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Definitions

Abbreviation

Applicant

Definition

The person or party applying for Environmental Authorisation for a listed activity and who is responsible for ensuring the development complies with all relevant legislation whether or not they are the land owner.

BA

Basic Assessment

BAR and EMPR

Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme. DMR document for joint BAR and EMP related for mineral applications.

CA

Competent Authority.

CRR

Comments and Responses Report

EA

Environmental Authorisation. This constitutes the approval or dismissal of a project as issued by the relevant Competent Authority.

EAP

Environmental Assessment Practitioner.

EAR

Environmental Audit Report.

ECO

Environmental Control Officer.

EIA Regulations

Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.

EMPR

Environmental Management Programme

GNR

Government Notice Regulation.

I&AP

Interested and Affected Party

PPP

Public Participation Process in terms of the NEMA and MPRDA.

MP

Mining Permit in terms of the MPRDA.

MPDRA

Minerals and Petroleum Development Act, No 28 of 2002.

NEMA

National Environmental Management Act

PR

Prospecting Right in terms of the MPRDA.

SAHRA

South African Heritage and Resources Act, No 25 of 1999.

SAMRAD

The web-based portal for mineral right applications and management – managed by the DMR.

1 INTRODUCTION

This Comments and Responses Report (CRR) has been compiled as an appendix to the final Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPR) for the Bothaville NE Ext A project in the Free State Province of South Africa. This CRR outlines the Public Participation Process (PPP) followed for an application for an amendment to an Issued Prospecting Right (PR) and Environmental Authorisation (EA). Shango Solutions was appointed by White Rivers Exploration (Pty) Ltd as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist in undertaking a PPP, conducting a Basic Assessment (BA) and submitting the BAR and an EMPR in support of an amendment application for an issued PR and EA application for the Bothaville NE Ext A project.

South Africa, being one of the countries with the most progressive constitutions, enshrined the public's right to be involved in decisions. Section 57(1) of the new Constitution that provides: "The National Assembly may (b) make rules and orders concerning its business, with due regard to representative and participatory democracy, accountability, transparency and public involvement". This provision, along with several others gave rise to many new trends in South African legislation. In environmental legislation, the idea of public participation (or stakeholder engagement) features strongly and especially the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998, NEMA – as amended) and the recent regulations passed under the auspices of this Act make very strict provisions for public participation in environmental decision-making.

Public participation can be defined as..."a process leading to a joint effort by stakeholders, technical specialists, the authorities and the proponent who work together to produce better decisions than if they had acted independently" (Greyling, 1999). From this definition, it can be seen that the input of the public is regarded as very important indeed.

The PPP is designed to provide sufficient and accessible information to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in an objective manner to assist them to:

1. Raise issues of concern and suggestions for enhanced benefits
2. Verify that their issues have been recorded
3. Assist in identifying reasonable alternatives
4. Contribute relevant local information and knowledge to the environmental assessment
5. Comment on the findings of the environmental assessments
6. Obtain information on the outcome, i.e. the competent authority's decision, and how and by when the decision can be appealed

This CRR lists all verbal and written issues raised by I&APs and stakeholders during the public participation period undertaken for the BA process. A breakdown of the PPP is given within the following sections.

2 LEGAL COMPLIANCE

The PPP must comply with the two important sets of legislation that require public participation as part of an application for authorisation or approval; namely:

1. The Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002 – MPRDA)
2. The National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998 - NEMA)

Adherence to the requirements of the above-mentioned Acts will allow for an Integrated PPP to be conducted. In so doing, the requirement for public participation referenced in the Acts is satisfied. The details of the Integrated PPP are provided below.

3 METHODOLOGY

The PPP follows the requirements of Chapter 6 Regulation 41 of GNR. 326 of the EIA Regulations, (2017), promulgated under Section 24 (5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998 - NEMA), as amended.

3.1 IDENTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (I&APS)

An initial I&AP list was compiled using WinDeed searches to determine the registered landowners of the project affected land portions. The I&AP database was compiled containing the following categories of stakeholders:

1. National, provincial and local government
2. Agricultural sector
3. Organised business
4. Host and adjacent communities
5. Land claimants
6. Other organisations, clubs, communities and unions
7. Various Non-Government Organisations (NGOs)

Affected and adjacent landowners have been notified about the project via post, fax and/or e-mail and were invited to participate in the BA process. Affected and adjacent landowner contact details were obtained via the following process:

- A WinDeed search was conducted to obtain the contact details of the affected landowners, where available
- Where the property was owned by a company, an internet search was carried out to identify the owners and their contact details
- Where the property was owned by a Trust, efforts were made to solicit contact details from the relevant municipalities

3.2 LIST OF AUTHORITIES IDENTIFIED AND NOTIFIED

The following authorities have been identified and notified of the Bothaville NE Ext A Amendment application:

1. National Department of Mineral Resources
2. National Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
3. National Department of Rural Development and Land Reform
4. South African National Roads Agency Ltd (SANRAL)
5. South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) – National
6. Free State Department of Mineral Resources
7. Free State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
8. Free State Department of Cooperative Governance, Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements
9. Free State Department of Economic Development, Tourism, Environmental Affairs and Small Business
10. Free State Department of Police, Roads and Transport
11. Free State Department of Public Works
12. Free State Department of Water and Sanitation
13. Moqhaka Local Municipality
14. Nala Local Municipality
15. Lejweleputswa District Municipality
16. Fezile Dabi District Municipality
17. Eskom
18. Transnet

3.3 LIST OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS IDENTIFIED AND NOTIFIED

The following key stakeholders have been identified and notified of the Bothaville NE Ext A Amendment application:

1. The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
2. Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)
3. Agri South Africa
4. Agri Free State
5. South African National Parks (SANParks)
6. Federation for a Sustainable Development
7. Birdlife South Africa
8. Agricultural Research Council
9. Endangered Wildlife Trust

3.4 LIST OF SURFACE RIGHTS/LAND OWNERS IDENTIFIED AND NOTIFIED

The following surface right/landowners have been notified of the Bothaville NE Ext A Amendment application:

1. Kotze Familie Trust
2. Brakspruit Trust
3. Taljaard Jacobus Christoffel
4. PC Joubert CC
5. Joharmar Boedery CC
6. Roux Christiaan Greyling
7. T D Trust
8. Doornheuwel Trust
9. Boomplaas Boerdery CC
10. Gerhard Van Den Berg Familie Trust
11. Rietpan Boerdery CC
12. Leyden Trust
13. Kotze Josef Emmanuel & Johan Kotze
14. Boehankie Trust
15. Jordaan Louisa Maria
16. Jordaan Maria Elizabeth
17. Premru Familie Trust
18. Tarantaal Trust
19. Bastow Jacomina Hendrina
20. Weestevrede Trust
21. Badimo Gas Properties (Pty) Ltd

3.5 LIST OF I&APS REGISTERED

The following I&APs registered during the registration period and have been notified of the Bothaville NE Ext A Amendment application:

1. Setsoto Matlokotsi
2. Chris Joubert
3. A. J. S. Jordaan
4. Giepie Rossouw
5. Gerrie Rossouw
6. Ester Olivier
7. R. J. v.d Berg
8. J. v.d Berg

9. P. D. Roux
10. J. L. Kotze

Please refer to Appendix E1 for the I&AP Database which represents the pre-identified I&APs as well as the I&APs that have registered during the course of this PR and EA amendment application.

3.6 NOTIFICATION OF I&APS

This section provides details on the notification that was distributed as part of the BA process to date.

3.6.1 INITIAL NOTIFICATION

The PPP commenced on the 14th March 2019 with an initial notification and call to register within the period ending on the 23rd April 2019. Initial notification was given in the following manner:

3.6.1.1 REGISTERED LETTERS, FAXES AND E-MAILS

Notification documents were prepared in three dominant languages spoken within the application area, namely, English, Afrikaans and Sesotho. Notification letters, faxes and e-mails were distributed to all pre-identified I&APs including affected and adjacent surface landowners, government organisations, NGOs, relevant municipalities, ward councillors and other organisations that might be affected. The notification letters included the following information:

1. List of anticipated activities to be authorised
2. Scale and extent of activities to be authorised
3. Sufficient detail of the intended operation (to enable I&APs to assess/surmise what impact the activities will have on them or on the use of their land)
4. The purpose of the proposed project
5. Details of the affected properties (including a locality map)
6. Details of the MPRDA and NEMA Regulations that must be adhered to
7. Date by which any request to register as an I&AP must be forwarded through to Shango Solutions
8. Contact details of the EAP

In addition, a questionnaire was included in the registered letters, e-mails and facsimiles that were sent during the initial notification. The questionnaire requested the following information from I&APs:

1. Information on any potential impacts from the proposed project
2. Suggestions on potential mitigation measures for their anticipated impacts
3. Information on current land uses and their location within the area
4. Information on the location of any environmental features of note within and in the vicinity of the study area

5. Details of the landowner and information (contact details) of lawful property occupiers, if any
6. Details of any other I&APs that should be notified
7. Details on any land developments proposed in the near future
8. Any specific comments or concerns regarding the application

3.6.1.2 BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

A Background Information Document (BID) was prepared. The BID included the following information:

1. Project name
2. Applicant name
3. Project location
4. Map of affected project area
5. Description of the application process
6. Information on document review
7. Relevant Shango Solutions contact person for the project

Please refer to Appendix E2 for the I&AP initial notification.

3.6.1.3 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

Newspaper advertisements describing the proposed project and BA process were placed in a local newspaper with adequate circulation in the area. The advertisement was placed in The Vista News (in English and Afrikaans and Sesotho) on the 14th March 2019. The newspaper advert included the following information:

1. Project name
2. Applicant name
3. Project location
4. Nature of the activity
5. Relevant Shango Solutions contact person

Please refer to Appendix E3 for proof of advertisement placement.

3.6.1.4 SITE NOTICE PLACEMENT

14 A1 Correx site notices (in English, Afrikaans and Sesotho) were placed along and within the perimeter of the proposed project area on the 14th March 2019. The on-site notices included the following information:

1. Project name
2. Applicant name
3. Project location
4. Map of proposed project area
5. Project description
6. Legislative requirements
7. Relevant Shango Solutions contact person

3.6.1.5 POSTER PLACEMENT

A3 posters in English, Afrikaans and Sesotho were placed at the Bothaville Golf Club, Bothaville Spur and at a local petrol station. The notices and written notification afforded all pre-identified I&APs the opportunity to register for the project as well as to submit their issues/queries/concerns and indicate the contact details of any other potential I&APs that should be contacted. The contact details of the EAP/EP were clearly stated on the notification. Comments/concerns and queries were encouraged to be submitted in either of the following manners:

1. Electronically (fax, e-mail)
2. Telephonically
3. Written letters

Please refer to Appendix E4 for proof of site notice and poster placement.

3.6.2 AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT BAR AND EMPR NOTIFICATION

The Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme was made available for public review, for a period of at least 30 days, from the 20th March 2019 until 23rd April 2019 at the Bothaville Golf Club. Furthermore, an electronic copy was made available on the Shango Solutions website on the 20th March for download.

Notification regarding the availability of the Draft BAR and EMPR was given in the following manner:

1. Notification letters (in English, Afrikaans and Sesotho), faxes and/or e-mails were distributed to all pre-identified I&APs, I&APs registered during the initial notification period and the BA notification period, as well as affected and adjacent surface landowners.

Please refer to Appendix E2 for proof of the draft BAR and EMPR availability and details of the Open Day notification.

3.6.3 PUBLIC MEETING/OPEN DAY

During the draft BAR and EMPR review period, an Open Day was held to present findings of the Basic Assessment process. The Open Day took place on the 11th April 2019 at the Bothaville Golf Club from

09:00 to 17:00. During the Open Day session, informative A1 posters were displayed on the walls prior to the open session. English A4 versions of the Open Day poster were provided to I&APs. The EAP was available during the public Open Day for one-on-one discussions and questions from the public. Please refer to Appendix E5 for proof of the Open Day minutes and the attendance register and Appendix E6 for the Open Day Pictures.

Table 1: Opportunities provided for public participation.

Public Participation Phase			
Action	Description	Publication/Place	Date
Initial public notification (announcement of amendment application)	Newspaper advertisement	Newspaper	14 th March 2019
	Notification of landowners and key I&APs	I&APs were notified via advertisement, site notice, e-mail, fax, and/or post	12 th March 2019
	Placement of posters	A3 posters were placed at key public places within the site area	14 th March 2019
	Placement of site notices	A1 site notices within and around the site area (14 locations)	14 th March 2019
Announcement for public review of draft BAR and EMPR and details of the Open Day	Notification of landowners and key I&APs	I&APs were notified via e-mail, fax, and/or post	12 th March 2019
Announcement of public review of final BAR and EMPR	Notification of landowners and key I&APs	I&APs will be notified via e-mail, fax, and/or post	25 th April 2019

4 COMMENTS RAISED

The comments and responses below are those that have been received and addressed to date.

5 HOW ISSUES RAISED WERE ADDRESSED

Comments raised were addressed in a transparent manner and included in the compilation of the BAR and EMPR in the following manner:

- Issues raised were used quantitatively to calculate the significance of impacts, both real and perceived
- Issues raised were used to provide further suggestions and recommendations with regard to technical management options for impacts

Comments received by the EAP to date have been included in this report as part of the report submission to the DMR (the Competent Authority). Please refer to Appendix E7 for copies of correspondence.

Table 2: Comments raised by I&APs.

I&AP	Consulted	Date comments received	Comment received	Response issued
Key Stakeholders				
Landowner/s				
Kotze Familie Trust	X		No comment received to date.	
Brakspruit Trust	X		No comment received to date.	
Taljaard Jacobus Christoffel	X	24 th April 2019	Blank e-mai with attached registration form	Good day, Thank you for your correspondence. Your comments and concerns have been take into consideration. Should you have any further comments and queries in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me. Regards Nyandala Adi Ramaru
PC Joubert CC	X		No comment received to date.	
Joharmar Boedery CC	X		No comment received to date.	
Roux Christiaan Greyling	X		No comment received to date.	
T D Trust	X		No comment received to date.	
Doornheuwel Trust	X		No comment received to date.	

I&AP	Consulted	Date comments received	Comment received	Response issued
Boomplaas Boerdery CC	X		No comment received to date.	
Gerhard Van Den Berg Familie Trust	X		No comment received to date.	
Rietpan Boerdery CC	X		No contact details sourced for this landowner.	
Leyden Trust	X		No comment received to date.	
Kotze Josef Emmanuel & Johan Kotze	X	23 rd April 2019	Blank e-mail with attached registration form	Good day, Thank you for your correspondence. Your comments and concerns have been take into consideration. Should you have any further comments and queries in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me. Regards Nyandala Adi Ramaru
Boehankie Trust	X		No comment received to date.	
Jordaan Louisa Maria	X		No comment received to date.	
Jordaan Maria Elizabeth	X		No comment received to date.	
Premru Familie Trust	X		No comment received to date.	
Tarantaal Trust	X		No comment received to date.	
Bastow Jacomina Hendrina	X		No comment received to date.	

I&AP	Consulted	Date comments received	Comment received	Response issued
Weestevrede Trust	X		No comment received to date.	
Badimo Gas Properties (Pty) Ltd	X		No comment received to date.	
Lawful Occupier/s				
NA				
Adjacent Landowners				
NA				
Local Municipality – Moqhaka Local Municipality				
Executive Mayor	X		No comment received to date.	
Municipal Manager	X		No comment received to date.	
Speaker	X		No comment received to date.	
Ward 23 Councillor	X		No comment received to date.	
Local Municipality – Nala Local Municipality				
Executive Mayor	X		No comment received to date.	
Municipal Manager	X		No comment received to date.	
Speaker	X		No comment received to date.	
Director Corporate Services	X		No comment received to date.	

I&AP	Consulted	Date comments received	Comment received	Response issued
Speaker of the Council	X		No comment received to date.	
Ward 10	X		No comment received to date.	
District Municipality – Lejweleputswa District Municipality				
Municipal Manager	X		No comment received to date.	
Communities				
N/A	X		No comment received to date.	
Traditional Leaders				
N/A	X		No comment received to date.	
Organs of State				
National Department of Mineral Resources	X		No comment received to date.	
National Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	X	12 th March 2019	Lesley S telephoned and requested title deeds for the properties that will be affected by invasive prospecting activities.	Dear Lesley, As requested, please find herewith attached title deeds of the properties to be affected by the planned invasive prospecting activities, as well as the map indicating the locations of the said properties. Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me. Best regards,

I&AP	Consulted	Date comments received	Comment received	Response issued
				Zizo Siwendu.
	X	27 th March 2019	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>This serves as a notice of receipt and confirms that your application has been captured in our electronic AgriLand tracking and management system. It is strongly recommended that you use the on-line AgriLand application facility in future.</p> <p>Detail of your application as captured:</p> <p>Type: EIA: Prospecting Right: Bothaville NE Ext A</p> <p>Your reference number: 30/5/1/1/3/2/1/10273 EM</p> <p>Property Description: Farms Eureka 761, Concord 392, Tarantaaldraai 156</p> <p>Dated: 12 March 2019</p> <p>Please use the following reference number in all enquiries:</p> <p>AgriLand reference number: 2019_03_0116</p> <p>Enquiries can be made to the above postal, fax or e-mail address.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>K. MALULEKE</p> <p>pp DIRECTOR: LAND USE AND SOIL</p>	<p>Good day,</p> <p>Thank you for your correspondence. It has been noted.</p> <p>Should you have any further comments or queries in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Nyandala Adi Ramaru</p>

I&AP	Consulted	Date comments received	Comment received	Response issued
			MANAGEMENT Online application available at: http://www.agis.agric.za/agriland	
National Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	X		No comment received to date.	
South African National Roads Agency Ltd (SANRAL)	X		No comment received to date.	
South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) – National	X	13 th March 2019	Good morning, Please note that your application was reviewed. To download the response please go to your application on SAHRIS: https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/bothaville-ne-ext . Kind regards, Ragna Redelstroff The following document was attached: In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) Attention: White Rivers Exploration (Pty) Ltd	Good day Ragna, Thank you for your correspondence. The draft BAR and EMPR, along with the initial notification documents, for the Bothaville NE Ext A PR and EA amendment application will be uploaded onto SAHRIS on the 20 th of March 2019. Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Regards, Nyandala Ramaru

I&AP	Consulted	Date comments received	Comment received	Response issued
			<p>White Rivers Exploration (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as White Rivers Exploration) holds an executed Prospecting Right (FS 30/5/1/1/2/10273 PR) and an approved Environmental Management Plan (EMP) in terms of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002, as amended) (MPRDA). The Prospecting Right was executed by the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) Free State Regional Office on 8 September 2015. The project is known as Bothaville NE Ext A and it considers the non-invasive prospecting of the following commodities: gold, silver, coal, diamond (alluvial), platinum group metals, rare earths, sulphur and uranium. The project area covers an aerial extent of 9 510.03 hectares (ha). It is situated in the Magisterial District of Bothaville, approximately 30 kilometres (km) south of the town of Bothaville in the Free State Province of South Africa.</p> <p>Thank you for your notification regarding a Prospecting Right (FS 30/5/1/1/2/10273</p>	

I&AP	Consulted	Date comments received	Comment received	Response issued
			<p>PR) and an approved Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the non-invasive prospecting of gold, silver, coal, diamond (alluvial), platinum group metals, rare earths, sulphur and uranium over an area covering 9 510.03 hectares, situated in the Magisterial District of Bothaville, approximately 30 km south of the town of Bothaville in the Free State Province. As no documents were submitted and the Propsecting Right has been granted in 2015, it is unclear what activities the applicant is applying for.</p> <p>The draft SR/BAR/EIA and EMP must be submitted to the application. No comment can be issued by SAHRA without any information on the application.</p> <p>Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p>	
Free State Department of Mineral Resources	X		No comment received to date.	

I&AP	Consulted	Date comments received	Comment received	Response issued
Free State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	X		No comment received to date.	
Free State Department of Cooperative Governance, Traditional Affairs & Human Settlements	X		No comment received to date.	
Free State Department of Economic Development, Tourism, Environmental Affairs & Small Business	X		No comment received to date.	
Free State Department of Police, Roads and Transport	X		No comment received to date.	
Free State Department of Public Works	X		No comment received to date.	
Free State Department of Public Works	X		No comment received to date.	
Free State Department of Water and Sanitation	X		No comment received to date.	
Eskom	X	13 th March 2019	<p>Please send me KMZ files of the affected properties and proposed activities. Please find general Eskom requirements for works at or near Eskom infrastructure.</p> <p>Regards,</p>	<p>Good morning John,</p> <p>Thank you for the correspondence. The general Eskom requirements for works at or near Eskom infrastructure have been noted.</p>

I&AP	Consulted	Date comments received	Comment received	Response issued
			<p>John Geeringh</p> <p>The following document was attached:</p> <p>Eskom requirements for work in or near Eskom servitudes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eskom's rights and services must be acknowledged and respected at all times. 2. Eskom shall at all times retain unobstructed access to and egress from its servitudes. 3. Eskom's consent does not relieve the developer from obtaining the necessary statutory, land owner or municipal approvals. 4. Any cost incurred by Eskom as a result of non-compliance to any relevant environmental legislation will be charged to the developer. 5. If Eskom has to incur any expenditure in order to comply with statutory clearances or other regulations as a result of the developer's activities or because of 	<p>Please find the attached KMZ file and below, a summary of the proposed activities.</p> <p>As part of the amended PWP, the following invasive and non-invasive prospecting activities will be conducted during Year 4 and Year 5 of the project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drilling (4 holes each to a depth of 700 metres) [Year 4: 6 months] 2. Revise Geological Model [Year 4: 6 months] 3. Drilling (4 holes each to a depth of 700 metres) [Year 5: 4 months] 4. Finalisation of 3D geological model [Year 5: 3 months] 5. Code Compliant Resource Estimation [Year 5: 3 months] 6. Concept Study [Year 5: 2 months] <p>If you have any further queries, please do</p>

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			<p>the presence of his equipment or installation within the servitude restriction area, the developer shall pay such costs to Eskom on demand.</p> <p>6. The use of explosives of any type within 500 metres of Eskom's services shall only occur with Eskom's previous written permission. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least fourteen working days prior notice of the commencement of blasting. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued in terms of the blasting process. It is advisable to make application separately in this regard.</p> <p>7. Changes in ground level may not infringe statutory ground to conductor clearances or statutory visibility clearances. After any changes in ground level, the surface shall be rehabilitated and stabilised so as to prevent erosion. The</p>	<p>not hesitate to contact me.</p> <p>Regards, Nyandala Ramaru</p>

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			<p>measures taken shall be to Eskom's satisfaction.</p> <p>8. Eskom shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of or damage to any property whether as a result of the encroachment or of the use of the servitude area by the developer, his/her agent, contractors, employees, successors in title, and assignees. The developer indemnifies Eskom against loss, claims or damages including claims pertaining to consequential damages by third parties and whether as a result of damage to or interruption of or interference with Eskom's services or apparatus or otherwise. Eskom will not be held responsible for damage to the developer's equipment.</p> <p>9. No mechanical equipment, including mechanical excavators or high lifting machinery, shall be used in the vicinity of Eskom's apparatus and/or services, without prior written</p>	

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			<p>permission having been granted by Eskom. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least seven working days' notice prior to the commencement of work. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued by the relevant Eskom Manager .</p> <p>Note: Where and electrical outage is required, at least fourteen work days are required to arrange it.</p> <p>10. Eskom's rights and duties in the servitude shall be accepted as having prior right at all times and shall not be obstructed or interfered with.</p> <p>11. Under no circumstances shall rubble, earth or other material be dumped within the servitude restriction area. The developer shall maintain the area concerned to Eskom's satisfaction. The developer shall be liable to Eskom for the cost of any</p>	

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			<p>remedial action which has to be carried out by Eskom.</p> <p>12. The clearances between Eskom's live electrical equipment and the proposed construction work shall be observed as stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993).</p> <p>13. Equipment shall be regarded electrically live and therefore dangerous at all times.</p> <p>14. In spite of the restrictions stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993), as an additional safety precaution, Eskom will not approve the erection of houses, or structures occupied or frequented by human beings, under the power lines or within the servitude restriction area.</p> <p>15. Eskom may stipulate any additional requirements to highlight any</p>	

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			<p>possible exposure to Customers or Public to coming into contact or be exposed to any dangers of Eskom plant.</p> <p>16. It is required of the developer to familiarise himself with all safety hazards related to Electrical plant.</p> <p>17. Any third party servitudes encroaching on Eskom servitudes shall be registered against Eskom's title deed at the developer's own cost. If such a servitude is brought into being, its existence should be endorsed on the Eskom servitude deed concerned, while the third party's servitude deed must also include the rights of the affected Eskom servitude.</p> <p>John Geeringh</p>	
		14 th March 2019	<p>Good morning Nyandala</p> <p>I am busy with your application and we have numerous lines affected by the exploration.</p>	<p>Good day Rene,</p> <p>Thank you for your correspondence.</p> <p>The diameter of the holes will be 50 to 95</p>

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			<p>Can you please let me know the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the diameter of the holes being drilled at 700m deep? • How will the project affect the surface or will the exploration be underground eventually? <p>Kind Regards Rene</p>	<p>millimetres and each borehole will have a surface disturbance of approximately 10 m x 10 m.</p> <p>Exploration is only going to take place on the surface. Vegetation may be cleared, however it will be later rehabilitated. No infrastructure shall be damaged and the general Eskom requirements for works at or near Eskom infrastructure will be adhered to.</p> <p>Should you have any further queries in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p> <p>Regards, Nyandala Ramaru</p>
		5 th April 2019	<p>Dear Nyandala</p> <p>Thank you for sending this – although I will not be able to attend on the 11th, some of our local affected farmers members indicated that they will attend.</p> <p>Can you kindly send me the KMZ files that I can see the location of the project in</p>	<p>Good morning Jack,</p> <p>It is unfortunate that you will not be able to attend the Open Day.</p> <p>Please find the attached KMZ file of the project area. I have also included the proposed locations of the drillholes so that</p>

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			relation to Bothaville / other projects. Appreciated, Jack	you can identify which properties are affected by the invasive prospecting. If you have any further queries in this regards, please do not hesitate to contact me. Regards Nyandala Adi Ramaru
Transnet	X		No comment received to date.	
Other Affected Parties				
The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research	X		No comment received to date.	
Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	X		No comment received to date.	
Agri South Africa	X		No comment received to date.	
Agri Free State	X		No comment received to date.	
South African National Parks (SANParks)	X		No comment received to date.	
Federation for a Sustainable Development	X		No comment received to date.	
Birdlife South Africa	X		No comment received to date.	

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Agricultural Research Council	X		No comment received to date.	
Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)	X		No comment received to date.	
Catchment Management Agency	X		No comment received to date.	
Registered Interested and Affected Parties				
Setsoto Matlokotsi	X	18 th March 2019	<p>Dear Ms. Nyandala Ramaru, I have developed so much interest in this project with a will to attend a stakeholders Open Day 11 April 2019.</p> <p>What must one have to be part of the secondary processing of the mineral resource, smelting, refining, beneficiation, etc.?</p> <p>Kindest regards. Setsoto Ansherers Matlokotsi</p>	<p>Good day Setsoto,</p> <p>Thank you for your correspondence. You have been registered as an Interested and Affected party for the Bothaville NE Ext A project.</p> <p>The processes that you have mentioned (mineral resource, smelting, refining, beneficiation etc) pertain to the mining stage of a project. This project is currently at a prospecting phase and does not include the above mentioned. I have attached a Background Information Document which outlines all the activities which have taken place and those that are still to be undertaken.</p> <p>You are welcome to attend the Open Day and address any other queries that you</p>

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				might have. Regards, Nyandala Ramaru
Chris Joubert	X	27 th March 2019	FYI Attached Questionnaire	Good day, Thank you for your correspondence. You have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party for the Bothaville NE Ext A project. Your feedback has been received and is appreciated. Should you have any further comments or questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me. Regards Nyandala Adi Ramaru
Giep Rossouw	X	22 nd April 2019	Sien aangeheg. G J Rossouw Attached registration form.	Goeie dag, Baie dankie vir u korrespondensie. U opmerkings en sorges word in ag geneem.

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				<p>Neem asseblief kennis van die volgende:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Die arbeiders sal met goedkeuring van die grondeienaar in 'n kamp op die perseel woon, of in die dorp (Bothaville). 2. Die Omgewingsbestuurprogram hanteer u sorg oor waterbesoedeling. Versagtende maatreëls sal in werking gestel word om vervuiling van waterbronne te verhoed. 3. Eer indringende prospekteringsaktiwiteite begin, sal 'n ooreenkoms aangegaan word tussen geaffekteerde grondeienaars en White Rivers Exploration. Shango Solutions kan nie ingaan op die terme en voorwaardes hiervan nie, wat vergoeding van die gedeelte waarop prospektering sal plaasvind, insluit. Verder sal die ooreenkoms ook toegangsbeheer tot die

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				<p>prospekteerarea insluit.</p> <p>Voel asseblief vry om my te kontak, sou u enige opmerkings of vrae hê.</p> <p>Regards Nyandala Adi Ramaru</p>
Gerrie Rossouw	X	23 rd April 2019	Blank e-mail with attached regsitartion form	<p>Goeie dag,</p> <p>Dankie vir u korrespondensie. U opmerkings en sorges word in ag geneem.</p> <p>Voel assebleif vry om my te kontak, sou u enige opmerkings of vrae hê.</p> <p>Regards, Nyandala Ramaru</p>

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