Dear Sir / Madam

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO ADDRESS THE ACID MINE DRAINAGE (AMD) ASSOCIATED WITH THE EAST, CENTRAL AND WEST RAND UNDERGROUND MINING BASINS IN THE GAUTENG PROVINCE

Draft Proceedings of Focus Group Meeting held on 7 September 2012 with Representatives of Environmental NGOs, Interest Groups, and Tourism and Recreation

Your participation during the Focus Group Meeting in September 2012 is much appreciated. At the meeting, attendees were introduced to the Feasibility Study for a Long-term Solution, and comments and inputs were invited to inform the study. Many valuable inputs and sources of information were received at this meeting and thereafter. Please find enclosed the draft proceedings of the meeting for your information. The meeting presentation is available on the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) website (see below).

In terms of progress with the study: Phase 1 (study initiation phase) is completed, while Phase 2 (pre-feasibility phase) is in the process of being concluded. Phase 3 (feasibility phase) is the final phase of this study and has commenced. Note that the complexity of the study necessitated an extension of the study contract. The Feasibility Study is due for completion on 31 July 2013 and will, thus, be conducted over an 18 month period.

The updated versions of the AMD Voids Report (Draft 3) have been made available on the website (http://www.dwa.gov.za/Projects/AMDFSRTLS). The draft reports of Phase 2 are expected to be made available to the public in due course, while the Phase 3 reports are expected to be made available towards the end of the study.

We thank you for your participation.

Yours sincerely,

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