



Vygenhoek Platinum Mine: Comments and Response Report (July 2020)

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Graves and Communication		
<p>Dear Mrs/Miss A Govender</p> <p>Your company recently commenced with public participation process at Vygenhoek Farm which is where my family and I reside. The process was seen on the local newspaper by residents whom will be directly affected by any developments on the side, as such me and my family are writing to you with great concerns .</p> <p>We were very unhappy with the manner in which there process started especially as we have noticed a trend which resulted in closure of similar projects which started out as yours. While we appreciate and welcome any developments that may better the lives of people of this rural area we would like to advise you and your company to please engage with all the families especially those directly affected by any work of development in their area. We may not be experts but we are aware of both the benefits and harm the development may bring to our homestead.</p> <p>In a country where corruption and fraud is affecting the livelihood of thousands we hope you will make all the processes that will unfold to all the families directly affected.</p> <p>We ask that you send your all developments and processes to us as a family that will be affected either by your good work or bad depending on how the company would like to make an impact in the community. All our contact information is attached for your perusal.</p> <p>We look forward to hearing back from you in the near future.</p> <p>Feel free to contact me at 0768650200 or other family members at Marcus Mohlahlo (<i>number removed</i>) Abram Mohlahlo (<i>number removed</i>) to schedule or visit or with any questions or concerns.</p> <p><i>Telephonically noted points in addition to email above:</i> Graves in close proximity to the site.</p>	<p>Hendrick Mohlahlo Surrounding resident – Vygenhoek Farm 7 July 2020</p> <p>Comment received via email in response to newspaper advert placed in Steelburger newspaper</p>	<p>Environmental Management Assistance (Pty) Ltd as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner will undertake this environmental impact assessment in line with the regulated environmental process (GNR.982, as read with GNR.983; GNR.984 and GNR.985, published in Government Gazette No. 38282 of 04 December 2014 (as amended in 2017 and 2018)).</p> <p>The public participation will allow for adequate engagement with members of the impacted and affected communities, necessary, governmental organisations, stakeholders, and affected and adjacent landowners. Interested and affected parties (I&APs) who register on the project or raise comments will be added to a project database and will receive regular project updates and engagement to be fully involved in the process. All comments received will be captured and addressed via the comments and response report or the environmental impact assessment.</p> <p>The comment is valued, and utmost lengths will be taken to engage with all interested and affected parties (I&APs) through the Public Participation Process</p> <p>A heritage impact assessment will be undertaken by a heritage specialist in terms of Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999), as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process undertaken. The site will be assessed for impact on graves and heritage. All relevant parties will be consulted as per potential impacts identified by specialist.</p>
<p>Hi, I am Petruse Jiya</p> <p>Pls just let me know if there's something need to be done on that grave because my father laid to rest there.</p>	<p>Petruse Jiya: Surrounding resident 16 July 2020</p> <p>Comment received via telephone and WhatsApp in response to newspaper advert placed in Steelburger newspaper</p>	<p>Comment noted. I&AP has been registered added to the project database.</p> <p>A heritage impact assessment will be undertaken by a heritage specialist in terms of Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999), as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process undertaken. The site will be assessed for impact on graves and heritage. All relevant parties will be consulted as potential impacts identified by specialist.</p>



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Jobs, Interest and Registration, Project support		
<p>Hi my name is Makgaola Piet Tjia ,I've been born in Vygenhoek 21.02.72 ,I'm interested to be part of the project, I can say I know much about the area ,but even though we got leaders who leading us under that area.</p> <p>Thanx Makgaola</p>	<p>Makgaola Piet Tjia: Surrounding resident 19 July 2020</p> <p>Comment received via WhatsApp in response to newspaper advert placed in Steelburger newspaper</p>	<p>Comment noted. I&AP has been registered added to the project database.</p>
<p>Matthews Tsie, Pakaneng residents, email address:Impono.l@gmail.com</p>	<p>Matthews Tsie, Pakaneng residents 18 July 2020</p> <p>Comment received via WhatsApp in response to newspaper advert placed in Steelburger newspaper.</p>	<p>Comment noted. I&AP has been registered added to the project database.</p>
<p>Good day I Tswaledi Florence Tjia, my sister Virginia Mpono and my brothers, Eric Kgogoetala, Joel Segwegwe, Mafole Alfred, Monnana Abel Tjia, as the residents of Vygenhoek, we would like to say we support the new project that is about to start. We want to register as interested and affected parties and we asking for recognition and consideration when hiring employees for the project as we are currently unemployed. We humbly request to take part in the project.</p> <p>We would appreciate it if our request receive your special attention and consideration.</p> <p>Should you want us to send more information pertaining our request, please contact us: tswaledi020@gmail.com (number removed)</p>	<p>Tswaledi Florence Tjia Surrounding resident 20 July 2020</p> <p>Comment received via WhatsApp in response to newspaper advert placed in Steelburger newspaper.</p>	<p>Comment noted. I&AP has been registered added to the project database.</p>
<p>Good day, my name is Victor Tshoma I've just been reading about the public participate for opening Vygenhoeg mine so my question is must agree or disagree about that so can u clarify me, Thanks</p> <p>I understood Sir, I agree for processing the project continues for creating jobs and it's going to minimize the rate of unemployment in SA thanks. My details are napyanevictor@gmail.com, (number removed) @NV TSHOMA</p>	<p>Victor Tshoma Surrounding resident 16 July 2020</p> <p>Comment received via WhatsApp in response to newspaper advert placed in Steelburger newspaper.</p>	<p>Comment noted. I&AP has been registered added to the project database.</p>
<p>Good morning, your number is mtn</p>	<p>Vincent Tshomo,</p>	<p>Comment noted. I&AP has been registered added to the project database.</p>



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<p>I'm one of the beneficiary at Vygenhoek .I saw the paper talk about the coming mine at our farm Vygenhoek. Yes, I agreed to carry on about the process because as youth now, we are looking at the job opportunities coming to our farm. So, my questions is how are we going to do participate because of Corona. According to u, this must be done before 30days.</p> <p>So are you going to create jobs for youth? How will you submit the documents to people?</p> <p>Vincent Napo Tshoma Vinnynapo78@gmail.com</p>	<p>Vygenhoek beneficiary/ resident/ youth advocate 04 July 2020</p> <p>Comment received via WhatsApp in response to newspaper advert placed in Steelburger newspaper.</p>	<p>Registered I&APs will be notified of the 30 day comment period and availability of the report that will be out for public participation. The public participation and EIA process will be undertaken with great caution to safeguard involved individuals from COVID-19.</p> <p>Electronic copies of reports will be made available for download and review. A hard copy of the report will be sent to the Lydenburg public library if allowed. The Public participation practitioner will also work through the ward councilor to ensure key messages are sent to affected communities.</p>