DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE SASOL MINING (PTY) LTD.
IMPUMELELO MINE (MP 138 MR) EMP CONSOLIDATION

This Public Participation Plan is submitted to the DMRE\(^1\) in fulfilment of the GNR 650\(^2\) (5 June 2020), where it is stipulated that:

“A person (proponent/applicant, specialist, EAP\(^3\) or other professional) who performs the services must:

- prepare a written public participation plan, containing proposals on how the identification of and consultation with all potential I&APs will be ensured in accordance with regulation 41(2)(a) to (d) of the EIA Regulations or proposed alternative reasonable methods as provided for in regulation 41(2)(e) of the EIA Regulations, for purposes of the application and submit such plan to the competent authority;
- request a meeting or pre-application discussion with the relevant competent authority to determine the reasonable measures to be followed to identify potential I&APs and register IA&Ps for purposes of conducting public participation on an application requiring adherence to Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations as set out in the public participation plan and obtain agreement from the relevant competent authority on the public participation plan;
- For new applications, the public participation plan agreed with the competent authority must be annexed to the application form;
- Unless part of a site visit, virtual or telephonic meetings to be arranged with the relevant competent authority as set out in Annexure 2.”

It should be noted that the it was agreed during a pre-application consultation meeting with the DMRE on the 14\(^{th}\) of October 2020 that the proposed EMP consolidation would follow the process of a Part 1 amendment of the approved EMP.

1. PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESSES FOLLOWED (2018 EMP)

1.1 Advertising of the project

The proposed project was advertised to potential I&APs\(^4\) in various ways during 2018, as described in the sections following below. I&APs were given an opportunity to provide their comments and inputs to the proposed project. I&APs were afforded with a 30 day commenting period. The following items were included in the public consultation process that was followed:

- Newspaper advertisements:
  - Echo Ridge Times 15 January 2016 (Scoping Phase).
  - Echo Ridge Times 10 May 2017 (EIA Phase).
- On-site advertising:
  - Thirteen (13) notices placed around the site (Scoping Phase).
  - Thirteen (13) notices placed around the site (EIA Phase).
- Background information documents were made available to stakeholder, landowners and I&APs.
- Public / Authority meetings meetings:
  - A Scoping Phase public meeting was held on the 27th of January 2016 at the Sasol Mining Centre.
  - An EIA Phase public meeting was held on the 18th of May 2017 at the Impumelelo Mine Hall.
  - An authorities meeting was held on the 2\(^{nd}\) of March 2016 at the Sasol Mining Centre
- Availability of reports for public comment:

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\(^1\) DMRE: Department of Mineral Resources and Energy.
\(^3\) EAP: Environmental Assessment Practitioner.
\(^4\) I&AP: Interested and Affected Party
➢ The Scoping report was available for public comment from the 19th of January 2016 to the 19th of February 2016
➢ The EIA and EMP were available for public comment from the 12th of May 2017 to the 11th of June 2017

2. PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESSES TO BE FOLLOWED (Part 1 EMP AMENDMENT / CONSOLIDATION)

It is proposed that the Public Participation Plan, as discussed during the pre-application consultation be formalised. Therefore the following Public Participation Plan is proposed for the Part 1 EMP amendment / Consolidation project for the Impumelelo Mine.

2.1 Advertising of the project

The proposed project will be advertised to potential I&APs in various ways during the EIA Phase of the project. I&APs will be given an opportunity to provide their comments and inputs to the amended EIA / EMP.

2.1.1 Newspaper advertisement

A newspaper advertisement will be placed in the Echo Ridge Times. The newspaper will inform potential I&APs of the Project; that applications in terms of the NEMA (1998) (as required by the MPRDA (2002), for a Part 1 EMP amendment) and the NWA (1998) apply, and that they have an opportunity to comment on the project. A copy of the newspaper advertisement will be included in the final EIA / EMP prior to submission thereof to the Competent Authority.

2.1.2 On-site advertising

On site notices will be placed at different locations at or near the site that is open and accessible to the public during the time of notification (currently anticipated to be level 1 lockdown). The on-site notices aim to notify nearby landowners / occupiers that may have a direct interest in the project. Further, the notices will indicate that applications in terms of the NEMA (1998) (as required by the MPRDA (2002), for a Part 1 EMP amendment) and the NWA (1998) apply, and that they have an opportunity to comment on the project. A copy of the on-site notice will be included in the final EIA / EMP prior to submission thereof to the Competent Authority.

2.1.4 Direct notifications to RI&AP's

Were possible, persons that were previously identified or registered as I&APs will be directly notified of the project. Direct notifications will be sent to RI&APs including:

- Registered existing I&APs, from the existing I&AP data base.
- Landowners within the mine boundary area (including those not already directly affected by on site activities, where contact details are available).
- Landowners directly adjacent to the mine boundary area (where contact details could be obtained).
- Identified interested (commenting) authorities (including relevant Ward councillors).
- Any other I&APs identified where contact details were available.

A letter will be compiled to notify these I&APs of the project. The letter will include a request to provide comments on the project, and a request to provide details of any other I&APs they may consider to be interested in the project. A copy of this letter (generic) will be included in the final EIA / EMP prior to submission thereof to the Competent Authority.

2.3 Availability of reports for public comment

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5 I&AP: Interested and Affected Party
6 RI&AP: Registered Interested and Affected Parties
The draft EIA and EMPR will be compiled with the purpose of providing the public with more information about the proposed project and was intended specifically for public consultation. The draft EIA and EMPR will be made available to the public for a period of 30 days for their review and comment. The EIA and EMPR will be made available for viewing at the following locations:

- Clean Stream Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd website (www.cleanstream.co.za).
- Sasol Mining (Pty) Ltd. Impumelelo Mine Entrance - reception.
- The Val hotel (If allowed by the Library alternatively at the Municipality if accessible to the public during lockdown during the applicable lockdown level, anticipated to be Level 1).

The draft EIR and EMPR at the public venues will have pages at the front allowing I&APs to write any comments they may have on the document and the project. Comments can also be submitted directly to Clean Stream Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd via their website (www.cleanstream.co.za), e-mail (Natalie@cleanstream.co.za), fax (012 993 5988) or post (P.O. Box 32201, Glenstantia, 0010).