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Dear Stakeholder

INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED CESSATION OF PUMPING AND ASSOCIATED CLOSURE OF THE UNDERGROUND WORKINGS OF THE EZULWINI OPERATIONS OF SIBANYE GOLD, GAUTENG

Reports available for public review and comment from 3 April to 7 May 2017:

- *Consultation Basic Assessment Report (BAR);*
- *Environmental Management Programme (EMPr);*
- *Closure Plan;*
- *Water Use Licence Amendment Application.*

Sibanye Gold Limited (Sibanye) proposes the closure of the underground workings of the Ezulwini Operations located close to Westonaria in Gauteng. In support of the proposed closure of the underground workings, Sibanye Gold will be applying for the following authorisations:

- An Environmental Authorisation to proceed with the proposed cessation of pumping and associated closure of the underground workings of Sibanye's Ezulwini Operations. A Basic Assessment (BA) process in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) is being followed for this application. This process includes the submission of a Basic Assessment Report, Closure Plan and an EMPr in terms of the NEMA and the 2014 EIA Regulations.
- An amendment to the existing Water Use Licence (WUL) in terms of section 50 of the National Water Act 36 of 1998 (NWA).

The following activities will be included in the application for authorisation from the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) in terms of Listing Notice 1 of the 2014 EIA regulations:

Activity No	Description
Activity 22 of GN 983	The decommissioning of any activity requiring - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a closure certificate in terms of section 43 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002); or a prospecting right, mining right, mining permit, production right or exploration right, where the throughput of the activity has reduced by 90% or more over a period of 5 years excluding where the competent authority has in writing agreed that such reduction in throughput does not constitute closure.

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Activity No	Description
Activity 34 of GN983	<p>The expansion or changes to existing facilities for any process or activity where such expansion or changes will result in the need for a permit or licence or an amended permit or licence in terms of national or provincial legislation governing the release of emissions or pollution, excluding -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. where the facility, process or activity is included in the list of waste management activities published in terms of Section 19 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No.59 of 2008) in which case the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 applies; or ii. the expansion of or changes to existing facilities for the treatment of effluent, wastewater or sewage where the capacity will be increased by less than 15 000 cubic metres per day.

Jones & Wagener (Pty) Ltd Engineering & Environmental Consultants has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the BA process, develop an EMPr addendum to the existing EMPR, compile a Closure Plan and compile an application for amending the existing WUL.

Your comments are required

The Consultation BAR and EMPr, Closure Plan, and Water Use Licence Amendment Application for the proposed project have been finalised and will be made available for public review and comment from **3 April to 7 May 2017**. These reports contain the findings of the studies done by the various specialists and are available for your access at the following locations:

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Ms Tebogo Mampe	Bekkersdal Public Library, 1616 Schoeman Street, Westonaria	011 755 1920
Electronic copies		
Ms Anelle Lötter	www.jaws.co.za under public documents, alternatively you can phone and request for a CD copy.	012 667 4865

You are encouraged to comment on these reports in any of the following ways:

- By completing the attached comment sheet;
- By writing a letter, or producing additional written submissions;
- By emailing or contacting the public participation office.

For more information please contact Anelle Lötter, Tel: (012) 667 4860, Fax: (012) 667 6128, Email: anelle@jaws.co.za.

Yours faithfully



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Dear Stakeholder

Integrated Environmental Authorisation application process for the proposed cessation of pumping and associated decommissioning of the underground workings of the Ezulwini Mining Company (Pty) Ltd (EMC) (Cooke 4 Shaft), Gauteng

Reports available for public review and comment from 16 August to 15 September 2017:

- *Consultation Basic Assessment Report (BAR) – revised;*
- *Environmental Management Programme (EMPr);*
- *Closure Plan;*
- *Water Use Licence Amendment Application.*

Ezulwini Mining Company (EMC), part of Sibanye Gold Limited (Sibanye) proposes the cessation of pumping and associated decommissioning of the underground workings of the Ezulwini mine or Cooke 4 Shaft located close to Westonaria in Gauteng. In support of the proposed closure of the underground workings, EMC has submitted the following applications.

- Application for an Environmental Authorisation to proceed with the proposed cessation of pumping and associated decommissioning of the underground workings of the Ezulwini Operations. A Basic Assessment (BA) process in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act 107 of 1998 is being followed. This process includes the submission of a Basic Assessment Report, Closure Plan and an EMPr in terms of the provisions of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) and the 2014 EIA Regulations.
- Application for an amendment to the existing Water Use Licence (WUL) in terms of sections 50 of the National Water Act 36 of 1998 (NWA).

As part of the environmental authorisation application process, a Consultation Basic Assessment Report (CBAR) and Environmental Management Programme, Closure Plan, and Water Use Licence Amendment Application were made available for your comment from 3 April to 7 May 2017 (this period was extended to 21 May 2017 at the request of an I&AP).

Substantial changes were made to the reports and to the specialist studies mainly due to comments from I&APs. The updated reports are being made available for a second public review period in accordance with regulation 19(1)(b) of GNR 982 of the 2014 EIA Regulations. The revised CBAR will be available for your review and comment from 16 August to 15 September 2017. Included is the updated Information Document that provides a non-technical summary of the revised CBAR.

Your comments are required

The revised Consultation BAR and EMPr, Closure Plan, and Water Use Licence Amendment Application for the proposed project will be made available for public review and comment on

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16 August 2017. These reports contain the updated findings of the studies done by the various specialists and are available for your access at the following locations:

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