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Attention: Ms Mashudu Maduka

Dear Madam

NOTIFICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 19(1)(B) OF GN R 982 OF THE 2014 EIA REGULATIONS: BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS OF THE APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED CESSATION OF PUMPING AND ASSOCIATED DECOMMISSIONING OF THE UNDERGROUND WORKINGS OF SIBANYE'S EZULWINI COOKE 4 SHAFT

We refer to the Consultation Basic Assessment Report (CBAR) and associated documentation in the abovementioned application, which was submitted to your Department on 31 March 2017 and circulated to I&APs for comment from 3 April 2017 to 7 May 2017. Pursuant to our letter to you dated 3 May 2017, the public participation process was extended to 21 May 2017.

Originally, the Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) and associated documentation in the Basic Assessment Environmental Authorisation application process for the proposed cessation of pumping and associated closure of the underground workings of Sibanye Gold Limited's (Sibanye) Ezulwini operations (Cooke 4 Shaft) was planned to be submitted for public and authority review on 14 June 2017. According to the legislated timeframes, the last date for submission of the FBAR is 4 July 2017 (90 days from submission of the application document on 31 March 2017).

During the public review period of the Consultation documentation (CBAR, Draft Environmental Management Programme amendment and Draft Closure Plan), Gold Field's South Deep Gold Mine (South Deep), an adjacent landowner and Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), provided detailed and substantial comments of more than 60 pages on the consultation documentation for the project on 22 May 2017. These comments need to be considered and responded to by each of the specialists and in certain instances they are likely to make changes to their specialist studies, which in turn will require changes to the content of the Basic Assessment Report, the EMPr and the Closure Plan. The revised reports will then need to be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days. Gold Fields has also since sent a letter (dated 9 June 2017) to Jones & Wagener (Pty) Ltd (J&W), Sibanye Gold Limited and the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR), inter alia, requesting an extension of the public review period of the FBAR by at least 30 days in terms of Regulation 19 (1)(b).

The 50 day extension in terms of Regulation 19(1) (b) will allow time for new information to be added and for amendments to be made to the BAR, EMPr and Closure Plan. We also need to

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be in a position to provide meaningful responses to South Deep's questions and comments. A technical workshop is also being planned between the South Deep and Ezulwini specialists to discuss and attempt to address the concerns raised, where possible.

J&W therefore hereby notifies the DMR that the BAR, EMPr and Closure Plan will be submitted within 140 days of receipt of the application by the DMR in accordance with regulation 19(1)(b) of GN R 982 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, resulting in an approximate 50 day extension period.

Should we not hear from you by 19 June 2017, we will assume that the DMR, as the competent authority, has no concerns regarding the extension of the Basic Assessment process in accordance with regulation 19(1)(b) of GN R 982 of the 2014 EIA Regulations.

Please do not hesitate to contact Marius van Zyl (Tel: 082 880 1250; Email: vanzyl@jaws.co.za) or Gina Martin (Tel: 072 997 8935; Email: gina@jaws.co.za) should you require any further information in this regard.

Yours faithfully,



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