

Comments and Responses 1565 Harmony Nooitgedacht TSF

Ms Cornelise Cronje

Date 2023/07/17 Method Telephone

Comment

Comments made telephonically: 1. Concern over the nature of activities and the expansion of the Harmony operations in general Welkom area. 2. Concerned about how dust will affect surrounding farms and their current land uses. 3. Groundwater quality and how activities will affect water resources was an additional concern of the adjacent landowner.

Response

Comments noted

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Date 2023/07/19 Method Telephone

Comment

Contact person was engaged telephonically. Concern was raised over making contact with landowners as well as about the use of the current contact information. Concern was raised over how the landowner's property will be affected, and if grazing would be affected by the activities proposed. Contact person affirmed that they should not be contacted again, and that other contact details would be provided.

Response

Comments noted

Kamogelo Mathetja

Date 2023/07/11 Method Email

Comment

Dear Sir/madam, Kindy find the attached comments for your implementation.

Response

Dear Kamogelo, Thank you for you email. This is to confirm receipt of your message.

Mr Seoka Lekota

Date 2023/07/07 Method Other

Comment

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED HARMONY NOOITGEDACHT TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY PROJECT ON FARM MIJANNIE 66 PTN 0/RE, GOEDGEDACHT 53 PTN 0, NOOITGEDACHT 50 PTN 0, JACOBSDAL 37 PTN 0 AND RHEEDERSDAM 31 PTN 0 NEAR WELKOM IN THE MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE FREE STATE PROVINCE The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the reports and does not have any objection to the draft Scoping Report and the Plan of Study for EIA, however, the EIA report must comply with the procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting

Response

Noted

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on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5) (A) and (H) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998. Furthermore, the Environmental Impact Assessment report must comply with all the requirements as outlined in the Mining and Biodiversity guideline for mainstreaming biodiversity into the mining sector. All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.

Nkazimulo Zuma

Date 2023/05/02 Method Email

Comment

Good day, My name is Nkazimulo and I am currently doing my Masters on the management of tailing storage facilities at the University of Cape Town and I decided to work on St Helena 123 for my research. I came across information from 2008 indicating that the TSF might be re-mined. However, I am struggling to find updates indicating whether or not that happened. However, since there are prospects of extending the TSF for a larger capacity among others, would this be for on-going operations or is it because it is being re-mined? Essentially, I would like to know if the prospects of it being re-mined actually took place. warm regards, Nkazimulo

Response

Dear Nkazimulo, This is just to respond to your email. As far as the information on past or present mining activities in the area, I suggest contacting Harmony Gold directly. More details about this project can be found on EIMS website, i.e., Public Participation – EIMS. The website also includes a background information document, which provides a bit more detail on the project. I'd like to wish you all the best with your studies.