Comments and Responses 1716 Harmony West Wits Reclamation Project

Mr Michiel Scheepers

Date 2026/05/25 **Method** Email

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Dear Mbali We refer to the above and attach hereto a letter, together with the annexures thereto, for your attention. Kind regards/ Vriendelike groete,	Good day Mr Scheepers, Thank you for the correspondence. Please note that your comments have been forwarded to the applicant for their attention. We will forward you a response should one be made available to us.

Jonathan Golovey

Date 2026/09/02 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
Good morning, Thank you very much to you for your teams willingness to discuss this project and all of the information shared. As mentioned to you during our conversation, I represent Specifying Techniques based in Johannesburg: http://www.spectechonline.com We work with professionals in the building industry to assist with their project requirements in the region. We help you with product requirements, specifications and other information. We work directly with manufacturers in the region and are able to source materials or other solutions specific to your requirements. I realise that the Environmental Impact Assessment is still required and in progress but I would appreciate if we could remain up to date with developments moving forward. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Warm regards,	Good day Jonathan, Our telephone conversation refers, please forward me your contact details, preferably an email and a contact number. Also please include the reasons for your interest in the proposed project. This will allow us to add you to the project database and as mentioned allow our Environmental Assessment Practitioner/ Project Manager to forward your details to the relevant harmony contacts. As mentioned in the telephone conversations, the EA phase of a proposed project is very early stages (Permitting & Licensing), the Competent Authority or rather the decision-making government department can still choose not to authorise this proposed project or the proposed project may receive appeals at a later stage leading to further delays. We are however more than happy to keep you informed on the progress of the Environmental Authorisation process through adding you to our stakeholder register (I&AP Database). I believe Jeanette had already directed you to our public participation website where you could get all the available information on the proposed project, but I will also share the link with you in case you need to further refresh your memory: 1716 Harmony West Wits Reclamation Project EIA and WULA – EIMS. For anything further, please do not hesitate to reach out to this email address, both the public participation team as well as the EAP/ PM have access and your query will receive the appropriate attention. We look forward to hearing from you further.

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Date 2026/04/30 **Method** Email

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Dear Sir / Madam CONSTRUCTION THE DEELKRAAL 2 TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY (TSF) FOR ADDITIONAL FUTURE CAPACITY. DEELKRAAL 1 TSF AND KUSASALETHU TSF FOR PROCESSING AT KASASALETHYU PLANT Your application dated 7 April 2026 has reference. The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) has no objection to the abovementioned	Good day Ria, Comments have been received with thanks.

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application as no roads or interchanges under the jurisdiction of SANRAL are affected.

Ms Brienne Van der Walt

Date 2026/02/06 **Method** Email

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Good day I would like to participate and be kept informed about the Environmental Authorisation application process for the proposed Harmony West Wits Reclamation and Deposition project in the Merafong City Local Municipality, Gauteng Province, South Africa. best wishes Brienne van der Walt Owner - ****	Good day Brienne, Thank you for your email. Please note that you have been added onto our database and you will receive all project related notifications going forward. For any further questions and/or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Ms Mariette Liefferink

Date 2026/02/09 **Method** Email

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Dear Public Participation Team, I thank you for the notification. Please register the FSE as I&AP. If there is an opportunity to participate in the process virtually, please advise. Sincerely yours,	Good day Mariette, Thank you for your email. Please note that you have been added onto the database and you will receive all proposed project related notifications from this point going forward. Please note that any public participation opportunities will be communicated when the scoping report is published for public review and comment.

Date 2026/04/22 **Method** Email

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Dear Public Participation Team, I thank you sincerely for the notification. May I kindly request whether there is a possibility to engage virtually on this application? In anticipation, thank you sincerely. Sincerely yours,	Good day Mariette, Thank you for your email, we are always delighted to engage with stakeholders. Please advise if you will be able to join the scheduled public meeting on the 7th of May at 12:00 PM, if so, we will send you a teams link so you can join the meeting virtually. Otherwise, please let us know when you will be available for a virtual engagement after the 7th and we will coordinate with the team in terms of availability.

Date 2026/05/06 **Method** Email

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Dear Mbali, I apologise for my late response and thank you sincerely for following up. I shall unfortunately not be attending tomorrow's meeting since I have a tour scheduled with Goldfields and the SAPS. I shall appreciate a copy of your presentation. I shall let you know if a virtual meeting is required pending receipt of your presentation. Sincerely yours,	Good day Mariette, Since we have not heard back from you regarding your availability, please find attached the link to the virtual meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 12PM. Harmony West Wits Reclamation and Deposition Project Public Meeting | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams Please contact me on my personal email (as indicated in the footer) if you cannot access the link

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tomorrow as I will not have easy access to this mailbox.

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1. The FSE acknowledges that the new project will provide additional deposition capacity, facilitate the reclamation of existing tailings facilities, support continued employment, and potentially reduce long term environmental liabilities associated with historical tailings storage facilities. We take cognisance of the fact that the reclamation of existing tailings facilities, including Deelkraal I and Kusasalethu TSFs, could reduce legacy dust sources, reduce long term pollution risks, improve the visual impacts associated with historical TSFs and potentially reduce future rehabilitation liabilities. We furthermore noted that the project is expected to extend the life of mining operations; support existing jobs; create construction-related employment and generate economic activity in Merafong and surrounding communities. These benefits are particularly relevant given the socio economic dependence of the region on mining activities. However, since the proposed project involves the construction of a very large new TSF and extensive associated infrastructure in an environmentally sensitive and water-stressed mining region. allow us to proffer the following recommendations 2. The size of the TSF The proposed Deelkraal II TSF will occupy approximately 430 hectares, making it a major new waste disposal facility. The EIA should therefore include: • Detailed cumulative impact assessment. • Long-term stability assessment. • Assessment of future closure liabilities. • Assessment of impacts on future land use opportunities. • Compliance assessment against the Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management (GISTM). The Executive Summary does not indicate whether the TSF will be designed in accordance with GISTM principles. 3. The design of the TSF The upstream design of TSFs in South Africa was historically an upstream design, which is considered to be the lowest cost but highest risk (for catastrophic failure) design. The Executive Summary does not indicate whether the TSF will be an upstream, downstream or centralised design. 4. Surface Water The locality map indicates proximity to: • The Wonderfonteinspruit catchment (WFS). The WFS catchment is significantly impacted as a result of historic mining. The WFS catchment is densely populated and extensively used for recreation, spiritual rituals, potable use, irrigation and watering of cattle. In substantiation: According to the NNR Report – TR-RRD-07-0006 – "Radiological Impacts of the Mining Activities to the Public in the Wonderfonteinspruit Catchment Area": • "The measured uranium content of many of the fluvial sediments in the Wonderfonteinspruit, including those off mine properties and therefore outside the boundaries of licensed sites, exceeds the exclusion limit for regulation by the National Nuclear Regulator. • "The radioactive contamination of surface water bodies in the Wonderfonteinspruit catchment area caused by the long-lasting mine water discharges and diffuse emissions of seepage and runoff from slimes dams poses

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1. Thank you for providing comment. Your individual concerns are addressed in further detail in the table below. 2. A detailed cumulative assessment will be provided in the EIA report. A stability assessment has been completed by the engineering team and the outcomes from this assessment will be included in the EIA report. A closure costing for financial provisions the first year of construction will be included in the EIA report. No land use assessment is proposed, however a soils and agricultural assessment will be completed as part of the EIA that will investigate land capability and the development impact on soils and agricultural potential. Harmony aims to align their operations with the requirements of the GISTM, as stated in section 4.2.1.4 of the scoping report. The design of the TSF is being undertaken in line with the GISTM requirements. 3. The TSF will be an upstream design. The design of the TSF is being undertaken in line with the GISTM requirements. 4. A detailed hydrology assessment will be undertaken in the EIA phase. Catchment-scale impacts and the cumulative impacts from existing TSFs will be assessment. Potential contamination from the tailings material will be considered in both the geohydrological and hydrological report. Effects on downstream users will also be assessed. A radiological and health impact assessment is also being conducted as part of the EIA. 5. A detailed groundwater assessment is being conducted as part of the EIA for the West Wits Reclamation and Deposition Project. The items listed will be assessed, this will include: • Detailed liner design. • Seepage modelling. • Design life. • Failure scenarios. • How seepage will be monitored. • What contingency measures will be implemented if leakage occurs. • Post-Closure Performance. As per your request EIMS will consider getting an independent specialist to review the EIA groundwater assessment. 6. A detailed Radiological study will for part of the EIA report. The aspects included will all be assessed, including: • Gamma radiation. • Radon emissions. • Radioactive dust exposure. • Groundwater contamination pathways. • Human health risk assessment for nearby communities. The assessment will be based on source pathway receptor modelling and specific attention to key areas or sensitive communities will be included. 7. Habitat fragmentation, mortality of fauna and impacts on wetlands will be address in the EIA report through the terrestrial and aquatics assessments. Potential impacts on key areas such as CBAs and ESAs will be assessed as well as identification of and impacts relating to protected species. Wetlands ecosystem service impacts will be assessed in the aquatic assessment. Offset and avoidance measures will be implemented where necessary, involving implementation of the mitigation hierarchy. Where no avoidance is possible additional measures such as offsets and rehabilitation will be investigated. A single early dry season site assessment was conducted. It is recommended that a protected and SCC flora species walkdown is

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radiological risks to the public resulting from the usage of polluted environmental media. • The pathway sediment→SPM →cattle→milk/meat→person ("SeCa") can cause radioactive contamination of livestock products (milk, meat) resulting in effective doses of the public in some orders of magnitude above those resulting via the pathway "WaCa. According to the Report titled "A holistic view on the impact of gold and uranium mining on the Wonderfonteinspruit" by David Hamman (2012): • The comparison between cattle tissue samples from the experimental and control group revealed that nickel, zinc, selenium, lead and uranium concentrations all reveal a practically significant difference. • The uranium concentration in the cattle samples from the experimental group was 126.75 times higher in the liver, 4350 times higher in the kidney, 47.75 times higher in the spleen, 31.6 times higher in the muscle tissue, 60 times higher in the bone and 129 times higher in the hair than that of the cattle samples from the control group.. According to the Report titled "Coetzee, H. (compiler) 2004: An assessment of sources, pathways, mechanisms and risks of current and potential future pollution of water and sediments in gold-mining areas of the Wonderfonteinspruit catchment. WRC Report No 1214/1/06", Pretoria, 266 pp. • "The mean values for the Wonderfonteinspruit samples were found to exceed not only natural background concentrations, but also levels of regulatory concern for cobalt, zinc, arsenic, cadmium and uranium, with uranium and cadmium exhibiting the highest risk coefficients." The NNR & Department of Water Affairs and Forestry's Report titled "Wonderfonteinspruit Catchment Area: Remediation Action Plan" (April 2009) identified 36 radioactive hotspots within the WFS. The most important lesson learnt from the studies in the Wonderfonteinspruit is that no short-cuts exist which would allow certain pathways to be ignored in a study of radioactive contamination within these mining areas. • Loopspruit. • Mooirivierloop. In the light of the abovementioned findings, the FSE recommends that the EIA should assess: • Catchment-scale impacts. • Cumulative impacts from existing TSFs. • Potential contamination from uranium-bearing tailings. • Effects on downstream users. 5. Liner Proposal The Executive Summary states that an "inverted barrier system" is expected to be suitable and therefore the unlined option will be discarded at the scoping stage. No Liner is perfect. Even the best liner systems can: • Develop punctures. • Deteriorate over time. • Experience differential settlement. • Fail at pipe penetrations. • Experience construction defects. The EIA should therefore not simply assume "no groundwater impact." The Deelkraal area is situated within the Far West Rand dolomitic compartment system. In dolomitic terrain groundwater movement can be rapid; referential pathways may exist; sinkholes may develop; and small leaks can travel significant distances. The FSE therefore recommends that the EIA should provide: • Detailed liner design. • Seepage modelling. • Design life. • Failure scenarios. • Independent specialist review. • How seepage will be monitored. • What contingency measures will be implemented if leakage occurs. • Post-Closure Performance. Given the sensitivity of the Wonderfonteinspruit/Far West Rand dolomitic groundwater system, the effectiveness of the proposed inverted barrier system will be one of the most critical issues in

completed during the wet season (October to March) for the development footprint as part of the mitigation measures proposed by the terrestrial ecologist. 8. EIMS is aware of the new dust control regulations and dust management plan requirements, as indicated in Section 4.1.6.2 of the scoping report. An detailed AQIA will form part of the EIA report including as assessment and evaluation of: • Cumulative dust emissions. • PM10. • PM2.5. • Total Suspended Particulates. • Radioactive dust (this will be addressed in the radiological assessment as well) • Construction dust. • Operational dust. • Extreme wind events. 9. Climate change resilience will be investigated in the EIA report. The recommendations provided will be taken into account by the climate change specialist. 10. TSF design life is included in Section 3 of the scoping report, the TSF is designed to operate for 20 years. Tailings volumes and deposition rates are also provided in Section 3 of the scoping report. Expected uranium concentrations will be provided in the EIA report. A Detailed water balance will form part of the IWWMP which is currently being drafted. This document will be made available for a 60 day public participation period once completed. A closure strategy and financial provision estimates will be included in the EIA report. Tailings failure consequence classification will be included in the design information in the EIA report. No specific GISTM compliance strategy is being undertaken as part of the EIA, however the design of the TSF is being undertaken in line with the GISTM requirements. A Cumulative impact assessment will form part of the EIA report as well as detailed alternatives assessment. Justification for rejecting alternatives at scoping stage has been included in Section 6 of the scoping report. A Detailed socio-economic impact assessment will be included in the EIA report Impacts on existing agricultural activities will be assessed as part of the soils and agricultural assessment in the EIA report Impacts on nearby residential areas will be include in the EIA report, specifically visual and air quality impacts. We would like to thank you for your participation in this process. These comments as well as the responses provided will be submitted to the Competent Authority for their consideration.

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determining the environmental acceptability of the Deelkraal II TSF. 6. Radiological Risks The proposal includes upgrades to uranium recovery facilities and acknowledges the need for a radiological assessment. This is particularly important because historic West Rand and Far West Rand tailings contain elevated uranium concentrations. The FSE recommends that the Health Risk and Radiological Assessment should include: • Gamma radiation. • Radon emissions. • Radioactive dust exposure. • Groundwater contamination pathways. • Human health risk assessment for nearby communities. Special attention should be given to: • Wedela. • Deelkraal residential areas. • Informal settlements. • Agricultural receptors 7. Biodiversity and Wetlands The FSE recommends that the Executive Summary identifies: • Habitat fragmentation. • Wildlife mortality. • Wetland disturbance. And, that the EIA should specifically assess: • Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs). • Ecological Support Areas (ESAs). • Protected species. • Wetland ecosystem services. • Offsets and avoidance measures. Avoidance should be prioritised over mitigation in accordance with the mitigation hierarchy. The FSE furthermore recommends that surveys be conducted during both the wet and dry season. 8. Air Quality and Dust Given the scale of the proposed TSF, the FSE recommends that Air Quality Assessment should evaluate: • Cumulative dust emissions. • PM10. • PM2.5. • Total Suspended Particulates. • Radioactive dust. • Construction dust. • Operational dust. • Extreme wind events. The FSE respectfully reminds the Applicant that the National Dust Control Regulations, 2026 (NDCR) came into force on 31 March 2026, replacing the 2013 Dust Control Regulations. The new regulations significantly strengthen dust management obligations and are particularly important for mining, reclamation and TSF projects such as the proposed Deelkraal II TSF. F. One of the most important changes is that dust management has shifted from a largely reactive approach to a proactive one. The Applicant will be required to develop and submit a Dust Management Plan (DMP). Existing approved plans must also be reviewed and updated to align with the new regulations. equipment and SANAS-accredited analytical methods. period, with limited exceedances permitted under specified circumstances. 9. Climate Change Although a climate change study is proposed, the Executive Summary does not explain how climate resilience will be incorporated. The FSE recommends that the EIA should evaluate: • Extreme rainfall events. • Tailings storage resilience. • Flood risks. • Water scarcity. • Drought conditions. • Long-term climate scenarios. 10. Gaps in Information The following information is absent or insufficiently detailed in the Executive Summary: 1. TSF design life. 2. Tailings volumes and deposition rates. 3. Expected uranium concentrations. 4. Detailed water balance. 5. Closure strategy. 6. Financial provision estimates. 7. Tailings failure consequence classification. 8. GISTM compliance strategy. 9. Cumulative impact assessment. 10. Detailed alternatives assessment. 11. Justification for rejecting alternatives at scoping stage. 12. Detailed socio-economic impact assessment. 13. Impacts on existing agricultural activities. 14. Impacts on nearby residential areas. It is assumed that the above information will be supplied in the EIA Report.

Frederik Johannes van As

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Dear Mbali We trust our email finds you well. Kindly note that we would like to register as an interest aggrieved party to the above project. Our details are: **** Please note that there is active litigation regarding the portions on which you are planning your project and therefore we have to object to the Project. Portions 3 and 23 of the Farm Deelkraal 142 IQ has been sold to Ogoerion Construction as well as portion 6 of the Farm Kleinfontein 141 IQ. A official letter will be forwarded to your offices by our attorney, Michiel Scheepers, as soon as possible. We trust you find the above in order and will ensure that we are registered to receive all relevant documentation and reports. Kind regards,

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Good day, Thank you for your email. Please note that you have been added onto our database as an I&AP, you will receive all project related notifications going forward. Your comments, thank you for letting us know. For any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

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FJ VAN AS & OTHERS // PROJECT NUMBER 1716 // HARMONY GOLD MININGCOMPANY & RANDFONTEIN ESTATES (REL) 1. We act on behalf of the trustees of the Frikkie van As Familie Trust, Ogoerion Construction CC and Gizom (Pty) Ltd. 2. We also refer to the pending litigation referred to in the email addressed to EIMS dated 7 April 2026 from our clients. 3. We have instruction to supplement and amplify the contents of the e-mail aforementioned, and we accordingly record as follows: HISTORY 3.1. Harmony and REL jointly operated a mine known as Deelkraal Mine which was situated on portions of the Farm Deelkraal and the Farm Kleinfontein 141 IQ. 3.2. Harmony and REL mined and processed ore at the Deelkraal mine until 2004 and the mine was decommissioned in 2005. 3.3 . On or about 5 April 2007 Harmony and REL concluded a written deed of sale with Ogoerion Construction CC in terms of which the Harmony and REL sold certain identified immovable properties, the enterprise conducted by Harmony thereof (and the assets which are necessary for the carrying on of the enterprise thereof) to Ogoerion Construction CC for an amount of R99 368 421.00 (VAT excluded). In terms of the agreement ownership was transferred upon payment of the RIO million deposit. 3.4. It has come to our client's attention that Harmony has received payment far in advance of purchase price, being R99 368 421.00, during the period that the agreement between Ogoerion and Harmony was valid and binding, and the following is relevant to the agreement: 3.4.1. in terms of the aforementioned 2007 agreement, the purchase price included immovable property' described as portions IO, 11, 22, 3 and 23 which was sold for an amount of R99 368 421.00; 3.4.2. The documentation obtained by our clients, from various sources in preparation of a claim for the ownership, is presently pending against Harmony and REL and which will evince that Ogoerion Construction had performed in terms of the 2007 agreement, and indeed made payment in excess of R397 658 109.21 to Harmony, which amount is well in excess of the

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FJ VAN AS & OTHERS // PROJECT NUMBER 1716 // HARMONY GOLD MINING COMPANY LIMITED & RANDFONTEIN ESTATES LIMITED 1. INTRODUCTION 1.1. The submissions addressed herein, includes the email to Environmental Impact Management Services (“EIMS”) dated 7 April 2026 and the letter from Scheepers & Aucamp Attorneys dated 25 May 2026 (the “Comments”), submitted on behalf of the trustees of the Frikkie van As Familie Trust, Ogoerion Construction CC (“Ogoerion”) and Gizom (Pty) Ltd (the “Commenting Parties”). 1.2. Below we have provided responses to the Comments. 2. BACKGROUND AND STATUTORY FRAMEWORK 2.1. PURPOSE AND PARTIES 2.1.1. This response is prepared in respect of the environmental assessment practitioner’s Comments and Responses Report (the “CRR”) for the application for, among others, an environmental authorisation (the “Application”) under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (“NEMA”) in respect of the proposed Harmony West Wits Reclamation and Deposition Project and Associated Infrastructure (the “Project”), which includes a tailings storage facility (“TSF”). 2.1.2. The Application is being managed through the scoping and environmental impact reporting process by EIMS, the appointed environmental assessment practitioner (“EAP”). 2.2. NEMA PURPOSE AND SCOPE 2.2.1. NEMA and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (“EIA Regulations”), establish a process for identifying, assessing and reporting environmental impacts and for deciding whether listed activities should be authorised. The process is directed to avoiding or mitigating detrimental environmental impacts and optimising positive impacts; it is not a forum for determining private contractual or ownership disputes. 2.2.2. Regulation 40 requires the Scoping Report, EIA Report, Environmental Management Programme (“EMPr”) and, where applicable, a closure plan to be made available for at least 30 days for comment, with access to information that reasonably may influence the decision. Regulations 42 to 44 require a register of interested and affected parties

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agreed selling price of R99 368 421.00; 3.4.3. The consequences of the payment which was received and indeed held by Harmony was well in excess of R99 358 421.00 and Ogoerion Construction is and was entitled to take transfer of Portions 3 and 23 of the Farm Deelkraal 142 IQ and Portion 6 of the Farm Kleinfontein 141 IQ, together with all the ancillaries, commercial enterprise and rock dumps. 3.5. The rehabilitation process was contracted by Harrnony to Digby Wells for a Closure Plan and Rehabilitation of Portions 3, 10, 11, 22 and 23 of the Farm Deelkraal 142 IQ and Portion 6 of the Farm Kleinfontein 141 IQ. 3.6. Harmony did not disclose the full amounts that it had received in payment as aforementioned and the right of Ogoerion Construction to take transfer will be claimed in summons to be issued against Harmony and REL 3.7. It is submitted that Harmony and REL are accordingly not the real owners of the topic property and consequently also not the mining right holder pertaining to the surface rights of the land, and Harmony consequently lacks written consent from the actual land owner, and the EIA application stands to be automatically rejected. Harmony sold the surface rights, alternatively relinquished the surface rights for the aforementioned reasons and were also compelled to inform the DMRE of the contents of the contracts entered into with our client. In terms of Paragraph 4.2 of Harmony's notarial mining right it is recorded that: "The Holder sha// be entitled to abandon or relinquish the right or the area covered by the right entirely or in part. Upon abandonment or relinquishment of the mining area or any portion thereof, the Holder must ...furnish the Regiona/ Manager with all ...information... " 3.8. Possession of the rock dump that was located on the property (Portion 3) was removed by Harmony and processed after it was sold to Ogoerion Construction CC, which removal is also the subject of litigation. Since Harmony only reserved it's right below the collar and disposed of the enterprise that it conducted on the surface by virtue of contract it was obliged to document the change with the DMRE. It did not do so, and it is challenged that Harmony and/or REL are entitled to proceed with any enterprise, including the proposed slime dump construction. We attach hereto a copy of the mining right that Harmony has disclosed in recent litigation and if it is read with the attached 2007 agreement it was encumbent on Harmony and/or REL to disclose the content and work of the rights to the DMRE. The non-disclosure to the DMRE should be investigated and with particular reference to the fact the Harmony and REL sold the properties, surface rights and enterprise and only reserved the mining rights under the collar. 3.9. Just considering the above information it is clear that the property' was sold and therefore project 1716 cannot proceed as Portions 3 and 23 of the Farm Deelkraal 142 IQ as well as Portion 6 of the Farm Kleinfontein 141 IQ should not be deemed as the properW or right to mine by Harmony and Randfontein and that they are not the owners of the aforementioned land. CONSIDERATIONS 4. With regard to the Notarial Deed / Mining Right it is stated in paragraph 7 that the Holder (which is Harmony and/or REL) may not trespass nor interfere with or prejudice the interest of the occupiers and/or owners of the surface right mining area except to the extent to which such interference or prejudice is necessary for the purposes of enabling the holder to properly exercise the holder's rights in the mining right. Harmony only holds the sub-

("I&APs") and the recording of comments, responses and meeting records in the reports submitted to the competent authority ("Competent Authority"). 2.2.3. The relevant question for the CRR is whether the Comments identify an issue capable of influencing the environmental decision, including the Project's impacts, alternatives, mitigation, monitoring or the adequacy of the information supplied. Matters outside that question are recorded and, where they disclose a present environmental receptor, cumulative impact or Project-related risk, considered only to that limited extent. 2.3. HISTORICAL AND PROCESS CONTEXT A comprehensive response document was sent to the I&AP in regards to property ownership. this information is not included in this IRR becuase it falls outside the scope of the EA process. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES RELEVANT TO THE APPLICATION 4.1. SURFACE WATER, GROUNDWATER, AMD AND CUMULATIVE IMPACTS (paragraph 5) 4.1.1. The concern that the Project area may affect a water source and downstream users, and that acid mine drainage ("AMD") may combine with existing regional impacts. It is recorded as a risk requiring evidence, not as an admission that contamination or causation has been established. 4.1.2. The Closure Plan states that the Deelkraal area lies on a catchment divide and that groundwater-related aspects were to be addressed through a separate process for the wider mining-right area. 4.1.3. The surface and groundwater assessments being undertake as part of the EIA will deal with surface-water and groundwater baseline, aquifers and flow paths, water-quality parameters, existing mine and dump sources, the potential for seepage and AMD, downstream receptors and the interaction of the Project with reasonably foreseeable activities. The significance, duration, probability, reversibility, residual risk and cumulative impacts will also be provided in the EIA report and associated specialist studies. 4.1.4. The TSF currently being applied for, for the West Wits project will be lined. Associated cumulative impacts will be addressed in the EIA report and associated specialist studies. 4.2. SCOPING, EIA-STAGE DISCLOSURE AND SPECIALIST STUDIES (paragraphs 6-7) 4.2.1. The Comments raise environmental issues concerning water, AMD, liner systems, TSF stability, dust, health, cumulative effects, mitigation, monitoring and the adequacy of information presented at the 7 May 2026 meeting. Those issues fall within the statutory purpose of public participation and willt be carried into the assessment. 4.2.2. The 7 May meeting and the scoping review were at the proposal stage. Scoping identifies the relevant issues, alternatives, sensitivities, assessment methodology, specialist expertise and Plan of Study; it is not the stage at which every final design or specialist conclusion must already be available. 4.2.3. The absence of final specialist reports, detailed designs or final mitigation measures at the scoping proposal stage is not, by itself, procedural non compliance. Regulation 23 requires the EIA Report, specialist reports and EMPr, together with any closure plan where applicable, to undergo at least 30 days' public participation and to reflect the incorporation of comments. If significant new information is added, the Regulations provide for a further public participation process. 4.2.4. The final EIA-stage review will make the relevant reports and technical information available, identify assumptions and gaps, and give I&APs a reasonable opportunity to comment before submission to the Competent Authority. The 7 May meeting was one scoping-stage opportunity

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surface rights and with their project 1716 they will undoubtedly interfere with Ogoerion Construction's surface rights. 5. The designated area of Project 1716 is located over a water source that feeds downstream to Potchefstroom and requires investigation as the impact of the cumulative impact of an unlined slime dam, combined with existing regional acid mine drainage (AMD) caused by the same may very well jeopardize the catchment area. 6. Our clients have reached out to authorities on this subject and reserve their right to supplement this objection. We have not received any documentation or disclosure of scientific proof regarding liner systems (to prevent toxic seepage into aquifers) or stability models, and for this reason we state that there has not been sufficient public participation and the authorities cannot presently properly exercise their discretion in favour of Harmony and REL in an application. 7. It is imperative that to avert long-term environmental degradation the facts surrounding the potential water contamination in the Deelkraal area and surrounds were not properly canvassed at the meeting held on 7 May 2026, and it follows that public participation is required to satisfy the precautionary and risk-averse approach required under Section 2 of NEMA when submitting the application for approval. 8. Having stated the aforementioned it is also relevant to note that there are many indigents residing in the area and who are ill-positioned to properly assess the impact on, inter alia, the water resources in the immediate area of the Deelkraal Communibl' and the Department of Water and Sanitation should be engaged with regard to the responsibilities of Harmony in terms of their existing mining right and the present assessment with consideration to the import of the health issues surrounding same. This is said because the mine has recently terminated the electrical agreement with Eskom and stated that it did not require electrical supply. This was done while the existing mining license, on the version of Harmony, still covers the Deelkraal Village. The consequence of the termination of electrical supply is that the Deelkraal Village was and is left without electricity and also cannot pump sewerage. This aspect is compounded by the fact that there is an existing High Court Order (which has not been set aside) which compels Harmony and REL to collect electricity from the Deelkraal Community, which is did not do in terms of the court order and the result is that Harmony's actions will potentially expose the community to contaminated water. The question that arises is whether a leopard can change its spots when considering the present contemplated application of Harmony. 9. The dust fallout risks associated with slime dumps is of cardinal importance as the Deelkraal Village is closely situated to the slimes. The Deelkraal Community have not been addressed on the impact and the consequence of the dust fallout management and the consequent health risks and what efforts will be implemented to avoid and/or mitigate the effect of same. 10. Our clients are also not aware of whether all interested parties, including the agricultural and residential occupiers of land affected by the potential water pollution and acidic impact have been engaged, especially down-stream to Potchefstroom, Klerkskraal Dam, Boskop Dam and Potch Dam. Kindly inform us of your intentions on this score so that we may properly consider the process and technique employed in the assessment and impact of the proposed slime dam. We look forward to your response.

to comment, not the only opportunity; I&APs will have further review and comment opportunities required by the EIA Regulations, including on significant new information. 4.3. LINER SYSTEM AND TSF STABILITY (paragraph 6) 4.3.1. Section 3 (Page 29–30) and Section 6 (Page 82) of the scoping report states that a lined facility is proposed for the project. An inverted barrier system is recommended which has superior performance to a Class C Liner. Final designs will be included in the final EIA report. Those are preliminary scoping proposals, not a final design, certification or assurance that impacts will not occur. 4.4. DUST, AIR QUALITY AND HEALTH (paragraphs 8-9) 4.4.1. Dust fallout from a TSF or slime facility is a environmental and public-health issue will be assessed. The Commenting Parties' concern is therefore relevant, but proximity to the Village, the magnitude of emissions and the asserted health consequences are not established by allegation alone. The environmental performance of pre-authorized activities such as existing slimes dams is the responsibility of the various licensing authorities. The health impact on surrounding communities as a result of the West Wits Reclamation and Deposition project will be assessed in the EIA. 4.4.2. The air-quality assessment which will be included in the EIA will identify the Village and other sensitive receptors, establish baseline conditions and assess emissions for each phase of the project, model dispersion and deposition where appropriate, and explain any health-risk assessment and uncertainties. 4.4.3. The EMPr which will be included in the EIA report will be compiled to include relevant mitigation measure to address all air quality related impacts, including dust fallout. 4.5. MITIGATION, MONITORING, EMPR AND CLOSURE (paragraphs 5-9) 4.5.1. Specialist reports being undertaken as part of the EIA for the project will identify their scope, methodology, baseline data, existing and cumulative impacts, assumptions and gaps, findings, mitigation, conditions and monitoring requirements. All mitigation measures proposed in the specialist reports will also form part of the EMPr for the project, which will be included as part of the EIA report for public review. 4.5.2. The EMPr will set impact-management outcomes and actions for the relevant phases, allocate responsibility and timing, prescribe monitoring and reporting, and provide mechanisms to remedy pollution or environmental degradation. 4.5.3. The final CRR will identify which environmental concerns are addressed by a study, design change, mitigation measure, monitoring commitment or authorisation condition. Where a concern cannot yet be resolved, it will be recorded as an uncertainty or outstanding information requirement rather than answered conclusively. 4.6. WATER USE LICENCE PROCESS (paragraph 8) 4.6.1. The Project contemplates a water use licence application ("WUL Application") under the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) for water-related activities associated with the Project. 4.6.2. The WUL Application will have its own technical information and public participation requirements. All proposed water-related activities will be subject to assessment by the DWS. A separate 60-day public-participation period is contemplated in the Project process, but the actual WUL status, documents and dates must be confirmed before this response is issued. 4.6.3. he final CRR should identify which water issues are assessed in the EIA, which are determined in the WUL process, and how the two processes will avoid inconsistent baselines, mitigation or monitoring. 4.7. COMMUNITY ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND PARTICIPATION

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Yours faithfully,	(paragraph 8) 4.7.1. The concern that residents, including persons with limited resources or technical capacity, may struggle to assess water and health risks is relevant to the quality of participation. The process must provide reasonable access to material information and a reasonable opportunity to comment, using clear explanations and reasonable alternative methods where a person is disadvantaged. 4.7.2. The EAP will make available the Scoping Report, EIA Report, specialist reports, technical designs, EMPr, relevant maps and the WUL material in a form that permits meaningful review, and should record requests for information and the manner in which they were addressed. 4.7.3. Where participants are unable to read, write or otherwise access written material because of disadvantage, the EAP and Competent Authority will use the reasonable alternatives contemplated by the EIA Regulations. 4.8. STAKEHOLDER AND DOWNSTREAM NOTIFICATION (paragraph 10) 4.8.1. Invitations to register as I&APs were sent on 6 February 2026, a Gauteng Provincial Gazette notice was published on 25 March 2026, and that site notices or posters were placed at the Post Office and Municipal Offices. 4.8.2. The hydrological and geohydrological assessments being undertaken as part of the EIA will include an assessment of all potential surface and groundwater impacts within the area affected by the project. 4.8.3. The Public Participation Process (PPP) undertaken for the Proposed Activities is set out in Section 7 of the Scoping Report and presented in detail in Appendix C. The PPP for the Proposed Activities is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the EIA Regulations and the associated Public Participation Guideline. 4.8.4. With respect to the engagement of downstream I&APs please note that the specific extent of all project-related impacts including water related impacts will be discussed in the EIA report. Initial notification adverts were placed in the Gauteng Provincial Gazette and Carletonville Herald inviting all potentially Interested and Affected Parties to register as such. Local and district municipality Ward Councillors were also included as pre-identified stakeholders in the project database. 4.8.5. A register will be maintained to include persons who submit comments, attend meetings or request registration. EIMS will preserve proof of notices and responses, permit supplementary comments where new material is released and comply with applicable personal-information requirements. 4.9. 7 MAY MEETING AND PRECAUTIONARY APPROACH (paragraph 7) 4.9.1. The 7 May 2026 scoping phase public meeting should be characterised as an engagement during scoping and not as a final presentation of the completed environmental case. The precautionary approach requires credible risks and uncertainty to be investigated and managed; it does not require the Competent Authority to decide the Application without the EIA-stage information required by the Regulations. 4.9.2. The EIA and CRR will show how the concerns raised at that meeting were carried into the Plan of Study, specialist scope, alternatives, mitigation and monitoring. I&APs will have the further review and comment opportunity required by the EIA Regulations.

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Date 2026/02/23 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
Dear Sir/Madam I hope this email finds you well. May I please register as an I& P for project 1716. I am student at UWC doing her honours in geography and environmental science. Kind regards,	Good day Hlumisa, Thank you for your interest in the proposed project. Please note that you have been added onto our database as an I&AP, you will receive all project related notifications going forward. For any further comment and/or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Dear Sir/Madam/ Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS) I hope this email finds you well. I hereby request to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the proposed West Wits Reclamation and Deposition Project, as advertised on February 6, 2026. Please include my contact details below for all future correspondence related to the environmental authorisation process, public participation opportunities, and documentation relating to the project. Full Name: Hlumisa Pali *** Contact Number: *** Email address: *** Email Address: *** Comments and Advice: I wish to provide the following initial comments and raise the following matters for consideration during the environmental assessment process: 1. Water Resources and Pollution Control: Given the scale of the proposed Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) and associated infrastructure, I request that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) pay particular attention to potential impacts on surface and groundwater resources in the area. Measures to prevent acid mine drainage, seepage, and contamination of local water bodies must be clearly outlined. 2. Air Quality and Dust Management: Considering the proximity of the project to residential areas and the potential for dust generation from the TSF and reclamation activities, I recommend that a comprehensive air quality management plan be developed, including real-time dust monitoring and mitigation measures. 3. Socio-Economic Impacts: I encourage the project proponents to assess both positive and negative socio-economic impacts, including job creation, impact on local communities, and potential displacement or disruption of livelihoods. 4. Biodiversity and Land Use: A thorough assessment of the impact on local biodiversity, including flora and fauna, should be conducted, particularly given the size of the area (~450 ha) to be transformed. 5. Public Participation	Hi Hlumisa, As per the comments submitted, please see below the responses: 1. Water Resources and Pollution Control: Given the scale of the proposed Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) and associated infrastructure, I request that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) pay particular attention to potential impacts on surface and groundwater resources in the area. Measures to prevent acid mine drainage, seepage, and contamination of local water bodies must be clearly outlined. Detailed surface and groundwater assessments will be completed in the EIA phase and the findings presented in the EIA report. Please note that the current design of the TSF includes a liner, which will significantly mitigate the groundwater contamination impacts from the TSF. Detailed modelling will be provided in the EIA phase assessments relating to the potential impact of seepage and groundwater contamination. 2. Air Quality and Dust Management: Considering the proximity of the project to residential areas and the potential for dust generation from the TSF and reclamation activities, I recommend that a comprehensive air quality management plan be developed, including real-time dust monitoring and mitigation measures. A detailed Air Quality Impact Assessment will be undertaken in the EIA phase. This will include modelling and assessment of potential dust-related impacts as well as monitoring requirements and required mitigation measures. 3. Socio-Economic Impacts: I encourage the project proponents to assess both positive and negative socio-economic impacts, including job creation, impact on local communities, and potential displacement or disruption of livelihoods. This will be assessed in detail in the EIA phase as part of the social assessment to be undertaken. 4. Biodiversity and Land Use: A thorough assessment of the impact on local biodiversity, including flora and fauna, should be conducted, particularly given the size of the area (~450 ha) to be

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Process: I request that all public participation events be held at accessible times and locations, and that all relevant documentation be made available in both English and Afrikaans (where appropriate) to ensure inclusive community engagement. Please confirm receipt of this registration and advise on how I can access further information and participate in upcoming public meetings or comment periods. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process. Yours sincerely,	transformed. This will be assessed in detail the EIA phase of the project as part of the terrestrial biodiversity assessment 5. Public Participation Process: I request that all public participation events be held at accessible times and locations, and that all relevant documentation be made available in both English and Afrikaans (where appropriate) to ensure inclusive community engagement. Public meetings will be held in both the Scoping and EIA phases of the project at a suitable location and time at a venue near the project area. Although the reports will be in English, Executive summaries of both the Scoping and EIA reports will be provided in Afrikaans. Please confirm receipt of this registration and advise on how I can access further information and participate in upcoming public meetings or comment periods. We confirm receipt and confirm you have been added to the project database. You will receive updates once reports are available for review and details regarding the public meetings will be provided once these details become available.

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Date 2026/04/22 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
Dear EIMS I wish I can attend the meeting but I am in Cape Town, kindly please share the minutes of the meeting. Also please let me know what do people think about the proposed project. I suspect that People may have mixed feelings about the project. Some will want it because they want jobs but some will be against it since already it looks like they are feeling the impact from other waste dumps around Carltonville. Please update me about every little detail Thanks	Good day Hlumisa, Thank you for your email, it is always our pleasure to engage with stakeholders. You can still join the public meeting scheduled for the 7th of May at 12:00 PM virtually if that is suitable for you. Please let us know of your availability and we will send you a teams link for the meeting if you can join. Otherwise, we could still schedule the virtual engagement with you at a time that suits both you and our team, please let us know your availability and we can coordinate with the team accordingly. If you wish to just get an update on the public meeting and do not wish to join us, please let us know and we will forward you the minutes of the meeting as soon as they have been made available.

Date 2026/04/29 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
You may share the link I will join the meeting however I will have to leave because there is a memorial service on that day also kindly please share the minutes when they are available.Thank you so much.	Hi Hlumisa, That is noted, you will receive a link to the public meeting closer to the Scheduled date.

Date 2026/04/29 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
You may share the link I will join the meeting however I will have to leave because there is a memorial service on that day also kindly please share the minutes when they are available.Thank you so much.	Hi Hlumisa, Please find link below to the virtual meeting on Thursday Harmony West Wits Reclamation and Deposition Project Public Meeting | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams We will also provide minutes of the meeting if you are not able to attend. Kind Regards,

Date 2026/05/24 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
Dear Mbali I hope that this email finds you well. I have just finished listening to the recent audio for the meeting. The team did a really good job. The project is simple and straightforward. I like how John's honesty about how they will deal with potential	Hi Hlumisa, Thank you for your feedback, your engagement in the proposed project is important to us. Please note that the email I sent to you using the cc'd email which is the project mailbox contains the presentation with all the maps you require. I also forwarded you the executive

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challenges.However I am also a human geographer besides being a physical geography so I care about the relationship between people and theur space or place. I am not happy when he says heritage features may be destroyed. I am also not happy when he says species may be removed. I like how the team is integrating the technical side of geography to investigate potential environmental impacts. I am also not happy when they mentioned the destruction of wetlands. I wonder now if there were rivers in the area is it not going to affect the proposed project. Also if you still have the slides you were presenting please share with me I want to see the diagrams you showed to the community members. The project has many negative impacts. I have a strong confidence that it will be accepted due to the fact that the team has planned strategies to deal with anything that may arise on the field. What kind of jobs are going to be available? internships? I like how you emphasised that the priorities will be community members during the employment phase. Please never forget that promise . Also when the jobs have been published share firstlty with those that were present in the meetings they must be the priority. Kindly please share with me as well I might apply so that I can see the project taking place. Also if you have any pictures of the place that may help me in understanding the project please share I am from the Eastern Cape and I am in Cape Town I am not familiar with that side. This is a well-planned project hopefully everything is going to go well. Thank you so much Mbali for sharing this audio.	summary and the meeting minutes. (Please let me know if you need me to resend the files). Please note that the EIA Report will contain the full specialist studies attached as appendices that will give more information on the findings of the specialist, for example, the heritage Impact Assessment and the EIA will give more insight on how effects will be mitigated. There is also a Biodiversity study that is being undertaken and will address your worries regarding the wetland invasion. We are not too sure on the types of jobs that Harmony will release once the proposed project has received all necessary authorisations. However, there will be a variety of jobs on offer from construction all the way up to decommissioning. Please find attached the kml and locality map to assist with getting you accustomed to the area.

Ashley Miller

Date 2026/04/24 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
Good day Mbali, May you please register me as an I&AP for this project. Thanks	Good day Ashley, Thank you for your email. Please note that you have been added onto our database as an I&AP, you will receive all project related information going forward. Please note that the Scoping report is currently out for public review, and the electronic copy along with the appendices can be accessed on the EIMS Website: 1716 Harmony West Wits Reclamation Project EIA and WULA – EIMS. For anything further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Date 2026/05/05 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
Good day, I would hereby just like to confirm that a representative of Sibanye-Stillwater will be in attendance of the in-perosn public meeting. As I am unable to attend the in-person meeting due to a calendar clash, is there a possibility we could arrange for another separate virtual meeting? Thank you for your assistance.	Good day Ashley, Yes, a separate virtual meeting can be organised through teams. Please let us know of your availability and we will correspond with the team to determine a time that best suits everyone.

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Ashley Miller

Date 2026/05/15 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
Good day, I hope you are well. I would like to inquire if it would be at all possible to arrange a virtual meeting on 21 May 2027 (between 09h00 and 11h00)? Thank you for your assistance.	Good day Ashley, Please note that the EAP is not available on the 21st. can you do the 22nd? If yes, please let us know of your availability so we can coordinate with the client

Date 2026/05/15 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
Hi, thanks. I can do the 22nd at 09h00? thanks,	Hi Ashley, Thanks, the 22nd at 09H00 works for everyone. We will forward you the teams meeting link when it is ready. Please let us know if we need to forward it to anyone else in your organisation.

Dave Whittaker

Date 2026/04/23 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
Good day, Please register Arnold Mashamba (***), Louis Lamsley (***) (as cc'ed) and myself D.Whittaker (***) as IAAP, or forward the necessary documentation for registration. Regards	Good day Dave, Thank you for your email. Please note that you have all been added onto our database as I&APs. You will receive all project related information going forward. For anything further, please do not hesitate to contact us

Josias Puso

Date 2026/05/29 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
Good day I'm Lucky Puso Chairperson of Deelkraal Residents Association which is an upper house with SANCO(South African National Civic Organization) and MACUA(Mining Affected Communities United in Action) as our lower houses. We have learned that EIMS will be undertaking a project on behalf of Harmony Gold Mine around our area Deelkraal. We would like to engage with EIMS in regards with the impact. 1. Community beneficiation as per government guidelines(30%). #Local business development #Employment opportunities #Project lifespan #Area development 2. Meaningful Relationship between EIMS and the community of Deelkraal. Thanks in advance,	Good day, This email is in response to the communication you sent to our main mailbox on Friday 29 May 2026 at 11:06. Please note that Randfontein Estates (a subsidiary of Harmony Gold Mining Company) is the applicant regarding the proposed West Wits Reclamation and Deposition project, therefore, they are the ones who are proposing to undertake the aforementioned project and not EIMS. In this case, EIMS is the contracted independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner contracted to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment and associated studies as part of the Environmental Authorization application process. EIMS will also be assisting Harmony with the associated Water Use License and Air Emissions License required for the project. Please note your comments (and any responses thereto) will be captured and included as part of the public consultation record for the project, for submission to the decision-making Competent Authority (i.e the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources). The project has

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	recently completed a 30-day public review period for the Scoping Report. A second report (Environmental Impact Assessment Report) as well as all associated specialist studies are still being compiled and will be released for public review in the coming months. In regard to engagement with EIMS pertaining to community beneficiation, there is a social impact assessment that is currently being completed and will form part of the above-mentioned EIA report to be released for public review. This report and its associated mitigations and recommendations from a social perspective may address your concerns regarding the matter. Please look out for these reports when they are released, and if your concerns are still not met in a satisfactory way, there will be a public meeting scheduled during the EIA phase, you are more than welcome to attend the meeting and voice your concerns. Alternatively, you can draft a formal comment and send it to the project email: westwits@eims.co.za. The comments received will be submitted to the Competent Authority for consideration before granting the EA application. For any further communication and requests to register as I&APs, please contact the above-mentioned email.

Date 2026/06/02 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
Good day We would like to be considered through the planning and implementation of the aforementioned project as the affected community. We would like the project management to outline the scope of the project, phases of the project and the duration of the project. We would also like to know how is the project intending to empower our community, our local businesses and employment prospects. We would appreciate to be involved from the beginning to the end of this project. Thanks	Good day Lucky, Thank you for your comments, they have been received and noted. With regards to the scope, phases, and duration of the project please refer to the scoping report. Other questions can be answered during engagement with Harmony representatives, and it can be done during public meetings. Submission of comments during the EA application process is impactful and may sway the decision the Competent Authority makes. You are encouraged to interact with the report and submit further comments.

Mmatlala Rabothata

Date 2026/03/12 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
Good afternoon, Kindly send me the link to access the report for the abovementioned project. Your response will be much appreciated.	Good day, Please note that this proposed project is yet to go out for public review and comment. You are an I&AP and will get notified as soon as the Scoping Report is available for public review and comment. Attached is the website link where you can find all relevant documents on the project 1716 Harmony West Wits Reclamation Project EIA and WULA – EIMS. For any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Michael Leach

Comments and Responses 1716 Harmony West Wits Reclamation Project

Michael Leach

Date 2026/08/18 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
Good Day Mbali I hope you are doing well. With reference to the "Harmony West Wits Reclamation and Deposition Project (Ref. 1716)", I wanted to confirm where in the EIA process the project currently is? Has the Scoping Report been accepted and is the EIA phase underway? Thanks.	Good day Mr Leach, Thank you for your email. Yes, the final scoping report was accepted by the National Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources. We are currently still busy with finalising the EIA report, and it will be published for public review as soon as it is ready. For anything further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Khuliso Khomari

Date 2026/02/25 **Method** Email

Comment	Response
Dear Sir/Madam RE: Department of Forestry Fisheries and the Environment Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation on the 6th of February 2026 for review and comment on the project mentioned in the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Ms M Rabothata and Ms Khuliso Khomari (Copied in this email). Note, all Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation by email: *** for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.	Good day, Thank you for the update, all future communication will be forwarded to the aforementioned.