535300 Anglo EA Acid Plant Relocation Comments and Response Report

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Mariette Liefferink Federation for A Sustainable Environment (CEO)		18 October 2020	Noted, with thanks	Noted	Finalised
Competent Authority	Χ				
Queen Imasiku North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (Competent Authority)		02 December 2020	The Draft Scoping Report has been reviewed, and this Department has the following comments on the above-mentioned application: a. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The public participation must be conducted in terms of Regulation 40, 41, 42, 43 &	Proof of Correspondence with various Stakeholders was included in the Final SR as Appendix C4 Announcement Phase Notifications. The final SR included the undertaking under oath (administered by a Commissioner of Oaths) or affirmation as per Appendix 2h (i) and G) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. All specialists completed the form entitled "Details of specialist and	Finalized

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			44 of the EIA Regulations of December 2014, as amended. b. Please ensure that the final SR include an undertaking under oath (administered by a Commissioner of Oaths) or affirmation as per Appendix 2h (i) and G) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. c. All specialists should complete the form entitled "Details of specialist and declaration of interest" available from the Department. Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) should complete and sign the form entitled "Details of EAP and declaration of interest" available from the Department."	declaration of interest" from the Department. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) completed and signed the form entitled "Details of EAP and declaration of interest" available from the Department."	
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Portia Khululwa Krisjan Director: Environmental Quality Management - NW- Department of Economic Development, Environment,		19 August 2020	The meeting between officials from the Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT), RBMR and SRK Consulting on 11 August 2020 has reference. The purpose of the meeting was to, inter alia, notify the	Noted	Finalised

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Conservation and Tourism		DEDECT of the project and to request the DEDECT to issue a NEMA Section 30A directive to RBMR in declaring an emergency situation, thereby granting RBMR with permission to commence with construction of a bulk storage facility before an environmental authorisation has been issued. The proposed project includes the decommissioning of the current bulk chemical (acid and caustic) storage tanks as well as the construction and operation of new bulk chemical (acid and caustic) storage tanks. Following the presentation and motivation submitted to the department, it is concluded that situation with the current bulk chemical storage tanks, does not meet the requirements of section 30A of the NEMA to qualify as an emergency. This is based on the fact that RBMR has been aware of the deterioration of the current tanks as early as 2018, indicating in the report that		

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		RBMR has been implementing repairs to the plant and also appointed a specialist to implement a monitoring programme pertaining to the tanks (namely by conducting weekly laser scanning of the bunded area) which commenced in October 2018 (see page 10 of the motivation). Furthermore, on page 21 of the motivation, the timeframes are stipulated by which RMBR intends to progress with the activity of constructing new storage facilities, namely that the start of construction is planned for March 22, 2022 and commissioning and handover on May 16, 2023 - August 07, 2023. In light of the fact that, on your own account, it is confirmed that the construction of the storage facility will only commence in the first quarter of 2021, your request for a directive in terms of section 30A of the National Environmental Management Act of 1998 is not granted as this situation does not meet		

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		the requirements as stipulated in the Act, for		
		declaring it an "emergency situation" which		
		refers to a situation that has arisen suddenly.		
		In this matter RMBR was aware of the		
		deterioration of the tanks since 2018 and		
		planning by RMBR for the new development		
		is set for construction only in March 2021,		
		resulting in the fact that this situation cannot		
		be regarded as a situation that has arisen		
		suddenly. You are therefore advised that you		
		will have to apply for an environmental		
		authorization as required in terms of the		
		legislation for the listed activities identified in		
		your motivation and that no activity may		
		commence prior to an environmental		
		authorization being granted.		
		The department will however, as soon as an		
		application for environmental authorisation		
		has been submitted to the department,		
		attempt to fast track the EA application		
		process as far as it is possible and allowed		

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		within the NEMA, although no guarantees with respect to fast tracking and positive outcome of the process can be given.		
Natasha Higgitt (Heritage Officer) South African Heritage Resources Agency	16 October 2020	Please note that all development applications are processed via our online portal, the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) found at the following link: http://sahra.org.za/sahris/. We do not accept emailed, posted, hardcopy, faxed, website links or DropBox links as official submissions. Please create an application on SAHRIS and upload all documents pertaining to the Environmental Authorisation Application Process. As per section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA), an assessment of heritage resources must form part of the process and the assessment must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA. Once all documents including all appendices are uploaded to the case application, please	All documents including all appendices are loaded to the case application	16 October 2020

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		ensure that the status of the case is changed from DRAFT to SUBMITTED. Please ensure that all documents produced as part of the EA process are submitted as part of the application and are submitted to SAHRA at the beginning of the Public Review periods. Once all these documents have been uploaded, I will be able to issue an informed comment as per section 38(4) and 38(8) of the NHRA.		
Natasha Higgitt (Heritage Officer) South African Heritage Resources Agency	19 November 2020	The Heritage Scoping Input notes potential risk to heritage resources defined as section 35 and 36 heritage resources. It is recommended that an HIA be completed to assess identified heritage resources and develop specific and appropriate mitigation measures. It is further noted that no Palaeontological Assessment will be conducted as the proposed development footprint is underlain by areas of zero Palaeosensitivity. SAHRA notes the pending heritage reports and requests that the draft EIA and appendices be submitted to issue informed comments.	The heritage Report was conducted and was loaded on the SAHRIS website, it will also be included in the Draft EIA/EMPr Report	Finalised

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Cornia Theunissen Department of Water and Sanitation (North West) – Chief Admin Clerk	06 November 2020	This office acknowledges the receipt of your documents regards to the above-mentioned on 6 November 2020 (Task T324/2020). The officer responsible for this area is: Ms Sebenzile Ntshangase can be contacted at 087-943-3741.	Ms Sebenzile Ntshangase is on the Stakeholder Database, going forward all the communications will be sent to her.	Finalised
Ellis Thebe- Control Environmental Officer Grade B: Development Impact Management Department: Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism	17 November 2020	The Department have received the abovementioned Application (Application and Draft Scoping Report) for Environmental Authorisation on 10 November 2020, and the Application form has been accepted. Please note that the application has been assigned to Ms. Queen Imasiku, Rustenburg Office, reachable at (014)5973597/8 or Qlmasiku@nwpq.qov.za and/or 80 Kerk Street Rustenburg 0300 Kindly quote this reference number and the name of the officer it has been assigned to and submit any future correspondence in respect of the application including notification to be used for public participation to the assigned officer. Please draw the applicant's attention to the fact that the activity may not commence prior to the decision being issued by the Department.	All communications will be directed to Ms Queen Imasiku as a Competent Authority	Finalised

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Kelebogile Mekgoe (Environmental Impact Assessment Officer Rustenburg Local Municipality	26 November 2020	According to the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality's Environmental Management Framework (BPDM EMF, June 2020), the site is situated in Zone A: Development Zone I (Residential, business, and other) and Zone C: Development Zone III (Mining). i. Zone A: Development Zone I (Residential, business, and other). 'Development Zone I' is a refinement of areas identified for future urban development in local municipal SDFs. These development uses include, amongst others, residential land uses, commercial land uses, and land uses related to government functions, but specifically excludes industrial land uses and mining related land uses.	Noted	Finalised
		The following general management guidelines are applicable to Zone A: • Development should be confined to urban areas (areas situated within the urban node/edge/fringe, or where no such node/edge/fringe has been defined or adopted, areas situated within the edge of built-up areas) lo		

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		minimise the effects of urban sprawl in the area. The zone should be used for the expansion of urban areas and the integration of existing settlements. Green open spaces should be established and protected within the zone. The following should be encouraged in this zone: Urban infill development. Residential development. Commercial developments. Government functions. Other appropriate land uses as reflected in the applicable SDF/s. Upgrading of service infrastructure; and Urban greening If the zone falls within a Biosphere Buffer Zone, the following guidelines are also applicable: The development guidelines in the		

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		be consulted whenever an activity falls within the buffer area. O Developments that might put stress on the protected environments should be avoided within the buffer area.		
		 The applicable biosphere development guidelines and principles should be considered. Conservation and tourism orientated developments should be promoted within the buffer area. 		
		 High density developments, industrial developments, mining activities and other high impact developments should be avoided in the buffer area. 		
		ii. Zone C: Development Zone III (Mining). The 'Development Zone III (Mining) is a refinement of areas identified in local municipal SDFs as areas with potential for mining development. If developed in a sustainable manner, these areas		

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		have the potential to stimulate economic growth in the area.		
		General environmental management guidelines		
		The following general management guidelines arc applicable to Zone C:		
		 Mining activities should, as far as possible, be confined to Zone C. 		
		 Mining activities should be conducted in a sustainable manner. 		
		 Wetlands, areas in proximity to aquatic features, areas of high or sensitive biodiversity, and areas of sensitive topography should be avoided at all costs. 		
		 If the zone falls within a Biosphere Buffer Zone, the following guidelines are also applicable: 		
		 The development guidelines in the relevant management plan should he consulted whenever an activity falls within the buffer area. 		
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		environments should be avoided within the buffer area. The applicable biosphere development guidelines and principles should be considered. Conservation and tourism orientated developments should be promoted within the buffer area. High density developments, industrial developments, mining activities and other high-impact developments should be avoided in the buffer area. According to Zone A: Development Zone I (Residential, business and other) and Zone C: Development Zone III (Mining), the land use listed above is compatible and partially compatible, as per the above-mentioned Zones, however, the proposed projects activities will be located within the RBMR operations, which has already been impacted by mining activities. In light of the above and the information submitted, please note that the Unit: Integrated Environmental Management support the proposed relocation of the bulk		

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		chemical storage facility at Anglo American Platinum's Rustenburg Base Metal Refiners (RBMR).		
Eva Mahlangu Department of Rural Environment and Agricultural Development		Can you please send us hard copy of the report for comment please?	A hard Copy was sent to the Department	Finalised
Portia Krisjan- Control Director: Environmental Quality Management - North West Department: Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism	19 March 2021	 The Scoping Report (SR) and plan of study for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) which was submitted in terms of regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended, received by the Department on 19 January 2021, including a site inspection conducted by the Department officials Ms.Q Imasiku and Mr. T. Loeto with Ms. V. Buitendag and Ms. B. Semenya (Anglo) together with Ms. N. Masawi from SRK Consulting (EAP) on 12 February 2021 has reference. This Scoping Report and plan of study for EIA has been reviewed by this Department and it is hereby accepted in terms of Regulation 22 (a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. 	An A3 layout plan of the proposed bulk chemical storage facility, including sensitive environmental features is included in Appendix F of the Draft EIA/EMPr report. An A3 locality map is included in Appendix D of the Draft EIA report. A copy of the MSDSes for each chemical handled at the current plant during decommissioning has been included in the Draft EIA report Appendix E. A description of the cleaning procedures complying with the	Finalized

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		However, the following must be addressed in detail in the EIA Phase of this project: a. An A3 layout plan showing all sensitive environmental features to be affected by the development, if any, and clearly indicate where each development will be located. b. An A3 locality map to be included in the report. c. A record of material safety data sheets (MSDS) for each chemical handled at the plant during decommissioning must be provided. d. Detailed Cleaning procedures of the tanks during decommissioning must be provided; procedures must be in accordance to the recommendations of the material safety data sheet of the chemicals. e. Environmental Impact Assessment Report which includes all specialist studies undertaken must be submitted to all other relevant authorities for	recommendations of the MSDSes is included in Section 5 of the Draft EIA. The EIA Report includes: • Specialist Studies (Appendix G) of the Draft EIA/EMPr report. Findings from the specialist studies have been incorporated in the baseline characterisation and the impact assessment sections of the report as well as in the EMPr (Appendix I). Comments received from commenting authorities to date (Appendix H 9). The EIA Report will be made available to commenting authorities and I&APs and any comments received will be included in the final report to be submitted to the DEDECT for decision making. An EMPr complying with the requirements of Appendix 4 of	

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		comment and their comments including comments from interested and affected parties must be included in the final Environmental Impact Assessment report to be submitted to this Department for consideration. f. Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) - An EMPr for the construction and operational phases of the project must be developed to identify and mitigate potential environmental and social impacts associated with the proposed activity on the receiving environment. The contents of the EMPr must comply with the guidelines as stipulated in Regulations 23(4) of Government Notice 326 of 04 December 2014 as amended. 3. You may accordingly proceed with undertaking the environmental impact assessment in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 23 of Government Notice No. R.326 of 04 December 2014 as amended and the tasks	GNR326 is included in Appendix I of the EIA Report	

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		that are outlined above, and in the plan of study for environmental impact assessment.		