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Dear Sir / Madam

**Integrated environmental authorisation process for Anglo American Platinum – Rustenburg Platinum Mines Limited's Der Brochen Mine Amendment Project, Limpopo**

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**Purpose of this letter**

This letter serves to provide you with information on the proposed Der Brochen Mine Amendment Project and includes the following:

- Background to the Der Brochen Mine;
- Project description of the proposed amendment project;
- Availability of Scoping Report for public review;
- Invitation to register as an Interested and Affected Party; and
- Next steps in the integrated environmental authorisation process.

We enclose a Background Information Document (BID) which provides additional information on the proposed project and associated integrated environmental authorisation and public participation processes. The BID also includes a Registration and Comment Form which provides interested and affected parties (I&APs) with an initial opportunity to comment on the available Scoping Report and proposed amendment project as well as to register as an I&AP so as to be kept informed of the project and project meetings. More documentation will become available during further phases of the integrated authorisation process.

The Der Brochen Mine is a platinum project owned by Rustenburg Platinum Mines Limited (RPM), a wholly owned subsidiary of Anglo American Platinum (AAP), and is located approximately 25 km south-west of the town of Steelpoort and 40 km west of Mashishing (Lydenburg), in the Limpopo Province. The mine falls within the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality, under jurisdiction of the Greater Sekhukhune District Municipality.

It is the intention of RPM to amend the Der Brochen Mine's approved Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) and associated Environmental Authorisation (EA) as well as updating their existing Water Use Licence (WUL) to include the following:

- The development of a buttress wall at the existing Helena Tailing Storage Facility (TSF) as well as the development of an additional filter press plant at the existing Mototolo Concentrator Plant, under emergency circumstances, as agreed by the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) in October 2017;
- The updated topsoil management plan of the Der Brochen Mine;
- The development and operation of additional mining related infrastructure as part of the mine's development strategy (refer to enclosed BID for further details).

The proposed infrastructure and mining related activities will be located on the farms Der Brochen 7 JT (Remaining Extent), Helena 6 JT (Portion 3 and the Remaining Extent) and Mareesburg 8 JT (Portions 1 and 7). Majority of these farms and farm portions fall within the mining and surface rights area of the Der Brochen Mine.

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Before RPM may commence with the development of the additional mining related activities, the following environmental authorisations processes and licence amendment need to be undertaken in accordance with the relevant national legislation:

- A Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA) including an amended Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA), for submission and approval from the Limpopo Province's DMR; and
- An updated Integrated Water Use Licence (IWUL) and accompanying Integrated Water and Waste Management Plan (IWWMP) under the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA), for submission and approval from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).

RPM appointed SRK Consulting (South Africa) (SRK) as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to manage and facilitate the integrated environmental authorisation and associated public participation process in accordance with NEMA, NEM:WA, NWA and MPRDA.

## Availability of the Scoping Report for public review and comment

As part of the integrated environmental authorisation process associated with the Der Brochen Amendment Project, the required Scoping Report is now available for public review and comment for a period of thirty (30) calendar days **from Friday, 25 January 2019 to Monday, 25 February 2019** at the following public places:

**Table 1: Public places where the Scoping Report will be made available**

| Public Place                        | Locality                                 | Tel No       |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Mapodile/Eerstegeluk Public Library | 735 Kgahlanong Street, Mapodile          | 013 237 0039 |
| Burgersfort Public Library          | Cnr Kort & Eddie Sedibe Str, Burgersfort | 013 231 7815 |
| Kalkfontein CPA offices             | Kalkfontein (Nokaneng)                   | No Landline  |
| Pakaneng Community Trust Office     | Schaapkraal Farm                         | No Landline  |
| Gamawela Community Centre           | St George Farm                           | No Landline  |

The Scoping Report is also available in PDF format on the SRK website (<https://www.srk.co.za/en/library/za-public-documents>).

## Invitation to register as an Interested and Affected Party

You are invited to register as an Interested and Affected Party for the Der Brochen Amendment Project by completing the attached Registered and Comment Form and return it to the SRK Stakeholder Engagement Offices (details below) by Monday, **25 February 2019**.

Should you have any questions, need more information, or wish to raise any issues of concern or suggestions, please contact SRK's Stakeholder Engagement Office at:

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We look forward to your participation during the integrated environmental authorisation process.

Yours faithfully,

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