

05 February 2026

Our ref: 1735/LJ/mts

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir or Madam:

NOTIFICATION REGARDING OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED HARMONY ST HELENA 123 PIPELINE PROJECT, IN THE MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA.

Harmony Mining Company Ltd, hereafter referred to as the Applicant, has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with undertaking the required environmental authorisation processes (including the statutory public participation), and to compile and submit the required documentation in support of an application for:

- Environmental Authorisation (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA- Act 107 of 1998)- Listed activities:
 - Listing Notice 1: Activities 10 and 19.
 - Listing Notice 3: Activity 14.
- Water Use Licence (WUL) in accordance with the National Water Act (NWA- Act 36 of 1998) - Listed Water Uses:
 - Section 21(c) (impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse) and
 - Section 21(i) (altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse)

Additional listed activities and/or water uses may be identified during the process.

The Applicant is planning to construct a new return water pipeline between the St Helena 123 Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) Return Water Dam (RWD) and Dam 13, and in future will integrate with the low-pressure water system forming part of the Free State Reclamation Programme (specifically the proposed Nooitgedacht TSF project). The pipeline will have the following specifications:

- Length: approximately 11.4 km
- Diameter: 650 NB with 4.5 mm wall thickness
- Flanged steel pipe manufactured to SANS 719 standards
- Installed above-ground on prefabricated concrete plinths
- Design flow rate: 1,583 m³/hr (439 l/s)

The pipeline will follow a similar corridor proposed for the approved FSN1 Pipeline Project, thereby minimising additional environmental disturbance. The pipelines will be installed above-ground on pre-cast concrete plinths. The project area is located on Farm portions, Klippan 14 (Portion 2), Stuirmanspan 92 (Remaining Extent and Portion 1), Marmegeli 20 (Remaining Extent), and St Helena 42 (Portions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6) within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality, in the Lejweleputswa District Municipality, in the Free State Province. Please refer to attached project locality map.

EIMS will be following the procedures defined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GRN982 of 2014, as amended) for undertaking a Basic Assessment process. In accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, a public participation process will be undertaken. You are hereby invited to register and comment on the proposed project and application. In order to ensure that you are identified and registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and that your comments are captured, please submit your name, contact details, the reason for your interest or any comments, in writing or telephonically, to EIMS. Please note that only registered I&AP's will be informed of future project information and opportunities for participation.

By registering as an interested and affected party you consent to the collection and processing of your personal information as per the EIMS Privacy Notice available at www.eims.co.za/public-participation. In order to avoid missing out on opportunities for public participation please submit I&AP registrations as soon as possible to EIMS at:

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Please include the project reference number **1735** in all correspondence.

Further information will be available at www.eims.co.za/public-participation/. Please note that in the event that you are unable to access the website due to data constraints please contact EIMS for alternative arrangements.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind Regards,

EIMS Public Participation Team

05 Februarie 2026

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Aan wie dit mag aangaan

Geagte Meneer of Mevrouw:

KENNISGEWING OOR GELEENTHEID OM DEEL TE NEEM AAN DIE OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSAANSOEKPROSES VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE HARMONIE ST HELENA 123 PYPLYNPROJEK, IN DIE MATJHABENG PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT, VRYSTAATPROVINSIE, SUID-AFRIKA.

Harmony Mining Company Ltd, hierna verwys as die Applikant, het Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as die Omgewingsassesseringspraktisyn (EAP) aangestel om te help met die uitvoering van die vereiste omgewingsmagtigingsprosesse (insluitend die statutêre openbare deelname), en om die vereiste dokumentasie saam te stel en in te dien ter ondersteuning van 'n aansoek vir:

- Omgewingsmagtiging (EA) in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet (NEMA- Wet 107 van 1998) - Gelysde aktiwiteite:
 - Lyskennisgewing 1: Aktiwiteite 10 en 19.
 - Lyskennisgewing 3: Aktiwiteit 14.
- Watergebruiklisensie (WUL) in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Waterwet (NWA- Wet 36 van 1998) - Gelysde Watergebruike:
 - Artikel 21(c) (belemmering of afleiding van die vloei van water in 'n waterloop) en
 - Artikel 21(i) (verandering van die bedding, oewers, koers of kenmerke van 'n waterloop)

Addisionele gelysde aktiwiteite en/of watergebruike kan tydens die proses geïdentifiseer word.

Die aansoeker beplan om 'n nuwe terugvoerwaterpyplyn te bou tussen die St Helena 123 uitskotopbergingsfasiliteit (TSF) Terugvoerwaterdam (RWD) en Dam 13, en sal in die toekoms integreer met die laedrukwaterstelsel wat deel is van die Free State Reclamation Programme (spesifiek die voorgestelde Nooitgedacht TSF-projek). Die pyplyn sal die volgende spesifikasies hê:

- Lengte: ongeveer 11,4 km
- Deursnee: 650 NB met 4,5 mm wanddikte
- Flensstaalpylp vervaardig volgens SANS 719-standaarde
- Bo-gronds op voorafvervaardigde betonsokkels geïnstalleer
- Ontwerpvloeiempo: 1 583 m³/uur (439 l/s)

Die pyplyn sal 'n soortgelyke korridor volg wat voorgestel is vir die goedgekeurde FSN1-pyplynprojek, en sodoende bykomende omgewingsversteuring tot die minimum beperk. Die pyplyne sal bogronds op voorgemaakte betonsokkels geïnstalleer word. Die projekgebied is geleë op plaasgedeeltes Klippan 14 (Gedeelte 2), Stuurmanspan 92 (Oorblywende omvang en Gedeelte 1), Marmegeli 20 (Oorblywende omvang), en St Helena 42 (Gedeeltes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, en 6) binne die Matjhabeng Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, in die Lejweleputswa Distriksmunisipaliteit, in die Vrystaatprovinsie. Verwys asseblief na die aangehegte projek se lokaliteitskaart.

EIMS sal die prosedures volg wat in die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (EIA) Regulasies (GRN982 van 2014, soos gewysig) gedefinieer is om 'n Basiese Assesseringsproses uit te voer. In ooreenstemming met Hoofstuk 6 van die EIA-regulasies sal 'n openbare deelnameproses uitgevoer word. U word hiermee uitgenooi om te registreer en kommentaar te lewer op die voorgestelde projek en aansoek. Om te verseker dat u geïdentifiseer en geregistreer word as 'n Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP), en dat u kommentaar vasgelê word, dien asseblief u naam, kontakbesonderhede, die rede vir u belangstelling of enige kommentaar, skriftelik of per telefoon by EIMS in. Neem asseblief kennis dat slegs geregistreerde B&GP's ingelig sal word oor toekomstige projekinligting en geleenthede vir deelname.

Deur as 'n belanghebbende en geraakte party te registreer, stem u in tot die insameling en verwerking van u persoonlike inligting soos per die EIMS Privaatheidskennisgewing beskikbaar by www.eims.co.za/public-participation. Om te voorkom dat u geleenthede vir openbare deelname misloop, dien asseblief B&GP-registrasies so gou moontlik by EIMS in by:

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EIMS Verwysingsnommer: 1735

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Sluit asseblief die projekverwysingsnommer **1735** in alle korrespondensie in.

Meer inligting sal by www.eims.co.za/public-participation/ beskikbaar wees. Neem asseblief kennis dat, indien u nie toegang tot die webwerf kan kry nie weens databeperkings, asseblief EIMS kontak vir alternatiewe reëlins.

Kontak asseblief gerus die ondergetekende as u enige navrae of bekommernisse het.

Vriendelike groete,

EIMS Publieke Deelname-span

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Ho mang kapa mang ea ka amehang

Mohlomphehi kapa Mofumahali ea ratehang:

TSEBISO MABAPI LE MONYETLA OA HO NKA KAROLO TS'EBETSONG EA KOPO EA TUMELLO EA TIKOLOHO BAKENG SA MORERO O SISINTSWENG OA PHAEPHE 123 EA HARMONY ST HELENA, MASEPALENG OA SELEHAE OA MATJHABENG, PROFINSENG EA FREE STATE, AFRIKA BOROA.

Harmony Mining Company Ltd, eo hamorao ho thoeng ke Mokopi, e khethile Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) joalo ka Setsebi sa Tlhahlobo ea Tikoloho (EAP) ho thusa ho etsa lits'ebetso tse hlokahalang tsa tumello ea tikoloho (ho kenyeletsoa le ho nka karolo ha sechaba), le ho bokella le ho fana ka litokomane tse hlokahalang ho ts'ehetsa kopo ea:

- Tumello ea Tikoloho (EA) ho latela Molao oa Naha oa Tsamaiso ea Tikoloho (NEMA- Molao oa 107 oa 1998) - Mesebetsi e thathamisitsoeng:
 - Tsebisoe ea 1: Mesebetsi ea 10 le 19.
 - Tsebisoe ea 3: Mesebetsi oa 14.
- Laesense ea Ts'ebeliso ea Metsi (WUL) ho latela Molao oa Naha oa Metsi (NWA- Molao oa 36 oa 1998) - Ts'ebeliso ea Metsi e thathamisitsoeng:
 - Karolo ea 21 (c) (ho thibela kapa ho khelosa phallo ea metsi molapong oa metsi) le
 - Karolo ea 21 (i) (ho fetola bethe, mabanka, tsela kapa litšobotsi tsa molapo oa metsi)

Mesebetsi e meng e thathamisitsoeng le/kapa ts'ebeliso ea metsi e ka khetholloa nakong ea ts'ebetso.

Mokopi o rera ho aha phaephe e ncha ea metsi a khutlang lipakeng tsa St Helena 123 Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) Letamo la Metsi ea Khutlang (RWD) le Dam 13, 'me nakong e tlang e tla kopanngoa le sistimi ea metsi e nang le khatello e tla e etsang karolo ea Free State Reclamation Programme (haholo-holo projeke e reriloeng ea Nooitgedacht TSF). Phaephe e tla ba le litlhaloso tse latelang:

- Bolelele: hoo e ka bang 11.4 km
- Bophara: 650 NB le botenya ba lebota la 4.5 mm
- Phala ea tšepe e entsoeng ka tšepe e entsoeng ho latela litekanyetso tsa SANS 719
- E kentsoe ka holimo ho li-plinths tsa konkrite tse entsoeng pele
- Sekhahla sa phallo ea moralo: 1,583 m³ / hr (439 l / s)

Phala e tla latela phasejeng e ts'oanang e hlalositsoeng bakeng sa Projeke ea Phaephe ea FSN1 e amohelang, ka hona e fokotsa pherekano e eketsehileng ea tikoloho. Liphaephe li tla kenngoa ka holim'a lefatše ka li-plinths tsa konkrite tse entsoeng pele. Sebaka sa projeke se karolong ea Farm, Klippan 14 (Karolo ea 2), Stuirmanspan 92 (Karolo e Setseng le Karolo ea 1), Marmegeli 20 (Karolo e Setseng), le St Helena 42 (Likarolo tsa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 le 6) kahare ho Masepala oa Sebaka sa Matjhabeng, Masepaleng oa Setereke sa Lejweleputswa, Profinseng ea Free State. Ka kopo sheba 'mapa oa sebaka sa projeke.

EIMS e tla latela lits'ebetso tse hlalositsoeng ho Melao ea Tlhahlobo ea Tšusumetso ea Tikoloho (EIA) (GRN982 ea 2014, joalo ka ha e fetotsoe) bakeng sa ho etsa ts'ebetso ea Tlhahlobo ea Motheo. Ho latela Khaolo ea 6 ea Melaoana ea EIA, ts'ebetso ea ho nka karolo ha sechaba e tla etsoa. Ka hona, re u mema ho ingolisa le ho fana ka maikutlo mabapi le projeke le kopo e reriloeng. Bakeng sa ho etsa bonnete ba hore o khetholloa le ho ngodisiwa jwalo ka Mokha o nang le thahasello le o amehang (I&AP) le hore ditshwatshwao tsa hao di hapilwe, ka kopo romela lebitso la hao, dintlha tsa ho ikopanya, lebaka la thahasello ya hao kapa maikutlo afe kapa afe, ka ho ngola kapa ka mohala, ho EIMS. Ka kopo elelloa hore ke li-I&AP feela tse ngolisitsoeng tse tla tsebisoa ka tlhaiso-leseling ea projeke ea nako e tlang le menyetla ea ho nka karolo.

Ka ho ingolisa joalo ka motho ea nang le thahasello le ea amehang, o lumela ho bokelloa le ho sebetsana le tlhaiso-leseling ea hau ho latela Tsebiso ea Lekunutu ea EIMS e fumanehang ho www.eims.co.za/public-participation. Ho qoba ho lahlehela ke menyetla ea ho nka karolo ha sechaba, ka kopo romella ngoliso ea I&AP kapele kamoo ho ka khonehang ho EIMS ho:

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Ka kopo kenyelletsa nomoro ea referense ea projeke **1735** mangolo ohle.

Lintlha tse ling li tla fumaneha ho www.eims.co.za/public-participation/. Ka kopo elelloa hore haeba u sa khone ho fihlella sebaka sa marang-rang ka lebaka la lithibelo tsa data, ka kopo ikopanye le EIMS bakeng sa litokisetso tse ling.

Ka kopo ikutloe u lokolohile ho ikopanya le rona haeba u na le lipotso kapa matšoenyeho.

Ka boikokobetso

Sehlopha sa ho nka karolo ha sechaba sa EIMS



Locality Map

1735 Harmony St Helena 123 Pipelines BA and WUL

Legend

St Helena 123 RWD to 13 Dam

Towns

NFEPA Rivers

Railway Line

Roads

Arterial Road

Main Road

Secondary Road



Coord System: GCS WGS 1984

Datum: WGS 1984

Units: Degree

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