

29 July 2025

Our ref: 1658/VM/am

To whom it may concern

Dear Interested and Affected Party:

NOTIFICATION REGARDING OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED HARMONY MPONENG LOWER COMPARTMENT TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY PROJECT, IN MERA FONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG, 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:

- Environmental Authorisation (EA) in accordance with the NEMA- Listed activity/ies:
 - GNR983 Listing Notice 1, Activities 10, 12, 19, 21D, 21F, 27, 31, and 46.
 - GNR984 Listing Notice 2, Activity 6.
 - GNR985 Listing Notice 3, Activities 12, 14, 23, and 26.
- Waste Management Licence in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act- NEM:WA (Act 59 of 2008) - Listed activity/ies:
 - GNR921 Categories A14, B7 and B10.
- Water Use Licence (WUL) in accordance with the National Water Act – NWA (Act 36 of 1998) - Listed activity/ies:
 - Section 21 (c), (g) and (i).

Additional listed activities and/or water uses may be identified during the process.

The applicant owns and operates a number of Gold Mines and Plants in the West Wits region in the Gauteng Province. The Savuka Plant currently deposits tailings onto the Savuka 5a, 5b, 7a & 7b Tailings Storage Facilities (TSFs). However, these facilities are approaching their final and approved height, and the current planned Life of Mine (LOM) for the West Wits region exceeds the available deposition capacity of these TSFs. Accordingly, the applicant is undertaking a feasibility assessment to recommence deposition on the Mponeng Lower Compartment TSF.

The applicant is proposing to recommence deposition on the Mponeng Tailings Storage Facility Lower Compartment (hereafter referred to as Mponeng Lower Compartment TSF). The Mponeng TSF is located at 26°27'11.18"S; 27°24'43.88"E. Mponeng Lower Compartment TSF is an existing TSF, however, the TSF is no longer in operation and is currently utilised as a Holding Dam, and a portion of it is used as an authorised Landfill Facility. In order to redeposit on the Mponeng Lower Compartment TSF, from the Savuka Plant, slurry pipelines will need to be constructed from the Savuka Plant to the TSF. The proposed slurry and return water pipes extend from the south of Savuka Plant at starting point 26°25'24.95"S; 27°23'58.94"E, extending southwards, parallel to each other until reaching the northern extent of Mponeng Lower Compartment TSF where they split. Thereafter, the slurry pipeline extends to west before connecting to Mponeng TSF while the return water pipeline extends east then south around the TSF to the return water dam. There is an alternative slurry and return water pipeline route which extends to the east through Western Deep Levels then south along Mponeng Gold Mine before heading to the west where it connects to Mponeng Lower Compartment TSF.

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 is being undertaken for the project. 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, and the reason for your interest or any, in writing or telephonically to EIMS. Please note that only registered I&APs 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. In order to avoid missing out on opportunities for public participation please submit I&AP registrations, or any queries, comments, or concerns with regard to this application, as soon as possible to EIMS at:

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Please include the project reference number 1658 in all correspondence.

Kind Regards,

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From: 1658 Harmony Mponeng TSF EIA <mponengtsf@eims.co.za>
Sent: Friday, 15 August 2025 16:05
Subject: Initial Notification: Golden Core Trade and Invest (Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited) - Mponeng Lower Compartment Tailings Storage Facility
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Dear Interested and Affected Party (I&AP),

Kindly find attached notification regarding the opportunity to participate in the Environmental Authorisation and Water Use Licence application process for the Golden Core Trade and Invest (Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited) - Mponeng Lower Compartment Tailings Storage Facility Project in the Merafong City Local Municipality Gauteng, South Africa.

Afrikaans

Geagte Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP),

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