

REGISTRATION AND COMMENTS SHEET	POPIA Consent Information
<p>NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA) APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998), AS AMENDED (NEMA), SECTION 102 AMENDMENT APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (MPRDA) (AS AMENDED); WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENSE (WML) IN TERMS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT, 2008 (ACT. 59 OF 2008) (NEMWA) AND INTEGRATED WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION (IWULA) IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL WATER ACT, 1998 (ACT. NO 36 OF 1998), FOR THE PROPOSED UNDERGROUND EXPANSION PROJECT, WITHIN THE RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, BOJANALA PLATINUM DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY (BDM), NORTHWEST PROVINCE.</p> <p>DMRE REFERENCE NUMBER: NW 30/5/1/2/2/358 MR MANYABE CONSULTANCY (PTY) LTD PROJECT CODE: 202308</p>	<p>In terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013) (POPIA), Manyabe Consultancy (Pty) Ltd (MC) seeks your consent to collect and use your personal information for purposes of conducting the project's Public Participation Process (PPP) in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. The Scoping Report that is being subjected to public review will be finalised and submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE), to reflect all comments that would have been received from all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). In the context of the overall project and the (PPP), all I&APs personal information will include: (i) full name (s) and surname; (ii) email address (es); and (iii) comments, concerns or objections submitted (if any) during the PPP. MC would like to request for your consent for the circulation of your personal information to Tharisa and the relevant competent authorities.</p>

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I would like to be registered as an I&AP so that I may receive project updates for the duration of the proposed project.		YES	NO
Please send me notifications by:		Fax	
		E-mail	
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MY COMMENTS/ ISSUES/ CONCERNS ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT ARE AS FOLLOWS:			

You are more than welcome to attach additional comments should the space provided not be sufficient.

PLEASE ALSO ADD THE FOLLOWING I&AP IN YOUR DATABASE FOR FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE			
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Your contribution in this process is highly appreciated.

PAMPIRI YA GO IKWADISA LE GO DIRA DITSHWAELO	Tshedimosetso ya go Dira Tumelelo ya POPIA
<p>KITSISO YA KOPO YA GO FIWA TETLA E E AMANANG LE DILO TSA TIKOLOGO (EA) GO YA KA MOLAO WA BOSETSHABA WA BOTSAMAISI JWA TIKOLOGO, WA KA 1998 (MOLAO WA BO 107, WA KA 1998), O O TLHABOLOTWENG (NEMA), KOPO YA KAROLO YA 102 E E TLHABOLOTWENG GO YA KA MOLAO WA DIMENERALE LE TSWELETSOPELE YA DITSOMPELO TSA PETEROLEAMO, WA KA 2002 (MPRDA) (O O TLHABOLOTWENG); LAESENSE YA BOTSAMAISI JWA MATLAKALA (WML) GO YA KA BOTSAMAISI JWA BOSETSHABA JWA TIKOLOGO: MOLAO WA MATLAKALA, WA KA 2008 (MOLAO WA BO 59 WA KA 2008) (NEMWA) LE KOPO YA LAESENSE YA GO DIRISA METSI KA DITSELA TSE DI FAROLOGANENG TSE DI TLHAKANTSWENG (IWULA) GO YA KA MOLAO WA BOSETSHABA WA METSI, WA KA 1998 (MOLAO WA BO 36 WA KA 1998), MO POROJEKENG E E TSHITSHINNGWANG YA KATOLOSO YA Kafa TLASE GA LEFATSHE, MO MMASEPALA WA SELEGAE WA RUSTENBURG, BOJANALA PLATINUM DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY (BDM), POROFENSE YA BOKONE BOPHIRIMA.</p> <p>NOMORO YA TSHUPETSO YA DMRE: NW 30/5/1/2/2/358 MR KHOUTU YA POROJEKE YA MANYABE CONSULTANCY (PTY) LTD: 202308</p>	<p>Go ya ka Molao wa Tshireletso ya Tshedimosetso ya Poraefete, wa ka 2013 (Molao wa bo 4 wa ka 2013) (POPIA), Manyabe Consultancy (Pty) Ltd (MC) e senka tumelelo ya gago ya gore e kgobokanye tshedimosetso ya gago ya poraefete le go e dirisa ka maikaelelo a go tsamaisa Thulaganyo ya go Nna le Seabe ga Baagi (PPP) ya porojeke eno go tsamaisana le Ditaelo tsa Tshekatsheko ya Ditlamorago tse di Nnang Teng mo Tikologong (EIA), 2014, o o tlhabolotsweng. Pegelo ya Tshekatsheko e e tlathlobiwang ke baagi e tile go konelwa le go romelwa kwa Lefapheng la Ditsompelo tsa Diminerale le Eneji (DMRE), go sekaseka dikakgelo tsotlhe tse di ka bong di amogetswe go tswa go Makoko otlhe a a Nang le Kgatlhego mo go Seno le a a Angwang ke Seno (I&APs). Mo maemong a porojeke ka kakaretso le (PPP), tshedimosetso yotlhe ya poraefete ya I&AP e tile go akaretsa: (i) (le)maina ka bottlalo le sefane; (ii) (di)aterese ya imeile; le (iii) dikakgelo, dikamego kgotsa dikganetso tse di rometsweng (fa di le teng) ka nako ya PPP. Khampani ya MC e rata go kopa tetla ya gago ya gore tshedimosetso ya gago ya poraefete e romelwe bathong ba ba farologaneng kwa khampaning ya Tharisa le kwa bathating ba ba maleba ba ba tshwereng marapo.</p>

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Ke rata go kwadisiwa jaaka I&AP gore ke kgone go amogela tshedimosetso e e kaga diphetogo tsa porojeke eno mo sebakeng sotlhe se porojeke eno e e tshitshintsweng e tileng go se tsaya.		EE	NNYAA
Ke kopa gore lo nthomelele dikitsiso ka:		Fekese	
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		Ka poso	
DITSHWAELO/DIKGANG/DIKAMEGO TSA ME MO POROJENG ENO E E TSHITSHINNGWANG KE TSE DI LATELANG:			

O dumeletswe gore o ngaparetse dikakgelo tse dingwe fano fa go ka diragala gore sebaka se o se filweng se bo se sa lekana.

RE KOPA GORE O TSENYE LE I&AP E E LATELANG MO POLOKELONG YA GAGO YA TSHEDIMOSETSO GO DIRISA SENO MO DITLHAELETSANONG TSA MO ISAGWENG			
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NOMORO YA FEKESE			
NOMORO YA SELEFOUNU			
ATERESE YA IMEILE			

Re lebogela seabe sa gago mo thulaganyong eno go menagane.

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA) APPLICATION LODGED IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998), AS AMENDED (NEMA), SECTION 102 AMENDMENT APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (MPRDA) (AS AMENDED); WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENSE (WML) IN TERMS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT, 2008 (ACT. 59 OF 2008) (NEMWA) AND INTEGRATED WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION (IWULA) IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL WATER ACT, 1998 (ACT. NO 36 OF 1998), FOR THE PROPOSED UNDERGROUND EXPANSION PROJECT, WITHIN THE RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, BOJANALA PLATINUM DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY (BDM), NORTHWEST PROVINCE.

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PREFACE

Section 41 of Government Notice Regulation (GNR.) No. 982 in Government Gazette No. 38202 (04 December 2014) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, promulgated in terms of Section 24(5) and 44 of the of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA), makes provision for comments from Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to be recorded in reports and plans, and that such written comments, including responses to such comments, are attached to the reports and plans that are submitted to the competent authorities in this case, the North West Department of Mineral and Energy (DMRE).

This report constitutes the Comments and Responses Report (CRR) which captures the issues raised by stakeholders during the Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process for the proposed Underground Expansion Project, within the Rustenburg Local Municipality, Bojanala District Municipality, Northwest Province.

As part of the announcement, notification letters which appended registration sheets were sent to all identified I&APs. Four (4) site notices were erected at places conspicuous and accessible by the public in and around the proposed study area. One (1) newspaper advertisement was placed in the Rustenburg Herald Newspaper on **Friday, 09 February 2024**. Comments which were/ are being received from stakeholders have been/ are being captured in this CRR as it is not a static document but is, however, updated as and when comments are received. This report is being updated as the S&EIR process unfolds.

POPIA Consent Information

In terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013) (POPIA), MC sought consent from I&APs, to collect and use their personal information for purposes of conducting the project's Public Participation Process (PPP) in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. The Draft Scoping Report was subjected to public review and has been finalised and is being submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE), which reflects all comments that have been received from all I&APs. In the context of the overall project and the PPP, all I&APs personal information: (i) full name (s) and surname; (ii) email address (es); and (iii) comments, concerns or objections submitted during the PPP, MC is circulating the I&APs personal information to Tharisa and the relevant competent authorities.

Table 1: Comments received on the review of the Draft Scoping Report.

COMMENT, ISSUES AND SUGGESTIONS RAISED BY STAKEHOLDERS	SOURCE & DATE	RESPONSE BY MC
<p>The following comments were made:</p> <p>The wayleave application/ background information document with project reference number 202308 dated 09 February 2024 has reference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transnet Pipelines, a division of Transnet SOC Limited, is not affected by the proposal. The applicant's awareness of the existence of Transnet's pipeline servitudes and concern for their integrity is highly appreciated. This authorisation shall be valid for 48 months from the date - 10 February 2024. <p>The wayleave application with project reference number NW 30/5/1/2/2/358 MR dated 20 March 2024 has reference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transnet Pipelines, a division of Transnet SOC Limited, is not affected by the proposal. The applicant's awareness of the existence of Transnet's pipeline servitudes and concern for their integrity is highly appreciated. This authorisation shall be valid for 48 months from the date - 20 March 2024. <p>An email was received having attached guidelines for consideration.</p>	<p>Email received on 10 February 2024, in response to the notification email sent on 09 February 2024.</p> <p>Email received on 20 March 2024, in response to the notification email sent by Niara Environmental Consultants (Niara) (a Community Health Impact Assessment specialist appointed by MC) on 20 March 2024</p> <p>Email received on 25 March 2024, in response to the notification email sent by Niara (a Community Health Impact Assessment specialist appointed by MC) on 20 March 2024.</p>	<p>A response email was sent on 11 February 2024, thanking the I&AP for their participation on the project.</p> <p>A response email was sent on 16 May 2024, thanking the I&AP for their participation on the project.</p> <p>A response email was sent on 16 May 2024, thanking the I&AP for their participation on the project.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mariette Liefferink, on behalf of the Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE), thanked MC for the notification. She asked that FSE be registered as an I&AP. 	<p>Email received on 11 February 2024, in response to the notification email sent on 09 February 2024.</p>	<p>A response email was sent on 11 February 2024, thanking the I&AP for their participation on the project, assuring them that they have been registered on the project database.</p>
<p>The following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All development applications are processed via our online portal, the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) found at the following link: http://sahra.org.za/sahris/. We do not accept emailed, posted, hardcopy, faxed, website links or DropBox links as official submissions. Create an application on SAHRIS for each EA application and upload all documents pertaining to the EA Application Process. As per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA), an assessment of heritage resources must form part of the process, and the assessment must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA. If a case already exists on SAHRIS regarding the development, upload the documents to that case using the "Make an additional submission to an existing case" 	<p>Email received on 12 February 2024, in response to the notification email sent on 09 February 2024.</p>	<p>An application was created on 26 February 2024.</p> <p>Case ID: 22042</p>

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<p>in the application selector wizard https://sahris.org.za/form/application-selector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that all documents produced as part of the EA process are submitted as part of the application. 		
<p>The I&AP requested a proper layout and coordinates in latitude and longitude.</p> <p>Comments as received from the letter are as follows: DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, FOR THE UNDERGROUND EXPANSION PROJECT AT EAST AND WEST MINES FOR THARISA MINERALS.</p> <p>The application affects Eskom's North West Operating Unit. The following Eskom infrastructures are affected: WONDERKOP/ MARIKANA 1 11 kV Feeder WM37/2/2 11 kV Pole Mounted Trfr Bay, WONDERKOP/ MARIKANA 1 11 kV Feeder WM37/2A 11 kV Pole Mount Switching Bay, WONDERKOP/ MARIKANA 1 11 kV Feeder WM37/1 11 kV Pole Mounted Trfr Bay, WONDERKOP/ MARIKANA 1 11kV Feeder WM39 11 kV Pole Mounted Trfr Bay, WONDERKOP/ MARIKANA 1 11 kV Feeder WM40A 11 kV Pole Mounted Trfr Bay, WONDERKOP/ MARIKANA 1 11 kV Feeder WM41 11 kV Pole Mount Switching Bay, WONDERKOP/ MARIKANA 1 11kV Feeder WM40/3 11 kV Pole Mounted Trfr Bay, WONDERKOP/ MARIKANA 1 11 kV Feeder WM31 11 kV Pole Mounted Trfr Bay, BIGHORN/ TAILINGS 1 88kV Feeder from BIGHORN SUB to TAILINGS SUB Conductor, BIGHORN/ TAILINGS 2 88kV Feeder from BIGHORN SUB to TAILINGS SUB Conductor, BIGHORN/ CCT 1 88kV Feeder from BIGHORN SUB to CCT SUB Conductor.</p> <p>Eskom Distribution will raise no objection to the proposed application, provided Eskom's rights and services are acknowledged and always respected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is 9 metres building and tree restriction on either side of the centre line of the 11 kV power lines, which must be adhered to in all future developments. No construction work may be executed closer than 9 meters from any of Eskom's structures and or supporting mechanisms. The building restriction for 132 kV on each side of the centre of the power line is 15.5m and the separation distance between parallel lines is 21 m. All work within Eskom Distribution reserve area and servitudes must be done in accordance with the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act No.85 of 1993 as amended. Special attention must be given to the clearances between Eskom's conductors, structures, cables and electrical apparatus and the proposed work as stipulated by Regulation R15 of the Electrical Installations Regulations of the aforementioned Act or any other legal requirements. The requirements of the OHS Act must be adhered to in conditions where they are existing. Eskom Distribution's services and equipment must be always acknowledged and may not be tampered or interfered with. 	<p>Email received on 12 February 2024, in response to the notification email sent on 09 February 2024.</p> <p>Email received on 21 February 2024.</p>	<p>A response email was sent on 19 February 2024, having attached a KMZ file of the project area.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All work within Eskom Distribution reserve area and servitudes must be done in accordance with the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act No.85 of 1993 as amended. Special attention must be given to the clearances between Eskom's conductors, structures, cables and electrical apparatus and the proposed work as stipulated by Regulation R15 of the Electrical Installations Regulations of the aforementioned Act or any other legal requirement • The Applicants and Eskom's cables must be placed in sleeves encased in concrete across the width of the servitude, at the applicant's expense where frequent excavations occur in the cable area. • Eskom Distribution shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of or damage to any property whether because of the encroachment or of the use of the area where Eskom Distribution has its services, by the applicant, his/her agent, contractors, Employees, successors in title and assigns. • The applicant indemnifies Eskom against loss, claims or damages including claims pertaining to interference with Eskom Distribution services or apparatus or otherwise. The applicant's attention is drawn to section 27(3) of the Electricity Act 1987, as amended in 1994, which stipulates that the applicant can be fined and/or imprisoned as a result of damage to Eskom's apparatus. • No mechanical equipment, including mechanical excavators, high lifting machinery and drilling equipment, may be used within Eskom's reserve area, or within close proximity of Eskom's services and equipment, without prior permission in writing and supervision of Eskom's authorised area manager for the NWOU Technical Service Centre Area; Teboho Sewisa email : SewisaTM@eskom.co.za (Tel. +2718 464 6724). • Permission must be obtained at least 10 (ten) working days prior to the commencement of any work within the reserve area. • Eskom Distribution shall always have unobstructed access to and egress from its services. • It will be required of the applicant to familiarise him/her self with all safety hazards related to electrical plant. • Eskom's consent will not relieve the applicant from obtaining the necessary statutory, land owner or municipal approvals. (Eskom is not the land owner). • Any third party servitudes encroaching on Eskom servitudes shall have to be registered against the property at the applicant's own cost. • The ineffective management and handling of waste is of crucial importance. No dumping shall be allowed within Eskom Distribution Servitudes. All unwanted waste (gaseous, liquid or solids) should be disposed of at a registered waste disposal site as stipulated under Section 20 of the Environmental Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989). • No blasting is permitted. If blasting is needed, an additional application is to be lodged with Eskom Distribution. • Any development, which necessitates the relocation of our services, will be to the account of the developer. For 		

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<p>the relocation of any services, please contact Eskom Customer Services at Eskom Contact Centre: 086 00 37566.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eskom will recover costs from the applicant where any damages of Eskom assets and or any penalties suffered by Eskom occur. Should the applicant or his contractor damage any of Eskom services during commencement of any work whatsoever, then Eskom's 24 hour Contact Centre Tel: 086 000 1414 must be notified immediately to report the incident. We thank you and hope you will find the above in order. Should you have technical queries on the Eskom standards and specifications please feel free to phone our Technology and Quality Department, contact person: Mr Stephen Nkwane Tel: 012 421 4853 		
<p>The I&AP requested that MC sends them the Draft Scoping Report and the KMZ file for the proposed infrastructure related to the application. She also requested to be registered as an I&AP, as a representative of Sibanye Stillwater.</p>	<p>Email received on 12 February 2024, in response to the notification email sent on 09 February 2024.</p>	<p>A response email was sent on 19 February 2024, having attached the Draft Scoping Report and a KMZ file of the project area.</p>
<p>The I&AP requested that MC sends them the Mining Right (MR) of the study area.</p>	<p>Email received on 16 February 2024.</p>	<p>A response email was sent on 19 February 2024, having attached the MR of the project area.</p>
<p>The I&AP thanked MC for the information. MC was requested to send the Mining Works Programme (MWP) for the proposed project; and a copy of the amended MR received in 2011. The I&AP also mentioned that they have had a brief look at the Draft Scoping Report, and they could not tell if there will be any surface infrastructure that will be built or expanded on the Mining Right Area (MRA).</p> <p>The I&AP also mentioned that the MR expands over the Western Platinum (Pty) Ltd mine (WLP) (owned by Sibanye-Stillwater) MRA, and they therefore need to confirm if any infrastructure will be required on WPL MRA in support of the project.</p>	<p>Email received on 23 February 2024.</p>	<p>A response email was sent on 23 February 2024. A consent letter signed by Mr. Dawie Aswegen (Executive Vice President of Sibanye Stillwater) was sent in response to the query, to give clarity that a Section 102 application was lodged for the areas not belonging to Tharisa. It was clarified that the surface infrastructure will only be at the East and West Pits, where the current open pit mining is underway. The amended MR of 2011 was also sent.</p>
<p>The MWP was requested.</p>	<p>Emails received on 07 and 11 March 2024.</p>	<p>The MWP was sent on 11 March 2024.</p>
<p>A comments sheet was received with the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We acknowledge that we were informed that the surface infrastructure will only be at the East and West Pits, where the current open pit mining is underway as received on 23 February 2024 from MC. 	<p>A comments sheet was received on 11 March 2024.</p>	<p>The MWP was sent on 11 March 2024. MC followed up with the I&AP on 13 March 2024, if they had received the MWP. The correspondence was noted by MC.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some Claimants referred to properties they claim dispossession of rights in land against using historical property descriptions which may not match the current property description; and Some Claimants provided the geographic descriptions of the land they claim without mentioning the particular actual property description they claim dispossession of rights in land against. <p>The Commission therefore does not accept any liability whatsoever if through the process of further investigation of claims it is found that there is in fact a land claim in respect of the above property.</p> <p>If Tharisa is aware of any change in the description of the above property after 19 June 1913, such description so as to enable the department to do further search must be provided.</p>		
<p>MC was informed that an objected stamped letter and locality map were received through Rand Water's wayleave inbox.</p>	<p>An objected letter received on 19 February 2024 via email in response to the notification email sent on 09 February 2024.</p>	<p>On 19 February 2024, an email response was sent to Rand Water, indicating that 2 projects were being put out on public review. Documents referring to the proposed Tharisa Underground Expansion Project were resubmitted. The response received from Rand Water was referring to the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) 2 and TSF 2 Extension.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The I&AP indicated that, as business owners to the area employing over 200 people, they were unaware of the draft report that went out for public comments and engagement. She requested that they be registered as a stakeholder and partaker. The I&AP indicated that there was no Marietjie at the resort, and requested that proof be sent of notification, with the necessary documentation. The I&AP acknowledged receipt of the documents. She indicated that she did receive an email from the Social Impact Assessment Specialist, requesting for a consultation meeting. 	<p>Email received on 12 March 2024.</p>	<p>An Email response was sent on 12 March 2024, indicating that notifications were sent to the emails below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> buffelspoort@atkv.org.za adrianz@atkv.org.za marietjies@atkv.org.za <p>The I&AP was informed that they have been registered on the project, and that they will be informed of the project's related processes moving forward. Proof of email notification with documents was sent on 12 March 2024. Marietjie was removed from the stakeholder database.</p>
<p>The following comment was received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North West Parks and Tourism Board (NWP&TB) does not object the proposed activity. 	<p>A comments sheet was received on 13 March 2024, via email.</p>	<p>A response email was sent on 13 March 2024, thanking the I&AP for their participation, and commenting on the project.</p>
<p>The following comments were received:</p> <p>OBJECTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED UNDERGROUND EXPANSION PROJECT AT EAST AND WEST MINE FOR THARISA MINERALS NEAR MARIKANA IN MMADITLHOKWA AND LAPOLOGANG</p> <p>The Defenders for Environment and Human Rights Violations in Africa (DEHRVA) organization is based in Marikana with the object of protecting Human Rights and Environment in the area. DEHRVA organization, Mmaditlhokwa and Lapologang communities hereby object to your client's application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for its proposed underground Expansion project for the following reasons:</p>	<p>Email received on 28 March 2024, in response to the notification email sent by Niara (a Community Health Impact Assessment specialist appointed by MC) on 20 March 2024.</p>	<p>MC acknowledged receipt of the comments made on 16 May 2024, stating that responses to comments will be provided in due course.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project will result to forcefully evacuating the community. The project will result in unacceptable pollution of our water source (river). There has never been a public participation. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) did not follow proper procedure. 		<p>The following responses to comments were sent on 21 August 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Underground Expansion Project is being undertaken due to numerous factors, inter alia, the inability of Tharisa to relocate communities out of the opencast mining area as well as lack of space to construct new Waste Rock Dumps (WRDs). The relocation of the community will no longer be required for the mine development, however relocation as a result of other mining infrastructure such as the Lapologang Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) will be required but will be limited in extent. A hydrological assessment in support of the proposed Underground Mining Expansion Project has been undertaken. A Hydrological Report that summarises the findings from the baseline hydrological assessment and evaluation of the surface water quality; and an assessment of potential surface water impact, has been compiled. Impact assessments and mitigation measures have been proposed. Clean and dirty areas will be placed on the surface during the underground mining. Clean runoff from areas such as offices, roads, and the upstream natural environment will be allowed to flow freely from these areas into the environment. Furthermore, clean stormwater will be prevented from entering dirty water catchments by creating upstream cut-off berms around the pit footprint (channels and berms) and the workshop areas. Internal stormwater will drain towards the perimeter of the facility for collection. Dirty water will be contained by diverting it to the stormwater management system dams which will minimise the quantity of runoff reporting downstream. Public Participation Process (PPP) is being undertaken in terms of Chapter 6, Regulation 41 of the EIA 2014 Regulations, as amended, for the proposed project triggering listed activities under the National Environmental Management Act,

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		<p>1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA), National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act. 59 of 2008) (NEMWA) and Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA). Manyabe Consultancy (MC) on behalf of Tharisa took into account all relevant guidelines applicable to the PPP as contemplated in section 24J of the NEMA. Notices were given to all potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to participate in the project, as follows:</p> <p><u>Announcement of the project and the Draft Scoping Report availability</u></p> <p>The objectives of PPP during the scoping phase are to provide sufficient and accessible information to I&APs in an objective manner to enable them to raise comments, issues of concern and suggestions for enhanced benefits. I&APs also have an opportunity to provide input into the terms of reference (ToR) for the specialist studies, and to contribute relevant local and traditional knowledge to the S&EIR process.</p> <p>The project was announced to the public on Friday, 09 February 2024, by means of the placement of a newspaper advertisement and site notices. Background Information Documents (BIDs) were distributed to I&APs to create awareness of the proposed project. The report was subjected to a PPP of at least 30 days.</p> <p>The following processes were undertaken to announce the project and the availability of the Draft Scoping Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An I&AP database was compiled and is being maintained, and includes all I&APs in respect of the application in accordance with Regulation 42. • Letters were sent to all I&APs, written in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the NEMA, announcing the project and the availability of the Draft Scoping Report, containing project information, a locality map to the municipal councillor, community members, the local and district municipality, state departments and all other stakeholders as required by the Competent Authority

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		<p>(CA), including adjacent communities' members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Affected parties who could not be reached via mail, fax or e-mail of the proposed project, were visited for delivery of the letters. The letters attached sheets which allowed I&APs to register and/ or/ comment on the Draft Scoping Report.Four (4) site notice boards were fixed at places conspicuous to and accessible by the public at the boundary of the site where the activity to which the application relates. Site notices were written in English and Setswana.One (1) advertisement (translated into both English and Setswana) was placed in the Rustenburg Herald Local newspaper.The Draft Scoping Report was also made available on the MC website (https://manyabeconsultancy.com/stakeholder-engagement/); and at the Marikana Public Library.SMS notifications of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report for public comment were distributed.Two (2) focus group meetings were hosted with the surrounding community members, to discuss the Draft Scoping Report and the project, as follows. <table><tr><th>Venue</th><th>Date</th></tr><tr><td>Mmaditlhokwa Village: Open Space</td><td>10 February 2024</td></tr><tr><td>Lapologang Village: Sports Ground</td><td>10 February 2024</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The proceedings of the public meetings, as well as all comments submitted have been captured in a Comments and Responses Report (CRR).Telephonic consultation was undertaken with I&APs to obtain comments about the Draft Scoping Report; and to share information about the Project and to obtain comments about the Draft Scoping Report.The Draft Scoping Report was available for public comment from Friday, 09 February 2024 to Monday, 11 March 2024. <p>The following Dehrva team members were consulted/ notified of the project: Christina Mdau with email</p>	Venue	Date	Mmaditlhokwa Village: Open Space	10 February 2024	Lapologang Village: Sports Ground	10 February 2024
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		<p>address:mdauchristinahdehrva@gmail.com; and Sello with email address: selloedehrva@gmail.com, as per the attachment.</p> <p>Please note that MC awaits acknowledgement and acceptance of the application by the DMRE. The project is still in its infancy. The contact details of all Dehrva team members have been captured in the live stakeholder database. Members have been registered on the project and will be informed of the project processes to be followed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">On receipt of the acknowledgement/ acceptance of the application, the Draft Scoping Report will be updated based on the comments and inputs received during the review and commenting period of the Draft Scoping Report. The Final Scoping Report will then be submitted to the DMRE for decision-making. All registered I&APs will be notified of the Final Scoping Report submission and the report will be made available on the MC website for review and commenting. Any additional comments received will be incorporated into the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) Report. All additional comments will also be captured in the “live, continuously updated” CRR for the project. <p>A meeting was convened with the Ward Councillor Cllr. John Salang, on 24 January 2024, to discuss the project, for him to inform community members of the project, and MC’s intention to convene public meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Two (2) focus group meetings were hosted with the surrounding community members, to discuss the Draft Scoping Report and the project, as follows. <table><tr><th>Venue</th><th>Date</th><th>Times</th></tr><tr><td>Mmaditlhokwa Village: Open Space</td><td>10 February 2024</td><td>10:00 - 12:00</td></tr><tr><td>Lapologang Village: Sports Ground</td><td>10 February 2024</td><td>14:00 - 16:00</td></tr></table>	Venue	Date	Times	Mmaditlhokwa Village: Open Space	10 February 2024	10:00 - 12:00	Lapologang Village: Sports Ground	10 February 2024	14:00 - 16:00
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mine has never communicated with the community for engagement. • The mine once stated that there shall be no expansion towards the community. • The mine has violated Section 24 of the South African Constitution for the past 13 years of relocation. • The mine always uses false information to violate Human Rights of the community. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tharisa, as represented by Mr. Bongane Nkwana was present at the public meetings. • The project involves underground mining. The mining activities will be undertaken beneath the surface approximately 100 – 800m below ground level. The impact on surface from the mine due to this depth is extremely limited and no impact to the housing community should be anticipated. • The mine is committed to ensuring that the South African constitution is upheld and complied with. Section 24 of the act states that “Everyone has the right- (a) to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being; and (b) to have the environment protected, for the benefit of present and future generations, through reasonable legislative and other measures that- (i) prevent pollution and ecological degradation; (ii) promote conservation; and (iii) secure ecologically sustainable development and use of natural resources while promoting justifiable economic and social development.” Tharisa is committed to ensuring that Tharisa reduces, as much as possible, its impact on the environment through the implementation of mitigation measures as required in both the approved EMPs and current EMP for the underground project. Monitoring activities are also undertaken to ensure that, if contamination occurs, measures are in place to address these nonconformance's or contamination incidents. • The mine is governed by and ensures compliance with the South African mining legislation. Licences and permits have been issued for the mining operation to commence and continue to operate. Tharisa ensures that it complies with these conditions to ensure the mine is lawful and compliant.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no transparency from the mine. • For the past 13 years, they have violated the NEMA. NEMA principles :Section 2(2). • The mine has never practiced the Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996 (Act No. 29 of 1996), Section 5(2). • The project will result in total damage of our Primary School Infrastructure. • Can Niara share with the community proof of PPP showing their engagement with the community. • The communities have a different vision for its future development, which prioritises relocation before the proposed underground project. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tharisa is open and transparent regarding all information made available to the public for stakeholder review and comment. Any information, if not confidential, will be made available upon request. • The mine by law is required to comply with the NEMA. Failure to do so will require the mine to be closed and decommissioned. Tharisa is committed to ensuring that the mine complies with all applicable mining and environmental legislation with its associated regulations. • The mine by law is required to comply with the Mine Health and Safety Act. Failure to do so will require the mine to be closed and decommissioned. Tharisa is committed to ensuring that the mine complies with all applicable mining and environmental legislation with its associated regulations. • A blasting assessment is underway as part of the underground project to determine the impacts anticipated. The blasting report will be made available for public review. It is not anticipated that the underground mine will have any significant impacts on the primary school. Surface infrastructure will remain within the opencast pits and thus no additional infrastructure will encroach on the primary school area. • The following Dehrva team members were consulted/ notified of the project: Christina Mdau with email address:mdauchristinahdehrva@gmail.com; and Sello with email address: selloedehrva@gmail.com, as per the attachment. • The Underground Expansion Project is being undertaken due to numerous factors, <i>inter alia</i>, the inability of Tharisa to relocate communities out of the opencast mining area as well as lack of space to construct new WRDs. The relocation of the community will no longer be required for the mine development, however relocation as a result of other mining infrastructure such as the

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The I&AP requested that farms and portions numbers in relation the proposed expansion project be shared with them.	Email received on 15 April 2024, in response to the notification email sent by Niara (a Community Health Impact Assessment specialist appointed by MC) on 20 March 2024	An email, indicating all farm portions was sent on 16 May 2024.