

Comments received during the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment.

The SEIA was distributed to the I&APS on the 28th of January 2019, where they I&AP'S was allowed a 30-day commenting period that ends on the 28th March 2019. The outcome of this consultation is described in detail below. Please also refer to Appendix E for the comments that was received during the SEIA commenting phase.

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Ngwathe Municipality – Ria Jordan	29 January 2019	Acknowledgement of receipt.	N/A	N/A
Renee Hartslielief	31 January 2019	Thanks Yolandie. As discussed when you called this morning, when you personally sent the notification to the group yesterday, It was received by us. But it was NOT received from your bulk mail handler. Except for Craig. We look forward to hearing from your marketing person about what the problem might be and how it will be corrected so that ALL IAPs are reached.	Bulk email was send via Outlook to all I&APS and Renee Hartslielief was requested by Sonette Smith to comment on the report.	N/A
Sampie Van Rooyen	6 February 2019	<p>Good day Yolandie, I hope you will find these comments useful in your EIA process. In the Economic Impact Assessment, a total of 10 impacts were identified, of which 6 were negative. Will you please indicate to what extent your client, Tja Naledi Barrage Sand Mine, will be willing to assist the affected community in mitigating these negative impacts. Please describe in your Impact Assessment the process of compensation your client proposes if they do not comply to the final EMP (Environmental Management Plan) and Mining Right.</p> <p>Please include all recommendations made by OCES in their Economic Impact Report in your final EMP to be submitted to DMR. Please include all recommendations made by Enviroworks Environmental in their Soci-Economic Impact Assessment into your final EMP to be submitted to DMR. I would also appreciate it if you highlight to DMR the Impact Statement made by Enviroworks Environmental: <i>"The findings from the SEIA indicate that the socio-economic benefits associated with the proposed amendment will not outweigh the negative impacts. Numerous negative impacts as a result of the sand mines in the area bother the surrounding community and the proposed amendment will compound this."</i></p> <p>I highly recommend that you include in your final Impact Assessment and EMP (Environmental Management Plan) a recommendation for monthly Socio-economic and Economic monitoring throughout the lifetime of the mine, to ensure that the current status of the community and environment remain the same or improve. It is very important to have continuous communication and consultations with the affected community. Please explain the methods you propose to fulfil this request.</p> <p>All non-compliances to the EMP and Mining Right must be communicated to the affected community and especially to DMR. I also request that a copy of the monthly monitoring report done by the ECO (Environmental Control Officer) be furnished to all registered I&AP's and DMR. Please do not hesitate to contact me if any of the comments need further explaining. Regards, Sampie</p>	<p>Thank you for your valued comments. Your comments will be incorporated into the Final BAR that will be submitted to the DMR. The SEIA's management and mitigation measure was incorporated into this FBAR. All statements made by Enviroworks Environmental was incorporated into this FBAR as well as the SEIA that was incorporated into the report as Appendix H. Monthly Socio-Economic Monitoring throughout the life of mine will be investigated. A quarterly forum will be established so that all registered I&AP's and community members can raise their comments and concerns during the lifetime of the project. All ECO and EPA reports are available on site and can be viewed by all registered I&AP's.</p>	<p>Please refer to Par H) iv) Socio-Economic Study for the responses incorporated into the report. Please refer to Part B), 1), e) for the management and mitigation measures.</p>

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Errol White	11 February 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The LOCAL COMMUNITY benefits are marginal 2. Our TOURISM sector would be further threatened 3. The MINES must be responsible for reconstruction and maintenance of the Vaal Eden ROAD, from the N1 bridge to the R59 at the Parys Airfield 4. The negative impacts of 3 mines are CUMULATIVE and cannot be considered in isolation from each other 5. The required MITIGATION measures would render the mines UNPROFITABLE 6. There are OTHER PLACES designated by Ngwathe for gravel mining 	<p>Thank you for your valued comments. Your comments will be incorporated into the Final BAR that will be submitted to the DMR.</p> <p>All questions has been addressed in the SEIA.</p> <p>Please refer to section above regarding the road S717 and the agreement that will be set in place relating to the Vaal-Barrage road.</p>	<p>Please refer to Par H) iv) Socio-Economic Study for the responses incorporated into the report.</p>
Fezile Dabi District Municipality	15 February 2019	<p>The SEIAR was read together with the economic impact assessment report for the project. FDDM notes that the project is unlikely to improve the livelihoods of people in proximity to the mine, whether from the Free State or Gaiting side. Employment opportunities and improvement of peoples lived is what remains high in the wellbeing of communities. It is noted that the document also took into account the existence of other sand mines in vicinity of Tja Naledi, and once can reasonable conclude that it is unlikely that all these mined comply with their environmental authorisations conditions. It is indicated that already there non-compliance picked from the contractor operation the mine, SPH Kundalila and that it in itself should be a worrying factor. FDDM would like to submit that report is noted and there and no major objection to the project, however it important for DMR to ensure that Tja Naledi complies with its current mining conditions or at least there is clear plan to ensure compliance where non-compliance has been picked before amending the mining right to accommodate mining aggregates and further crushing and screening processes which could require stricter operating conditions.</p>	<p>Thank you for your valued comments. Your comments will be incorporated into the Final BAR that will be submitted to the DMR.</p> <p>All non-compliances has been addressed by SPH Kundalila. EPA report has been conducted by Greenmined Environmental and submitted to DMR for perusal.</p>	<p>Please refer to Par H) iv) Socio-Economic Study for the responses incorporated into the report.</p>
Gavin About	20/02/2019	<p>I refer your mail requesting comment on the subject. Whilst I regard the report and honest one, I think the negative aspects on the mining on the surrounding areas is understated from both a Socio and Economic aspect.</p> <p>If we look just at the informal settlement and the jobs provided in Vaaloewer , Lindequesdrift and Vaaleden, and we compound this with the resorts in the area, we estimate that at least 1000 people are employed in the area.</p> <p>If we work on the assumption that there are 5 dependants associated to those employed, this number grows to 6 000. The enormity of this impact is not clearly stated in the report. I request that this aspect be revisited and that I be consulted in this regard.</p>	<p>Thank you for your valued comments. Your comments will be incorporated into the Final BAR that will be submitted to the DMR.</p> <p>As described above, While only a six (6) employment opportunities will be created, this can be enhanced by Local Economic Development initiatives.</p>	<p>Please refer to Par H) iv) Socio-Economic Study for the responses incorporated into the report.</p>
Louis Kruger	20/02/2019	<p>Hi Gavin. I support your view 100%</p> <p>I think it is imperative now that the frame of reference to the 2011 census must be challenged as their was exponential growth, private development in the area and rapidly and drastically changed employment numbers associated with tourism, lodges etc. Again the reference must census be to the Spatial Development plan of Tlokwe that clearly defines the area as a tourism corridor, with advantage that it form part of the Vredefort Done heritage site and the vaal river corridor that support the spacial development plan of Tolkwe. I will also avail myself for more detailed discussions</p>	<p>The 2011 Census will thus be the third census conducted by a democratic South African government and forms part of the 2010 round of African censuses, which aim to provide comprehensive data on the continent, for improved planning and to aid development. A population census is typically held every five years, but because of a lack of capacity within Statistics South Africa, it was decided that the interval will be extended to 10 years. Reference was made to die Spatial Development Plan for Tlokwe, which is not applicable to the Spatial Development Plan for the Free State Province.</p>	<p>Comments are not applicable to BBSM.</p>

Protect the Vaal	28/02/2019	<p>Survey was conducted by Protect the Vaal consulting all registered I&APs. Comments received included the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We're experiencing a major dust problem in the Riviersig Street area in Vaal Oewer - massive dust storms are hitting us regularly from the existing mining operations. Noise pollution is also a big issue - the trucks are clearly audible all hours of day, especially the constant "peeping" sounds used when reversing. The new applications will increase mining operations significantly, and will bring them much closer to the river, which will lead to a vastly worsened situation. They are also already an eye-sore, and destroy the sense of place and serene natural environment of the Vaal Oewer area. This will also worsen dramatically if the new applications are approved. They are destroying the value of the community's homes, and will destroy local tourism and jobs. 2. The total disregard and lack of respect for this mine to the surrounding areas, residents, natural environment and rehabilitation has been disappointing at least. To allow this sort of corporation to further destroy the environment and further disgruntle long term residents inhabitants of the area to benefit a few, would be nothing short of a criminal act. 3. This area is in no condition to support this mining activities. There are limited ground water resources, which needs to be protected for the existing tourism activities and existing local communities. 4. Mining will break down the local leisure and tourism business that is providing many sustainable job opportunities in the areal 5. Property Values already started declining and buyers walk away if they hear about the mines. 6. No compliance 7. One of the minerals they want to mine is gravel. Accoding to their maps this area is a substantial area most of which are koppies of solid very hard rock. To exploit this they will have to do blasting and use crusschers. The said the will only use diesel diggers, loaders and trucks. No dinamite no blasting and no crussing. This blasting will probably start soon after mining begins and will happen about twice per week over 30 years. We live in Riviesig cres. About 100 m from the river which is about 100 m wide and they will mine up to 100m from the river. 300 m from where I live. Groete. Hannes. 8. Went to a meeting ,, with their specialists,, ill prepared ,totally focused on the business end ,,not the impact it shall have 9. They are still mining but nothing have been legal... Money is their main aim 10. Our market value of our property will fall they must buy my property for the market value. 11. These people are arrogant they lie in your face and don't care about the impact of the mine where we live... They bribe people to cover for them 12. We are been bullied by money gods and if they want to continue i will lose value on my property 13. Tja Naledi and their appointed 'agents" Greenmined" pay absolutely no attention to queries raised by certain IAPS--rendering it next to impossible to comment on their plans and the impact thereof. Greenmineds answers are selective and biased to their clients --of course. 14. The person representing the 26% partner in the operation undertook to get back to us- at a public meeting-- about agreeing to an independent oversight authority, to "police" their mining operations-- what they would do as "COMMUNITY upliftment projects": as required by the mining charter--- how they would compensate the community. Nothing has been forthcoming --all ignored ... 	<p>All comments where incorporated into the Final Public Participation documents and FBAR.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please refer to section above regarding the Dust, Visual and Noise and the management and mitigation measures. The Tja Naledi Mining Right is not a new application, but an amended to the current existing Mining Right Application. 2. Noted. 3. DMR has granted the existing mining right in 2014. 4. Noted. 5. Please refer to the Economic Impact Assessment that was conducted by Enviroworks. 6. Noted. 7. No blasting to be conducted as stated in the FBAR. No mining will be conducted within 500m from the Vaal River. Please refer to maps as indicated in Appendix A-D. 8. Please refer to the meeting minutes and the presentation that was held in Parys town hall. Impacts that the mining area will have on the environment, was the topics to be discussed during the meeting, but the chairperson of protect the Vaal, Gavin Aboud, did not allow Greenmined or Tja Naledi to continue with the presentation (as recorded in the voice recordings). 9. Tja Naledi has a legal current mining right. 10. Please refer to the Economic Impact Assessment conducted by Environworks. 11. Noted. No bribes. 12. Noted. 13. All comments received from I&Aps have been incorportated into the FBAR as well as the Public Participation Appendices. 14. The SLP is still in process with the municipality as the municipality still needs to provide Tja Naledi with and LED project. Please also refer to Appendix E of the Socio-Economic study for the Economical Impact Assessment. All meeting minutes was provided publicly after the meeting was held. Please refer to Appendix E for the Public Participation meetings. All documents where made public on the 	<p>Please refer to Appendix E for the Public Participation Process that was conducted.</p>
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		<p>So not even the slightest edge should be given to any mine to undergo in any mining operations anywhere close to the life source of the Vaal river.</p> <p>23. MITIGATION: there should be no mining at all in the Vaal Eden area. Mining is taking place contrary to zoning and SDF as a result of flawed Public Participation Processes and officials not following due process and acting without authorisation. The Vaal Eden area AS WELL AS the area on the opposite side of the Vaal River in both the North West and Gauteng Provinces have been zoned for agriculture and tourism. Both FS Provincial and Fezile Dabi & Ngwate Municipal guidelines and policies call for interprovincial consultation regarding cross border activities and this was not done.</p> <p>24. ROADS: All legislated signage should be in place irrespective of mining activities, as should the policing thereof. The same pertains to road maintenance. The fact this all the aforesaid is not being carried out, adds justification to opposing any further mining in the Vaal Eden area. Provincial and municipal budgets are inadequate to police or maintain roads and self regulation by the mines, based on their historic compliance is ludicrous.</p> <p>25. ECONOMIC IMPACT: The natural beauty of the area and its sense of place is the draw card for tourism activities and it is being seriously threatened by the mining activities. The Vaal Eden area together with the town of Parys, the Vredefort Dome World Heritage Site and Potchefstroom is considered a prime tourism destination. There is an incredibly huge untapped market on the doorstep of the area, viz Gauteng as well as international tourists arriving via Oliver Tambo airport. The tourism organisations from the above mentioned areas are now combining efforts to highlight this prime destination that offers nature, wildlife, cultural heritage, education, sporting and outdoor activities, arts, festivals, cuisine and shopping experiences. There is no other region closeby (if anywhere in the country) that can offer all of the above - The tourism potential together with related job growth is ENORMOUS and growing, it is SUSTAINABLE, it is a set GOAL of National Government. The small benefits accruing to a limited number of individuals from opencast sandmining for the next 30 plus years, will destroy the surrounding environment, negatively impact on the health and livelihoods of the community, and severely impact on the positive benefits that tourism could bring to the area.</p> <p>26. No mining.</p> <p>27. Already experienced dust and noise.</p> <p>28. I am aware of it.</p> <p>29. They are ruthless dictators!</p> <p>30. Not personally, but we are aware of it....</p> <p>31. These mines are ruining the beauty of the area and destroying the river and life in the river!!!!</p> <p>32. The mining is destroying the natural beauty of the river and surrounding areas. It is a threat to every person's investment in the Vaaloewer and surrounding areas and should not be allowed.</p> <p>33. Dust storms from the mines have been horrible. Annoyed that these mines have disregarded rehabilitation and I do not feel they are trustworthy. DMR seem to be unable to monitor them.</p>	<p>23. Interprovincial consultation has been conducted regarding cross border activities. Please refer to Appendix E for the public participation process that was followed.</p> <p>24. Please refer to the section below regarding the access roads to site and the S721.</p> <p>25. Noted.</p> <p>26. Noted.</p> <p>27. Noted. Please refer to comments above regarding dust and noise.</p> <p>28. Noted.</p> <p>29. Noted.</p> <p>30. Noted.</p> <p>31. Noted.</p> <p>32. Noted. Please refer to comments above regarding dust.</p>	

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		<p>34. The entire thing is disgusting. This would never happen overseas thru do it all wrong here could not care about the future of their families.</p> <p>35. IAP'S NO TRUST IN PROCESS</p> <p>36. IAP just walked over with the process</p> <p>37. Always Noise and Dust in the area, during weekends as well. Water from the Vaal River is being pumped up on various weekends.</p> <p>38. It is the ages old case of David against Goliath. Our community will fight till the end against the powerful and money hungry Goliath who think they have carte blanche to rape our beautiful river and environment.ENOUGH!!!!!!!!!! The mines have no regard for the PEOPLE 'S GRIEVANCES...THE ENVIRONMENT THEY ARE SCARRING....AND ABOVE ALL...NO REGARD FOR LAWFUL PROCEDURES... Regards U.L.KLEBBA.</p> <p>39. I am in total agreement with the above statement</p> <p>40. As individual we get steamrollered with the process which is not easy to understand all affects and future issues.</p> <p>41. With previous experience I strongly don't trust them and don't want them to do any mining or any other work in this area. I agree hundred percent with all the comments and objections that was made in the above mentioned statement.</p> <p>42. They are not reliable. Mining in our area will rob us from so much we have at the moment.</p> <p>43. The roads are not designed to handle ongoing heavy vehicle traffic and will rapidly fall into a state of total disrepair. Dust, noise and the impact on the roads will negatively affect the ecotourism (including lodges and wedding venues) that are providing jobs and upskilling the community.</p> <p>44. The roads are not designed to handle ongoing heavy vehicle traffic and will rapidly fall into a state of total disrepair. Dust, noise and the impact on the roads will negatively affect the ecotourism (including lodges and wedding venues) that are providing jobs and upskilling the community.</p> <p>45. THIS IS A TOURISM AERIA THAT WILL BE ----"FUCKED UP BY PEOPLE THAT HAS BEEN BRIBED.</p> <p>46. NOBODY IN OUR AREA KNOWS OF ANY ENVIROMENTAL STUDIES THAT WAS DONE HERE!!!!</p> <p>47. Onanvaarbaar</p> <p>48. Vakasie area. Gaan myn op n ander plek.</p> <p>49. Health risks on the surrounding community far outweighs any financial gain from these mines.</p> <p>50. Lies by Yolande of Greenminded and Tja Naledis Attorneys, noncompliance, noise nuisance, no notification as legally required to immediate neighbours. No benefit to surrounding community. Absentee landlord using a contractor SPH using "imported labour". No disclosure of the Social Labour plan for Tia Naledi or neighbouring mines. Total destruction of the value of neighbouring properties and sense of place. The mines will cause economic loss to the area of billions of rand. Area being mined currently is zoned agricultural.</p> <p>51. Similar experience. They only act in their own interest.</p> <p>52. Not playing open cards</p>	<p>33. Noted.</p> <p>34. Noted.</p> <p>35. Noted.</p> <p>36. Noted. Please refer to comments above regarding dust, noise and water.</p> <p>37. Noted.</p> <p>38. Noted.</p> <p>39. Noted.</p> <p>40. Noted.</p> <p>41. Noted.</p> <p>42. Noted.</p> <p>43. Noted. Please refer to statement above regarding the roads, dust and noise in the area.</p> <p>44. Noted.</p> <p>45. Noted.</p> <p>46. Noted. Please refer to Appendix H for all the specialist studies that has been conducted since 2014.</p> <p>47. Noted.</p> <p>48. Noted.</p> <p>49. Noted.</p> <p>50. Noted.</p>	

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