4 December 2014 [as amended in GNR 517 of 11 June 2021] and GNR. 983 (Listing Notice 1)), promulgated in terms of National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) [as amended]. Activity 20 listed in GNR. 983 is applicable to the proposed project and requires environmental authorisation.

An EA application was submitted to the DMRE on the 23rd of February 2021. The process to be followed and the legislated timeline is indicated in Figure 3.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

As part of the public participation process (PPP) it is important that stakeholders or Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are:

- provided with the necessary information to understand the application process;
- kept up to date with the project progress;
- afforded the opportunity to participate in the process and raise issues and comments; and
- informed on how their issues and comments were addressed.

The PPP is an integral and critical part of the EIA process. Comments received will form part of the documents to be submitted to the authorities.

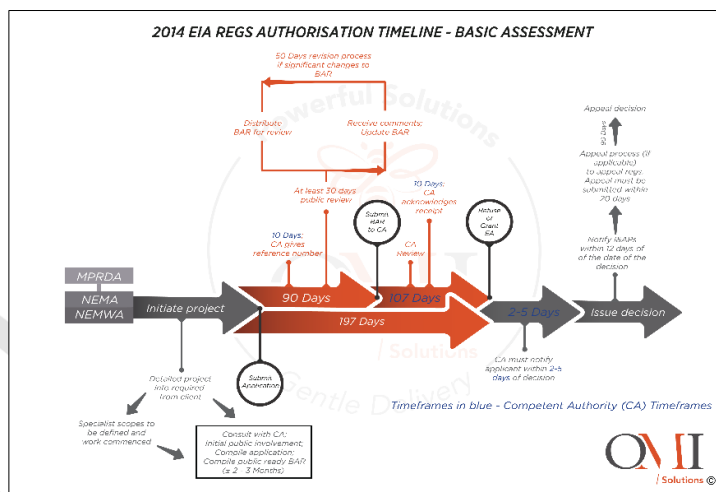
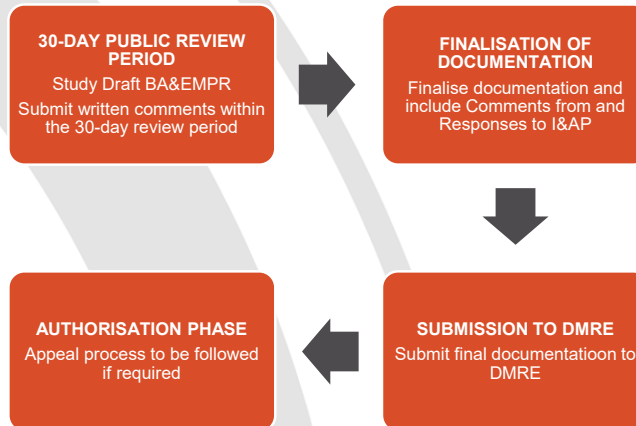


Figure 3: BA Process

I&AP INVOLVEMENT IN DIFFERENT PHASES



In compliance with the Protection of Personal Information Act (Act No. 4 of 2013) (POPIA), any personal information provided by I&AP's will exclusively be used as part of the public participation and decision making process, and will therefore not be utilised for any other purpose, other than that for which it was provided. No additional copies will be made of documents containing personal information unless permission has been obtained from the owner of said information. Records of personal information will be retained no longer than reasonably required for lawful purposes. OMI's privacy statement is available to view on www.omisolutions.co.za.

REGISTERING AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY (I&AP)

By registering as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), you will be included in the stakeholder database and receive further information in future for comment. Your comments will ensure that all relevant issues are incorporated. Please complete and submit the enclosed registration/comment sheet or contact OMI Solutions if you wish to comment or register on the project. Interested and/or affected parties who wish to participate by contributing comments, or who would like to obtain more information, should please contact OMI Solutions – Ms. Chantal Uys Tel: 061 079 4479 (in office hours) or Email: publicparticipation@omisolutions.co.za or Goitseone Trading and Projects (Pty) Ltd - Mr. Kabelo Mphake Tel: 063 960 0548 (in office hours) or Email: kabelomphake@yahoo.com.

The Draft BA&EMP Report and relevant appendices will be made available from the 2nd of November 2021 to the 2nd of December 2021 for a 30-day public review period (excluding public holidays) via the below OMI website link from where the documents can be downloaded. For details or alternative arrangements please contact the EAP below.

The documents can be accessed at the following OMI Website Link: <https://omisolutions.co.za/public-review-projects/>

Hard copies will also be made available at the following venues:

- Dobsonville Library (2332 Luthuli Street, Dobsonville)
- Moses Kotane Primary School (5633 Cnr Unity Boulevard & Freedom Drive, Braamfischerville)

A Public Open Day will also be held on the 18th of November 2021 at the Moses Kotane Primary School from 15h00 to 18h00.

