

APPENDIX E: ISSUES AND RESPONSE TABLE

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| Solplaatjie meeting | | | | |
| Andrew Stride | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | It's important for the community to understand that this process is important for the community. The communities endorsement of this project will allow West Wits to mine here. | Public participation is important to the EIA process and community involvement is encouraged. The scoping meeting is at the start of the EIA process. Note that the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR), taking into account the findings of the EIA and public participation process, is the competent authority responsible for making a decision on the project. |
| Mxolisi | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | For clarity, you must state clearly and not underestimate the importance of community input. | |
| Ruben Matthews | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | Concerned that mining taking place in Ward 71 (in some instances 200m away from residents' homes) and no public meeting scheduled for Ward 71. Suggestion that meeting be held in the big community hall that is available - Reuben Matthews can facilitate this. | There request is currently been addressed with Davidsonville |
| Ruben Matthews | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | A proposed option for the venue would be to use the community hall at Davidsonville. | |
| Joe | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | It will help if you hold a meeting in Davidsonville later in the day so that more community members may attend. | |
| Ruben Matthews | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | My understanding is that a mining permit is applied for when mining 1 ha. When mining an area bigger than 1 ha, the applicant must apply for a mining licence and 25% of the profits generated must go to the community. Why then in this project are permits being applied for and not licences? | Chapter 4, Section 27 of the MPRD Act, as amended states that a mining permit may only be issued if - (a) the mineral in question can be mined optimally within a period of two years; and (b) the mining area in question does not exceed 5.0 hectares in extent. |
| Odirile Edward Mogapi | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | It is working to have such a project in our community that it can benefit and give people experience and minimize unemployment within a country. In short I give blessings to the project to operate. | These comments in support of the project are noted. |
| Nomawethu | X | | The project must not be far away. Happiness, jobs, skills, project. | |

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| Andrew Stride | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | Beneficiation must take place locally. | Alternative and existing processing plants were considered to reduce the environmental impact. In addition the processing plants that have been ear marked are within a 50 km radius of the proposed mining activities. |
| Thobile Qhawe | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | Why will some of the mined minerals not be processed here? Reasons for this? | |
| Nompaliso Gwetyana | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | With the underground mining and blasting, what will happen to the structural quality of the houses in the areas - they are not good. What is the impact of blasting? | A blasting and vibration specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.8 of the Scoping Report. |
| Tumi Motlhankane | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | The community does not recognise the mining forum. | This comment is noted. |
| Bheki Radebe | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | Is it possible to establish a community forum for ongoing consultation with the project team? | This concern is noted, further feedback will be provided in the EIA phase. |
| Wina Obos | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | The forum must comprise of 2 members from various forums. Not only one person should benefit and engage - the whole community must be involved. It should be a balanced approach. Forum already exist within the community to address such issues. These forum should be used instead of setting up a new one and representatives to engage with the mining project should be drawn from these structures. | |
| Mxoliswa Charity | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | The forum meeting last week was supposed to start at 3pm and some started at 10am - there is confusion around meeting times. | |
| Stan Maemela | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | Allow the people of Sol Plaatjie to elect a mining forum. The people of Sol Plaatjie is not happy with the current mining forum. | |
| Solomon Nkuna | X | | We don't need a forum because they are stalling the community. We have many people who are running some other projects that can be a forum to the community. Please Mr. Eddie Milne, stop attending to these people, don't want the community to have forum. | |

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| Ruben Matthews | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | The consultants are from outside of the community. No consultants are from the community. The consultants must be from the community and be part of the consulting team. | In line with the NEMA EIA Regulations, an applicant must appoint an environmental assessment practitioner that meets the requirements of Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended). If the community have suggestions however, on how they can further actively participate, please send these to SLR for consideration. |
| Elijah Mokone | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | How are you going to ensure that the right people from the community are engaging with the mine? Some people are already doing so but they are not properly representing the community. | With regard to broader community issues liaison with the formal and recognized community structures is advised. However should there be a specific query in respect to this proposed mining project, please contact: •Mrs. Marline Medallie, Mr. Clive Phashe and / or Robyn Mellett |
| Nomalungisa Mgoutshane | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | In section D last week a meeting was called about the mining project. There are too many people talking to the community. Who is the right person/people to interact with? | •SLR Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd •(011) 467 0945 (Tel) and/or (011) 467 0978 (Fax) •720.13087.00001@slrconsulting.com and / or |
| Bafana Dube | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | It is disappointing that you don't trust us. You want to work with us but you don't trust us. You bring your own security to this meeting. | Security is provided at all meetings. This is part of West Wits' and SLR's health and safety policies. |
| Kholo Nonyane | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | A plea to the community to be united in their approach. We must be clear and challenge the presentation and not be divided by power struggles. Public meetings have been held before. | This comment is noted. |
| Mxoliswa Charity | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | Mining for 5 to 7 years is a long time. These dangers associated with mining. Please they must be addressed because nobody will come and take responsibility for it. | Potential issues associated with the project have been included in Sections 6.5 and 6.7 of the Scoping Report. The terms of reference for further investigations are included in Section 7.4.8 of the Scoping Report. The findings of the investigations will be included into the EIA report. |

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| Rosy Shokane | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | Illegal mining. | The whole purpose of the NEMA Directive for the Solplaatjies project is to stop illegal mining, by removing the easily accessible ore that the illegal miners exploit. If this ore is removed and the underground access adits are concreted over, as is currently being done, illegal mining will stop. The property development which is supported by the municipality will also reduce illegal mining. The longer-term project anticipates mining activities which will drive out the illegal miners. As stated above the NEMA Directive is supported by the SAPS and SAPS in fact want more such rehabilitation projects undertaken in the area to curb the illegal mining. |
| Wina Obos | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | Concern over the illegal mine dumps and health issues created by these. We need assistance with these. | The slimes dams/mine dumps do not belong to West Wits, they belong to a third party mining company. The slimes dams/mine dumps do not form part of the West Wits project or scope of the EIA. |
| Marvin Maroleng | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | Request for assistance in closing the mine dumps which were left open by the company which was working before West Wits projects. The mine dumps are located at I-Section in Sol Plaatjie. | |
| Rosy Shokane | X | | Dumping site we need assistance. | |
| Stan Maemela | X | | The DMR should rehabilitate the old mine dumps. | |
| Thobile Qhawe | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | How will the mining project affect those who are farming in the area? | Potential issues associated with the project have been included in Sections 6.5 and 6.7 of the Scoping Report. The terms of reference for further investigations are included in Section 7.4.8 of the Scoping Report. The findings of the investigations will be included into the EIA report. |

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| Bafana Dube | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | Disclose who are the BEE partners in this project? | West Wits Mining is a listed company on the Australian stock exchange. It is owned by many shareholders. The top 20 shareholders but not limited too, include: Drd Gold Ltd, Strat, Plan PI, Kastin PI, Debt Mgnt Asia Corp, Egavas Cons Svcs PI, Realstar Finance PI, Citicorp Nom PI, J P Morgan Nom Aust Ltd, Celtic Cap PI, Sunset Cap Mgnt PI, O'meara Denis, William, Neale Trevor Ian, Queensland M M PI, Gregorach PI, Taka Custs PI, Reid Investment from abroad improves the economy. Yes, concurrent rehabilitation will be undertaken as part of the opencast mining operation. No relocation is planned as part of the project. These comments are noted for consideration by the West Wits social and labour team. |
| Sydney Magwagwa | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | Who is the owner of West Wits? What is the BEE status of the company? | |
| Thobile Qhawe | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | What are the advantages / disadvantages of working with a company that is registered in Australia? | |
| Thobile Qhawe | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | Open cast mining is planned to run for 5 to 7 years. Over this period, is the plan to mine a 1km area for instance, rehabilitate it ,close it up and then move onto the next km? | |
| Jacobson Marosele | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | Will the community be relocated to another location while the mine operates? In terms of land compensation fund, what percentage will be offered to the community? | |
| Irene Tshwane | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | Copies of the social and labour plan need to be provided to the community. | |
| Name unknown | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | More consultation is required on the social and labour plan to consider the needs of the affected area - e.g. the need for a creche/s or early childhood development must be addressed. | |
| Bafana Dube | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | What is the partnership between West Wits and the communities in the project? Mining Charter talks of community holding 10% | |
| Stan Maemela | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | The mine should support the local NPOs, NGOs, early childhood development centres, build sports facilities and library. | |

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| Andrew Stride | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | We want benefits. Not jobs but involvement. How much community participation will be provided for in this project? Real benefit must be derived from the social component and the wealth must be shared with the community. This should be confirmed prior to the community's endorsement of the project. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.12 of the Scoping Report. |
| Andrew Stride | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | We must form a trust fund to benefit the community at grass root level. The community is not benefitting. | |
| Mxolisi | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | You must state clearly what % will benefit the community and not only state the jobs that will be provided. West Wits is an Australian company - this community is rich in resources but poor in benefits. You must put numbers to the projections of the benefits. | |
| Theo Visagie | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | As a Ward 71 resident - we hope we don't have the Oppenheimers operating here. Where the money from here is taken overseas. Poverty is slavery and we don't want it to happen again. EM said that it is a small project with limited opportunities. But it covers a big area, how can it be a small project with little opportunities? | |
| Rosy Shokane | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | Develop skills, training, job creation. | |
| Jacobson Marosele | X | | In the budget of the mine what percentage of the budget have been budgeted for the community? | |
| Name unknown | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | We believe that you have engaged with the previous owners as well. They have left us with no basic services (water, sanitation) in the areas from Thulani to Braam Fischer. We are from DRD and we have not been consulted. Can the project team assist? In Kortrand there is digging going on already and the community were not advised of this. If mining happens on the land it is regarded as privately owned. In this case, basic services cannot be claimed from JHB water or City Power for example. No services are provided. A problem with zoning on an area impacting on the community's rights and access to basic services. | |

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| Wina Obos | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | I live at the informal settlement where there are sinkholes. Will they get assistance with the sinkholes? | If sinkholes are as a result of the mining activities mitigation thereof will be put in place. |
| Marvin Maroleng | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | What will be a standard procedure in what is proposed for C51 since our community is having community projects? | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.12 of the Scoping Report. |
| Marvin Maroleng | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | In environmental assessment we have students who graduated from L9SETA on environmental projects. Please take all those students to participate in the projects. | |
| Wina Obos | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | Important that skills opportunities are created for the youth. | |
| Name unknown | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | Notification should also be provided to the community regarding opportunities to supply the mining project e.g. catering, trucks. Do not make the same mistakes. Don't tell us about the number of employment opportunities, tell us about the skills you need. Be more specific about employment opportunities. | |
| Mxoliswa Charity | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | Want to work in the mine kitchen. | |
| Kwena Masemola | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | How can we apply for jobs? | |
| Nomaisethu Liniah | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | Skill / job. Happiness | |
| Bheki Radebe | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | Enquiry as (i) to how many people are going to be hired (ii) how much will they be paid and (iii) when are they going to start? | At this stage it is expected that the opencast mining operations will require between 40 and 50 people and the underground mining operations between 300 and 500 people for the underground mining operations. |
| Nompaliso Gwetyana | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | I am happy with this project as it will benefit the youth and employment. | This comment is noted. |

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| Akhona Nancy Dyasophi | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | I think you are doing the right thing by giving the community an opportunity to get jobs and I just want to say it would be very good if people get employed. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.12 of the Scoping Report. |
| John Kwena | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | I am qualified to work in the mine because I have the mechanic licence. Help me as a community and I will help you as we work together. | |
| Stan Maemela | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | Employ SMMEs, empower women, youth and people with disabilities. | |
| Reni Zandile | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | Please let us be allowed to work together, please contact us with job opportunities. I have matric and did it at Rosebank College. | |
| George Moirwagale | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | How and when will the project hire and what are the requirements to be hired? | |
| Mduduzi Maseko | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | I haven't been employed for many years. I need this job please guys. | |
| Mduduzi | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | We welcome this development. The project must focus on the skilling-up for employment opportunities of youth and women. We must follow the processes and procedures and not derail the process. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.12 of the Scoping Report. |
| Bafana Dube | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | The community need to understand the dangers that mining brings to the area e.g. environmental impact. This is the first consultation. There is currently mining but no consultation has taken place. | The whole purpose of the NEMA Directive for the Solplaatjies project is to stop illegal mining, by removing the easily accessible ore that the illegal miners exploit. If this ore is removed and the underground access adits are concreted over, as is currently being done, illegal mining will stop. The property development which is supported by the municipality will also reduce illegal mining. The longer-term project anticipates mining activities which will drive out the illegal miners. As stated above the NEMA Directive is supported by the SAPS and SAPS in fact want more such rehabilitation projects undertaken in the area to curb the illegal mining. |

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| Bafana Dube | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | View is that there has been a failure to provide the community with an opportunity to be involved and participate in the project thus far. Community could have provided PA system used at this public meeting; trucks are already working in the area, why are the trucks not being sourced from local community members? You must include us. Take out 5 trucks and give the work to the community and see if the community can't get the trucks to do the work. It appears that the project team have already decided what skills are needed from and by the community without any consultation. | Through the current mining, opportunities have been considered for employment of the community, development of SMMEs e.g. the trucks working in the areas are sourced from the local community suppliers. |
| Tumi Motlhankane | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | A resident from Solplaatje - safety is a problem. Last year a child fell into an open pit and died. After the incident, security was posted to the area to keep children away from the danger. This is not a solution. Security is no longer there - why? The hole needs to be closed. There are no resources available to the area to create a safe place for children to play. | Security will be reinstated at the open pit where the fatality occurred, while the hole is closed to reduce the risk to children and the broader community. |
| Nomsa Mthetwa | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | Is this the first time that West Wits have benefitted from the mine? Rumours that there are already people who have benefitted from the mine. Worried that conditions are already set. Everyone must benefit. Be careful of those who claim to represent the community. | The Sol Plaatjies project is as a consequence of a Directive received from the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) and under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (No 107 of 1998), for the landowner to clean up and rehabilitate the Solplaatjies area to rid it of illegal mining. The landowner is compelled to comply with the Directive, and in order to give effect to this NEMA Directive, the landowner appointed West Wits MLI (Proprietary) Limited to remove the easily accessible opencast ore on the land which the illegal miners exploit, removing this ore will contribute to stopping illegal mining. The Solplaatjies project has been operational under its directive since October 2016. |
| Elias Mceceleku | X | Scoping meeting held at Solplaatjies on 3 April 2018 | There are sentiments that specific members of the community are benefitting more than others. The mine is an independent entity and should be allowed to run itself. There is no need for community involvement. | |
| Nadia McIntyre | X | E-mail received on 16 May 2018 | Meanwhile your client has already begun mining in Sol Plaatjies and other areas in and around Roodepoort roads and dust is highly visible as they are preparing to start operations on the mining project. | |
| Nadia McIntyre | X | E-mail received on 16 May 2018 | So far very few people have been informed of their activities as required by legislation. Very few newspapers in affected areas have even been contacted by yourself to inform people to participate. | Details of the Public Participation Process are included in the Scoping Report, see section 6.2. |

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| Nadia McIntyre | X | E-mail received on 16 May 2018 | We still await an environmental impact study that complies with the minimum requirements of the National Environmental Act, 1998 and the National Environmental management Waste Act, 2008 in respect of listed activities that have been triggered by applications (still to be seen by us the affected people) in terms of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act 2002 (MPRDA) (As Amended) | West Wits Mining MLI (Proprietary) Limited has submitted two mining permit applications to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) for the Kimberly West and Creswell Park opencast areas, which includes compilation of Basic Assessment Reports (BARs) in line with the NEMA requirements. Furthermore, the company has lodged a Mining Right Application (MRA) to the DMR for the remainder of the proposed West Wits Mining Project (WWMP), which will involve opencast mining for no longer than 3 to 5 years and thereafter refurbishment of existing underground shafts and infrastructure to conduct longer term underground mining operations on the Main/South Reef and the Kimberley Reef horizons, which includes the compilation of a Scoping Report (SR) / Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) and an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr), in line with NEMA requirements. |
| Nadia McIntyre | X | E-mail received on 16 May 2018 | We wish to see your application in terms of above mentioned legislation as well as the approval. | The company have started the respective Environmental assessment processes, which considers the risks and impact associated with the proposed mining activities. The Basic Assessment Reports that form part of the mining permit applications will typically take 197 days to complete. Whereas the SR/EIR and EMPr that forms part of the Mining Right Application is an application that will typically take 300 days to complete. Upon completion the DMR and all other respective Competent Authorities (CA's) will make a decision. |
| Nyanda | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | Are meetings being called in ALL affected areas as I am not aware of a meeting in Fleurhof (for example) and this is an affected area. You should consider this. What about Hamberg and Georgina? | Details of the Public Participation Process are included in the Scoping Report, see section 6.2. Additional meetings have / are being arranged to address this concern. |
| Nyanda | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | The community must be informed that they have the right to object to this project and its proposals. | Your comment is noted. |

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| Thuso Modisane | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | Thanks to you, and I think opportunity to work is on the way. | These comments in support of the project are noted. |
| Phineus Segomotso | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | This project can be successful and go forward. | |
| Sanah Motlonoko | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | I think that if this project does take its course many people will benefit from it especially our youth. There will be less crime and drug problems in our community. | |
| Taki Lidaga | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | This project is good because it holds the interest of the people at heart. | |
| Nyanda | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | Where will processing happen? It will cause health issues. | Processing will take place at an existing mineral processing plant in Gauteng. This will maximise the use of the existing processing facilities. |
| Petrus Lehaiwa | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | What will happen to our houses due to blasting. Concerned about impact of blasting (as a result of underground mining) on properties in the area. If there is damage, who will cover the bill for repairs? | A blasting and vibration specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.8 of the Scoping Report. |

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| Emmanuel Nkhawane | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | I am grateful for the presentation. I want to urge the consultants to do right, do not promise things that you cannot deliver. A community forum should work together and engage with the project team throughout the project. | Your comment is noted. |
| Kaizer | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | West Wits makes a lot of promises. When they put in their application they cannot change it. The specialist studies will not tell you much, they must ask us who live here, we know the impacts. Concern over false promises being issued by the project team / mining company. Guarantees to the community should be provided prior to any mining rights being granted. | Your comments are noted. |
| Sanah Motlonoko | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | My question is if it is really going to happen or is it just playing with our minds especially because now we are going for election and we always get empty promises. | The Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) are the custodians of the minerals in South Africa and with the other Competent Authorities in the country, a final decision on the proposed project will be made. |
| Nyanda | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | Why are the health hazards created by mining not being addressed in the meeting presentations? e.g. asthma, pneumonia, TB and cancer | Specialist studies will be conducted to investigate the impact of the proposed mining activities on the health and safety of the community (prior to any rights being granted). The law must be complied with and the EMP implemented. West Wits will be measured against this. |
| Kaizer | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | Illegal mining is a problem. West Wits is going to apply for legal mining and will reduce the fatalities. | The whole purpose of the NEMA Directive for the Solplaatjies project is to stop illegal mining, by removing the easily accessible ore that the illegal miners exploit. If this ore is removed and the underground access adits are concreted over, as is currently being done, illegal mining will stop. The property development which is supported by the municipality will also reduce illegal mining. The longer-term project anticipates mining activities which will drive out the illegal miners. As stated above the NEMA Directive is supported by the SAPS and SAPS in fact want more such rehabilitation projects undertaken in the area to curb the illegal mining. |

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| Kaizer | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | The illegal mining must deal with the illegal mining, the DMR is taking us for granted. | The whole purpose of the NEMA Directive for the Solplaatjies project is to stop illegal mining, by removing the easily accessible ore that the illegal miners exploit. If this ore is removed and the underground access adits are concreted over, as is currently being done, illegal mining will stop. The property development which is supported by the municipality will also reduce illegal mining. The longer-term project anticipates mining activities which will drive out the illegal miners. As stated above the NEMA Directive is supported by the SAPS and SAPS in fact want more such rehabilitation projects undertaken in the area to curb the illegal mining. |
| Name not given | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | The projects might eradicate illegal mining and issues of dust and safety will be addressed by West Wits. | The whole purpose of the NEMA Directive for the Solplaatjies project is to stop illegal mining, by removing the easily accessible ore that the illegal miners exploit. If this ore is removed and the underground access adits are concreted over, as is currently being done, illegal mining will stop. The property development which is supported by the municipality will also reduce illegal mining. The longer-term project anticipates mining activities which will drive out the illegal miners. As stated above the NEMA Directive is supported by the SAPS and SAPS in fact want more such rehabilitation projects undertaken in the area to curb the illegal mining. The questions related to dust and safety will be dealt with in more detail in the Environmental Impact Assessment phase. |
| Kaizer | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | Slimes dams are polluting. How much slimes will you be creating? How will the residue (pollution) from the slime dams be dealt with? Rehabilitation? Bram Fischer is affected by dust from slimes dams. | The tailings dams belong to Mintails Mining and not West Wits. It is therefore difficult to influence how these dams will be treated. DRD is the only mining company that can speak about the tailings dams. |
| Nyanda | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | Are you [West Wits] BEE-compliant? The representation is too white. | Your comment is noted. |

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| Nyanda | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | You are speaking to the core issues but you indicate you will not provide housing and that it will take 30 years before the rehabilitation will take place. This is a long lead time after mining has taken place and rehabilitation is completed. How will many members of the current community really benefit from the mining activity in their area? Give a clear picture. Clarity on housing? | Opencast mining will be for a maximum of 5 years. Underground mining will only take place after opencast mining has been completed. Rehabilitation will not be in 30 years' time only, it will happen at the same time as mining of the opencast pits. Note that mining rights are separate to land ownership. Once areas have been mined and rehabilitated, the land will be available for housing developments by the landowners. |
| Kaizer | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | You cannot build houses on rehabilitated areas. | The rehabilitated areas will be returned to the landowners. The landowners would be responsible for the housing development. |
| Tshepo | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | Prospecting activities in Ext 4 are underway to determine what minerals are available. Mining should not happen until informal settlements are relocated properly. | Your comment is noted. |
| Nyanda | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | The profit share to be apportioned to the community must be addressed in the application to DMR. The community are shareholders and must share in the profit - not just be employed. The land must go back to the community, it belongs to the community now. Make sure the voices of women and children are heard in the profit share. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Petrus Lehaiwa | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | Don't brainwash us, we are not puppets. Don't tell us that you will bring jobs and we stay in the dust. The mines are not empowering us. You cannot mine in our area without benefiting us. The existing and proposed mining projects - the community should be given more detail on how the licences were / will be secured and the proceeds from these activities should benefit the local community and not go to Australia. | |
| Hopewell Sithembele Tshangane | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | Will there be an opportunity for the local community to be involved in the processing of waste products? I want to thank West Wits for setting people free of poverty. | |
| Kaizer | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | The area does not have a health facility. We need one here. | |

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| Khaya Ncanda | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | I would like to re-emphasis Nyanda's points and also I would like to know how am I going to benefit as a resident from employment opportunities created by the mining project? | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Petrus Lehaiwa | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | There is no work for youth in the area. There are mines in the area but few of us get jobs at these mines. Any benefits to be derived by the unemployed youth? | |
| Asanda | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | We hope what has been presented will be implemented. We are not benefitting from existing works. Social and labour plan needs more detail to answer questions around how children and senior citizens will benefit. The question should be asked of the community how they want to be assisted - not with just employment but also educational opportunities. | These comments are noted for consideration by the West Wits social and labour team. If you have any suggestions please let us know. There will be an opportunity to review the social and labour plan after it is drafted. |
| Kaizer | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | We must listen to these old men who have worked in the mines. West Wits should consider how to employ former miners in the operations. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Kaizer | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | Opencast mining is not labour intensive, how many people from Matholesville will be employed? | |
| Name not given | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | Alleviate hunger rather than dust. Will there be plans in place to support, not only the youth and senior citizens, but those inbetween i.e. 36 to 59 year olds? | |
| Lucy Mosotho | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | Hire human being individuals. | |
| Solly Nkwinike | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | You must try to talk the truth to our people. I want to know about unskilled people, so that everyone will work. We always get empty promises so can you please come with good and nice promises to the community. We are seeking jobs, please. | |

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| Isaac Motsamai | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | Thanks to you, and I think opportunity to work is on the way. I am hoping for that job and I wish to do this work to make a future for me and my child. We will be saved by this job. I wish and I am hungry for that work. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Mduduzi Siyanda mnisi | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | No comment about this meeting. Everything is going too good. I'd like to work in West Wits project. | |
| Hopewell Sithembele Tshangane | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | Will there be a training centre to train people? | |
| Asanda | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | We as youth are not skilled in mining. Social and labour plan needs more detail to answer questions around skilling up of the youth. The question should be asked of the community how they want to be assisted - not with just employment but also educational opportunities. | These comments are noted for consideration by the West Wits social and labour team. If you have any suggestions please let us know. There will be an opportunity to review the social and labour plan after it is drafted. |
| Thembelani Magweddu | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 3 April 2018 | When am I getting employed or trained to get skills if so? And if I don't have grade 12 am I going to be employed, yes or no? | Employment opportunities will be available if the proposed mining project is approved the Competent Authorities. |
| Petrus Lehaiwa | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | With reference to the mining activities currently taking place in Solplaatje, how have this community benefitted and are members of this community working in the mining operations? | The whole purpose of the NEMA Directive for the Solplaatjies project is to stop illegal mining, by removing the easily accessible ore that the illegal miners exploit. If this ore is removed and the underground access adits are concreted over, as is currently being done, illegal mining will stop. The property development which is supported by the municipality will also reduce illegal mining. The longer-term project anticipates mining activities which will drive out the illegal miners. As stated above the NEMA Directive is supported by the SAPS and SAPS in fact want more such rehabilitation projects undertaken in the area to curb the illegal mining. |
| Mike Motaung | X | Scoping meeting held at Matholesville on 3 April 2018 | The ward councillor should be here until the end of the meeting. Who has given the project team the go-ahead? When did you start and did you consult the community. The community must be consulted and must benefit. The white people cannot come here and take our money and go away. | Your comment is noted. |

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| Witpoortjie meeting | | | | |
| Andrew Stride | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I think it is important people that when each person does his or her presentation, that the questions directly thereafter be asked. Because many a time if you allow three people to do presentations that you would miss questions that you would want to ask. So it is important that after each presentation the questions be opened and we ask that person questions that have done the presentation. | It was suggested that after each presentation, points of clarity on the specific presentation could be raised. The reason for asking for questions to be raised once the presentations are complete is that the presentations are linked and talk to projects within one area which are similar in nature. |
| Dino Milton | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | That is the one. The second part is, are you doing any specialist studies right now for future reference on health, the socio-economic area of the people and how are you going to deal with it down the line? | Thank you, this comment is noted and will be addressed during the environmental assessment processes. |
| Dino Milton | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Let me make a brilliant observation. You've got the money to employ people that know: lawyers, doctors, everything. Are you going to give us money so that we can do our own assessment? | Thank you, this request will be taken to the project team for consideration. |
| Cllr. Gert Niemand | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | You need to have another meeting with the residents of the Roodepoort CBD, the project is literally on their doorstep. As well as residents from Florida and Hamberg. We are here tonight but it is quite far for us. The Roodepoort town hall might be a good idea to have a good meeting and then more residents from Davidsonville and the surrounding areas can also attend. | At last night's meeting, the areas that were referenced for additional meetings included ward 84, Roodepoort CBD, Florida and Hamberg. The request for additional meetings was discussed with the West Wits project team and it was agreed that additional meetings will be held. Your suggestion to use the Town Hall will be taken into consideration. |

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| Bronwyn Taylor | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | In addition I want to make a comment and I want to have it minuted that you changed this meeting on the 11th hour yesterday. We got it via social media that the venue was changed. You had advertised in newspapers, yes but nowhere do I pick it up and I confirmed with the Councillor because of the ad that we got where it indicated that there would be a possible venue change. Can you confirm that in your newspaper ads it did indicate that there could be a possible venue change? But you have very cleverly put it in your notes today that you handed out to us that there could be a possible venue change. Therein lies the difference in what you actually advertised and what you actually submit to the public. So already there's an issue on that and it starts breaking the trust relationship immediately. | The newspaper advertisements need to be placed ahead of time to make the distribution schedule. The newspaper advert was submitted before the background information document (BID) was finalised. In finalising the BID it was understood from the school that they might not be able to host the meeting as they had been broken into. Therefore the BID noted a possible change in venue. The school then confirmed that it could not host the meeting and an alternative venue was required. The alternative venue was confirmed yesterday. [SLR explained at the start of the meeting the reason for the venue change and the mechanisms that were put in place (a venue close to the school, someone standing at the school redirecting meeting attendees, signs with directions to the new meeting venue) to address this] |
| David van Wyk | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | We have some experience with Australian mining companies in Limpopo and other areas as well. They have a very good mining code in Australia. It's a pity they don't apply it in South Africa even when the code says when they operate on other continents and other countries they should apply the same code as they apply in Australia. In South Africa we have lots of consultation over a 30-day period and then you never see the mining company ever again. Will you give these people free prior informed consent? Will they be able to say 'no'? | Your comments are noted. This is why it is important for people to register and be involved in the process and to raise their concerns so that when we submit it to the DMR they can read what was asked and said. |

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| David van Wyk | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | As for Sol Plaatjie, there are sink holes all over Sol Plaatjie where you are operating at the moment in that squatter camp community. I can take you there and show you the sink holes that are there. I think that you have all these technical people sitting here but from the community do we have any geologists sitting here, do we have any water scientists sitting here, do we have any engineers among you? You see, so this is not an equally balanced discussion we are having here because the community does not have access to the same expertise as what you have. Will you be prepared to give them the funds to hire their own geologists and environmentalists to come and engage with you? And will this be a contractual thing because as we are standing here you are making a lot of promises. We can record these promises on a piece of paper and make you sign them today and hold you accountable in a court of law. As it is we are going to start a class action on those cerebral palsy kids there. I hope you are prepared for it. | The request for funding for specialists and experts to act on behalf of the community will be raised with the client. When feedback is provided on the outcome of the assessments, this will be done with specialists. The option of requesting a university to undertake a peer review will also be considered. |

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| Ruben Matthews | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | What the people from Malan Scholes are not realising is that they haven't allocated sufficient time for us to deal with the issues that are being raised. We can't have a process where we rush through things that have an impact on the health of our children, our own health, the health of our pets and animals. One day, a couple of hours to discuss this is definitely not enough. To the facilitator, sir, you can't say people are having a dialogue if they have constitutional rights to ask as many questions and get as much clarity on issues that affect them. You have to go back and allocate us more time and to give us, irrespective of how long it takes to express ourselves, we need clarity on issues that are going to impact our health, impact our environment. So we can't have a process where we have to rush through things. | The intention is not to rush the meeting or prevent questions and comments being raised, the intention is to ensure that the meeting is structured. Your points are however noted. |
| Ruben Matthews | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | To Mister Eddie, the operational manager. Sir, I think it is very important that you know we need the owners here so that we can engage with the owners. We can't engage with the consultants. We need to engage with the owners that we can have clarity and definite answers so that they don't have to go back to you but that you can respond directly. | Your request is noted. |
| Ruben Matthews | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Davidsonville is one of the areas that was left out and I heard that they are coming back to Davidsonville after they have done the scoping report. That is unacceptable. Before you can compile any report you need to come to Davidsonville. | Your request is noted. |

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| Ruben Matthews | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | You are talking about your specialists and I did raise the issue with your colleague earlier. I have serious trust issues because you constantly say you are going to consult specialists and David made an important point. We also need to consult specialists because at the end of the day you are going to satisfy your client and facilitate the process that's going to be favourable to your client. So certain information can be withheld from us. So whenever you have consultancy on this process the community needs to be part of this process. We need to be able to have independent specialists that can verify the findings that you are going to present to us we cannot accept your findings. | The request for funding for specialists and experts to act on behalf of the community has been noted. . When feedback is provided on the outcome of the assessments, this will be done with specialists. |
| Ruben Matthews | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | But most importantly these type of meetings must be held on a Saturday when everybody is available. You cannot have this meetings at this time of the week when people have other commitments. This process is not adequate to deal with our concerns so I would really ask you to reschedule before you compile your report. Let's reschedule these meetings and have proper meetings and proper consultations with the communities. You want to move to a presentation. Too who are you going to present because those people have left. You have to be fair to us. Reschedule this meeting and then we do it all again because if you do a presentation, to who? | For the people who have taken the time to come to a meeting, that should be respected. If people choose to leave, the meeting cannot be cancelled and disadvantage those who are still here. The purpose is to engage with attendees and so the presentations will continue. There will also be opportunity to continue engaging on the project after the meetings and during the course of the process. |
| Andrew Stride | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Our councillor from ward 71 sits here tonight also. We brought it under the attention that there is this other gentleman that is not following the correct process that is followed here tonight. We called upon her to try and support us in our efforts to stop that gentleman, instead she was rather supportive of it. I want to bring it to the attention of the voters here. To give consent for this project we must be very careful that our signatures are not used for this process at the end of the day. It will be used to say the consultation has taken place this, that and the other and here is the evidence. We just need to be very careful with regard to that. | Your points are noted. As part of the rehabilitation plan and closure assessment a risk assessment is required to inform the plan and what is required to meet the post closure land use objectives. |

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| Khulu | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Thank you to my colleagues, you have raised issues your concerns sharply. I also want to thank you for running this process. I would like to request and propose that after this meeting as the communities that we can sit and advise each other and also share the situation of where we are staying differently because our area is not same as Witpoortjie because I am from DRD so I must share with you what I am experiencing. Why I am raising this is because I don't want to see us as the communities end up differing. I can be positive because of the situation where I am staying. This is not the first operation. There are operations there but they never go through this process. Illegal mining the people come with the machines without following proper consultation. So I see the opportunity. Other operations we are not involved, we don't even know what is happening. People are running business, straight Mintails they are doing as they please and we don't have this kind of platform where we interact or engage with them. I believe if we get together differ to agree and come up with a common understanding and a positive proposal that will benefit us the young ones. And what you have raised, the previous speakers, it shows that you know better. Can we please have that platform where you can advise? And it is going to very important if we can be positive and also making sure that we involve ourselves. If they work and we are not going to involve ourselves we'll be right next to that operation but how can we control it but if you can be next to them when they are doing things, we are there and we are part and parcel of the process or of their operation. I think it is going to be better. I see most of the people | Your points are noted. |
| No name given | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Chair, can I propose that this meeting be rescheduled because like the previous people said it was not communicated. I only knew about this meeting around 17:30. And people have also left so I suggest that we reschedule so that we give everyone a chance to come and answer. | This issue has been raised and responded to. For the people who have taken the time to come to a meeting, that should be respected. If people choose to leave, the meeting cannot be cancelled and disadvantage those who are still here. The purpose is to engage with attendees and so the presentations will continue. There will also be opportunity to continue engaging on the project after the meetings and during the course of the process. |

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| Blackie Swart | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I represent the Florida Lake Hamberg residents association. We have sent a letter through to Marline this afternoon and I will attach this to the questions that I have registered here. My main concern here tonight is that as of this morning right here on our doorstep a major supplier of milk, Gauteng Dairy they were unaware of this opencast mining that was going to take place. They were horrifically shocked because it is going to impact their work environment and the health issues on this. They are on the corner of Water trapper and Albertina Sisulu Roads for those people who don't know. | Thank you for raising this with us, they will be registered as an IAP. AP - An important aspect of these types of meetings and engagement with the community is that the community knows this area very well and know where certain land uses are taking place. Thos is really vital information that the community can share with us to make sure that the environmental process is comprehensive and deals with all the issues that need to be dealt with. |
| Blackie Swart | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | We are concerned about the time and how this was advertised in the back page of Roodepoort Rekord. Very fine print that you couldn't actually see. And over the period of the school holidays and long weekend and everything as such. We have noted this in the letter and we have got the questions here. | These points are noted. Various comments raised tonight and at our previous meetings have been noted and will be considered in the process and we will come back to the community in terms of additional meetings that will take place. |

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| Bronwyn Taylor | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | My last question to you is who is responsible, please give us the details before we leave this meeting if you can, by when and in what format will all the questions that I have raised for example and every other member, because I have taken my valuable business time to attend this meeting. Who, by when and in what format will I get a response to all the questions that I have raised? What is the email address of the person or the responsible people where the minutes will be coming from? | SLR will be producing minutes of this week's meetings. The minutes and the issues that are recorded in those minutes together with any emails or other submissions, hard copy submissions, completed comment sheets that are submitted, will go into an issues and response table. The issues and response table will include responses that have been put together by the project team and the environmental consultant and those will be included in the environmental reports that are produced. The first report that you would see is the scoping report and in that report one of the appendices is the issues and response table. Another appendix will include the minutes. Where a response can be provided it will be provided. Where a response relies on specialist work to be completed then there will be indication of that specialist work with reference to what that specialist work will entail. The minutes will come from SLR so it will be an SLR email address. The minutes will be part of the scoping report that will be made available for public review. The plan is for the scoping report to be distributed for review during April 2018. |
| Ruben Matthews | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I hear a lot about your reports that you are going to compile and submit to the DMR. Why are you so determined in making it a unilateral process? Why do you insist on not including the communities to assist you in compiling the reports? So that we can have surety that what's going to be submitted is reflected in what's happened in the meetings. Because I have serious trust issues because if we find a report today your report must say to the DMR that the project was vehemently rejected by the community. I really can't see why you are insisting on not inviting us to be a part of that process of compiling that report that we can have assurances that what is submitted is really what took place and reflects the questions and concerns that communities were raising. I cannot understand why you are insisting on having this unilateral process where you have total control of what is going to be submitted. | We operate as environmental consultants, independent consultants that are appointed to run an environmental assessment process. This is not a unilateral process. We will be factual to the project and are objective in the process that we run. If the community objects and says no to mining, then that is what is recorded. The environmental reports are put together using all information that has been gathered as part of the process. Those reports are made available to the public before they go to the department. When you're included in the review period you get an opportunity to look at all the issues that were raised, all the responses that were provided and can comment on if the information is accurately recorded. If I don't do that then I have failed in doing my job. So, that is very important to us. |

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| Ruben Matthews | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Alex, You have a client and I am not your client. So your loyalty and your responsibility toward your client is not necessarily towards me. Why is it so difficult for you to ask communities that were present in your meetings to be a part of that process? That is all I am asking. If you are sincere, for the sake of transparency, why isn't this an inclusive process? Why must we trust you? Of course you are going to send out copies of minutes. It is not the issue. The issue is I need to sign that submission that is going to the DMR. Not only your signature. Your specialists that you are going to consult. That's not what I am saying, what I am saying is why is it difficult to include the community in compiling, signing off and submitting? | Through the review process, because that happens before the report goes to the DMR, that is your opportunity to be involved in the process with us and submit your comments on the report to say if anything that has been said is reflected incorrectly. An EAP is appointed by the applicant to do environmental assessment work but the loyalty is not to them. Our loyalty is to the law and to running a process that is objective, transparent and fair. And the information that is presented needs to be factual. It is based on scientific studies that are done by reputable registered specialists. Unfortunately the law in South Africa says that the applicant must appoint a company to run the process. (AP) |
| Cllr Ingrid Renson | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Roodepoort Civic is on Christiaan de Wet Street. Could you please add the Roodepoort City Hall for the distribution of the reports for review because that is actually in the Roodepoort CBD and that is the closest. | This venue will be added. Thank you for the suggestion. |
| Charlotte Steenekamp | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 | Did you do any environmental study? | Specialist studies that have been identified are dealt with under section of 7 of the Scoping Report. |

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| AC Swart | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 | When will environmental impact study be done and by whom? | Yes, environmental studies have been initiated. MalanScholes Consulting has appointed an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) who is responsible for the two (2) Mining Permit applications, which caters for all the necessary environmental specialist studies that are to be fed into Basic Assessment Reports (BARs) for the two proposed opencast mining areas that are less than 5 hectares. Whereas, SLR are the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) responsible for the Mining Right application, which caters for all the necessary environmental specialist studies that are to be fed into the Scoping Report (SR)/Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) and the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the proposed opencast and underground mining activities within the mining right application area. |
| Zenobia Heldsinger: Chairperson My Florida Lake - Hamberg Residents Association | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 | A further concern is the arrangement of the public scoping meetings being advertised only in Afrikaans in our area and the confusion created by the irresponsible timing and arrangements of venues which have changed on very short notice and in an inconsiderate manner. Due to short notice of the proposed plans we hereby state that the above list of concerns is not exhaustive and further interests and concerns may be raised in the event of further research and understanding of the impacts that will be caused. | Details of the Public Participation Process are included in the Scoping Report, see section 6.2. Additional meetings have been arranged and additional newspaper adverts have been circulated for purposes of additional notifications, in order to address this concern. |

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| Fuad Brentzen | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I am basically here to warn this community not to buy in to what these people are saying. Firstly they mention prospecting, DRD applied for prospecting in 2006. What these mining companies are doing, DRD is now selling to Wits. DRD knows that they are blacklisted already. The gentleman there, David, we got Benchmark in to do testing for us. 80% of our communities are sick. They are not telling the communities that. Another thing is Wits comes in they come with consultants. Why are they not coming in with the specialists to give us answers? The consultants cannot give us answers. The consultants are making money, they are getting paid, that is why they are here. The problem is this, they come, they give you the story they will come back to you with feedback on our questions. They never come back. The main culprits are not even sitting here, which is DMR. Those are the people issuing the licence. What the consultants didn't mention to the community is that they mention here DMR and DWS gives the consent, gives the licence. They didn't mention to the community that without your consent DMR and DWS cannot issue the licence or the permit. They didn't tell you that. So to the community of this ward and other neighbouring wards by allowing these people to mine there is no benefit for your community. The operations manager didn't even mention here that 10% of the profit on the income statement must come to the community. He didn't even mention that. So they didn't say that monetary value is going to come to this community all that they said is rehabilitation. We all know what they do with rehabilitation. We are sitting and it is coming right down Main Reef. | Your points are noted. |

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| Shaun Daniels | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I am from Davidsonville, the biggest sinkhole in South Africa. Like the gentleman said, the gold rush they were ignorant we can understand why they did the things they did. If you look at Johannesburg the roads are not even straight as an example. Those people didn't know what they were doing. But now technology has advanced and they will make us believe that they will rehabilitate it to a point where our places will be conducive to living and our wellbeing taken care of. But I believe nature has a mind of its own. You can't control nature, only God can. It doesn't matter how advanced you are. Like the gentleman said, because of previous mining they left us with perilous conditions. We don't know if tomorrow our house will sink in or something like that. Now you come and disturb it again instead of using your energy to rehabilitate it, to make our living conditions better, our heritage. So that we can still speak about these designated areas, we will still have history, our children will remember it. Because in the first place nature, before mining was done these places were beautiful, there was a lot of fauna and flora and after the mining we all thought that there will be no more mining and that's why they built houses, communities were established and now disturbing again which means there will never be houses built again because now it is going to be worse off than it was before. What I am saying is we will be the first ones to say no. We are not oblivious to the fact that the objective here is money. And they don't care about us, our health, our lives, our children, our living conditions. The only thing here is money and they will do anything, they will sweet talk us and tell us what they will be doing. They will | Your points are noted. |

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| Liz | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I live smack next to one of the opencast thingy and I have been listening to all of these people and there is one common variable and that is that it spells nothing good. So in all good conscience I cannot agree to this mining operations. I have sympathy for the people without jobs and who need jobs and make a living for their families but we have to look after ourselves as individuals and as families. And thank you for the people and their expert opinion and all the concerns raised and I cannot say yes in any good conscience, not with my property right next to that operation. | Your concern and point is noted. |
| Fuad Brentzen | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Just lastly I want to say that the longer this meeting goes on the more evident it becomes that you know that you are going to mine. At the end of the day you are going to mine but you are going to find a lot of resistance. Because it doesn't make sense. Mining in a built up area is asking for trouble. And the fact that no one is going to benefit from it, only your client is going to benefit and they are going to make billions of Rands. All I would like you to do is go back to the client and please tell them that if they do encounter resistance, let us not become another Lonmin. You understand? But at the end of the day that is the things that are going to happen. That is reality. We cannot be oblivious to the fact that people will resist the mining activities because it is going to affect a lot of people. Imagine you sleep at night and you hear noises under the ground and there are a lot of other things that I can mention but that is only one of them. Please go back and tell them they should reconsider what they want to do because people are more important, more valuable than gold. | Thank you, this comment is noted. |

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| Zenobia Heldsinger: Chairperson My Florida Lake - Hamberg Residents Association | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 and E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | Loss of area specific biodiversity and natural characteristics in the areas affected. | The biodiversity baseline in this area has been historically impacted upon by various activities. A biodiversity specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| David van Wyk | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I am from Benchmarks Foundation and I am the lead researcher there. We have done extensive research in that area that you've got in that map and I can tell you that the area which we call Snake Park, you call it something else in the map just below the Flakfontein 238 dump, there are farmers there who are farming there and they are paying rent and I think it is possibly to one of your management people who farm there. We've got blind animals there, crippled animals, we've got animals that are showing all kinds of deformities. We've got people with cerebral palsy in just about every street in that community. And we then did tests on the water by sending it to French labs because we don't trust South African labs and for Beryllium the water has excessive levels above what the World Health Organisation allows and what the Environmental Protection Agency in the United States allows. For Chrome the EPA and WHO standard is 0.5 and 0.1. We get levels there of 110. Nitrates, we get levels of 1923. Nitrates cause something called blue death because nitrates prevent your body from taking oxygen to your organs. Now these opencast mines that you are talking about are going to become funnels, they will become funnels and sinks which surface water will sink through into the old mine workings and into the void of the central basin and the western basin. It will add to the acid mine problem. It will also add to the problem of leaching heavy metals out into springs. In Davidsonville we've got springs everywhere. I saw a new spring today with brown water with heavy iron content coming out of that spring. Now Snake Park and Meadowlands and so on are geographically at a lower altitude than your operations so the water | Radiation, health and water specialists have been appointed for the project. Specialist studies will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the studies will be included into the EIA report. The specialist studies terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |

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| Zenobia Heldsinger: Chairperson My Florida Lake - Hamberg Residents Association | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 and E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | Water quality and the negative impact thereon including radiation contamination of water caused by the mining activities and after effects of mining, including underground water. | Surface water and groundwater specialist studies will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the studies will be included into the EIA report. The specialist studies terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Cllr. Gert Niemand | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Then in terms of the dust because dust is already a problem and my gentlemen over there, Andrew have alluded to Davidsonville. Davidsonville have been suffering from the dust for many years. That is why a certain part of it is known as "Ghost town". Not just Davidsonville, wherever the wind blows: Lindhaven, Witpoortjie and Roodepoort are affected by that dust. Opencast mining, I am sure there will be some dust. | West Wits have asked other stakeholders in the area for dust monitoring results and these will be used to inform an understanding of what is happening in the area. |
| Cllr Ingrid Renson | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Besides the health issues that we have, of what we already see in Davidsonville with the massive amounts of dust and the side effects that linger for a long period of time. | Your points about social and economic issues have been noted. From an environmental perspective, for financial provisions, there is legislation that caters for a risk assessment, an annual rehabilitation plan and a closure plan. Historically this wasn't required. The closure objectives that are included in an EMP need to make sense. For a number of your concerns we'd like to meet with you to unpack it a little bit more because I think it is an important element for the closure plan. |

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| Zenobia Heldsinger: Chairperson My Florida Lake - Hamberg Residents Association | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 and E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | The basis of our concerns in relation to the open cast mining project flows from the following matters: Health concerns in relation to the arsenic and negative chemical and other pollution caused by the mining activities, in relation to air quality changes including radiation etc. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.12 of the Scoping Report. |
| AC Swart | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 | What about blasting that will take place? When, how often, every day? | A blasting and vibration specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.8 of the Scoping Report. |
| David van Wyk | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Will you involve them in all your various commentaries: your environmental commentaries, your disaster management commentaries, your employment commentaries, other commentaries that deals with the impact on their lives or are they never going to see you? | Your comments are noted. This is why it is important for people to register and be involved in the process and to raise their concerns so that when we submit it to the DMR they can read what was asked and said. |
| Cllr Ingrid Renson | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Irrespective of what happens those of us who are living in the area have to live with the consequence of whatever happens and the only way to actually soften that is to make sure that the mine and the people living there and the stakeholders continuously communicate and you set up the processes to continuously communicate. We know things are going to happen. Things are not always going to go according to plan. But the main thing is that we are all committed to communicate and find solutions. Then ultimately I believe we can improve places like Davidsonville who have suffered the legacy of bad mining practices in the past. | Communication during this process is absolutely key, including the structures. So if there are any suggestions from the community on how to further communicate through this process then please let us know and we can see how to accommodate them in the process that is currently running. |

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| Pat Erasmus | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I Would like to know what is going to happen to our house insurances? How much responsibility are you people going to take for the damage to the houses, the water lines that will snap and keep water underground, the foundations that will crumble away, the walls that will crack? Who's going to take responsibility for that? How much are we going to have to face on our own because at the end of the day it is so easy for you to convince us now but we're not convinced and then you just turn and walk away when your job is done. | A blasting-vibration study is being undertaken for the project to understand potential impacts of the mining operations. |

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| Keke | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I am from ward 127 Matholessville. Firstly I'd like to give clarity on some the questions from the gentleman, David. I think as a community from ward 127, 49 and 44 after we observed that there were opencast mining operations that were taking place I think it was in 2015, 2016 the community took it upon themselves to say we are going to where the operations are taking place to get an understanding of what is happening there because we believe we are affected by what is happening in terms of dust in terms of any issues that they felt that they need to raise. After the meeting when we went there there were meetings with Mintails who were the owners at that stage and the DMR and the councillors of the 3 wards. At that meeting it was agreed that a structure must be established and that structure should deal with those concerns that are raised by the community. Hence there was the establishment of the mining forum. I understand that at that point other wards were not as much affected as those wards that stood up and went there to say that they are affected because those opencast operations were taking place in those wards. So in this process this company came late. There were companies that operated there before. In our understanding as that community is that this rehabilitation took place because there was a problem in that area of illegal mining in those wards and we are experiencing this illegal mining on a daily basis. I know that we are all affected by this thing but we must also agree that we are not equally affected because if you talk of illegal mining it is where I am staying on a daily basis. I observe how that community is being affected by these illegal miners. My clarity is | Your points are noted. |
| Lynn Erasmus | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I live in Hamberg ward 84. I've got several points that I would like to raise. We were drawn here with the concept of two opencast mines. I think the big fish is the 25 year mining project that lies behind it which is being very neatly downplayed. I think that is where the real money is going to come from. | Your comment is noted. |

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| Name not given | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I am very sad sitting here tonight. My Councillors was present, all of us. This was a very serious meeting and we raise serious concerns and I see not one councillor taking notes. They didn't write nothing down. If this thing is going to happen, what's going to happen then they come back to us and say this is what happens and they agree. So they are supposed to be here, both of them. They let us down as communities. | Your comment is noted. |
| Lynn Erasmus | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | This might be a bit humorous for those of us who live in ward 70 and ward 84. We thought last year in May when the squatters moved into Jerusalem, we thought we had a problem. Now we have a bigger problem. Frankly I choose the squatters over mining any day. | Thank you, this comment is noted. |
| Bronwyn Taylor | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | In addition there is another question that I want to raise regarding your potential issues. The one issue that I want to know, as a resident and a business that is close to these areas, there is a dual gas pipeline that runs in these areas. What is the risk to the community on that dual gas pipeline on your activities that are going to take place because that pipeline actually carries petrol and gas, which is owned by Transnet and by Sasol as I understand it? What are you going to do about that? Can you include it in your potential issues and your specialist input? If not, why haven't you put it in there? Thank you. | A surveyor was appointed to identify servitudes in the project area using Windeed information. This information has not yet been reflected on the maps. This information will be included in the reports. The presence of the pipelines have been raised as a risk that need to be considered. |

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| Bronwyn Taylor | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Basically you have addressed a lot of issues regarding the fact that you want to address illegal mining. Fortunately I am very involved in my community and I actually sat in a meeting with a Colonel with SAPS after my blockwatch met because of the number of questions that I want to ask because I am an interested party in the fact that I don't live in ward 70 but have invested millions in ward 70 and so I take my investment very seriously as a small business as much as your Wits company would. So my question is on addressing illegal mining as the current situation stands you have not highlighted anywhere in your plan a risk assessment. As I stand here I have written to the Minister of energy portfolio committee last month and I have also escalated it further to other relevant stakeholders. The zamazamas as we speak right now in some of those wards where you want to go in and mine are actually killing South Africans on a daily basis. And SAPS cannot do anything about it. I've sat in a meeting and heard a chilling testimony that sounded like we were almost in a Marikana commission last month from members of those very communities where you want to go in and mine. And SAPS made promises, there had been two marches to the local police station because there is no protection offered in whatever form to the South Africans who live in a settlement, Jerusalem settlement for example, so my question to you who have not identified safety and security which is actually a right in the Bill of Rights to every South African citizen. What assurity are you going to give to me who live in this area and have a business in this area that our lives and safety is going to be secured when in the current situation | The whole purpose of the NEMA Directive for the Solplaatjies project is to stop illegal mining, by removing the easily accessible ore that the illegal miners exploit. If this ore is removed and the underground access adits are concreted over, as is currently being done, illegal mining will stop. The property development which is supported by the municipality will also reduce illegal mining. The longer-term project anticipates mining activities which will drive out the illegal miners. As stated above the NEMA Directive is supported by the SAPS and SAPS in fact want more such rehabilitation projects undertaken in the area to curb the illegal mining. |

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| Bronwyn Taylor | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | They [<i>the illegal miners</i>] just migrate to another place in Johannesburg. You are not addressing the root cause. There are moratoriums put in place and the question remains to be asked how are you going to deal with that? The crime is escalating there from where you are into areas where we live, our residences and the chilling testimonies come through on highjackings etc. and my point is yes there are moratoriums in place, you might address the mining, there is then a migration because you have undocumented citizens or individuals in the country. We have a responsibility as South Africans, a social responsibility to ensure that we don't fix a problem in one area and create another for our compatriots, our comrades, our neighbours who are citizens in our country. It is irresponsible to do that. | The whole purpose of the NEMA Directive for the Solplaatjies project is to stop illegal mining, by removing the easily accessible ore that the illegal miners exploit. If this ore is removed and the underground access adits are concreted over, as is currently being done, illegal mining will stop. The property development which is supported by the municipality will also reduce illegal mining. The longer-term project anticipates mining activities which will drive out the illegal miners. As stated above the NEMA Directive is supported by the SAPS and SAPS in fact want more such rehabilitation projects undertaken in the area to curb the illegal mining. |
| AC Swart | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 | Who will be responsible for health issues of children at primary / high school? | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.12 of the Scoping Report. |
| Zenobia Heldsinger: Chairperson My Florida Lake - Hamberg Residents Association | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 and E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | Crime and security matters relating to the illegal mining already occurring in some of the area proposed for mining and the negative security impact of that on surrounding residents. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.12 of the Scoping Report. |

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| Rod Kruger | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I am a historian in the area and I am here as a volunteer on behalf of the various museums and historical organisations, especially the Roodepoort museum. Just to talk about the Main Reef, the Main Reef itself was of course the reason for the existence of Johannesburg and remains the epitome of all items that should be preserved would I say for Johannesburg and it is actually a pity to see it being dug out of the ground as far as we're concerned but I can understand why. We would just like to know whether or not it would be possible for persons like myself and other representatives of the museums under your heritage assessment to have access to these places to photograph and so on the various things, especially if old workings are uncovered at the surface? And or whether we would be permitted to go underground to see anything and whether or not any relics found would become the property of the various museums? | Your request is noted. |
| Zenobia Heldsinger: Chairperson My Florida Lake - Hamberg Residents Association | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 and E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | Loss of historical value in the areas affected. | A heritage specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Dino Milton | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | My question is twofold and it carries on from the gentleman's comment. You are applying for a licence to mine here. Currently you said there is tailings that you are inheriting from previous mining companies. How are you going to get rid of that in the first place like in all the other areas that we stay? | The tailings dams belong to another company. When the prospecting right for the West Wits area was transferred to West Wits (through a Section 11 transfer) the tailings dams did not form part of the transfer. They are under the responsibility of Mintails. Often mining houses have forums or stakeholder meetings. Your concerns related to the existing tailings dams should be raised with Mintails. |

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| Andrew Stride | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | From experience we have been involved in between Davidsonville and Kagiso. These two communities took the City of Johannesburg to court. During that process there was no ownership found for these tailings. We as contractors were involved in what you call hydroseeding. I think Gert Niemand, if he is still here is aware of the failures that took place as a result of the acid levels in that soil is so high that you cannot effectively rehabilitate it by way of hydroseeding. Once you disturb the natural vegetation that has taken over time those slimes dams it is so difficult to rehabilitate it artificially because we have been trying unsuccessfully up until now. Our councillor from ward 71 sits here tonight also. We brought it under the attention that there is this other gentleman that is not following the correct process that is followed here tonight. We called upon her to try and support us in our efforts to stop that gentleman, instead she was rather supportive of it. I want to bring it to the attention of the voters here. These processes that are so nicely sold over here to us are complete failures from my own experience because we have been contracted to do the hydroseeding there through another company but the attempts have been unsuccessful. | Your points are noted. As part of the rehabilitation plan and closure assessment a risk assessment is required to inform the plan and what is required to meet the post closure land use objectives. |

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| Lynn Erasmus | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | It seems like an awful amount of money will be put into what seems to be a project but what is really there? How can they guarantee ploughing all this money in that there is something there? Nobody pours that much money into something that they can't guarantee. What is really there? What are they not telling us? I cannot see the rationale behind pouring that much money into something that's on the surface is not going to yield much because that mine has been pretty much mined out, so what is really there that we are not being told? | Looking back at a hundred years' history of the mining operations, in the eighties, at the peak of mining the ore was worth like \$40 per ounce for gold with a break even threshold of 8 grams per ton. So when this limit was achieved nothing less than the 8 grams per ton was mined. With a change in economics the gold price is considerably higher and therefore the break even threshold has changed accordingly. This allows for additional mining operations to take place. If the economics change and the gold price goes up even the tailings that lies on surface becomes viable to mine. And that is why the DMR classifies the tailings as a resource. Because the economics allows it to be reprocessed. If you have ore of a certain grade lying on surface you don't have to spend a lot of money to mine it. There are a lot of gold reefs in South Africa that weren't mined out. Through a hundred years of mining the knowledge of what was left is available. It was put on plans and those plans are available and can be accessed. |
| Nic Becker | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Lastly, can you give us a bit more information on West Wits Australia? What sort of capital do you propose to spend on the West Rand? | The prospecting right was granted in 2006 and the prospecting right was granted to the Durban Roodepoort Deep company. The parent company of DRD was Mintails Mining South Africa. The contractual agreement between the two companies was that the underground rights belong to West Wits commercially. The tailings and surface belong to Mintails commercially. The prospecting right was issued for a period of 5 years and carried on until 2011, at which point an extension to the prospecting right was applied for. That extension was granted in 2013 for a period up until April 2019. So the prospecting right is valid until April 2019. West Wits on its own has spent in the order of R10 million on prospecting related activities. I have prior knowledge that the funds were put in and the rehabilitation and closure to the prospecting was done. Mintails on the other hand drilled all the dumps and spent in the order of about R3 or 4 million on drilling and estimating a resource for the dumps. |

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| Bronwyn Taylor | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | In addition to the first gentleman that presented on your company. I would like to know who are the owners of West Wits. The individuals. I Googled your company, I pick up your directors but I would like to know who are the owners. What do your CIPRO documents state? Can you tell the public that? We would like to know who you are. You just introduced yourself but you didn't give us an organogram or any form of valid documentation on who you are. We know that some of you are from Australia that some of you are high level lawyers etc. but we would really like that information as the public. We have a right to know that. You have told us that you are from Australia. You have not told us who exactly are the owners. Who are you? I still don't know who you are. I know you are the operations manager, show me in clarity in papers who is this company. | West Wits is a listed entity so the shareholders are located across the globe. Information in the top 20 major shareholders within the company, the directors and empowerment partners will be provided during the environmental assessment processes. |

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| Nic Becker | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | You are talking about mining. In my estimation I would have thought that you would have informed all of us of your prospecting because I am sure that you will be spending a lot of money. What did you spend on prospecting thus far capital wise, if we can know who did the prospecting and were we as residents of the particular area informed about your prospecting activities? Furthermore if there was a similar application for prospecting in 2014, is there any relation between that particular prospecting application and your mining application at this stage? | The prospecting right was granted in 2006 and the prospecting right was granted to the Durban Roodepoort Deep company. The parent company of DRD was Mintails Mining South Africa. The contractual agreement between the two companies was that the underground rights belong to West Wits commercially. The tailings and surface belong to Mintails commercially. The prospecting right was issued for a period of 5 years and carried on until 2011, at which point an extension to the prospecting right was applied for. That extension was granted in 2013 for a period up until April 2019. So the prospecting right is valid until April 2019. West Wits on its own has spent in the order of R10 million on prospecting related activities. I have prior knowledge that the funds were put in and the rehabilitation and closure to the prospecting was done. Mintails on the other hand drilled all the dumps and spent in the order of about R3 or 4 million on drilling and estimating a resource for the dumps. If you would like a copy of the Section 11 or prospecting right, this can be provided on request. |
| Cllr. Gert Niemand | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I am the Councillor for Ward 84. Now Ward 84 is adjacent to the borders where you want to do Creswell Park and Roodepoort CBD. Now there are two processes and I think we must just go to the map because we need to be sure technically because you're talking about the two opencast sites, one is Kimberley and one is Creswell Park. But then you are also talking about underground mining and I think it needs to be clear where that's going to happen because on one of the maps there is a big indication that a lot of mining will be happening next to the Roodepoort CBD. That needs to be sorted out first. | This information was provided as part of the presentation on the mining right application. |
| AC Swart | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 | Where will ground be stored / dumped that is removed from the opencast mine? | Roll over mining methods will be used with proposed opencast mining. Therefore waste rock stockpiles will be temporarily stockpiled next to the opencast voids during mining. These stockpiles will later be backfilled into the open voids as part of the rehabilitation. |

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| AC Swart | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 | Where will underground water be stored? | At this stage it is anticipated that the proposed opencast pits will not be deeper than the groundwater table and therefore storage will not be required. Whereas with regard to the proposed underground mining, were possible groundwater will be kept in a closed circulated and reticulated back down into the underground workings. However more detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) |
| Isreal Mosala | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Already our environment and soil has been damaged. So, if you are going to continue with mining, how are you going to work on the site that has already been damaged by previous mining companies? | Your comment is noted. |
| Dino Milton | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | We have put in applications and petitions and everything to all these mining houses. How are you getting rid of the problems from existing dumps? So it's going to be your responsibility to fix that. Are you going to deal with it and how are you going to deal with it? You are petitioning for 30 years. After 30 years I am dead and my children are suffering from lung disease. How are you going to come back to the community and say: I'm going to pay for your child? | The mining permit operation will run for 1 to 2 years. The mining right operation will comprise six open cast pits which will be done in the first 5 years and then from year 6 to year 30, mining will be underground. West Wits is in consultation with Mintails so your concern can be raised with them because often mining houses look at a collective way to solve problems. |
| Cllr. Gert Niemand | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Then also in terms of the rehabilitation processes, as you alluded to the fact that you will be rehabilitating as you go along. You talk about a 4 to 5 year period on the opencast mining if I look at the documents but there is a 30 year application going in for the mining and that is a bit of a concern for me as well and we need to look at that as well. | This information was provided as part of the presentation on the mining right application. |

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| Pat Erasmus | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I am a person from Davidsonville who has got a problem with the area. You know I've watched so many documentaries. It is so easy for you people to stand here and the words flow from your mouths and all these reassurances, particularly how the community will benefit but do you know at the end of these documentaries how the community is left derelict and desperate and people walk away once they have achieved what they want. The other thing is you are spending a lot of money to mine the dregs of what was once mined before. | Your comment is noted. |
| Pat Erasmus | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | How can we honestly and truly trust that you are coming into this with a two-year gap? And what about the rehabilitation because it has been suggested that for 27 or so years because you have got a 30-year mining licence? But the thing is, what about the rehabilitation of this land? | The mining permit operations will run for a period of 1 to 2 years. For the mining right application, the opencast operations will run for period of 3 to 5 years and then from Year 6 to 30 underground mining is proposed. |
| Gill Stewart | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | With regards to the state of rehabilitation you talk about progressive rehabilitation. Now historically we have had opencast mining in the designated area but the rehabilitation that they did if you want to call it that consisted merely of bulldozing the rubble back and that is what they called rehabilitation. I'm sorry, I do not agree. Rehabilitation means putting things back the way they were which includes re-establishing flora and fauna. If you do not re-establish indigenous fauna and flora you have not rehabilitated the area. It is that simple and not negotiable. I am sure people here would agree. | Your comment is noted. |

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| Gill Stewart | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 and E-mail received on 31 March 2018 | The second issue involves West Wits. You talk about West Wits South Africa and West Wits Australia. I have an issue for the fact that there are areas in this proposed mining area which according to the deeds office, the City of Johannesburg and the SAPS belong to West Wits Australia. And these portions of land are effectively abandoned land and are a danger to all neighbouring residents and as a resident of one of the neighbouring West Wits properties I am talking from experience. A month ago we had a house robbery. It was the 54th instance of criminal activity against our household in the last 25 years. This is because that property that have been effectively abandoned is a haven for criminals and a home of zamazamas. If West Wits Australia which according to as I have said the deeds office, the City of Johannesburg and the SAPS is the absentee owner of this property is not able to fulfil their legal obligation to maintain their property in such a way that it is not a hazard to their neighbours, how can we trust West Wits to operate a legal, honest and decent mining operation? | West Wits does not own any land within the application boundary. Your point is noted and will be looked into. |
| Mduduzi Jack | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | So the issue of health have been looked at but I am concerned of the waste dumps because the waste dumps they are all over in Soweto and that is a serious concern. I have seen some companies remove them around Crown Mines and other areas where those waste dumps are. That we can agree upon that these waste dumps have created a problem for us ever since the mines have been abandoned. The issue of the mines being operational, we have had the residential here in Roodepoort and there was a mining operation here so let's agree that our preoccupation should be that there should be proper rehabilitation. | Your points are noted. |

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| Cllr Ingrid Renson | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | The other questions that I have are of the bigger picture. Firstly if this is a rehabilitation programme for the later city at Goudrand, is there any payment coming through from not just the gold that is going to be sold off, which we know is probably not going to be much because of all the money it costs to extract it or is there some rehabilitation tender or some sort of payment coming from the DMR to actually do this because it is really a precursor to the Goudrand site that is happening? So the DMR is the overseer of even environmental aspects? | Provision for rehabilitation is either placed with the DMR through a cash deposit or through a guarantee or trust fund. This is determined by specialist work in line with legislation, so things are in a much better position than they were years ago. (RM) Previously you would have needed authorisation from the DMR for mining related activities and then authorisation from Environmental Affairs for environmental activities. But in December 2014 it changed such that the DMR became the competent authority for all issues related to mining. (AP) |

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| Lynn Erasmus | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | We listen to lot of honeyed words about how all kinds of training will be given to these people and land will be made available for housing. Who is going to be there to pick up the pieces when the houses start falling apart because you can't build a house on sand and it will be on sand because all the rocks would have been blasted away. | Your comments is noted. |
| AC Swart | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 | When will land be rehabilitated? | Concurrent rehabilitation is planned. Refer to Table 2.3.2 in the Scoping Report. |
| David van Wyk | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | As for the underground mining I wish you luck but in any case this whole area to the south of where you are mining is dolomitic so all this water and so on from your underground mines and your opencast mines will affect the dolomite and you will start getting sink holes in all of those areas. Right, we are already seeing sink holes in many of these areas and the mining industry doesn't seem to care much about it. | The issue of dolomites will be considered and addressed in the assessment process. |
| Blacky Swart | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I see that you are going to tap into the power and water supply of the City of Johannesburg, which is in our area already under pressure. The pressure is non-existent certain times of the day. The water pipes have not been replaced and so forth so they go regularly. We have now seen what Eskom has said. They have a backlog on coal supply for the supply of power so that is another challenge for us. | We have noted the concerns on the existing supply pressures. Alternatives will be considered for power and water supply including sewage. |

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| Andrew Stride | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | The thing is this, we hear that there are empowerment partners to this process. If this mining takes place, which they say needs to take place and it is going to take place, what we need to understand is that we need to see and we need to be introduced to those people. The people that have suffered as a result of these mine dumps, these tailings dumps, I speak from experience at Davidsonville, the people from Davidsonville that have been subjected to the elements of the soil there. These people are not having a direct benefit when these mining companies come in and come and mine with the open cast mining to remove the last bit of value that there is. So our position is that the people from that area where they have suffered as a result of the sand there, of the soil must have a vested interest by way of share because we have suffered as a result of the sand there and it is important that we be compensated for that. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Themba Ngwabe | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I am from ward 127 which is DRD. Maybe I am going to go off the hook. My main issue is about the lives of the people. I think we need to love one another, respect one another tolerate one another. At my place there people are going to the bush to relieve themselves because there are no toilets there. We are told that we will get no toilets because it is not our place, it is somebody else's place. We are drinking contaminated water. That also needs to be reviewed by the authorities. I've got a lot to say but I am scared because I am a qualified teacher. I was trying to root out corruption within the Department of Education and they kicked me out of the department and I have been out of a job for almost a year now. But thank you for the opportunity to voice out my concern. | |

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| Cllr Ingrid Renson | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | The site at DRD, we have people essentially living in abandoned sites. Is there going to be any movement within those abandoned sites and what is going to happen with that if that happens to be near one of the opencast mining is going to be? So what is the contingency plan for places where currently people are living in abandoned buildings? And of course as the lady from CLAW, who is just one street up has indicated and it would be greatly appreciated of the communities that are already there that some cognisance be taken that people are living in these environments and that there is an animal hospital that does a lot of work for particularly animals in distress if there could be some kind of spinoff from that. | |

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| Mduduzi Jack | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I am from Sol Plaatjie. I have noticed that none of us here today are opposed to the mining taking place. But now our concern is the environmental impact which concerns me as well. That is true. Every speaker here tonight, in particular the old man and the old lady here, they have articulated the issues that tells me they have the experience and the knowledge of what they are talking about. We cannot compromise our health because of mining operations. However, it is important to note that myself a young person that was born probably post-apartheid has got vested interest in the operation of the mines. Because of the state that the country finds itself in in terms of job losses, in particular young people. I am talking about some 5.5 million young people that find themselves unemployed in South Africa. That frustrates us and seeing an opportunity like this being presented to us it thrills us that there shall be radical socio-economic transformation being employed by the company that come here which talks about empowering us. Not only as a community but as young people and black women in particular. I am not being racist. You'll forgive me when I say black women. We are just a community the affected community across the wards of Roodepoort. And what I also want to register the issue of the environment that one is known and that one is a fact, we will never compromise that. I like the fact that the old man said the company must give us surety that all our demands will be met in writing and there must be signatures which give us assurance that during the mining operation and even after that there will be that which we agree upon as we move forward with this presentations and | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Cora Bailey | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I am the founder of CLAW in Durban Deep which is the epitome of environmental and social degradation due to mining operations. We operate a clinic without running water or electricity for a number of years now. I think there is an anticipation amongst the community of massive employment. Just how many people would an operation such as this employ? | At this stage it is expected that the opencast mining operations will require between 40 and 50 people and the underground mining operations between 300 and 500 people for the underground mining operations. |

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| Sydney Ndlovu | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I am the chairperson of SMME ward 70 Florida. My suggestion is that we can't be against what you are coming with for our previous SPLLTs. They are being abused and whatever but we are hoping that as we raise these concerns you will take our concerns very serious in terms of abusing, in terms of safety of the community in terms of cheap labour but so far I saw in your presentation according to the skills and labour and whatever and we can't run away from that. Because we also need something. As you come with something we also need something that will give us as small business in the area, as you said you are going to give us the training and a skill and we also accept that. And in terms of the rate of the labourers we are tired as community leader to go back to the community addressing the silly issues whereby you guys you have to come with the right package of money to pay our people when this is successful. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Zenobia Heldsinger: Chairperson My Florida Lake - Hamberg Residents Association | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 and E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | Influx of job seekers within and around areas affected. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.12 of the Scoping Report. |

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| Cllr Ingrid Renson | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Then the bigger picture of having the mining so close to the CBD. We have houses of people who live very close because of the legacy of what Roodepoort is, we have informal settlements, we have new housing developments, RDP housing developments in Matholesville, we have Sol Plaatjie which is absolutely falling apart. We have all of that quite close to this mining activities. I have a massive concern that an unresilient and a very stretched CBD that Roodepoort currently is, it has had very little input from the city for the last 20 years so it really is hanging on by its fingernails. There is no management processes, there is no CIDs kind of urban management mechanisms within Roodepoort itself. How many highjacked buildings do we have. How many people living in that area live on the edge and if you have mining activities so close is this going to push that entire CBD and that whole area, which is the life blood of a lot of factories as well as the people who are living there for many years. I mean Roodepoort City Hall is from 1910 or something like that. This is a long history of a town that's been there and there is a big worry that this mining activity will actually push that CBD over the edge and it will create a massive slum environment that we can't actually recover from and that is a big concern. | Your points about social and economic issues have been noted. From an environmental perspective, for financial provisions, there is legislation that caters for a risk assessment, an annual rehabilitation plan and a closure plan. Historically this wasn't required. The closure objectives that are included in an EMP need to make sense. For a number of your concerns we'd like to meet with you to unpack it a little bit more because I think it is an important element for the closure plan. |
| Cllr Ingrid Renson | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Obviously the mine is just interested in extracting and getting what it wants and it leaves those of us who live here have to live here for the rest of our lives and live with the consequences. So essentially the economic development and the link between the city and the economic viability of leaving when the mine leaves and when the actual resources have been extracted, that it actually leaves a viable community. It has the chance of being resilient, it has the chance of actually building up and becoming because if a housing project arrives we are going to have a 100 000 people living in an area where there is no economic activity and that I think the bigger picture is really important for us that are going to be left behind that have to manage the city to make sure that we get the most out of the situation that we can | Your points about social and economic issues have been noted. From an environmental perspective, for financial provisions, there is legislation that caters for a risk assessment, an annual rehabilitation plan and a closure plan. Historically this wasn't required. The closure objectives that are included in an EMP need to make sense. For a number of your concerns we'd like to meet with you to unpack it a little bit more because I think it is an important element for the closure plan. |

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| AC Swart | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 | What about the Sasol gas line and Transnet petrol pipeline running through the proposed mining area? | Consultation with the respective departments have been initiated and the potential risks will be adequately assessed prior. |
| Zenobia Heldsinger: Chairperson My Florida Lake - Hamberg Residents Association | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 and E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | Negative impact on surrounding businesses on and around Albertina Sisulu road. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.12 of the Scoping Report. |
| Zenobia Heldsinger: Chairperson My Florida Lake - Hamberg Residents Association | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 and E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | Negative impacts of landfill sites and dumps proposed and changes in land use in and around the affected communities. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.12 of the Scoping Report. |
| Charlotte Steenekamp | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 | Property values will drop. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.12 of the Scoping Report. |
| Zenobia Heldsinger: Chairperson My Florida Lake - Hamberg Residents Association | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 and E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | Property values being negatively affected in and around the areas affected, with a proposal for the company to buy out property owners at an approximate value of between R800000 and R1.1m per house - based on individual valuations (complex and body corporate values to be advised individually). | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.12 of the Scoping Report. |
| Cllr. Gert Niemand | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | Then the concern from the town is the traffic impact once we are busy with the opencast and the amount of carriers that's going to be coming in and out. It will impact and what will the impact be? | A traffic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |

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| Zenobia Heldsinger: Chairperson My Florida Lake - Hamberg Residents Association | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 4 April 2018 and E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | Traffic congestion increases within and around areas affected. | A traffic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Bronwyn Taylor | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | My first question of concern is to RM on your mining permit. You make a comment that you are going to basically apply, just to paraphrase you: 'a mining permit takes a shorter period to be approved and mining can continue or start'. You almost seem to be quite convinced in your mind that this thing has been pre-approved already. On that statement that you made it was not on your slide, I took a picture of your slide. I'd like to know that that statement that I'm paraphrasing that you did make, that you are going to include it in the minutes to us, your statement. | MalanScholes Consulting has appointed an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) who is responsible for the two (2) Mining Permit Applications, which caters for all the necessary environmental specialist studies that are to be fed into Basic Assessment Reports (BARs) for the two proposed opencast mining areas that are less than 5 hectares. Whereas, SLR are the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) responsible for the Mining Right application, which caters for all the necessary environmental specialist studies that are to be fed into the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) and the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the proposed opencast and underground mining activities within the mining right application area. The Basic Assessment Reports (BARs) that form part of the mining permit applications will typically take 197 days to complete. Whereas the Scoping Report, Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) that forms part of the Mining Right Application is an application that will typically take 300 days to complete. Upon completion the DMR will make a decision. |
| Ruben Matthews | X | Scoping meeting held at Witpoortjie on 4 April 2018 | I would like to ask Robyn, when did the legislation change from 1 hectare to 5 hectares when you apply for a mining permit? My understanding is that if you are going to mine 1 hectare you apply for a permit and if you mine more than 1 hectare you apply for a mining licence. And why are you not applying for a permit for each area? Why are you applying for two permits and 1 licence for such a big area? Why don't you apply for a licence for each area? | The decision to run mining permits parallel to a mining right application was motivated by the aim to optimize the proposed mine plan schedule. Furthermore, reference is made to Chapter 4, Section 27 of the MPRD Act, as amended states that a mining permit may only be issued if - (a) the mineral in question can be mined optimally within a period of two years; and (b) the mining area in question does not exceed 5.0 hectares in extent. |

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| Braamfischerville meeting - Ward 49 | | | | |
| Shereeza | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Disappointing that there are very few people here and that the presentations by the project team have been made in English as many of the community members do not understand. Requested that the councillors translate and address the community in their own languages. | Your concern regarding the language use issue is noted. |
| Zanele Khumalo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Is the purpose of the meeting to get the community's endorsement for the project? I don't give my consent. | The purpose of the meeting is to present information on the project and process and obtain concerns and queries. It is not to get consent. |
| Zanele Khumalo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Has the EIA be done? | The EIA has not been done yet, this meeting is part of that process. A specialist study will be conducted on the impact on the houses in the area and the results will be shared with the community during the EIA process. |
| Emmanuel Ndodo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Why are the land surveyors not at the meeting? They must be present. | This is an introductory meeting in the scoping phase of the project and therefore no specialists are present. |
| Hector Ndlovu | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Wish to be clear that it is West Wits involved in this project because in the past there have been presentations from other companies too. The information received is overwhelming and the community require time to digest it, do their homework and consult amongst themselves to discuss it. Will you allow us as a community to consult with the wider community? | Consultative exchange within the community and amongst community members is encouraged. |
| Lydia Sephako | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Better notice of the meetings is required and more advertising on a broader basis should be done. Use Jozi FM in future. | Concern is noted for consideration and feedback to the project team. <i>[At the conclusion of the meeting, proposals for future communication were noted. It was recorded that the next meeting be held on a Saturday. Suggestion that communication / advertising happen through community WhatsApp groups. It was urged that ward councillors informs all structures of the community groups of feedback and when the next meeting will be convened.]</i> |

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| Thabaneng Matseng | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | We welcome the application by West Wits. We will not reject it. The older people do not understand the English language, translation of the presentations from English into the local languages of the community is needed for future. | It was noted that the meeting needs to cater for a whole range of South African languages and therefore the presentations are taking place in English. |
| Tumi Ntsimane | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Agree there was late notice provided of this meeting and this has impacted on attendance, especially that of the youth who must be represented. | Your point is noted. |
| Nthateng | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | This is just a briefing session regardless of the community's views - decisions have already been made. The Roodepoort Rekord article of 4 April calls for comments on the EIA process to be submitted by the deadline of 6 April (i.e. tomorrow). The community should have a legal representative available to them to fully explain their rights and the law. | The context of the information contained in the Roodepoort Rekord on-line article is incorrect. The 6 April is an initial date for comments to be submitted to SLR but it is not the end of the commenting or consultative period. |
| Boikanyo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | The attendance of community members at the meeting is low - should rather postpone as the community is not properly represented. | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Donald | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | West Wits and councillors took a decision for the whole community - from today's proceeding they just want an attendance register. | Your comment is noted. |
| Sipho Thwala | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | I have travelled far to be here and now there are no answers and the assessments still need to be done. It is inconvenient to attend the meetings, especially as I had to leave work early from Pretoria and then I must attend not one, but a series of meetings. The way the meeting was advertised is insufficient. The whole community should be present at the meeting and they are not. Councillors should make sure they include all community leaders in engagements and discussions. | It is noted that community members find it frustrating to ask questions and not have them answered straight away. That is the nature of this process and this meeting which is to share your issues and questions with the project team who will then study them and come back with answers. This is how an EIA process unfolds. |
| Gloria Nkosi | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Better engagement is required. It is disappointing that the leadership engaged in English. They should have used their local languages to ask questions. Many community members have left the meeting as they do not understand. I am thankful that a CLO has been appointed and more must be appointed. | Your points are noted. |

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| Petra | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | If the community decide after the meeting that they do not want this project - will it be stopped or continue? | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Bongani Mpaza | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Stakeholder management. Did they come to Ward 49 to do stakeholder engagement? Stakeholder management should be run by the community - it would be better. Can we get the presentation? | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Lesego Mogotsi | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | The mines make many promises but do not deliver. Where exactly are you going to mine? | West Wits is not here to make promises. This process is to inform the project. Historically DRD did not mine all 3 reefs in the area to surface and so this is where West Wits will mine with its opencast pits. The pits will not be deeper than 30m. The reefs dip from North to South at 45 degrees. No underground mining can be conducted within 100 ms of the existing houses. |
| Griffiths | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | What is a prospecting right? | Prospecting is examining whether there are any minerals. West Wits has always been an exploration company; this is the first time they are going into mining. To prospect is to look & find; to mine is to dig and take out. The prospecting right was issued to West Wits in 2006. West Wits have found gold and are asking the DMR for permission to mine it. |
| Xolani Mahlangu | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 5 April 2018 | There is running water coming from the down the old mines. Then what confidence must I have from this project? | At this stage it is anticipated that the proposed opencast pits will not be deeper than the groundwater table and therefore storage will not be required. Whereas with regard to the proposed underground mining, were possible groundwater will be kept in a closed circulated and reticulated back down into the underground workings. Surface water and groundwater specialist studies will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the studies will be included into the EIA report. The specialist studies terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Xolani Mahlangu | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 5 April 2018 | There is already dust coming from the new mine from Sol Plaatjie. Then what confidence must I have from this project? | An air quality specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |

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| Tumi Ntsimane | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | There are mines down the road. Will alternative new routes be provided to enter and exit the mined area? | No alternative access has been identified. Access roads will need to be established for the project. A specialist traffic assessment will be conducted that looks at how the mine traffic will impact on the road capacity and road safety. |

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| Zanele Khumalo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | What impact will it have on our houses? | A blasting and vibration specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.8 of the Scoping Report. |
| Emmanuel Ndodo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Where is the mining happening? What will happen to the existing houses close to the mining areas? What is the compensation for cracked houses? | |
| Mpume Khumalo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Who do the homeowners consult if cracks are found? | |
| Griffiths | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | In ext. 14 there are already cracks in the houses and tremors can be felt. Who do the homeowners go to? | |
| Xolani Mahlangu | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 5 April 2018 | Already my house is shaking sometimes. Then what confidence must I have from this project? | |
| Lydia Sephako | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Are stakeholders like unions and political parties involved too? | The mining company works with representatives from the community, trade unions and political parties. They convene in a forum (which is representative). The community were encouraged to ensure that those who represent them, do so with their best interests at the fore. |
| Dumisani Mashanga | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | There is corruption and nepotism in ward 49. What measures are being taking by West Wits to avoid this? | Participation from leadership in the forums is encouraged. |
| Tshepo Kgwane | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Mines have mined in the name of prospecting. Could we as Ward 49 have its own sitting so that we do not inherit other wards problems. DMR should present workshops on the new Mining Charter, relevant rules, regulations and the Codes of Good Practice. | Your points are noted. |
| Petra | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | The forum does not represent us - reverse the process. | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |

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| Bongani Ndlovu | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | I am the chairman of the EFF in Ward 49. Everything in Braam Fischer (including the minerals) belongs to the people of Braam Fischer. The mine should not be operating before consulting with the people. The intelligence of the people should not be undermined. If required, the project will be stopped. Also do not be misled about the EFF's involvement in the project. We are going to stop the mining and you will not get a license. | Your points are noted. |
| Tshidiso | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | When the project team is gone the community should get together to see how to strategise to organise itself. | Your point is noted. |
| Mzwake | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Many people have insured houses. The insurance will increase. Who will compensate us for the increase? | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Boikanyo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | How are you planning to avoid damages to the environment? | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Goodman Pholane | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | The community must 'speak with one voice'; they must have their own session to 'find one another' and deal with allegations of corruption etc. | Your comment is noted. |
| Kholo Nonyane | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Some of the issues are internal community issues. Speaker addressing the community: the community should NOT be divided. Internal issues must be resolved and the ward councillors should be supported. | Your point is noted. |
| Zanele Khumalo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | What impact will it have on our health? | The EIA has not been done yet, this meeting is part of that process. A specialist study will be conducted on the impact on the houses in the area and the results will be shared with the community during the EIA process. |
| Sandile Hlwaza | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | I am a representative of the Dobsonville Heritage Foundation. Raising concern (that has been flagged with DMR) that there are graves in the DRD area. How will these graves be located and will West Wits help in preserving them and not letting them be destroyed by the mining activities? | A heritage specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |

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| Zanele Khumalo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Who are the directors of West Wits and the empowerment partners? | A list of directors, the empowerment partners and the top 20 shareholders in West Wits will be provided. |
| Godfrey Makomeng | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Mines make promises but nothing holds the mines responsible. How many funds have been set aside for rehabilitation? | DMR requires that the project team do a financial provision for rehabilitation and its costs. The potential liability of the proposed mining activity must be assessed. This potential liability then needs to be funded this can be done through a cash deposit to DMR, a guarantee or a trust fund. |
| Bongkosi | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Mining companies come with a vision for a long time and then they shut down. What assurance can you give that the community that you leave behind will benefit? Grandparents are sick because of the mining activities of DRD. What will West Wits do differently? | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Mpume Khumalo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Will people be moved from their houses because of the mining? | People will not be moved out of their houses. No blasting or drilling is done with opencast mining. Machines called Xcentric rippers are used to break the rock for removal. No mining underground is taking place at this stage. |
| Zanele Khumalo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | How will the community benefit from this project? | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Emmanuel Ndodo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | The Australians will benefit. What legacy will be left behind for the community? | Once mining is complete a rehabilitation plan will be implemented. The rehabilitated areas will be made available to housing development and greenbelts. A closure plan will be drafted to address what happens to the land after the mining concludes. The community are invited to engage and make recommendations on this. |
| Mpume Khumalo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | If gold is found under a house, shouldn't that homeowner receive a share of the gold? | People will not be moved out of their houses. No blasting or drilling is done with opencast mining. Machines called Xcentric rippers are used to break the rock for removal. No mining underground is taking place at this stage. |
| Thabaneng Matseng | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | How is SMME development and beneficiation (as per the new Mining Charter) to be addressed? | SMME development will be addressed through procurement channels with the aim to develop local suppliers. |

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| Name not given | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Last year surveys were done but there was no feedback to the community. The community have only inherited dust and disease. What will the benefits be for Braamfischerville and RSA? | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Sipho Thwala | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | The presentations are too complicated and technical. Just tell us what is the plan for the community and how we will benefit. | |
| Queen | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | The project has already started. How will we benefit or will we just be used as cheap labour? | |
| Boikanyo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | There are no roads that can be used, we need more roads. | |
| Boikanyo | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Corruption is high. Provision of jobs to the people - your timing is out. | |
| Mvikelelo Mngangafa | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | What are the 'hiring' plans / provisions for those older than youth (over 35 years old) and the disabled? | |
| Beauty | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 5 April 2018 | How does this project intend to develop small business in the area? | |
| Beauty | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 5 April 2018 | Who and how are they going to employ? | |
| Goodman Pholane | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | You speak of employment opportunities and skills development but you need a training centre. | |
| Amanda Radebe | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Does the mine exist now? Concerned about shaking of house and cracks already developing in the walls of her house due to mining. | |

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| Tebogo Mokwena | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | We are told the project is in the scoping phase but then we hear the project is already in place and people are employed. What was the criteria used to employ people and how can we now be included? | The current project that is already underway is in terms of a directive issued by DMR and NEMA to rehabilitate and make safe the areas targeted by illegal mining activities. Illegal miners have destabilised the ground and sinkholes have formed. This is unsafe for the community. The landowner (Dino properties) instructed West Wits, as the prospecting rights holder, to make this area safe. Through this process holes are being capped and closed. The community are welcome to attend a site visit to better understand the activities. With regards employment, Mintails started the 'safety' project in October 2016 and contractors ran it. West Wits entered in June 2017 and have worked with ward councillors. 15 people have been employed from Ngedi, wards 127 and 44. The CLO appointment was done by the ward councillor not the mining company. Coordinators from Ward 49 and 44 are involved. |
| Thabaneng Matseng | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | We have received news that 2 CLOs from another region have been employed. We want clarity about who is being employed at your mine. You say it is transparent but it is not. | Information with regards recruitment and employment will become available near the end of the EIA process. |
| Dolly Moloji | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | Purpose of the meeting is to fool the community and get endorsement for the project. The councillors have taken the decisions and are benefitting. West Wits and the councillors do not look after the interests of the people in the community. They have taken foreigners and given them jobs. | Your comments and questions are noted. |
| Tshidiso | X | Scoping meeting held in Braamfischerville on 5 April 2018 | The background of how the mining has come about is very important for the community to know. The speaker knows it because he is from Ward 27, Solplaatje. The rehabilitation of the land for building houses on, led to the discovery of the gold and the possibility of it being mined. This information should be provided for context. | Your point is noted. |

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| Braamfischerville meeting - Ward 44 | | | | |
| Sipho Ramalo | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Issue raised in relation to air quality and the creation of more dust in an already dusty area. How will this be managed? | An air quality specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Thembeke Leda | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | Just staying next to the mine there is a lot of dust and my son is asthmatic. Please assess the dust. | |
| Charles Tlhapelo | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Why will you not build your own plant? | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Sipho Ramalo | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | How will the inconvenience caused by the blasting and drilling be resolved? E.g. cracking of houses | A blasting and vibration specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.8 of the Scoping Report. |
| Lawrence Thonjeni | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | How are you going to assess whether the houses that are nearest to the mining whether they are going to be affected? | |
| Dumisani Ishmael | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Blasting takes place at mines in Meadowlands area and the blast is felt in Braam Fischer. Now blasting will be much closer. How will this be dealt with by the mining company? What will be done to prevent dust? | In the West Wits rehabilitation project, there is no blasting taking place at all. Alternative mining methods are used, that is machinery that breaks up the rocks for removal without blasting. The blasting referenced is from the Maxum factory (AEL Mining) where they test explosives for the mines in the dumps. |
| Lesley Ramala | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | The community forum should not be linked to politics. Honest and loyal representatives are essential. | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Tebogo Tshabalala | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | There are members of the Project Steering Committee who have a conflict of interest as they supply the mine. There should be no links and they should be neutral. | This comment is noted. |
| Thomas | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Are there going to be financial provisions made for the 'casualties' of the mine and the long-term impact it could have on community members - health risks etc? | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Lesley Ramala | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | For those who own land in the area and it is mined, they should be compensated as mining is taking place on their land. It is unfair that I buy a house and you mine underneath it and we do not benefit. | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |

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| Lawrence Thonjeni | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | Are you going to compensate the houses that will be affected during the process? | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| Jason Meyer | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Will the new mine accept responsibility for the damage it causes or will it blame the old mine? | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Thabo Sibeko | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | West Wits can only commit to the community once they have a licence. | This point is noted. |
| Angie Mogwasa | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | God has sent you to bring us food and work. Pray for licence to be granted and create jobs. | Comment noted. |
| Edwin Sima | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | On health and safety, bring back the report and convene a meeting to show us that we will be safe. | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Sicelo Tutu | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | The health and safety of community members is priority. Good that the issue of the 'zama-zamas' is being addressed. | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Pastor Tumelo Mokale | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Community members should not be so focussed on compensation. Open cast mining has made people ill, this is unfair - a proper investigation should be done into this. I do not trust politicians. It's not about money, my health is more important to me. 25 years is a long lead time to wait for benefits. | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Leonard Mushwana | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | DMR is not going to issue a mining licence if the safety requirements are not in place. We welcome job creation as long as safety is a priority. | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |

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| Maimela Mahlatse | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | How will you stop illegal mining? | The whole purpose of the NEMA Directive for the Solplaatjies project is to stop illegal mining, by removing the easily accessible ore that the illegal miners exploit. If this ore is removed and the underground access adits are concreted over, as is currently being done, illegal mining will stop. The property development which is supported by the municipality will also reduce illegal mining. The longer-term project anticipates mining activities which will drive out the illegal miners. As stated above the NEMA Directive is supported by the SAPS and SAPS in fact want more such rehabilitation projects undertaken in the area to curb the illegal mining. |
| Tebogo Tshabalala | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Has dust generation and radioactivity from the mine been considered with the community in mind? | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Thabo Sibeko | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | A request that the environmental report include illustrations / pictures to facilitate better understanding for the community. | This request is noted. |
| No name given | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | The community's interests should be represented (and protected) by an advocate (now and in the future). | This point is noted. |
| Sicelo Tutu | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | We welcome the specialist assessments. | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Kenneth Ngema | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | The speaker addressed the community present taking them back to what he saw as the main agenda point for the meeting - agree to allow West Wits to mine or not. Our leaders are benefitting. Mining underway already anyway. | This is not the purpose of today's meeting. The purpose is to consult with the community. DMR makes the decision ultimately. The current mining project that is already underway is in terms of a directive (not under any right or permit) issued by DMR and NEMA to rehabilitate and make safe the areas targeted by illegal mining activities. Illegal miners have destabilised the ground and sinkholes have formed. This is unsafe for the community. The landowner (Dino properties) instructed West Wits, as the prospecting rights holder, to make this area safe. Through this process holes are being capped and closed. The community are welcome to attend a site visit to better understand the activities. |

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| Maimela Mahlatse | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | I wish to reiterate other participants welcoming of the undertaking. I know that this contact scoping cannot cover all our interests at once but progressively pertinent interests will be addressed. | Thank you, this comment is noted. |
| Magezi Chauke | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | The meeting was good. | Thank you, this comment is noted. |
| Themba Mahlangu | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | Please would you report back to us and the process must be transparent and fair and mustn't be left in the hands of corrupt councillors. Everybody in Braamfischerville are happy about the initiative. | Details of the Public Participation Process are included in the Scoping Report, see section 6.2. |
| Siphiwe Kubeka | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | Thank you for coming and creating jobs here in Braamfischerville, thank you. | These comments in support of the project are noted. |
| Thembeke Masethi | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | We welcome you in our place. | |
| Tebogo Tshabalala | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | How much has been set aside for the rehabilitation budget? | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Pelape Tefo | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Are residents in houses near the mining activity to be relocated? This is a rumour that is prevalent in the community. | There are no plans to for relocation. |
| Lesley Ramala | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Relocation rumour to be addressed. | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Ms Tshabalala | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Rumour on relocation to be addressed. | There are no plans to for relocation. |
| Kenny Twala | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | The affected houses from mining, are they going to be relocated? | No houses will be relocated. |

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| Max Shai | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Will the SLP be updated during mining activities to make sure it remains relevant to the community? | Yes, it is a 5 year programme but is viewed as a 'live' document that is subject to regular review. The mine will form a community representative forum to which key community members are elected, as voted for by the community. This will be established prior to the SLP and procurement commencing, so that there is a structured process involving the community and allowing for open consultation with the community-elected representatives. |
| Edwin Sima | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | In terms of the SLP, a trust fund should be established that the community is part of, which they monitor. | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Sipho Maimela | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Will West Wits provide educational bursaries to children in the community? Our children are struggling to get education bursaries. Bursaries should be included as part of the SLP. | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Jason Meyer | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | SLP - Will West Wits fund scholarships for students from the community? Will they just be scholarships for studies related to the mining field or will other skills be considered? Could students from the community train in Australia with West Wits? Will the mine assist with short and long-term improvements in Braam Fischer - build police stations, clinics, rehab centres for drug addicts. Will West Wits invest in co-operatives with the community? | This comment is noted and will be addressed as part of the environmental assessment processes. |
| Thelo Kuypers | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | It was stated that water and power would be sourced from the municipality. That is the same municipality that supplies the community. There are parts of the community that have not had proper running water and power for months or years. Will sourcing this water and power not put the existing infrastructure in further strain? | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |

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| Thabo Sibeko | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | You spoke to co-shareholding and that people are buying shares. Can the community buy shares in West Wits or will there be a share scheme that the community members can participate in? | West Wits Mining Limited is registered as the parent company on the stock exchange in Australia. To have direct access, you can buy shares in this company for approximately 20 (South African) cents a share. A broker in South Africa can facilitate this purchase in the Australian company. No shares are currently trading on the South African market. West Wits MLI is the South African affiliate with a 74% shareholding by the Australian parent company and a 26% empowerment shareholding. Now that these questions have been raised in this public meeting, it will be brought to the shareholders' attention at their next meeting and questions will be considered related to if there's an opportunity for change in the shareholding in South Africa and can one hold shares locally |
| Thabo Sibeko | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Procurement and enterprise development for the mining project should prioritise local suppliers. The community should be in a position to monitor the implementation of the SLP. What is the long-term plan/project that you will leave the community with once the mining has stopped? | It is proposed that West Wits establish a skills development incubation centre for construction projects. This will include training SMMEs to supply housing contracts and be accredited for bricklaying, plumbing, carpentry, welding etc - hence creating employment. Further employment creation will be generated through SMMEs becoming involved in waste recycling, agriculture and agro-processing. The latter will take place on rehabilitated land that is deemed not suitable for housing. |
| Sipho Ramalo | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | How will the mine benefit the community and what are the social responsibility plans of West Wits? | One of the initiatives under the SLP is to rehabilitate the mined land and make it available for housing through the Goudrand housing unit project which aims to deliver 20 to 25 000 housing units. Facilities such as schools, recreation centres and clinics will also be part of this project. |
| No name given | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | This is our land. In 20 years we will still be here when the mine is gone. Community should receive royalties for the minerals mined in their area | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Thomas | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Who is the holding company of SA-based West Wits? Do you have a vehicle to make community shareholders? | |

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| Ace Magoma | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Mining activity is an opportunity for Braam Fischer to proposer. Hope that it can replicate some of the success experienced in the Rustenburg area where the youth have benefitted immensely. | This point is noted. |
| Tlamorago Thobejane | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | It is not exclusively a Braamfischer mine - it includes at least 8 to 9 wards | The wards that fall within the prospecting right (and the subsequent mining right application boundary) constitutes approximately 6000 ha. <i>[With reference to the map displayed in the presentation, the ward no.s within and adjacent to the application area were listed.]</i> |
| Maimela Mahlatse | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | How will all-round beneficiation be done? | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Sinethemba Ratala | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Who is West Wits and what do they specialise in? Braamfischerville is underdeveloped. Use your observations of the community to populate your reports. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Maimela Mahlatse | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | What socio-sporting ventures will this project raise? | |
| Thembeke Masethi | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | Can you please help our place to be improved and our children to have all the development and can you please help our youth to stop drugs and take them to work in the mine? | |
| No name given | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | When the license is granted you must come back and give us the answers regarding procurement and employment. We need facilities like recreational parks. More information is required on health impacts. | Feedback will be provided to the community. The community will have an opportunity to review the reports that are produced. |
| Tebogo Tshabalala | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | How many job opportunities will be created by the mining activity? | Estimates at present: open-cast operations will employ approx. 40 to 50 people and underground mining will employ about 300 to 400 people. |

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| Dumisani Ishmael | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | So many job-seekers in the youth category in the community - skilled and unskilled. How do you cater for them with a balance between skilled and unskilled. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. | |
| Tshepo Phagotsi | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | How will West Wits provide for disabled people in the community? | | |
| Thembeke Leda | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | 1. Which age are they starting to employ? 2. Are you going to employ males only, what about females? 3. What about unskilled people? | | |
| Tebogo Tshabalala | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Will the mining activity affect the value of the houses in the area and how will this be compensated for? | | |
| Charles Tlhapelo | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | The jobs require experience which we do not have - skilling-up required. | | |
| Kenny Twala | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | As much as the mining requires a certain skill which may be unpopular to the community. My comments should be that those skills should be available and the community must be trained. | | |
| Kenny Twala | X | Comment sheet received at scoping meeting held on 6 April 2018 | I am concerned about the method that is proposed to extract the minerals. We would like West Wits to illustrate to us in detail these kind of methods. | | The illustration below depicts the methods that will be used to exact the minerals, namely gold, silver and uranium. |
| Sipho Ramalo | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Concern raised around water quality issues created by the historic underground mine - how will this be addressed? | | Surface water and groundwater specialist studies will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the studies will be included into the EIA report. The specialist studies terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Tebogo Tshabalala | X | Scoping meeting held at Braamfischerville on 6 April 2018 | Have water rights been considered? How much water would the mine use? | | |

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| Property owners, businesses, residents' forums and groups | | | | |
| Gill Stewart - resident of Georgia | X | E-mail received on 31 March 2018 | Red dust and sand everywhere was a danger to health and made washing impossible. | An air quality specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Muhammad Bodhania - resident of 'Lappies' (adjacent to the Roodepoort CBD) | X | E-mail received on 3 April 2018 | Dust generation and environmental pollution: We are residents of the area and this may be detrimental to our health. Also, is the possibility of toxic dust being generated is a concern. | |
| Theo Nyanda ka-Khanyile - on behalf of and for Creswell Park Property Owners and Residents | X | E-mail received on 3 April 2018 | Having learnt from past experience within Gauteng indicates that Johannesburg's acid mine water drainage crisis – the vision of toxic liquid bubbling up from beneath Gold Reef City has a touch of Hollywood about it. But much less has been said about a century-old problem that's also reaching crisis proportions: the toxic dust that spirals off mine dumps and affects the health of communities nearby. As much as it's not easy to do epidemiological studies to pin down the impact of a toxic substance that can drift on the wind (some activists have indicated that traces of South Africa's West Rand mine dust have been found as far afield as Tasmania). In addition, although the dust problem has grown exponentially in the past two decades, it's too early to tell whether we have a cancer epidemic on our hands – and that's just one of the deadly possibilities. Dust has been an issue across the Witwatersrand since before World War I. By 1910, Johannesburg had grown from a mining camp into a bustling town and, as suburbs inched closer to the nascent mine dumps, residents began to feel the impact of the waste deposited on the surface. As hyperfine milling processes are adopted, the measured quantity of inhalable material has jumped from 5% to 26%, as a 2010 study that measured dust exposure in Soweto noted. "Occupational health standards for quartz exposure [linked to silicosis deaths in mine workers] were exceeded in this residential environment during this [dust storm]." The study added that statistical analysis of long-term weather data had indicated that wind conditions would exceed thresholds for dust generation and trigger environmental dust episodes for about 1 150 hours a year. | |

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| Anna Maria Francina Kruger - resident of Discovery | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | I am very concerned about the fact that you want to do open cast mining close to us. I used to stay in Brakpan near an open cast mine and we were sick all the time. The dust from the mine was also unbearable. Not to mention your house that is dirty all the time. You have to wash your curtains and carpets about once a month. Your swimming pool stay dirty and my Koi fish died all the time. My daughter is pregnant as well and I can just see how it will affect her health, as well as the baby. Especially since we as a family are highly allergic to dust. | |
| Fidelia Nyathi - homeowner | X | E-mail received on 21 April 2018 | I am a concerned home owner. The project will bring several negative impacts to human, who are already suffering. Open cast -think of quality air, asthma patients, TB patients, residents who will inhale such air. Dumping of waste of products will cause Ailments and aid Global warming. | |
| Georgina South Resident's Forum Media | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 7 May 2018 | We have at least three dams (natural water reservoirs in the floodplain leading into Forida Dam, including Hamberg and Princess Dam), as well as the Hammerkop Bird Sanctuary. These natural assets became part of our heritage and cultural life, hosting the fauna and flora that warrants our protection. This area forms part of the National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area. | A biodiversity specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |

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| Gill Stewart - resident of Georgia | X | E-mail received on 31 March 2018 | The incessant vibration of the heavy machinery caused cracks in many houses. There was not one cent compensation for any of this. They just shovelled the holes closed and called the land rehabilitated. We are still living with the mess. West Wits presently owns part of these lands. They have lain untouched, unfenced and neglected for decades. Why should we give them permission to repeat the offence? Their negligence has endangered our lives. | A blasting and vibration specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7.4.8 of the Scoping Report. |
| Muhammad Bodhania - resident of 'Lappies' (adjacent to the Roodepoort CBD) | X | E-mail received on 3 April 2018 | Mining effects such as rock blasting on environment and nearby structures | |
| Anna Maria Francina Kruger - resident of Discovery | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | We are renting a house at the moment but I would like to know who will compensate him, if there is any structural damage to the house? | |
| Kgarametsane - resident of Grobler Park | X | E-mail received on 16 April 2018 | I am a resident in Grobler Park and had the view the shafts were closed off. Our houses are cracking and surely can get worsened by the project. | |
| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | Our houses will be damaged by the explosions. | |

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| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | How will residents in the area be compensated for possible damage, increase in insurance as immediate examples. | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | Keeping the increase in income you advised your shareholders they will benefit from with this mining project. | |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | You are stating on pages 4 and 5 existing status of existing environment and then also possible and potential impacts on the potential environment and socio economic environment. What I have heard during the meeting I attended from David from Benchmark there is serious concerns as well as the lady from PAWS as well as from community members and concerned residents with firsthand experience. | |
| Muhammad Bodhania - resident of 'Lappies' (adjacent to the Roodepoort CBD) | X | E-mail received on 3 April 2018 | How will the areas be secured during and after the operations (the emergence of "Zama Zamas" has made this a serious concern). | |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | Will you pay any medical cost, what I heard during the meeting there is living proof of damage to human, animal and nature caused by mining. | |
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| Bronwyn Taylor | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 2 May 2018 | <p>When the identified Risks by the consultants were presented , no verbal or written mention of the Safety and Security Risk was made. I made the following statement and posed the question relating to Safety and Security in the meeting:</p> <p>"You state that you want to address illegal mining. Have you looked at this issue in depth? There is currently a moratorium between the South African government and the Lesotho government as stated in a Visible Policing Meeting which I attended in March 2018. There are alleged killings and murders taking place in the Jerusalem Settlement, Rugby Club, and little or no protection from police as per two members from the affected community who attended the VISPOS meeting in March and this sentiment was shared by the Councillor of Ward 70 in the VISPOS meeting, stating that two protest marches had already taken place to Florida Police Station. How do you envisage to protect the lives of all people in the country and guarantee every citizen residing in the affected wards and the area their right to Safety and Security as stated in the Bill of Rights, when it appears that Florida SAPS currently do not have the resources to attend to safety issues in the Ward?</p> <p>Where would the displaced persons be relocated to?</p> <p>The response from the operations manager, Mr. Eddie Milne was that they would be removing the illegal miners away from the affected wards and addressing illegal mining. I indicated to him that he had a social ethical and corporate responsibility not to attempt to solve a problem in one part of the City or country and migrate or move the problem or risk elsewhere in the country or the city, without</p> | <p>The whole purpose of the NEMA Directive for the Solplaatjies project is to stop illegal mining, by removing the easily accessible ore that the illegal miners exploit. If this ore is removed and the underground access adits are concreted over, as is currently being done, illegal mining will stop. The property development which is supported by the municipality will also reduce illegal mining. The longer-term project anticipates mining activities which will drive out the illegal miners. As stated above the NEMA Directive is supported by the SAPS and SAPS in fact want more such rehabilitation projects undertaken in the area to curb the illegal mining.</p> |

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| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | I seems to differ from Mr Milne that it will decrease the illegal mining by Zama-Zamas. Just passing the same project on the R28 towards Randfontein many times specially Saturdays and Sundays I counted up to 8 illegals with buckets digging openly in the sand heaps. | The whole purpose of the NEMA Directive for the Solplaatjies project is to stop illegal mining, by removing the easily accessible ore that the illegal miners exploit. If this ore is removed and the underground access adits are concreted over, as is currently being done, illegal mining will stop. The property development which is supported by the municipality will also reduce illegal mining. The longer-term project anticipates mining activities which will drive out the illegal miners. As stated above the NEMA Directive is supported by the SAPS and SAPS in fact want more such rehabilitation projects undertaken in the area to curb the illegal mining. |
| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | Crime will thrive even more by illegals, Zama-Zamas who will be a security risk to our people. | The whole purpose of the NEMA Directive for the Solplaatjies project is to stop illegal mining, by removing the easily accessible ore that the illegal miners exploit. If this ore is removed and the underground access adits are concreted over, as is currently being done, illegal mining will stop. The property development which is supported by the municipality will also reduce illegal mining. The longer-term project anticipates mining activities which will drive out the illegal miners. As stated above the NEMA Directive is supported by the SAPS and SAPS in fact want more such rehabilitation projects undertaken in the area to curb the illegal mining. |
| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | Health and environmental risks to the areas. Lung problems due to the dust and minerals. | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| Georgina South Resident's Forum Media | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 7 May 2018 | Our health and safety is an obvious concern because of the expected chemical negatives and radiation to mention just a few. | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| Georgina South Resident's Forum Media | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 7 May 2018 | We cannot even start to imagine a mine next to Gauteng Dairy, Bread distribution plant as well as a big Food Flavouring and Food Colouring plant. | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |

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| Georgia South Resident's Forum Media | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 7 May 2018 | Mining will change the Security and Safety Profile of our Area. The area is shared by Florida and Roodepoort Police Offices. We have up to a two hour waiting time for SAPS Reaction if we report on an incident at this stage. The Police resources are under pressure as it is, it is therefore a no-brainer to assume the pressure on this aspect. | |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | There is a cemetery a street away from my house which is not far away from your open cast mine, is this mine meeting the required distance for this type of project. | A heritage specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | A dumpsite like on the R28 towards Randfontein. | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| Gill Stewart - resident of Georgia | X | E-mail received on 31 March 2018 | The last time this was done the local residents in the entire area could not sleep for the noise generated by the 24 hour operation. | A noise specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | Severe noise and dust pollution will be the norm. Inhaling the dust cause sinus, asthma, pneumonia which will cause more health problems like heart problems. | |
| Georgia South Resident's Forum Media | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 7 May 2018 | We also cannot imagine the noise levels and the impact on life here when the mine is in operation 24 hours a day. | |

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| Theo Nyanda ka-Khanyile - on behalf of and for Creswell Park Property Owners and Residents | X | E-mail received on 3 April 2018 | We object unreservedly to the proposed Open Cast Mining on the strip of land next to Main Reef Road which will adversely affect our area and the surrounding areas. We object to any direct or indirect mining that will involve extraction of any precious metals within or around the surroundings of Creswell Park. | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| Theo Nyanda ka-Khanyile - on behalf of and for Creswell Park Property Owners and Residents | X | E-mail received on 3 April 2018 | We therefore insist that there should be NO MINING activities in our area and necessary measures are taken that will ensure that NO MINING takes place in the area. <i>[Various comments in support of the objection are included in this issues table]</i> | |
| Mrs Shakiera Sallie - resident | X | E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | I absolutely object to the open cast mining that is being proposed right in the midst of residential housing. This should not be permitted to proceed as it is going to affect our properties and health as well as an influx of unsavoury elements in the area. | |
| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | After reading the article in our local newspaper Roodepoort record, I feel obliged to say NO to the opencast mining project. This project doesn't hold any reliability or good for the citizens of affected areas. | |
| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | As a citizen in Witpoortjie for the past 60 years I say NO to this project for the following reasons: | |
| M Ngwenya | X | E-mail received on 21 April 2018 | I'm a very strong supporter of economic development and growth for our country as I'm aware of the various opportunities it creates for the nation, I however wish to express my total objection to the proposed mining development project along main reef road by the above mentioned company, because Our houses will devalue instantly due to underground blasts cracking our houses, noise pollution, acid mine emissions, clouds of dust over our properties. Kindly insure us from future health effects such as TB, chest infections so that we are adequately compensated if you should chose to ignore our objections. Dont say I didn't warn you 20 years from now as you face hundreds of law suits. | |

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| Bronwyn Taylor | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 2 May 2018 | I requested from the Operational Manager of West Wits SA ,Mr. Eddie Milne to give me an indication of Who the owners of West Wits are with particular reference to the legal business registration documents and directors in South African Operations? I asked Mr.Milne to indicate who the empowerment partners were? Mr.Milne undertook to give the shareholder breakdown. | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| Mark Kayter - Deputy Chairman of Riverlea Mining Forum | X | E-mail received on 3 April 2018 | It is with a great sense of deep concern that a matter of such great importance be given to interested and affected parties at such late notice to attend a meeting that will have a devastating effect on their lives and properties. | Details of the Public Participation Process are included in the Scoping Report, see section 6.2. |
| A C [Blackie] Swart - res | X | E-mail received on 5 April 2018 | Yesterday I attended the scoping meeting held at the above venue and am sorry to say the presentations left me with more questions than answers. In my humble opinion it was poorly facilitated and due to the timing and change of venue, it was not well attended. I fully support Councillor Niemand's request that another meeting be held either at the Roodepoort Town hall or Florida Moth hall, which will be more accessible to the residents of Florida Lake, Hamberg, Roodepoort CBD and surrounding areas. | |
| A C [Blackie] Swart - resident | X | E-mail received on 5 April 2018 | I would like to request a copy of the three presentations made yesterday as I am most perturbed that no mention was made of the gas and petro pipeline that runs adjacent to the proposed mining sites! | |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | The Specialist you have on retainer or contract do they bat for the consultants side or how objective and true will their results and outcome of any test done be? What I also heard during the meeting is there is class actions currently ongoing or intentions to bring class actions against your clients. Please explain. Is the specialists independent (I am rephrasing my previous observation of the specialist/s) | The specialists are independent and are appointed in terms of the provisions of NEMA EIA Regulations. |

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| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | In one of the documents made available to your shareholders you advise them you are fast tracking the applications for the license/permit. What is the timeframe we are looking at and when will the initial process before actual mining begin be completed. How much say do the interested parties have in the outcome and where and when was the application for the permit/license published. | The EIA timeline is included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | Do the authority responsible for the granting of said license/permit have insights in all the concerns and outcome of test and studies. Before granting the approvals? | The EIA Report including specialist studies and a record of the public participation process, is submitted to the DMR for decision-making. |
| Bronwyn Taylor | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 2 May 2018 | I attended the public scoping meeting held at the Live IT Church NG Kerk Church on the 04th of April 2018 (04/04/2018) at 17h00pm. I state on record in this email and as mentioned in the meeting ,facilitated by Ntsako Baloyi and recorded by your team the following: 1)The meeting venue was initially advertise for the 04/04/18 to be held at Hoerskool Bastion, Trazonalaan, Mindalore. On the late evening of the 03/04/18 ,I received via a social media group a change to your venue. No formal written communication or advertisement or prior notice in newspapers to the community was received by your company stating the change in venue. | Details of the Public Participation Process are included in the Scoping Report, see section 6.2. |
| Bronwyn Taylor | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 2 May 2018 | I also indicated in the meeting that my participation or attendance and signature on the attendance register at the meeting was certainly not an approval for the proposed project, but as an affected party in my personal and business capacity. The same sentiment was expressed by many other attendees. I physically documented this on your register. | This point is noted. The attendance register is not to provide consent but to record contact details for I&APs to support ongoing communication for the project. |

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| Bronwyn Taylor | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 2 May 2018 | <p>In Milan Scholes verbal presentation with slides, verbal mention was made that a mining permit takes a shorter period to be approved and Mining can continue or start.</p> <p>I asked why the above statement was not documented on the slides in the presentation?</p> <p>I also posed the following question:"Can you make mention or confirm that this will be stated in the minutes?"</p> <p>It was also stated that because the area was so small .."We hope to get application sooner".</p> <p>I asked if West Wits were pre-empting that this was a done deal already, licenses were approved by DMR and that the community attendance was merely a tick the box exercise</p> | Details of the Public Participation Process are included in the Scoping Report, see section 6.2. |
| Bronwyn Taylor | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 2 May 2018 | <p>I asked how , by when and from who ,the minutes of the meeting would be sent to attendees and myself in particular as I had spent 5hrs.of my valuable time to attend the meeting?</p> <p>It was confirmed that the email of minutes would come from an slr email address.</p> <p>The minutes should be received by the middle of April 2018.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at approximately 22:00pm.</p> <p>Please note that to date,02/05/2018, no minutes have been received in my email inbox from an slr address and no SMS or telephone contact.</p> <p>I was reassured by the closing comments made by a SLR consultant that despite the fact that they are employed by West Wits, their loyalty as a consulting firm was with the law. They appreciated the views ,objections, and concerns raised by participants.</p> <p>In light of the above closing statement please acknowledge my email, and afford me a right of reply of why SLR have not honored their commitment to send through the minutes of the meeting as per time line that they gave for the meeting I attended on the 04/04/2017?</p> | Details of the Public Participation Process are included in the Scoping Report, see section 6.2. |

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| Georgina South Resident's Forum Media | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 7 May 2018 | We are seriously concerned about the consultative process by West Wits Mining Limited with the communities and business of the area up to this point. | Details of the Public Participation Process are included in the Scoping Report, see section 6.2. |
| Georgina South Resident's Forum Media | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 7 May 2018 | We are also concerned about the way the Prospecting Rights changed hands from DRD Gold in 2006 to Mintails SA Soweto Cluster and now to West Wits Mining. We understand that this prospecting right was renewed until 2019 | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| Georgina South Resident's Forum Media | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 7 May 2018 | As a united front of communities we call into reference our rights as enshrined in Chapter 2 paragraphs 24 and 25 of Bill of Rights of the South African Constitution of 8 May 1996 and amended on 11 October 1996 by the Constitutional Assembly. As a representative Forum we are still in a process of collecting the necessary data and legal references to protect ourselves, our community and environment of harmful mining activity and its effects. We will not stop until we achieve our goal, which is to cease mining in our residential area | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| Muhammad Bodhania - resident of 'Lappies' (adjacent to the Roodepoort CBD) | X | E-mail received on 3 April 2018 | Rehabilitation of the pit after de-commissioning of the mine. | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| A C [Blackie] Swart - resident | X | E-mail received on 5 April 2018 | The facts concerning rehabilitation of land has left me with serious concerns and I wish to discuss this further with our board and residents and will in due course furnish you with these concerns. | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| Georgina South Resident's Forum Media | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 7 May 2018 | The impact on the environment is undeniably a big concern as the rehabilitation projects in SA gold mining is reported on in studies as non-existent. | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| Georgina South Resident's Forum Media | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 7 May 2018 | We have not been informed on the State's commitment to land rehabilitation plans and projects on current deserted mining projects as well as mining company's its decommissioning and closure projects. | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |

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| Reuben Zavala and Elsinah Mmamothibe Zavala - residents of Grobler Park | X E-mail received on 17 April 2018 | Is there a need for relocation given the proposed mining activities? What method and process will the company follow in determining compensation for this? | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |

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| Muhammad Bodhania - resident of 'Lappies' (adjacent to the Roodepoort CBD) | X | E-mail received on 3 April 2018 | Mining effects on potable water to residential and business areas. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| A C [Blackie] Swart - resident | X | E-mail received on 5 April 2018 | The facts concerning water and electricity has left me with serious concerns and I wish to discuss this further with our board and residents and will in due course furnish you with these concerns. | |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | Keeping in mind your knowledge of illegal dumping. What about all the toxic waste, the pressure on our water resource, this water system is already an old and badly maintained system as well as the electricity grid, you will be putting more pressure on both systems. | |
| Georgia South Resident's Forum Media | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 7 May 2018 | Our electricity infrastructure is already under immense pressure as Joburg City is running a reported electrical infrastructure maintenance backlog of approximately R19 billion, which includes replacement of major parts and even total replacement of substations. How is it even thinkable to put more pressure on such a vulnerable network. | |
| Georgia South Resident's Forum Media | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 7 May 2018 | Joburg City also reports regularly on the increasing pressure on the current fresh water supply from Joburg Water to households and industry. We refer to the ever increasing housing developments on the Westrand from Soweto to Midrand. Unfortunately City is suffocating under the explosion of water needs. A mine that relies heavy on constant water supply will naturally impact on our neighbourhood and settled infrastructure. | |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | With your statement on page 4 it is clear the actual residents will NOT benefit at all. At least provide the residents with the same positive benefit you promised your shareholders. | |

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| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | You should compensate homeowners like myself and by the way I am retired so there is no huge income for myself, to be able to relocate, you should provide proper housing to residents with the proper infrastructure showing you mean uplifting a community. Your motivation for the proposed project is also a one sided affair giving the impression you are looking only at one side to many variables and if's. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | None of our citizens affected by this project will gain any good from it. | |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | Your promise of job creation is very vague, you are sourcing employees from local communities. You cannot at this time confirm a figure of how may people you will be employing, don't you think this is reckless to create a false expectation of employment? | |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | You will not provide housing as the employees will be sourced from local communities. Which communities? Those in the informal settlements i.e Princess Crossing or people living in houses in the area. Or further away resident who will be bussed in and /or make use of their own transport, how will you accommodate parking and movement of such employees? | |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | How are you uplifting either one off the above-mentioned people and what will the they get paid.? Especially the people living in the informal settlements. What benefits will be attached to their remuneration, i.e medical aid, UIF, pension fund, transport, how long will their contract be? | |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | Do you really believe you will have a positive economic impact on the area and the residents? How many people will you employ 100, 200 will they be genuine locals or from neighbouring countries or towns. | |
| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | No proof that the unemployed will be taken into consideration of employment. | |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | There is a gas and a petrol line as well in the area are you meeting the distant and safety regulations and requirements? | |

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| Bronwyn Taylor | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 2 May 2018 | When the identified Risks by the consultants were projected, No written or verbal mention or documentation of the dual gas pipeline which were on the maps displayed on the walls as owned by Transnet and Sasol was made. I asked why not? The consultants responded that they noted this question? | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | Schools will also be affected. | |
| Garyn Rapson - partner at Webber Wentzel Attorneys acting for ANSEC 171 (Pty) Ltd trading as MDV Developments | X | E-mail received on 10 May 2018 | MDV Developments intends to comment on and / or oppose the West Wits Mining MLI ('West Wits') mining permits and mining right applications premised on the prospecting right under reference GP 30/5/1/1/2/10035 PR. MDV Developments has the rights to build affordable housing over portions of the land over which these applications have been brought, and beyond this has concerns in respect of the environmental consequences of such applications, among others. West Wits is requested to provide a copy of the Prospecting Right, proof of the conversion of the Prospecting Right from the old order prospecting right under reference MPT No. 29/2016; and proof of the consent under section 11 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 obtained from the Department of Mineral Resources for West Wits to take cession of the prospecting right from Mintails SA Soweto Cluster (Pty) Ltd. | |
| Georgina South Resident's Forum Media | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 7 May 2018 | Underground gas and fuel lines runs along Main Reef Road, well within the boundaries of the proposed mining rights. This is a major disaster risk for people and businesses along the underground fuel lines. | |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | How will residents in the area be compensated for the loss in their property value. I would expect you to buy my house and afford me the luxury to move/ relocate to a cleaner, healthier and safer area. | |

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| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | In short. As said before and on record, I can in no good conscience subject my family, animals to a mining operation bringing with it more negatives and heart-ships than the wealth promised to your shareholders, you should afford all owners the opportunity to sell their properties to you whereby you will then empower and uplift residents who would grab this opportunity given to them, with the promise of a better life and the owner preferring to move can relocate, this will make homeowners a willing participant in your operation, do not sandpaper us and grease the palms of your shareholders who do not know what the real and actual position is and will be, should we be forced to stay in a environment not suitable for healthy living and therefore make the title deed I own worth less than the paper it is on. | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Fidelia Nyathi - homeowner | X | E-mail received on 21 April 2018 | On the other hand it will decrease the value of our houses, foundations will crack become affected as well. Compensation is not enough. "Better prevention than cure." Already our properties are downgraded as compared to the north, as the area is termed a mining one. Please I am concerned, we can not allow such a project. | |
| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | The valuation of our houses will drop extensively. | |
| Georgina South Resident's Forum Media | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 7 May 2018 | Impact on property rights and property values of the residents. Mining, as we know for a fact, will impact on the property value of home owner as well as business | |
| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | There is no security of your promises. | |
| Muhammad Bodhania - resident of 'Lappies' (adjacent to the Roodepoort CBD) | X | E-mail received on 3 April 2018 | I see that the project entails open-pit mining as well as refurbishment of existing shafts. I would like to know the locations of the open-pit mines and the underground mines as the impacts of each may be different. | |

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| Muhammad Bodhania - resident of 'Lappies' (adjacent to the Roodepoort CBD) | X | E-mail received on 3 April 2018 | Movement of heavy mining equipment through the area and its effects on the current deteriorating infrastructure. | A traffic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | You will be placing a huge burden on the traffic, quality of the already burdened roads. Surely your trucks and scrapers and whatever tools you use will magnify the abuse of the environment. | |
| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | Our areas traffic is already overloaded, our roads are not build for this project, which will lead to more congestion from the big trucks transporting excess materials. | |
| Georginia South Resident's Forum Media | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 7 May 2018 | There will be serious traffic congestions during the time of mining as Main Reef, Albertina Sisulu and Ontdekkers Roads are the three lifelines for daily transportation | |
| Muhammad Bodhania - resident of 'Lappies' (adjacent to the Roodepoort CBD) | X | E-mail received on 3 April 2018 | Effects of the pit (or possibly mining activities) to the underground water. This relates to the altering of the water table which could lead to settlement of nearby structures or pollution of the underground water due to AMD or mining chemicals. | Surface water and groundwater specialist studies will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the studies will be included into the EIA report. The specialist studies terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| A C [Blackie] Swart - resident | X | E-mail received on 5 April 2018 | The facts concerning storing of water has left me with serious concerns and I wish to discuss this further with our board and residents and will in due course furnish you with these concerns. | |
| Elizabeth Stapelberg - property owner in Cresswell Park | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | What about poisoning the dams in the area, since you will have a negative affect on the environment and you will magnify this negative affect which you already admit there is issues in all the areas. | |
| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | Digging 360,000 tons is leaving us with a big hole, damaging the water table. | |
| E Sequeira | X | E-mail received on 12 April 2018 | Water wastage in our city, pollution to the water streams. | |
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| Rand Water | | | | |
| Natalie Koneight | X | E-mail received on 6 April 2018 | Drawing attention to the Standard Conditions for Crossing of Rand Water | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| SASOL | | | | |
| Sandra Reyneke | X | E-mail received on 19 April 2018 | Drawing attention to the steps to be followed in order to be issued with the Sasol Satellite Operations Conditions and Wayleave for work on, or in close proximity to the gas pipeline. | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| NGOs, organisations | | | | |
| Mariette Liefferink - CEO: FEDERATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT | X | E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | The proposed open cast mining falls within a vulnerable eco system area with numerous wetlands (National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas (NFEPA)) and within endangered grassland vegetation areas. The NEM:BA and Mining and Biodiversity Guideline are of relevance in this regard. | A biodiversity specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |
| Dr Steve Spottiswoode | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 6 April 2018 | The company was represented by consultants and not by company management or owners. The owners or managers can always in future deny any promises made by the mining consultants as none of these promises are legally binding. (SS) <i>This does sound like a problem. However, a written response to every should be provided.</i> | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |

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| Mariette Liefferink - CEO: FEDERATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT | X | E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | <p>The life of mine for the open cast mining is 5 years and for the Kimberley and Creswell open cast mining the life of mine will be 2 years. The post closure socio-economic and environmental costs (the near certainty of contaminated water; sulphate, metal and NORM contamination of soils and sediments; the concomitant loss of genetic/biodiversity and potentially ecosystem goods and services on disturbed, fragmented and polluted properties; the potential for bioaccumulation of some metals and NORMs by flora and fauna and the potential for exposure of fauna and humans to bio-accumulated pollutants) must be assessed to motivate the economic and environmental sustainability of the project and to determine the financial provisions.</p> <p>The motivation for the application is, according to the BID “depending on the price and profitability the project will allow for the generation of jobs.” We request that the motivation be assessed in accordance with the Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO) principle of the NEMA and the 2015 National Environmental Management Act (107/1998): Regulations pertaining to the Financial Provision for Prospecting, Exploration, Mining or Production Operations which dictate that:</p> <p>5. An applicant or holder of right or permit must make financial provision for—</p> <p>(a) rehabilitation and remediation;</p> <p>(b) decommissioning and closure activities at the end of prospecting, exploration, mining or production operations; and</p> | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| Dr Steve Spottiswoode | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 6 April 2018 | Negative aspects of potentially loose or compactable filled ground? | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| Dr Steve Spottiswoode | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 6 April 2018 | The impacted communities already suffer severe health problems as a result of historic mining. (SS) <i>This does need a written response please. The Mining Inspectorate should be required to do follow-up investigations.</i> | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |

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| Dr Steve Spottiswoode | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 6 April 2018 | The area already suffers massive environmental, social, cultural and economic infrastructure destruction as a result of historic mining activities. (SS) <i>This does need a written response please. The Mining Inspectorate should be required to do follow-up investigations.</i> | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| Miss Nadia McIntyre - Occupational Health and Labour Law Practitioner | X | E-mail received on 7 May 2018 | I wish to lodge an objection to the West Wits Mining project. The mining includes the mining of gold, silver, Uranium, sandstone and aggregate. Despite several meetings with residents who objected against the mining operations, your client Australian based West Wits Mining have already begun illegal mining operations in Sol Plaatjies and other areas. I am representing a large cross-section of Communities, including Florida Park, Witpoortjie, Sol Plaatjies, Roodepoort CBD, which will all be negatively affected by the mining operations, which at this stage are illegal since they have not complied with several laws regulating mining. We still await your proper Environmental Impact Assessment Report on ALL mining operations, including open cast, and underground as well the minerals and precious metals to be mined. We will fight this even it means a class action, so warn your client that they are in for a fight against anyone destroying our natural resources and placing people's lives in danger of diseases such as cancer for generations to come due to the Uranium fall-out. | The whole purpose of the NEMA Directive for the Solplaatjies project is to stop illegal mining, by removing the easily accessible ore that the illegal miners exploit. If this ore is removed and the underground access adits are concreted over, as is currently being done, illegal mining will stop. The property development which is supported by the municipality will also reduce illegal mining. The longer-term project anticipates mining activities which will drive out the illegal miners. As stated above the NEMA Directive is supported by the SAPS and SAPS in fact want more such rehabilitation projects undertaken in the area to curb the illegal mining. |
| Mariette Liefferink - CEO: FEDERATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT | X | E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | There is no reference made to an application for a Certificate of Registration (CoR) in terms of the National Nuclear Regulator Act (47 of 1999) in the BID. This is a serious omission since it is common cause that the gold ore in the West Rand co-occurs with uranium and its progeny. | See the Introduction to the Scoping Report. |

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| Dr Steve Spottiswoode | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 6 April 2018 | A mining company has been given prospecting rights by the Department of Mineral resources covering a vast area that includes suburbs and townships such as Florida, Goudrand, Davidsonville, Sol Plaatjie, Bramfischerville, Thulani (Snake park) and parts of Meadowlands. They call for public consultation for which 30 days are set aside. Thirty days is insufficient for communities to give informed consent or say no to a project of such extent - (SS) I Agree. I was first made aware of this project on Easter Friday, 30th March 2018 and have not seen a final date. | This comment is noted. |
| Dr Steve Spottiswoode | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 6 April 2018 | The Mining Charter defines community as people who are subjects of a traditional authority, that means that people living in close proximity to a mine in urban areas are not considered as communities. <i>(SS) Is it true that the current applicable definition community is defined as people who are subjects of a traditional authority? If so, then this definition is in serious need for changing.</i> | The public participation process for the EIA has been done in line with NEMA EIA Regulations. |
| Mariette Liefferink - CEO: FEDERATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT | X | E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | The BID proposes that once mined areas are rehabilitated and stabilised it will be made available for housing development and agricultural purposes. Residential townships, edible crop production and livestock grazing are considered high risk land uses for these areas and areas within the aqueous and aerial zone of influence. These proposed land uses are incompatible with the safety and fragile status of lands under rehabilitation and could exacerbate the liabilities for mining and the State post closure. We also advise that mined areas are required in terms of the EIA Regulations to be rehabilitated to a <u>natural or predetermined state</u> or to a land use which conforms to the generally accepted principle <u>of sustainable development</u> . | A socio-economic specialist study will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the study will be included into the EIA report. The specialist study terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |

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| Mariette Liefferink - CEO: FEDERATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT | X | E-mail received on 3 May 2018 | <p>The open pit operations are in very close proximity (a few meters) to Bram Fischerville and Sol Plaatjies communities. I understand from our discussions that West Wits Mining is operating on behalf of the land owner who was issued with a directive from the Department of Mineral Resources to close and seal the open shafts in order to prevent unlawful mining. This resulted in the open pits. In the process West Wits Mining is mining the gold from the exposed reef. I rest confident you will draw the correct inference regarding the risks of these open pit mining activities in close proximity to communities and the foreseen hostility of these communities.</p> <p>I was invited to present to the Government Task Team (GTT) on Mining and Water on the 19th of April. During the presentation the Chairperson of the GTT, Mr Max Madubane confirmed that the DMR issues directives to mining companies to close and seal these open shafts in order to curtail the unregulated mining activities and at the same time to allow mining companies to mine the outcrop to cover their costs. As you may recall, Mintails has done exactly what West Wits Mining is currently doing and lamentably left us with unrehabilitated open pits, which were not backfilled, with no access control, no erosion or stormwater control, unvegetated and eroding overburden, etc. Mintails is now in business rescue with environmental liabilities of R336.5 million and a rehabilitation fund of between R17 and R25 million. Its life of mine is until 2020. <i>[Powerpoint presentation which adduces sufficient evidence of the deplorable situation was attached to the comments and is included in Appendix 2]</i></p> | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |
| Mariette Liefferink - CEO: FEDERATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT | X | E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | The numerous open pits in the West Rand Goldfield have been identified as a source of ingress of acid mine water, by a study commissioned by the mining industry estimating that they contribute approximately 30% of the total ingress. It can therefore be logically inferred that the pits created by the proposed open cast mining will contribute significantly to the ingress of acid mine water into the West Rand Basin/Void. | Surface water and groundwater specialist studies will be conducted to address these comments. The findings of the studies will be included into the EIA report. The specialist studies terms of reference are included in Section 7 of the Scoping Report. |

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| Mariette Liefferink - CEO: FEDERATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT | X | E-mail received on 4 April 2018 | The open pits and underground voids will be backfilled with waste rock. The EIA must address the acid producing potential of the waste rock and impact on groundwater since the waste rock contains large inventories of pyritic material. | |
| Dr Steve Spottiswoode | X | E-mail (with attachment) received on 6 April 2018 | Surely the groundwater will be affected by the new surface area created by the crushed rock placed back into the pit? | |
| Nettie | X | E-mail received on 3 May 2018 | I am OPPOSED due to DESTRUCTION OF ENVIRONMENT HEALTH HAZARDS NOISE OF BLASTING AND ROCK CRUSHING ACIDIC AND URANIUM POLLUTED WATER DUST ESCALATION OF CRIME You cannot establish a "legal" mine to curb "illegal" mining!!! This is just another money-making racket. Flush out illegal miners and JAIL them or DEPORT them instead of wrecking our environment and causing more health hazards!!!! | The whole purpose of the NEMA Directive for the Solplaatjies project is to stop illegal mining, by removing the easily accessible ore that the illegal miners exploit. If this ore is removed and the underground access adits are concreted over, as is currently being done, illegal mining will stop. The property development which is supported by the municipality will also reduce illegal mining. The longer-term project anticipates mining activities which will drive out the illegal miners. As stated above the NEMA Directive is supported by the SAPS and SAPS in fact want more such rehabilitation projects undertaken in the area to curb the illegal mining. |

| Interested and Affected Parties List the names of persons consulted in this column, and mark with an X where those who must be consulted were in fact consulted. | Date comments received | Issues raised | EAPs response to issues as mandated by the applicant and as updated for the scoping report | |
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| Mariette Liefferink - CEO: FEDERATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT | X | E-mail received on 3 May 2019 | <p>The open pit operations are in very close proximity (a few meters) to Bram Fischerville and Sol Plaatjies communities. I understand from our discussions that West Wits Mining is operating on behalf of the land owner who was issued with a directive from the Department of Mineral Resources to close and seal the open shafts in order to prevent unlawful mining. This resulted in the open pits. In the process West Wits Mining is mining the gold from the exposed reef. I rest confident you will draw the correct inference regarding the risks of these open pit mining activities in close proximity to communities and the foreseen hostility of these communities.</p> <p>I was invited to present to the Government Task Team (GTT) on Mining and Water on the 19th of April. During the presentation the Chairperson of the GTT, Mr Max Madubane confirmed that the DMR issues directives to mining companies to close and seal these open shafts in order to curtail the unregulated mining activities and at the same time to allow mining companies to mine the outcrop to cover their costs.</p> <p>As you may recall, Mintails has done exactly what West Wits Mining is currently doing and lamentably left us with unrehabilitated open pits, which were not backfilled, with no access control, no erosion or stormwater control, unvegetated and eroding overburden, etc. Mintails is now in business rescue with environmental liabilities of R336.5 million and a rehabilitation fund of between R17 and R25 million. Its life of mine is until 2020. See attached powerpoint presentation which</p> | More detail in this respect will be available during the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR) phase and the mitigation thereof will be addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). |