

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Proposed New Koffiefontein Slime Dam Development at Koffiefontein Diamond Mine, Koffiefontein, Free State Province

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Comments and Responses Report: Draft Scoping Report

Version 1

The Comments and Responses Report (CRR) captures the comments and issues raised by stakeholders during the Announcement Phase of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed New Koffiefontein Slime Dam Development at Koffiefontein Diamond Mine, Koffiefontein, Free State Province.

This CRR is a record of all the comments and issues raised by Stakeholders ranging across all sectors of society during the above-mentioned public participation process of the EIA. A full record of issues raised is included in Appendices C3 to C6 of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR).

For easy reference, comments / issues received have been categorised according to environmental impacts and according to the Stakeholders' surnames to assist Stakeholders in their verification process that their comment(s) / concern(s) / issues(s) have been properly addressed.

ABBREVIATIONS:

CPA	Communal Property Association	DETEA	Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs	DSR	Draft Scoping Report
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation	DEIR	Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

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1.	WATER RELATED COMMENTS		
	Please indicate what water use authorisation is necessary. Cannot identify the water courses clearly on the map provided with the BID.	ACKERMAN, Pieter Chief Landscape Architect DWS Sub Directorate Instream Water Use Letter: 06 June 2014	With reference to the two questions raised, please be informed that the client (Koffiefontein Diamond Mine) is aware that a Water Use License (WUL) will be required and will be carried out by an independent consultant. The WUL Application (WULA) is not part of Zitholele's scope of work and we are appointed only for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act 107 of 1998 as amended). However, Zitholele will be in communication with the client in this regard and will keep track of the progress of the WULA.
	What Stormwater drains and treatment of polluted water are planned?		In terms of storm water management, etc. this will be available once we have the conceptual design for the slimes dam and associated infrastructure. This will be addressed within the WULA as well as in the EIA process. Sharon Meyer-Douglas, EAP
	The DETEA would like to acknowledge a pre-consultation of the above-mentioned proposed development. The Department advises that the applicant should undertake a waste classification study in order to determine whether the waste to be stored in the slime dams is either hazardous or general waste. In respect to this application, DETEA will be the competent authority for a Waste Management License if only the waste to be stored in the slime dams is general waste however in the instance where the waste classification report provides that the waste in question is hazardous, the competent authority to handle the application on the Waste License Application will then be National DEA. Also provide the DETEA with the specialist studies together with the Scoping Report for review before	MKHOSANA, Ms G Acting Director: Environmental Quality Management Letter: 20 August 2014	A waste classification specialist will be appointed to determine the constituents of the slime, in terms of being hazardous or non-hazardous, and thus will help on decision making on which type of liner can be used to ensure minimal or zero seepage. Bongani Dhlamini, Project Co-ordinator Colour hard copies of the DSR and CDs will be courier to the DETEA once ready for public review. Nicolene Venter, PP Practitioner

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	exemption can be granted.		
2. ROAD INFRASTRUCTURES			
	The Department of Police, Roads & Transport: Free State Province, does not have any objections against the proposed new Slime Dam Development subject to the following conditions:	NAUDE, Mr WA Chief Director: Roads Directorate Land Transport Planning Letter: 22 July 2014	Public roads will not be utilised at this stage of the project as the proposed development will take place within the property of Koffiefontein Diamond Mine.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a building restriction line of 95,0 metres measured from the centre line of primary road P35/1 which is imposed in terms of the provisions of section 9 of the Advertising on Roads and Ribbon Development Act, 1940 (Act no. 21 of 1940). An application for the relaxation of the said building line has to be submitted to this Department for consideration should such relaxation be required. 		The information as provided has been forwarded to the Applicant. Bongani Dhlamini, Project Co-Ordinator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The existing access from primary road P35/1 to the Koffiefontein Diamond Mine has to be used for the purpose of the new slime dam development. An application has to be submitted to this Department for consideration should any other access be required. An application form is attached hereto for this purpose. Please note that the application form has to be accompanied by a cover letter and a layout drawing. 		
	Please direct any possible enquiries pertaining to the contents of this letter to Mr WA Naude at telephone no. 051-409 8584 or –mail naude@freetrans.gov.za		
3. SOCIOL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC COMMENTS			
1	The project team was informed that the property Rorichs Hoop 191 is being leased and the lease expire on 19 September 2014. The Oppermans CPA should be contacted.	BADENHORST, Andre Landowner: Rorichs Hoop E-mail: 08 June 2014	Information acknowledged and contact has been made with Oppermans CPA representative, Mr Phillip Barnes. Arrangements have been made to meet with Mr Barnes during the site visit on 19 & 20 June 2014.

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4. GENERAL			
	Application form for employment and CV sent.	MOALUSI, Kamohelo E-mail:	The application made reference to an advertisement in a the newspaper. The purpose of that advertisement was not for employment opportunity, but to announce the Environmental Impact Assessment process that will be conducted for a newly proposed Slime Dam at Koffiefontein Diamond Mine. Zitholele Consulting had forwarded your application to Koffiefontein Diamond Mine. <i>Nicolene Venter, PP Practitioner</i>
5. COMMUNICATION ISSUES			
	Acknowledge receipt of EIA notification on behalf of Free State Agriculture. The project will be discussed at today's (04 June 2014) irrigation and water issue committee meeting.	ARMOUR, Jack Operations Manager: Land Reform, Natural Resources, Farm	Express appreciation that the matter will be discussed at the meeting and should there be a need to register any other member, Zitholele can be notified accordingly <i>Nicolene Venter, PP Practitioner</i>
	Will be appreciated if the Regional Representative can also be registered on the project database as well as the Chairman of the Association.	Management & Infrastructure AgriSA: Free State E-mail: 04 June 2014	The two representatives have been registered on the project database and will receive all future communication and notifications related to this project. <i>Nicolene Venter, PP Practitioner</i>
	Once the DEIR is prepared kindly send hard copy and CD to the Department as per information provided	MDHLULI, Sibò DWS E-mail: 06 June 2014	Request acknowledged and the DSR will be distributed as requested. <i>Nicolene Venter, PP Practitioner</i>