

**ASSMANG (PTY) LTD MINING RIGHT APPLICATION
OVER PORTION 2 (PORTION OF PORTION 1),
REMAINDER PORTION, REMAINDER PORTION OF
PORTION 1 AND PORTION 3 OF THE FARM
MAKGANYENE NO 667 IN THE TSANTSABANE
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF THE NORTHERN CAPE.**

COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

REF NO: NC 30/5/1/2/2/10255 MR

JANUARY 2025



NOTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS AND I&AP'S OF THE MINING RIGHT APPLICATION

COMMENTING PERIOD: 15 NOVEMBER 2024 – 07 JANUARY 2025

During the initial public participation process the stakeholders and I&AP's were informed of the project by means of draft scoping notices that were sent directly to the contact persons. An Afrikaans and English advertisement was placed in the Noord Kaap Bulletin on 14 November 2024, as well as in the Gemsbok newspaper on 15 November 2024. Afrikaans and/or English on-site notices were placed on 15 November 2024 at the entrance to the farm, at the Postmasburg Library, and Postmasburg Municipal Offices. The advertisements, draft scoping report notice, and on-site notices invited the recipients to register/comment on the project on/before 07 January 2025. The following table provides a list of the I&AP's and stakeholders that were informed of the project:

STAKEHOLDERS			
TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
Mr Gaonyadiwe H Mathobela	Tsantsabane Local Municipality	15 November 2024	No Comments Received
Mr Deyoungs Miennies	Tsantsabane Local Municipality – Ward 6	15 November 2024	No Comments Received
Mr Alfred Tieties	ZF Mgcawu District Municipality	15 November 2024	No Comments Received
Mr W D Mothibi	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development	15 November 2024	No Comments Received

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Mr B Fisher Mrs S de la Fontaine	Department of Agriculture, Environment Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform	15 November 2024	No Comments Received
Mrs H Samson	Department of Economic Development and Tourism	15 November 2024	No Comments Received
Mr Kholekile Nogwili	Department of Roads and Public Works	15 November 2024	No Comments Received
Me Mashudu Madau	Department of Water and Sanitation	15 November 2024	18 November 2024
<p>Comments received from DWS on the DSR:</p> <p>“This office acknowledge receipt of the draft Scoping Report compiled for Assmang (Pty) Ltd dated November 2024, for the proposed mining activities near Aucampsrus, Northern Cape Province. Please note that a water use authorisation will be required for the following activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waste Rock Dump, Run of Mine (RoM) stockpile, overburden stockpile, containing dirty water, water storage dam/s storing water from the pits, reuse of water from the pits for dust suppression, draining water from wash bay into an oil sump, backfilling of the pits with waste rock will trigger Section 21(g) water use of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998). 2. Taking water from a water resource through a borehole will trigger Section 21(a) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998). 3. Dewatering of the pits will trigger Section 21(j) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998). <p>Please note that no activity should take place within a horizontal distance of 500m from the boundary of a wetland/pan or within the scale of 1:100-year flood line of a river/drainage line (perennial/non-perennial) without an authorisation from this Department. A water use authorization must be applied via the Electronic Water Use Licence Application and Authorisation (EWULAA) system (www.dws.gov.za/ewulaas).”</p>			

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Greenmined acknowledged on 18 November 2024 receipt of the DWS comments and confirmed that a water use licence application will be submitted in due course. Also refer to <i>Part 1(e) Policy and Legislative Context</i> of the Scoping Report regarding the WULA application.			
Mr Zolile Albanie	Department of Labour	15 November 2024	No Comments Received
SAHRA	Heritage Officer	15 November 2024	No Comments Received

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Mr JC Wessels	Landowner Makganyene 667/1, 2, RE	15 November 2024	22 November 2024
Mr Wessels noted that upon receipt of the DSR notification, he contacted Assmang to discuss outstanding matters regarding the prospecting right held over his property. Feedback was sought regarding fences, soil contamination, possible water contamination and the removal of Shepherd's Trees (<i>Boscia albitrunca</i>). There were also matters regarding the PR service use agreement that had to be discussed.			

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Mr Wessels enquired whether it was possible to extend the DSR commenting period to allow additional time to resolve the listed matters and requested that Assmang and Greenmined visit the farm before 01 December 2024.

Mr Wessels further noted that there are two graveyards on the farm plus a solitary grave.

Greenmined responded as follows to the correspondence receive from Mr Wessels:

“Thank you for your email regarding the mining right application submitted by Assmang (Pty) Ltd (“Applicant”) over the Remaining Extent, Portion 1 (Remaining Extent), Portion 2 (Portion of Portion 1) and Portion 3 of the farm Makganyene No 667 with reference number NC 30/5/1/2/2/10255 MR.

In support of our telephonic discussion of Friday (22 November 2024), kindly receive our response to your comments as follows:

1. Can you please share the correspondence with Mr Pumezo David with us?
2. I confirm receipt of the video clips (also sent to me) showing some of the contaminated boreholes on the farm. This matter will be added to the agenda of the meeting (refer to Point 4) to be held between yourself, the Applicant, and Greenmined;
3. The other grievances listed in your email (removal of the Witgat trees, damages to fences, service use agreement matters) will also be added to the proposed agenda (Point 4);
4. During the EIA (environmental impact assessment) process there are at least two opportunities for I&AP’s (interested and affected parties including landowners) to comment on the project and EIA documents. This project is now in its first phase where all I&AP’s (including landowners) have the opportunity to register on the project and if interested comment on the draft Scoping Report (DSR). For this project the first phase commenting period ends on the 7th of January 2025 as the final Scoping Report (including all the registrations and comments received on the DSR) must be submitted to the DMRE by latest 10 January 2025 (departmental requirement).

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Once the final Scoping Report was submitted to the DMRE, the authority will consider the report and whether the EIA may be allowed to continue. Should the final Scoping Report be approved, we (Greenmined) will commence with the proposed specialist studies (as listed in the DSR) and the compilation of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment (DEIAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPR) that will then also be published for public perusal and commenting. This will present the registered I&AP's with another (second) opportunity to comment on the project.

Considering the above, we would like to propose that Greenmined arrange a virtual meeting between yourself and the Applicant before the 12th of December 2024 where the grievances listed in your email will be discussed. Following the meeting, a minutes of the meeting will be distributed to all the attendees for approval. The agenda, attendance register, and minutes of the meeting will then be incorporated into the final Scoping Report (to be submitted to the DMRE by 10 January 2025).

Should the DMRE approve the final Scoping Report and allow the EIA to continue, Greenmined will then arrange an inspection (in the new year) with yourself and representative/s of the Applicant to visit the farm and gather the site specific information that will be shared with the specialists and assessed as part of the EIA documents. The discussions/findings of the inspection, as well as the specialist input and impact assessment will all form part of the DEIAR & EMPR that will be available for your perusal and commenting before the final report is submitted to the DMRE.....

We thank you for highlighting the additional gravesites on the farm. The matter will be amended in the final Scoping Report and upon approval of the document by the DMRE, the information will also be shared with the archaeologist that will have to visit the application footprint prior to the compilation of the DEIAR & EMPR.”

The virtual meeting was subsequently arranged for 05 December 2024.

A virtual meeting was arranged between Mr Wessels, Assmang and Greenmined on 05 December 2024, and the main discussion points entailed the following (refer to Appendix 8.2 for a copy of the Meeting Minutes)

- δ All PR related comments/matters will be discussed in a separate meeting between Mr Wessels and Assmang;
- δ The MR Application is for a life of mine of 30 years;
- δ Mr Wessels noted that pangolin (*Smutsia temminckii*) and hedgehog (*Erinaceus auropaeus*) also occur on the farms;

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<p> δ The FSR must be submitted to the DMRE by 10 January 2025, the DMRE then has 43-days to review the document and if accepted the final environmental impact assessment report (FEIAR) must be submitted to the DMRE within 106 days of acceptance of the FSR. The draft EIAR will include all the specialist studies, a discussion on the alternatives that were considered, the final layouts and maps and will be available for a 30-days commenting period. </p> <p> δ Diamonds form part of this MR application. </p> <p> δ Mr Wessels informed the meeting that SIOC applied for a PR for gold, copper and other minerals over his property. He also mentioned that Hlabaki Mining Group (Pty) Ltd (HMG) applied for a quartzite PR over Makganyene No 667. </p> <p> Since the meeting, the following matters were actioned: </p> <p> δ Assmang and Mr Wessels met on 18 December 2024 regarding the PR matters and remain in discussion. As agreed at the meeting, the legal counsel of Mr Wessels will formally submit all PR related grievances to Assmang (still to be received); </p> <p> δ The additional gravesites, and occurrence of pangolin and hedgehogs on the farm were added to the FSR; </p> <p> δ SIOC and HMG were invited to comment on the project and DSR. </p>			
<p> On 20 December 2024 Mr Wessels submitted the following comments (summarised and translated to English for ease of reference). The comments were submitted as part of the public participation process for this application and are therefore included in the FSR. The comments however relate to the PR held by Assmang (Pty) Ltd on the property and must therefore form part of the prospecting right discussions to be held between Mr Wessels and Assmang. </p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A water sample taken at MEX 23 was contaminated with oil. Assmang can also test the diamond mine water for contamination because their two pumps, driven by diesel engines, stood in the water for a long time before I pointed oil leaks out to them. Even when it was removed to the side of the water the drip pans overflowed with oil and necessitated the removal of the contaminated soil. All diamond boreholes must be tested for water pollution, even though Assmang confirmed that the drilling oil is not harmful to the environment. The water tests must be done by an independent company, and the results must also be sent to the Department of Water and Sanitation and farm owners (Wessels and Claasens). All boreholes must be properly sealed and raised above the ground surface to prevent further contamination. 			

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<p>3. The Shepards trees that have been destroyed must be re-established in areas that will not be affected by mining activities.</p> <p>4. The fence that was damaged to provide passage to Makganyene 3 for prospecting work needs to be properly repaired.</p> <p>5. The drilling of well over 500 boreholes on the farm must be referred to the DMR for investigation because no further application for additional boreholes is available on the DMR systems. Assmang paid ±R165000.00 for a PWP for which the drilling of 197 boreholes was requested. An updated PWP could not be found, and Mr David Selemo of Assmang refused to provide me with an updated PWP. By law, the DMR must inspect the site to confirm that they are satisfied.</p> <p>6. It appears that Assmang has little or no interest in the mining of Diamonds. The DMR, with a recommendation to the Minister, can take the right to mine diamonds away from Assmang to enable disadvantaged persons to take advantage of the opportunity. It must be remembered that during 13 years of prospecting no prospecting of Diamonds was done. This is very serious as the opportunity is being taken away from disadvantaged miners of which there are many.</p> <p>7. If the DMR requested Assmang to stop prospecting work in May 2024 for whatever reason it must be viewed in a serious light.</p> <p>8. The opportunity has arisen many times to modify the current contract to suit both Wessels and Assmang but no success.</p> <p>9. Assmang was informed to provide proper toilet facilities for the security personnel who since Assmang vacated the farm have no toilet facilities. The staff has been using the veld and these areas must be identified and cleaned.</p>			
<p>On 04 January 2025 Mr Wessels added the following comments regarding the prospecting right held by Assmang on his property:</p> <p>“....White paper 2008. 1.3.6 Government policy 1.3.6.1 Ownership of Mineral rights. (iv) Government will promote minerals development by applying the USE IT/ LOSE IT: USE IT/ KEEP IT principle.</p>			

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From my side in 13 year of prospecting only 2 months where spend mining the dumps and even Assmang since December 2021 has done no prospecting on Diamonds, and they apply to mine diamonds which is absurd. The mining right must be changed to only Iron ore and Manganese ore plus the other minerals included except Diamonds. Applications from others were withdrawn even up to December 2023 and the first come principle must apply. The prospecting rights are available from DMR up to October 2018. They were withdrawn to make space for the application from Mr Chalton Rex.”

Greenmined acknowledged receipt of the additional comments on 07 January 2025 and confirmed that it will be incorporated into the FSR. It was highlighted that Assmang must respond to the PR related matters, and the comments were subsequently shared with the Applicant for their actioning.

Furthermore, it must be stressed that the MPRDA allows an Applicant to apply for any mineral if no other person holds a prospecting right, mining right, mining permit or retention permit for the same mineral and land. The inclusion of diamonds as part of this application is therefore justified.

Chris Cla Konstruksie CC Mrs AP Claassens	Landowner Makganyene No 667/3	15 November 2024	03 December 2024
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Comments received from Mrs Claassens on the DSR on 03 December 2024:

“..... I would like to request that the following aspects be addressed in the scoping report and the subsequent impact assessment:

1. **Blasting Activities:** The potential impacts of blasting on my agricultural activities must be evaluated and addressed.
2. **Dust Impacts:** Dust generated by mining activities and its effects on agricultural activities and veld conditions should be included.
3. **Water Use License Application (WULA):** I must be kept informed about all developments regarding the WULA to provide relevant feedback as an I&AP.
4. **Noise Impact:** The impact of noise from mining activities on my property and operations must be assessed.

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<p>5. Vibrations: The effects of vibrations on my agricultural activities should be analyzed.</p> <p>6. Security Risks: The potential for increased theft and poaching risks due to mining activities must be addressed. I would like to request a high fence to be erected between my portion and the mining activities to protect my farming activities from any security risks. I would also like to request for the possibility of security cameras to be installed for this purpose.</p> <p>7. Dewatering Impacts: The effect of dewatering activities on my agricultural business and farm operations requires thorough evaluation.</p> <p>8. Water and Topsoil Storage: The locations of water storage and topsoil storage areas are absent from the maps. Please ensure these are communicated.</p> <p>9. Fire Risks: Firebreaks must be planned to prevent fire risks associated with mining activities.</p> <p>10. Continuous Rehabilitation: Ongoing rehabilitation after mining is critical to mitigate impacts on agricultural activities.</p> <p>11. Prospecting Impacts: Rehabilitation of all previous prospecting impacts on Portion 3 must be incorporated into the rehabilitation plan.</p> <p>12. Access Agreements: Clear access agreements need to be established with the mining company.</p> <p>13. Waste Rock Dump Location: The current proposed location of the waste rock dump will reduce grazing capacity on my farm. Since the farm is not for sale, alternative locations must be considered. If alternatives are not viable, land access agreements should be discussed to compensate for lost land and grazing capacity.</p> <p>14. Report Sharing: Please ensure all scoping and impact assessment reports are shared with me directly.”</p>			

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Greenmined responded as follows to the registration and comments received from Mrs Claassens:

“Greenmined herewith acknowledges receipt of the email and confirm that you are registered as an I&AP’s on the mining right application submitted by Assmang (Pty) Ltd over, amongst others, Portion 3 of Makganyene No 667 with reference number NC 30/5/1/2/2/10255 MR.

The matters listed in your email as well as our response will be incorporated into the final Scoping Report (FSR) to be submitted to the DMRE for decision making. Should the FSR be approved, and the EIA process be allowed to continue, the matters will be fully assessed and discussed as part of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPR) that will also be available for your perusal and commenting. Also, please find our response to the individual matters as listed below.

1. **Blasting Activities:** The potential impacts of blasting on my agricultural activities must be evaluated and addressed.

This matter will be referred to the soil scientist responsible for the Agricultural Impact Assessment and his findings will be incorporated into the DEIAR & EMPR.

2. **Dust Impacts:** Dust generated by mining activities and its effects on agricultural activities and veld conditions should be included.

This matter will be referred to the soil scientist responsible for the Agricultural Impact Assessment, as well as the Air Quality Specialist. Their findings will be incorporated into the DEIAR & EMPR.

3. **Water Use License Application (WULA):** I must be kept informed about all developments regarding the WULA to provide relevant feedback as an I&AP.

Greenmined will be applying for the WULA on behalf of Assmang (Pty) Ltd and I have listed you as registered I&AP with the consultant responsible for the WULA. Mrs Murchellin Saal (copied into this email) will be in contact with you regarding the WULA as soon as the application commences.

4. **Noise Impact:** The impact of noise from mining activities on my property and operations must be assessed.

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The noise impact will be assessed during the EIA phase (after approval of the FSR) and discussed in the DEIAR & EMPR.

5. **Vibrations:** The effects of vibrations on my agricultural activities should be analyzed.

The geotechnical specialist, geohydrologist and soil scientist will be tasked to assess this matter during the EIA phase, and their findings will be incorporated into the DEIAR & EMPR.

6. **Security Risks:** The potential for increased theft and poaching risks due to mining activities must be addressed. I would like to request a high fence to be erected between my portion and the mining activities to protect my farming activities from any security risks. I would also like to request for the possibility of security cameras to be installed for this purpose.

This matter will be discussed with the Applicant and we will revert back to you regarding the outcome. All management measures will form part of the DEIAR & EMPR.

7. **Dewatering Impacts:** The effect of dewatering activities on my agricultural business and farm operations requires thorough evaluation.

The hydrologist and geohydrologist will assess this matter and provide their findings that will be incorporated into the DEIAR & EMPR.

8. **Water and Topsoil Storage:** The locations of water storage and topsoil storage areas are absent from the maps. Please ensure these are communicated.

These locations will be determined/finalised as part of the EIA phase and receipt of all the specialist inputs. The proposed locations will be communicated to you as soon as identified.

9. **Fire Risks:** Firebreaks must be planned to prevent fire risks associated with mining activities.

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Fire management measures will form part of the mitigation and management measures to be implemented by the mine (should the application be successful) and will be part of the EMPR to be approved by the DMRE.

10. **Continuous Rehabilitation:** Ongoing rehabilitation after mining is critical to mitigate impacts on agricultural activities.

Continuous rehabilitation will be part of the rehabilitation objectives to be elaborated on in the Rehabilitation Plan that will form part of the DEIAR & EMPR.

11. **Prospecting Impacts:** Rehabilitation of all previous prospecting impacts on Portion 3 must be incorporated into the rehabilitation plan.

We will convey this request to the Applicant, and if possible, it will be incorporated into the rehabilitation plan of the mining right.

12. **Access Agreements:** Clear access agreements need to be established with the mining company.

This request will be communicated with the Applicant (Assmang (Pty) Ltd) and incorporated as management measure into the DEIAR & EMPR.

13. **Waste Rock Dump Location:** The current proposed location of the waste rock dump will reduce grazing capacity on my farm. Since the farm is not for sale, alternative locations must be considered. If alternatives are not viable, land access agreements should be discussed to compensate for lost land and grazing capacity.

We acknowledge your valuable input regarding the current location of the proposed waste rock dump and will assess the matter further and confer with the project team and specialists to identify possible alternative locations (if viable). The outcome of the assessment will be communicated to you and also form part of the DEIAR & EMPR.

14. **Report Sharing:** Please ensure all scoping and impact assessment reports are shared with me directly.

We confirm that this will be done.”

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Kouwater Boerdery (Pty) Ltd Mr CC Claassens Mr AW Claassens	Surrounding Landowner Metseatsididi 666/2 Metseatsididi 666/RE	15 November 2024	No Comments Received
Mr CC Claassens	Surrounding Landowner Magoloring No 669/RE	15 November 2024	No Comments Received
CC Claassens Trust Me GHJ Claassens Mr CC Claassens	Surrounding Landowner Vlakfontein 433/RE	15 November 2024	No Comments Received
Sishen Iron Ore Co (Pty) Ltd Mr I Gous	Surrounding Landowner Farm No 432/1, 2, RE	15 November 2024	27 November 2024

Comments received from SIOC on 27 November 2024:

“...SIOC hereby requests that it be registered as an I&AP as part of this application...”

Please provide information on the following aspects:

1. Air quality management
 - a. What measures will be implemented to ensure dust are adequately monitored and effectively controlled.

2. Access road
 - a. The additional traffic might detrimentally impact the condition of the R385 and subsequently impact road safety for other users.

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3. Security and access control
 - a. How will access to the site be managed.
 - b. What measures will be put in place to ensure that the safety and security of neighbouring landowners will not be compromised.
4. Sensitive areas
 - a. What measures will be implemented to avoid all possible impacts to sensitive areas (fauna/flora/regulated zones).
5. Veld fire management
 - a. What measures will be put in place to prevent fires, and if a fire does occur, will a competent team be available to respond to the fire.
6. Water management
 - a. What will the water source be that for the proposed activities.
 - b. How will impacts be monitored (quality and quantity).
 - c. Should there be a negative impact on adjacent areas (ground water quantity or quality), what will be done to mitigate the impact(s).
 - d. Is there a formal process to follow should a complaint/grievance be raised.

In addition to the above, please provide us with any other applicable information to the project...”

Greenmined responded (29 November 2024) as follows to the comments received from SIOC:

“Thank you for taking part in the public participation process of this mining right application submitted by Assmang (Pty) Ltd with reference number NC 30/5/1/2/2/10255 MR.

We do acknowledge receipt of your registration and comments which will also be incorporated into the Final Scoping Report, to be submitted for approval to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE).

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<p>Due to the technical nature of the comments it will be assessed and responded to in the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIAR), which report will follow should the DMRE approve the final Scoping Report. The DEIAR will furthermore incorporate the applicable specialist studies that will also consider the comments received from SIOC. As registered I&AP, SIOC will be invited to comment on the DEIAR once available.”</p>			
Lynpunt Trust Mr C Claassens	Surrounding Landowner Mapedi 653/RE	15 November 2024	No Comments Received
Slabcon Trust Dr D Calitz	Surrounding Landowner Metseatsididi 666/1	15 November 2024	No Comments Received
Hlabaki Mining Group (Pty) Ltd	Interested and Affected Party – Prospecting Right Applicant over Makganyene No 667.	06 December 2024	No Comments Received
Makganyane Resources (Pty) Ltd Mr L Koster	Interested and Affected Party	15 November 2024	09 September 2024

Comments received from Makganyane Resources (Pty) Ltd:

“Makganyane Resources (Pty) Ltd hereby provides formal notification to register as an interested and affected party in terms of Assmang Mining Right (“Mining Right”) and Environmental Authorization (“EA”) in terms of an application submitted for a Mining Right for iron ore and manganese over Portion 2 (a Portion of Portion 1), Remainder Portion, Remainder Portion of Portion 1 and Portion 3 of the Farm Makganyene No. 667, situated in the administrative district of Kuruman, in the Northern Cape province (“the Property”) under DMRE reference NC 30/5/1/1/2/2/10255 MR.

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Makganyane Resources (Pty) Ltd hereby requests to be furnished with the entire mining right application, including the mining works programme, technical and supporting documentation, environmental authorization application and all other appropriate documentation in terms of the High Court, Gauteng Division judgement of Baleni and Others with case number: 96628/2015..."			
The correspondence received from Makganyane Resources (Pty) Ltd was acknowledged on 12 September 2024 and it was confirmed that the company will be provided with the documents that are available to all registered I&AP's as part of the environmental authorisation process.			
Mr G Skhosana	Interested and Affected Party	15 November 2024	14 November 2024
Mr Skhosana requested to be registered on the project and comment on the DSR.			
Greenmined confirmed that Mr Skhosana was registered on the project and invited him to comment on the DSR. To date no comments were received from Mr Skhosana.			

SUMMARY OF INITIAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The I&AP's and stakeholders were informed of the proposed project through:

- δ telephonic discussions;
- δ direct communication with notification documents;
- δ placement of on-site notices; and
- δ the placement of advertisements in the Noordkaap Bulletin and the Gemsbok newspaper.

A 30-days commenting period was allowed on the project and the DSR that ended on 07 January 2025 and registrations and/or comments were received from the following entities/people:

- δ Department of Water and Sanitation;
- δ Makganyane Resources (Pty) Ltd;
- δ Mr G Skhosana;
- δ Mr JC Wessels;
- δ Mrs AP Claassens;
- δ Sishen Iron Ore Co (Pty) Ltd.

All stakeholders and registered I&AP's will be invited to comment on the DEIAR upon approval of the FSR. Also refer to Appendix 8.2 for the proof of public participation conducted thus far.

-END OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT-