## UPDATE ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR WEST WITS MINING PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION, WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE AND WATER USE LICENCE

## IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR A MINING RIGHT AND MINING PERMITS FOR THE WEST WITS PROJECT GAUTENG PROVINCE

West Wits Mining MLI (Proprietary) Limited (West Wits) intends to apply for a mining right and mining permits in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) (No. 28 of 2002) for gold, uranium and silver over their current prospecting right area (GP 30/5/1/1/2/10035 PR). Sandstone and aggregate has subsequently been excluded from the application due to existing rights holders for these minerals. Consent in terms of Section 11(2) of the MPRDA to cede a renewed prospecting right MPT No. 29/2016 from Mintails SA Soweto Cluster (Proprietary) Limited to West Wits was granted by the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) in 2018.

The West Wits ('the project') Mining Right Application will include a Mining Work Programme as well as a Social and Labour Plan in addition to the integrated Environmental Authorisation application. SLR Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (SLR) has been appointed as the EAP responsible for undertaking the required environmental regulatory processes and conducting public participation for the mining right application process. For the mining permit application process MalanScholes Consulting (MalanScholes) has been appointed as the EAP responsible for undertaking the required environmental regulatory processes with SLR conducting the public participation process.

This notice serves to inform Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) that MalanScholes is preparing two basic assessment reports (BAR), including an environmental management programme as part of the two mining permit application processes for Kimberley West and Creswell Park respectively. The purpose of the BARs are to summarise the BA process followed to date; provide an overview of the proposed project and the affected environment; present the assessment of the potential impacts; and set out the recommended mitigation measures. The BARs are being made available to I&APs for a 30-day comment period from **21 May 2018 until 21 June 2018** (Kimberley West) and **1 June 2018 until 2 July 2018** (Creswell Park). Copies of the BARs will be placed at the following locations for public review:

Name and Location	Physical Address
Roodepoort Civic Centre	100 Christiaan de Wet Road, Florida Park, Roodepoort
Witpoortjie Library	22 Payne Street, Witpoortjie, Roodepoort
Solplaatjie Hall	1960 Motlaka Street, Solplaatjie

Please contact MalanScholes for an electronic copy of the BAR to be emailed or provided on CD.

All comments on the BAR should be submitted to MalanScholes at the details shown below. Comments received will be used to update the BAR, as relevant, and copies of all the comments will be included with the BAR when submitted to DMR. Please ensure that your comments reach MalanScholes on or before **21 June 2018** (Kimberley West) and **2 July 2018** (Creswell Park).

Robyn Mellett: Contact for queries on the Mining Permit Applications, for the proposed pits, namely: Kimberley West and Creswell Park

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Note: If using post, please also contact us telephonically to notify us of your submission.

This notice also serves to inform I&APs that SLR is preparing a scoping report as part of the West Wits mining right application process for the proposed Roodepoort, Mona Lisa, Rugby Club, 11 Shaft, Kimberley East opencast pits, underground mining and surface infrastructure for the underground mining. The purpose of the scoping report is to summarise the scoping process followed to date; provide an overview of the proposed project and the surrounding environment; present potential impacts and possible preliminary mitigation measures; and provide terms of reference for specialist studies. The scoping report is being made available to I&APs for a 30-day comment period from **17 May 2018 until 17 June 2018**. Copies of the scoping report will be placed at the following locations for public review:

Name and Location	Physical Address
Roodepoort Civic Centre	100 Christiaan de Wet Road, Florida Park, Roodepoort
Witpoortjie Library	22 Payne Street, Witpoortjie, Roodepoort
Braamfischerville Multipurpose Centre	6732 Loerblaar Avenue, Braamfischerville
Moses Kotane Primary School	Corner Unity Boulevard & Freedom Drive, Braamfischerville
Solplaatjie Hall	1960 Motlaka Street, Solplaatjie
Meadowlands Library	219 Masilela Street, Meadowlands

The scoping report will also be available to download from the SLR website from 17 May 2018. To do so, please visit: https://slrconsulting.com/za/slr-documents.

All comments on the scoping report should be submitted to SLR at the details shown below. Comments received will be included in the scoping report when submitted to DMR. Please ensure that your comments reach SLR on or before **17 June 2018**.

The following public scoping meetings have been arranged. All stakeholders are invited to attend:

Date	Venue	Time
Thursday 31 May	Roodepoort City Hall, 1 Rex Street, Roodepoort	18h00 *
2018		
Monday 4 June 2018	Tshepisong Multi-Purpose Centre	16h00 *

<sup>\*</sup> Please endeavour to arrive earlier than the specified time in order to complete the meeting attendance register to ensure future involvement in the environmental regulatory process.

All stakeholders are invited to register as I&APs. You must register as an I&AP if you would like more information or wish to participate in the environmental impact assessment of the project. Comments can be submitted throughout the regulatory process. To do so, or to raise any environmental issues or concerns regarding the regulatory process for the mining right application and/or the public participation process for the mining permit application, please contact:

Marline Medallie (Project Manager) and/or Clive Phashe (Project Assistant): Contact for queries on the Mining Right Application Email: 720.13087.00001@slrconsulting.com; Tel: 011 467 0945; Fax: 011 467 0978; Post: PO Box 1596, Cramerview, 2060; Note: If using post, please also contact us telephonically to notify us of your submission.

