

20 June 2024

Our ref: 1565/JVM/am

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir or Madam:

**NOTIFICATION REGARDING OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION PROCESSES FOR THE PROPOSED HARMONY NOOITGEDACHT TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED PIPELINES, IN MATHJABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE, SOUTH AFRICA.**

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited (hereafter referred to as the applicant) has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the necessary environmental authorisation and associated consultation processes. EIMS will compile and submit the required documentation in support of applications for:

- Integrated Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Waste Management License (WML) in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act – NEMA (Act 107 of 1998) as well as the National Environmental Management: Waste Act – NEMWA (Act 59 of 2008); and
- Water Use Licence (WUL) for various water uses in accordance with the National Water Act – NWA (Act 36 of 1998).

The exact activities to be applied for will be confirmed during the process. A full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment application process will be followed.

The applicant owns and operates a number of Gold Mines and plants in the Welkom region in the Free State and currently deposits tailings onto the Free State South 2 Tailings Storage Facility (TSF), St. Helena 4 TSF, St. Helena 123 TSF, Dam 23 TSF, Brand D TSF and Target 1&2 TSF. The current planned Life of Mine (LOM) of the Free State operations exceed the available deposition capacity of these TSFs and the applicant is therefore proposing to construct the proposed Nooitgedacht TSF to cater for this additional capacity. The TSF will cover an area of approximately 8.95 km<sup>2</sup>. The proposed TSF will be located on Farm portions Mijannie 66 Ptn 0/RE, Goedgedacht 53 Ptn 0, Nooitgedacht 50 Ptn 0, Jacobsdal 37 Ptn 0 and Rheedersdam 31 Ptn 0.

In addition, three new pipelines are required to be constructed:

- Two 10km long slurry lines from Harmony One Plant to the St Helena Booster Pump Station;
- One 16km long slurry line from Brand A TSF to the St Helena Booster Pump Station; and
- One 17km slurry line from the St Helena Booster Pump Station to FSN 1 TSF.

The pipelines will be flanged steel pipelines of over 0,36m in diameter and installed above-ground on pre-cast concrete plinths and a 3.5m wide access road, adjacent to the pipelines, will be cleared/graded to provide access for construction, maintenance and inspections.

The proposed pipelines traverse the following farm portions: Vlakplaats 125 Ptn 3, 4 and 5; Mijannie RE/66 Ptn 0; Toronto RE/115 Ptn 7 and 0; Rietpan 17 Ptn 0; Rietkuil 28 Ptn 0; Rheeders Dam 31 Ptn 0; Farm 41 Ptn 20; Ouders Gift 48 Ptn 0; Nooitgedacht 50 Ptn 0; Goedgedacht 53 Ptn 0; Theronia 71 Ptn 1 and 7; Jacobsrust 118 Ptn 0; St Helena 42 Ptn 2 and 3, Farm 80 Ptn 0, Stuurmanship 92 Ptn 1, 7 and 0, Saaiplaas 690 Ptn 1, 11, 15 and 0; Klippan 14 Ptn 1, 2 and 15, Marmageli 20 Ptn 0 and 157 Ptn 0.

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EIMS will be following the procedures defined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GRN982 of 2014, as amended) and in the Water Use Licence Application and Appeals Regulations, 2017 (GNR 267 of 24 March 2017) for undertaking a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and WULA process. In accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations Section 41 of the NWA, a public participation process will be undertaken. You are hereby invited to register and comment on the proposed project and application/s. In order to ensure that you are identified and registered as an I&AP and that your comments are captured, please submit your name, contact details, the reason for your interest or any, in writing or telephonically, to EIMS within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Please note that only registered I&AP's will be informed of future project information and opportunities for participation.

By registering as an interested and affected party you consent to the collection and processing of your personal information as per the EIMS Privacy Notice available at [www.eims.co.za/public-participation](http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation). In order to avoid missing out on opportunities for public participation please submit I&AP registrations, or any queries, comments, or concerns with regards to this application, as soon as possible to EIMS at:

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Please include the project reference number 1565 in all correspondence.

Kind Regards,

Alex Msipa

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Ons verw:1565/JP/am

Aan wie dit mag aangaan

Geagte Meneer of Mevrouw:

**KENNISGEWING MET BETREKKING TOT GELEENTHEID OM AAN DIE OMGEWINGSAANSOEKPROSESSE TE NEEM TE NEEM VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE HARMONY NOOITGEDACHT TAILINGS STORINGSFASILITEITSPROJEK EN GEASSOSIEERDE PYPPLYNE, IN MATHJABENG PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT, VRYSTAAT, SUID-AFRIKA.**

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited (hierna na verwys as die aansoeker) het Environmental Impact Management Services (Edms) Bpk (EIMS) as die Omgewingsevaluerings praktisyn (EAP) aangestel om die nodige omgewingsmagtiging en gepaardgaande konsultasie prosesse te onderneem. EIMS sal die vereiste dokumentasie saamstel en indien ter ondersteuning van aansoeke vir:

- Geïntegreerde Omgewingsmagtiging (EA) en Afval bestuurslisensie (WML) in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet – NEMA (Wet 107 van 1998) asook die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur: Afvalwet – NEMWA (Wet 59 van 2008); en
- Watergebruiklisensie (WUL) vir verskeie watergebruike in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Waterwet – NWA (Wet 36 van 1998).

Die presiese aktiwiteite waarvoor aansoek gedoen moet word, sal tydens die proses bevestig word. 'n Volledige Omvang- en Omgewingsimpakstudie aansoekproses sal gevolg word.

Die applikant besit en bedryf 'n aantal Goudmyne en aanlegte in die Welkom-streek in die Vrystaat en deponeer tans uitskot op die Vrystaat Suid 2 Uitskot Stoorfasiliteit (TSF), St. Helena 4 TSF, St. Helena 123 TSF, Dam 23 TSF, Brand D TSF en Target 1&2 TSF. Die huidige beplande Life of Mine (LOM) van die Vrystaatse bedrywighede oorskry die beskikbare afsettingskapasiteit van hierdie TSF's en die aansoeker stel dus voor om die voorgestelde Nooitgedacht TSF te bou om vir hierdie bykomende kapasiteit voorsiening te maak. Die TSF sal 'n gebied van ongeveer 8,95 km<sup>2</sup> dek. Die voorgestelde TSF sal geleë wees op Plaasgedeeltes Mijannie 66 Ptn 0/RE, Goedgedacht 53 Ptn 0, Nooitgedacht 50 Ptn 0, Jacobsdal 37 Ptn 0 en Rheedersdam 31 Ptn 0.

Daarbenewens moet drie nuwe pypleidings gebou word:

- Twee 10 km lange uitskot pyplyne vanaf Harmony One Plant na die St Helena Booster Pompstasie;
- Een 16km lang uitskot pyplyn vanaf Brand A TSF na die St Helena Booster Pompstasie; en
- Een 17 km-uitskot pyplyn vanaf die St Helena Booster-pompstasie na FSN 1 TSF.

Die pypleidings sal staal pypleidings van meer as 0,36m in deursnee wees met flens en bogronds op voorgegote beton plinte geïnstalleer word en 'n 3,5m breë toegangspad, aangrensend aan die pypleidings, sal skoongemaak/gegradeer word om toegang te bied vir konstruksie, instandhouding en inspeksies.

Die voorgestelde pypleidings deurkruis die volgende plaasgedeeltes: Vlakplaats 125 Ptn 3, 4 en 5; Mijannie RE/66 Ptn 0; Toronto RE/115 Ptn 7 en 0; Rietpan 17 Ptn 0; Rietkuil 28 Ptn 0; Rheedersdam 31 Ptn 0; Plaas 41 Ptn 20; Ouders Gift 48 Ptn 0; Nooitgedacht 50 Ptn 0; Goedgedacht 53 Ptn 0; Theronia 71 Ptn 1 en 7; Jacobsrust 118 Ptn 0; St Helena 42 Ptn 2 en 3, Plaas 80 Ptn 0, Stuurmanship 92 Ptn 1, 7 en 0, Saaiplaas 690 Ptn 1, 11, 15 en 0; Klippan 14 Ptn 1, 2 en 15, Marmageli 20 Ptn 0 en 157 Ptn 0.

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EIMS sal die prosedures volg soos omskryf in die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB) Regulasies (GRN982 van 2014, soos gewysig) en in die Watergebruiklisensie Aansoek (WULA) en Appèlregulasies, 2017 (GNR 267 van 24 Maart 2017) vir die onderneem van Omvang- en Omgewingsimpakstudie en WULA proses. In ooreenstemming met Hoofstuk 6 van die OIB-regulasies en Artikel 41 van die NWA, sal 'n openbare deelnameproses onderneem word. U word hiermee uitgenooi om te registreer en kommentaar te lewer op die voorgestelde projek en aansoek/s. Om te verseker dat jy geïdentifiseer en geregistreer word as 'n B&GP en dat jou kommentaar vasgelê word, dien asseblief jou naam, kontakbesonderhede, die rede vir jou belangstelling of enige kommentaar, skriftelik of telefonies, by EIMS binne 30 dae vanaf die publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing. Neem asseblief kennis dat slegs geregistreerde B&GPe ingelig sal word oor toekomstige projekinligting en geleentheid vir deelname.

Deur as 'n B&GP te registreer, stem jy in tot die versameling en verwerking van jou persoonlike inligting soos per die EIMS Privaatheidskennisgewing beskikbaar by [www.eims.co.za/public-participation](http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation). Om te verhoed dat geleentheid vir publieke deelname misgeloop word, dien asseblief B&GP-registrasies, of enige navrae, kommentaar of bekommernisse met betrekking tot hierdie aansoek, so gou moontlik in by EIMS by:

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Sluit asseblief die projekverwysingsnommer 1565 by alle korrespondensie in.

Vriendelike groete,

Alex Msipa

20 Phuptjane 2024

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Ho yo e mo amang

Mohlomphehi kapa Mofumahadi ya ratehang:

**TSEBISO E MABAPI LE MONYETLA OA HO KOPANELA LITS'EBETSONG TSA TS'EBELISO EA TIKOLOHO BAKENG SA MORERO WA PROJEKE YA SEBAKA SA POLOKO O RERILOENG OA HARMONY NOOTGEDACHT TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY LE LIPEIPI TSE AMANANG, HO MASEPALA OA MOTSE OA MATJHABENG, FREE STATE, AFRIKA BOROA.**

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited (eo hamorao e tla bitsoa mokopi) e khethile Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) hore e be Moetsi oa Tlhahlobo ea Tikoloho (EAP) ho etsa tumello e hlokalang ea tikoloho le lits'ebetso tse amanang le tsona tsa lipuisano. EIMS e tla bokella le ho fana ka litokomane tse hlokalang ho tšehetsa likopo tsa:

- Tumello e Kopanetsweng ya Tikoloho (EA) le Laesense ya Taolo ya Ditshila (WML) ho ya ka Molao wa Naha wa Taolo ya Tikoloho – NEMA (Molao wa 107 wa 1998) hammoho le Molao wa Naha wa Taolo ya Tikoloho: Molao wa Ditshila – NEMWA (Molao wa 59 wa 2008); le;
- Laesense ea Tšebeliso ea Metsi (WUL) bakeng sa tšebeliso e fapaneng ea metsi ho latela Molao oa Naha oa Metsi - NWA (Molao oa 36 oa 1998).

Mesebetsi e sebilweng e tla etswa e tla netefatswa nakong ya tshebetso. Go tla latelwa tshebetso e felletseng ya kopo ya Tshebetso ya Tekolo le Tlhahlobo ya Phello ya Tikologo.

Mokopi o na le, o bile o sebetse ka Merafo ya Kgauta e mmalwa le ditsi tsa tshebetso tikologong ya Welkom e Foreisetata mme hajwale o qhalla dikgwere-kgwere dibakeng tsa pokello ya dikgwere-kgwere tsa Free State South 2(TSF), St. Helena 4 TSF, St. Helena 123 TSF, Dam. 23 TSF, Brand D TSF le Target 1&2 TSF. Morero o osetseng o editswe bojanong o lekanyetsang hore naa Morafo o tla Sebetse Nako e Kae (LOM) tshebetsong ya Foreistata o feta bokgoni bo teng ba di-TSF tse na ba go kgobokanya dikgwere-kgwere, kamoo mokopi o tsitsinya go aga Nooitgedacht TSF e tsitsintsweng e le tlatsetso go tswala sekgeo sena. . TSF e tla akaretse sebaka se ka nnang 8.95 km<sup>2</sup>. TSF e sisintsweng e tla fitlhelwa dikarolong tsa polasi Mijannie 66 Ptn 0/RE, Goedgedacht 53 Ptn 0, Nooitgedacht 50 Ptn 0, Jacobsdal 37 Ptn 0 le Rheedersdam 31 Ptn 0.

- Ho eketsa moo, ho hlokalala hore ho hahuoe lipeipi tse tharo tse ncha:
- Litsela tse peli tsa slurry tse bolelele ba 10km ho tloha Harmony One Plant ho ea St Helena Booster Pump Station;
- Mohala o le mong oa slurry o bolelele ba 16km ho tloha Brand A TSF ho ea St Helena Booster Pump Station; le
- Mohala o le mong oa slurry oa 17km ho tloha St Helena Booster Pump Station ho ea FSN 1 TSF.

Liphaephe li tla kengoa liphaephe tsa tšepe tse bophara ba 0,36m le ho kenngoa ka holim'a mobu holim'a likaroloana tsa konkreite tse entsoeng ka pele le tsela e bophara ba 3.5m, e haufi le liphaephe, e tla hloekisoa/e behiloe ho fana ka phihlelo bakeng sa kaho, tlhokomelo. le ditlhatlhubo.

Lipeipi tse sisintsoeng li haola le likarolo tse latelang tsa polasi: Vlakplaats 125 Ptn 3, 4 le 5; Mijannie RE/66 Ptn 0; Toronto RE/115 Ptn 7 le 0; Rietpan 17 Ptn 0; Rietkuil 28 Ptn 0; Letamo la Rheeders 31 Ptn 0; Polasi ea 41 Ptn 20; Ouders

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EIMS e tla be e latela ditsamaiso tse tihlalositsweng go Melawana ya Tekolo ya Phello ya Tikologo (EIA) (GRN982 ya 2014, jaloka ha e fetotswe) le Melao ya Kopo ya Laesense ya Tshebediso ya Metsi le Melao ya Boipiletso, 2017 (GNR 267 yala 24 Hlakubele 2017) bakeng sa go etsa Tlhahlobo ya Motheo le tshebetso ea WULA. Tumellanong le Kgaolo ya 6 ya Melawana ya EIA le Karolo ya 41 ya NWA, mokgwa wa go kenya letsogo ga setshaba o tla etswa. O memiwa ho ingodisa le go fana ka maikutlo mabapi le projeke e sisintsweng le kopo/dikopo. E le ho etsa bonnete ba hore o itsebahaditse mme o ingoditse o le I&AP le gore maikutlo a gao a bolokilwe, ka kopo romela leina la gago, boitsebiso ba go ikgolaganya le wena, lobaka la kgalhego ya gago kapa maikutlo afe kapa afe, ka lengolo kapa ka mogala, go EIMS mo teng ga malatsi a le 30 a kitsiso ya kgatiso e. Ka kopo tlhlokomela gore ke batho ba I&APs ba ikwadisitseng feela ba tla tsebiswa ka ditaba tsa projeke nakong e tlang le menyetla ya goo tsaya karolo.

Ka ho ingodisa jwalo ka mokga o nang le kgalhego le o amegang, o dumela go kgobokanywa le go dirisiwa ga dintlha tsa gago go latela Tsebisiso ya sephiri ya EIMS e fitlhelwang go [www.eims.co.za/public-participation](http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation) Gore o seke wa fetwa ke menyetla ya go tsaya karolo ga setshaba ka kopo, romella boikwadiso ba I&AP, kapa dipotso, maikutlo, kapa matshwenyego mabapi le kopo ena, kapele kamoo go ka kgonagalang go EIMS go:

Motho yo go ka Buisanwang le ene ke: Alex Msipa

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Ka kopo bontsha nomoro ya tshupetso ya projeke e leng 1565 makwalong otlhe.

Litumediso tse mofuthu,

Alex Msipa