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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is the Public Participation Report, for the Southern Free State (SOFS) Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) Reference: FS-00040-MR/11 and the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)), DMPR Reference: FS-00093-MS/102 Environmental Authorisation application processes; and it provides a summary of the public participation activities undertaken in support of the application process. It further includes all comments, issues raised and responses provided during the consultation process, as well as proof of participation activities undertaken. What follows is a summary of the main activities undertaken and comments raised during the public participation process, and responses provided. Further details are provided within the report.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Description
BID	Background Information Document
Beisa	Sibanye-Stillwater's Beatrix 4 Shaft
CRR	Comments and Responses Report
DBAR	Draft Basic Assessment Report
DMPR	Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
FBAR	Final Basic Assessment Report
GCS	GCS Environment South Africa (Pty) Ltd
GN R	Government Notice Regulation
I&APs	Interested and Affected Parties
Neo Energy	Neo Uranium Resources South Africa
PPP	Public Participation Process
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998)
SEP	Stakeholder Engagement Plan
Sibanye Gold	Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited
SOFS	Southern Free State
Wits Gold	Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy), a subsidiary of Neo Energy Metals, has received key approvals from the South African Reserve Bank to proceed with the acquisition of Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold) Beatrix 4 Shaft (Beisa). In support of the acquisition, Sibanye-Stillwater is required to undertake the following actions:

- Transfer ownership of the Southern Free State (SOFs) Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), currently held by Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold), to Sibanye Gold.
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These administrative processes do not involve any modifications to the existing mining operations or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting systems will continue as previously authorised.

GCS Environment South Africa (Pty) Ltd (GCS) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to manage the Environmental Authorisation applications in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), and its associated regulations. As part of the public participation process (PPP), interested and affected parties must be notified of the proposed transaction and the associated environmental legislative requirements.

This report outlines the PPP concluded to support the Environmental Authorisation (EA) applications as part of the Basic Assessment processes. The PPP was conducted in accordance with the legal framework and guidelines stipulated in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (Government Notice Regulation (GN R) 982) (EIA Regulations, 2014), and the NEMA.

### 1.1 Objectives of the Public Participation Process

The PPP aims to ensure that all relevant stakeholders are provided with opportunities to participate in the project in a transparent and inclusive manner. The objectives of the PPP include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Identification and registration of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) on the project;
- Sharing of information about a project and its impacts with people whose lives it may affect;

- Consultation with I&APs regarding the project;
- Ensuring that stakeholder concerns and issues are known and heard by the project proponent and competent authorities;
- Incorporation of input and comments from I&APs into a Comments and Responses Report (CRR) for the project;
- Compliance with national legislation; and
- Establishment and maintenance of positive relationships with I&APs, including host communities.

## 1.2 Legal Framework

The legal framework for public participation is guided by Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 and in compliance with Section 24(5) and 44 of the NEMA.

As part of the PPP, the following key actions were taken to ensure compliance with the relevant legislation:

- Identifying pertinent stakeholders who represent diverse sectors of the public who may be impacted by or interested in the Project.
- Sharing information about the Project through various channels, such as the Background Information Document (BID), announcement and notification letters, newspaper advertisements, site notices and consultation with registered I&APs.
- Providing several and different opportunities for I&APs to comment on the project, and for them to verify that their comments were indeed considered in the PPP.

## 2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES

The PPP was executed in compliance with the regulations stipulated in the EIA Regulations, 2014. An integrated approach, conducting a combined PPP for both applications, was adopted to ensure effective engagement with stakeholders.

### 2.1 *Announcement to Local Municipalities*

An invitation letter (APPENDIX A) was sent on 2 June 2025 to the Offices of the Speaker of the Masilonyana and the Matjhabeng local municipalities respectively. The letter announced the intention of the applications, invited the participation of the municipalities and requested them to assist with hosting public meetings in their areas of jurisdiction. Matjhabeng Local Municipality provided their cooperation and assisted with the identification of a suitable public venue. Masilonyana Local Municipality requested to first have a clarification meeting. Subsequently, a virtual meeting was held on 19 June 2025 between representative of the Masilonyana Local Municipality, Sibanye-Stillwater and GCS during

which the applications were announced, and assistance was requested with the rolling-out of the PPP.

At the request of the Masilonyana Local Municipality, GCS and Sibanye-Stillwater attended a meeting on 15 July 2025 where GCS presented the public participation approach to a larger audience of Masilonyana Local Municipality representatives. A memorandum of the points discussed was made available to all who attended the meeting (APPENDIX A). As one of the outcomes of the meeting, the Masilonyana Local Municipality confirmed its willingness to assist in developing a public participation strategy in line with Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

For the remainder of July 2025 GCS attempted to convene an online workshop with the Masilonyana Local Municipality to jointly develop the public participation strategy. Despite several follow-up attempts, no response was received. A draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) (APPENDIX A) was submitted to the Masilonyana Local Municipality on 31 July 2025 requesting comments by 6 August 2025 to enable timely implementation of the plan. No response was received despite follow-up efforts.

Sibanye-Stillwater submitted a formal letter to the Masilonyana Local Municipality on 8 August 2025 emphasising the importance of finalising the SEP and highlighting the regulatory implications of continued delays. No response was received.

Sibanye-Stillwater submitted a formal letter to the Regional Manager of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) outlining the challenges faced and requesting guidance in terms of the process followed with the Masilonyana Local Municipality. Upon advice from the DMPR, a public meeting was not held in the Masilonyana municipal area and extension was received for the submission of the Final Basic Assessment Reports (FBARs) until 16 January 2026.

## 2.2 Development of Stakeholder Database

An existing stakeholder database, obtained from Sibanye Gold, was reviewed and updated. The updated database included I&APs grouped into the following categories:

- Authorities: National and Provincial;
- District and Local Municipalities: Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities;
- Environmental Non-Profit Organisations: Including the Federation for Sustainable Environment;
- Adjacent Landowners and those residing in the Mining Rights areas;

The stakeholder database is included as APPENDIX A.

## 2.3 Public Participation Media

In compliance with NEMA, the following public participation media were employed during the assessment:

### 2.3.1 Publication of Newspaper Advertisements

Newspaper advertisements in English and Sesotho were published as follows:

Newspaper	Date
Masilonyana News	15 November 2025
Free State Sun	31 October 2025
Sowetan	30 October 2025
Vista	30 October 2025

The listed newspapers are all distributed in the Mining Rights and surrounding areas. The advertisement notified I&APs of the project, invited them to register and provide comments on the Draft Basic Reports (DBARs). Refer to APPENDIX B for proof of the placement of the advertisements.

### 2.3.2 Site Notices

Site notices in English and Sesotho were placed on 13 November 2025 in public locations around the project area to inform I&APs about the project and encourage their registration and participation. A table and map indicating the location of site notices are provided in APPENDIX D.

### 2.3.3 Background Information Document and Registration and Comment Form

The BID, which was available in English and Sesotho provided details on the applications, availability of the DBARs, environmental regulatory processes, opportunities for participation and was distributed on 13 November 2025 via email to registered I&APs. A Registration and Comment Form accompanied the BID to facilitate stakeholder registration and feedback. Refer to APPENDIX E.

### 2.3.4 Announcement of the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Reports

On 11 November 2025, stakeholders were notified of the availability of the DBARs via email and SMS. The DBARs were accessible electronically on two separate websites and in hard copy at the locations listed below.

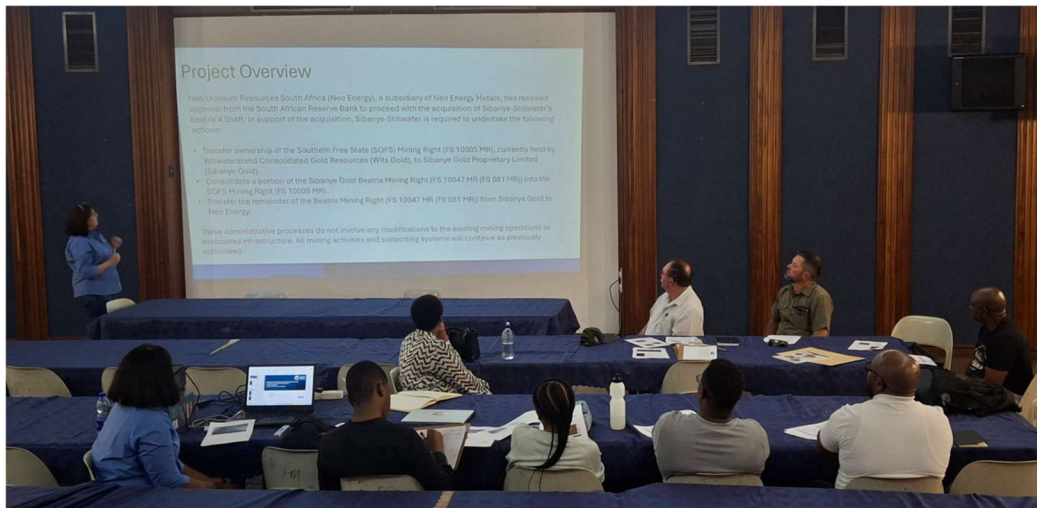
Place	Address
<b>Hard copies:</b>	
Meloding Public Library	Meloding Street, Virginia
Virginia Public Library	Virginia Garden Circle
Welkom City Library	Welkom Central, Welkom
Theunissen Public Library	Le Roux Street, Pienaar Ave, &, Theunissen
<b>Electronic copies:</b>	
GCS Website	<a href="https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/">https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/</a>
Sibanye's Data Free Portal	<a href="https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login">https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login</a>

Proof of delivery is provided in APPENDIX F.

A legislated 30-day review period was provided for stakeholders to review and comment on the DBARs, spanning 14 November 2025 to 8 January 2026. Notification emails are included in APPENDIX F, and SMS notifications which were sent on 12 November 2025 are included as APPENDIX G.

#### 2.3.4.1 Public meeting to review the contents of the Draft Reports

A public meeting was held on 26 November at 14:00 at the Ferdie Meyer Hall in Welkom. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss the content of the Draft Basic Assessment Reports. Notice of the meeting was provided in email notifications, in the advertisements published, site notices placed. The meeting was attended by members of the community who reside in the Mining Rights area. APPENDIX H provides the attendance register and presentation delivered during the meeting. The discussions which took place during the meeting are included in the CRR.



*A public meeting was held on 26 November 2025 at the Ferdie Meyer Hall in Welkom.*

#### 2.3.5 Announcement of the availability of the Final Basic Assessment Reports

The CRR was appended to the FBARs for submission to the DMPR. The FBARs were released electronically on the GCS and Sibanye websites for stakeholders to verify the accuracy of their comments and how these comments have been considered in the submissions. Notifications regarding the FBARs' submission were sent via email and SMS on 19 January 2026.

Notification of the decision to be taken on the application by the DMPR will be distributed to I&APs. They will also be informed of the appeals procedure.

### **3 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT**

All comments received from the announcement in November 2025 and from the public review of the DBARs were captured in a CRR (APPENDIX I). The CRR is appended to the FBARs as a full record of issues raised to date, including responses on how the issues were considered.

### **4 CONCLUSION**

A comprehensive PPP was conducted for the project, ensuring extensive efforts to inform and engage I&APs. The stakeholder database was regularly updated to maintain effective communication, and notifications and reports were disseminated through multiple channels.

The process adhered to legal requirements and principles of transparency, providing all relevant stakeholders with an opportunity to contribute and be heard.

The DMPP will assess the FBARs and make an informed decision on whether the project should be approved. The decision will be communicated to I&APs as per the regulatory requirements.

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## APPENDIX A - COMMUNICATION WITH THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

- 2 June 2025 - Letter to municipalities.
- 19 June 2025 - Introductory virtual meeting: Representatives of GCS, Sibanye, and the Masilonyana Local Municipality met virtually to introduce the applications and outline the statutory PPP requirements.
- 23 June 2025 - letters to DMPR extension in timelines.
- 9 July 2025 - Follow-up face-to-face meeting: At the request of the Masilonyana Local Municipality, GCS and Sibanye attended a meeting where GCS presented the PPP approach. The Municipality confirmed its willingness to assist in developing a PPP strategy in line with Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations. See pre-statement attached and memo of meeting held with Masilonyana Municipality on 17 July 2025.
- 14-30 July 2025 - Attempts to arrange online workshop: GCS attempted to convene an online workshop with the Municipality to jointly develop the PPP strategy. Despite several follow-up attempts, no response was received.
- 31 July 2025 - Submission of Draft SEP: In the absence of feedback, GCS prepared and submitted a Draft SEP requesting comments by 6 August 2025 to enable timely PPP implementation. No response was received despite follow-up effort. See email attached.
- 27 August 2025 - letters to DMPR extension in timelines.
- 8 August 2025 - Formal request for SEP review: Sibanye submitted a formal letter to the Municipality emphasising the importance of finalising the SEP and highlighting the regulatory implications of continued delays. No response was received. The letter from Sibanye sent to the municipality is attached.
- 18 August 2025 - Request for DMPR guidance: Sibanye submitted a formal letter to the Regional Manager of the DMPR outlining the challenges faced and requesting guidance. Attached the Sibanye letter 18 Aug 25 and the letter to the DMPR.



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Our Reference 25-019 - Letter to Masilonyana Local Municipality

2 June 2025

Office of the Speaker  
Masilonyana Local Municipality  
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Attention: Stephen Makata

Dear Sir

**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE SOUTHERN FREE STATE MINING RIGHT (MR) (FS 10005 MR) AND THE BEATRIX MR (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))**

Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy), a subsidiary of Neo Energy Metals, has received key approvals from the South African Reserve Bank to proceed with the acquisition of Sibanye-Stillwater's Beatrix 4 shaft (BEISA). In support of the acquisition, Sibanye-Stillwater is required to undertake the following actions:

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In this regard, GCS plan to hold a Public Meeting on Thursday, 10 July 2025, at 17h00. We would appreciate your advice on whether this date and time are suitable. Furthermore, we kindly request your assistance to arrange a suitable municipal venue for this purpose. Your support in identifying an accessible and appropriate location for the event would be greatly appreciated.

Should you wish to meet with us to further discuss the project or the planned public participation process, we would gladly make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to engaging with the Municipality and working together to ensure a transparent and inclusive public participation process.

Yours sincerely

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Our Reference Letter to Matjhabeng Local Municipality

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Attention: Bheki Stofile

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**RE: WITS GOLD PROPRIETARY LIMITED SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SOFS) MINING RIGHT (FS 10005 MR) - REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION IN TIMEFRAME IN TERMS OF REGULATION 3(7) THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS**

Dear Sir/ Madam

On behalf of Wits Gold Proprietary Limited (Wits Gold), GCS Water & Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd (GCS) submitted an application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) through a Basic Assessment (BA) process on 14 May 2025. The Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) accepted the application on 21 May 2025 and assigned reference number FS-00040-MR/11 to the project.

In terms of Regulation 23(1) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the applicant is required to submit the Final Basic Assessment Report (BAR) along with comments received from registered interested and affected parties (I&APs) and relevant organs of state, within 90 days of the DMPR's acceptance of the application. Accordingly, the Final BAR is currently due for submission by 19 August 2025.

However, following the acceptance of the application, the Masilonyana Local Municipality requested a formal meeting between GCS, Wits Gold, the Mayor, and Ward Councillors, on the 2 July 2025, to review and adapt the public participation approach to ensure it meets the specific needs of the local communities. This unforeseen requirement for expanded consultation and engagement, which was not anticipated during the initial planning phase, has introduced delays that will impact GCS's ability to meet the regulated submission deadline.

In accordance with Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the DMPR may, prior

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to the expiry of the prescribed period, grant a written extension if the scope of work needs to be expanded due to unforeseen circumstances or exceptional factors. GCS therefore respectfully submits a formal request, on behalf of Wits Gold, for a 60-day extension to the current deadline for submission of the Final BAR, thereby extending the deadline to 18 October 2025.

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**Subject:** Southern Free State (SOF5) / Beatrix - Neo Energy Transaction  
(Masilonyana Local Municipality Public Participation Meeting - 9 July 2025)

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**Date:** 17 July 2025

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## **Background**

A meeting was held with representatives of the Masilonyana Local Municipality (MLM) at the municipal chambers on 9 July 2025 to provide the municipality with an overview of the proposed project and to outline the statutory requirements for public participation in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA).

The objective of the engagement was to discuss and agree on an appropriate strategy for notifying and consulting with interested and affected parties in compliance with Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations. Furthermore, the meeting sought the municipality's guidance on suitable timelines and venues for conducting public meetings and on the placement of the draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for public review.

## **Project Overview**

GCS presented an overview of the project, including the project description, its purpose, and the associated environmental and regulatory processes to be undertaken. The presentation outlined the steps required to enable Sibanye to complete the proposed transfer and consolidation of the Beatrix and SOFS mining rights in accordance with the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA), and the environmental authorisation process as regulated by the NEMA and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The presentation further emphasised the importance of stakeholder consultation and compliance with all statutory obligations to ensure that the transfer and consolidation processes are undertaken transparently and in accordance with good environmental governance principles.

## **Open Discussion**

Following the presentation, the meeting was opened for a question-and-answer session during which representatives of the MLM raised several requests and suggestions relating to the PPP.

The following points were noted:

- Site notices are to be displayed at key public locations to maximise community awareness, specifically at the municipal offices, local libraries, local shops, and petrol stations.
- The municipality's official Facebook page is to be utilised as an additional platform to inform the community about the PPP and to provide updates regarding the project.
- Local newspapers with reach across communities within the MLM area is to be used to advertise the project and to notify the public of the availability of the draft BAR for comment.

The Speaker of the House representing the MLM, facilitated further discussions with municipal representatives during which various issues were raised by the councillors, primarily relating to historical challenges and the current relationship between the municipality and Sibanye.

The following key points were noted during the discussion:

- The need for greater support for tertiary education and skills development initiatives to ensure that the youth of Masilonyana are equipped to access employment and procurement opportunities at Sibanye.
- The alleged non-payment of municipal rates and taxes by Sibanye were highlighted. It was noted that this has contributed significantly to the deterioration of the relationship between Sibanye and the MLM.
- Sibanye has invested in the development of other areas, such as the Eastern Cape (cited as an example where a school was developed), rather than prioritising funding for development projects within the MLM.
- There is a general perception within local communities that Sibanye has not sufficiently invested in the development of the MLM area and that neighbouring communities are receiving preference with respect to social investment and local economic development initiatives.

### **Sibanye Response**

Mr Letlhogonolo Mohosh, Unit Manager for Community Affairs at Sibanye Beatrix Mine, responded to the issues raised by the various councillors and representatives from the MLM. The following key points were noted:

- Sibanye has undertaken several projects within the MLM, citing examples such as the road resurfacing project and the upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant. Sibanye had invested significant capital in these initiatives in line with its Social and Labour Plan (SLP) commitments for the period 2017 to 2022.
- Communication and awareness regarding these projects and engagements with relevant community structures require improvement to ensure that the broader community is informed about both completed and planned projects
- The projects currently planned as part of the new SLP under development was outlined. Sibanye is engaging various structures within the Masilonyana area to ensure meaningful consultation. Meetings will be held with different business forums and community structures to present proposed projects and to gather input and feedback from stakeholders in the municipality.

### **Way Forward**

The following key outcomes as the way forward were noted:

- Sibanye will meet with the MLM Executive to address historical matters relating to the alleged non-payment of municipal rates and taxes. This meeting is scheduled for either 28 or 29 July.
- Sibanye will meet with various community structures and business forums on 16 July to present the proposed projects that will form part of the current SLP under development.
- Sibanye will circulate a report to the MLM detailing the projects which have been implemented within the Masilonyana community to date.
- GCS will continue to plan and coordinate the public participation strategy for the project while engagements between Sibanye and the MLM proceed. It was agreed that the following MLM representatives will work with GCS towards the implementation of the PPP:
  - Ms Grace Lebusho.
  - MS V.D Kobi.
  - Mr Champ Mohaphi.

GCS will continue to engage with the designated MLM representatives to develop a proposed strategy for implementing the PPP. However, final approval of the strategy will be subject to the conclusion of the ongoing discussions between Sibanye and the MLM.



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## APPENDIX A - MEETING ATTENDANCE REGISTER



## Attendance Register

**Wednesday, 9 July 2025 at 10:00: Meeting with the Masilonyana Local Municipality**




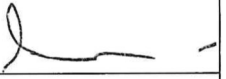

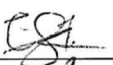

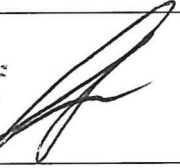
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1. SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SOFS) MINING RIGHT (FS 10005 MR): DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11

AND

2. THE BEATRIX MINING RIGHT (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)): DMRE Reference: FS-00093-MS/102

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# Southern Free State (SOFS) / Beatrix – Neo Energy Transaction Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited

Masilonyana Local Municipality

Date: 9 July 2025

Time: 10h00 – 11h30

# Agenda



Welcome and  
Introductions



Existing Mining Rights



Environmental  
Authorisation  
Process



Environmental Impact Assessment  
Regulations (Public Participation)



Proposed Public  
Participation Strategy



Open Discussion and  
Way forward

# Existing Mining Rights



**Sibanye Gold Limited (Sibanye Gold)**  
Mining Right FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)

**Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold)**  
Mining Right FS 10005 MR

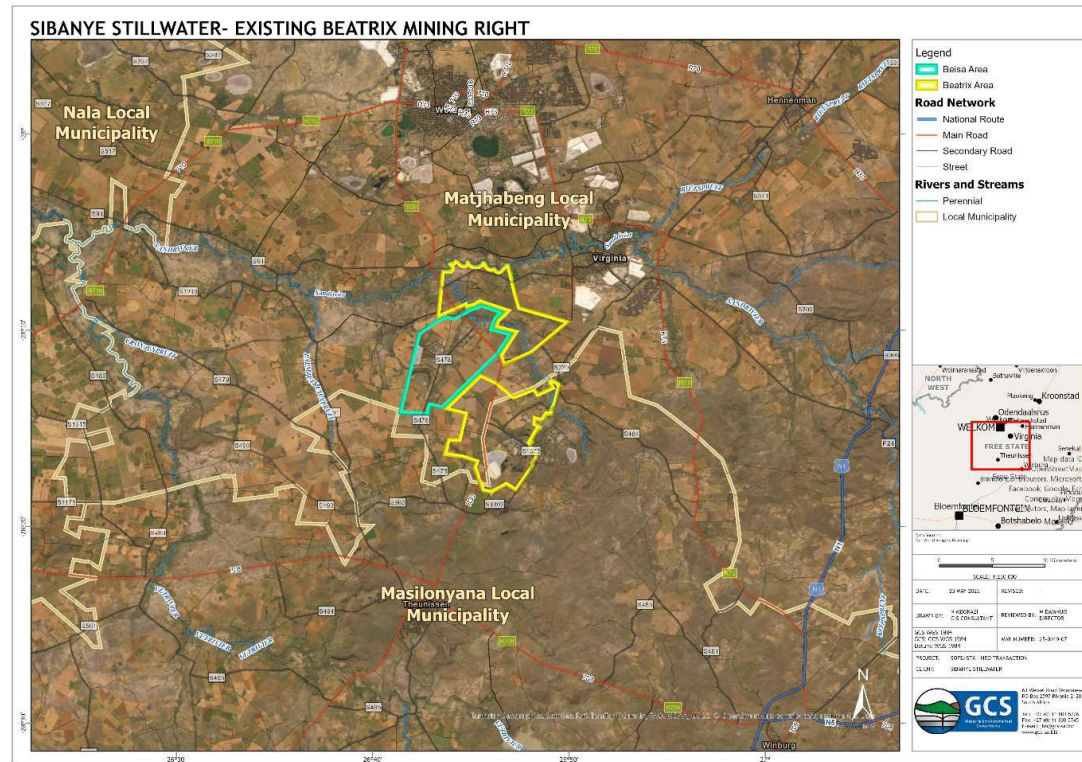


# Sibanye Gold Limited (Sibanye Gold)

The **existing Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))** is situated within the Free State Province, in the Magisterial Districts of Theunissen and Ventersburg. It is located approximately 25 km south of Virginia, within the jurisdiction of both the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities.

Beatrix Mining Right comprises:

- Four Shafts (three operational and one on care and maintenance)
- Two Metallurgical Plants
- Four Tailings Storage Facilities (TSF)
- Five Surface Waste Rock Dumps (WRD)
- Return Water and Evaporation Dams
- Other Supporting infrastructure

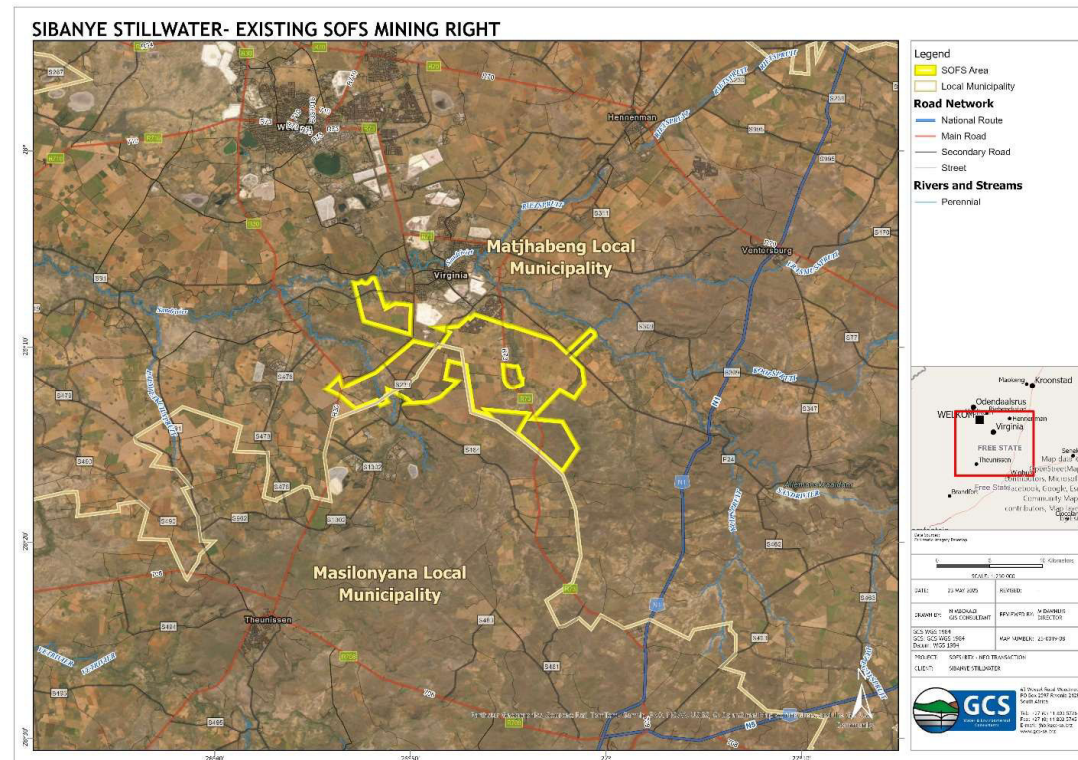


# Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold)

The **Southern Free State (SOFS) existing Mining Right (FS 10005 MR)** is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of Ventersburg, Theunissen and Winburg. The Mining Right is located approximately 6 km south of Virginia, within the jurisdiction of both the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities.

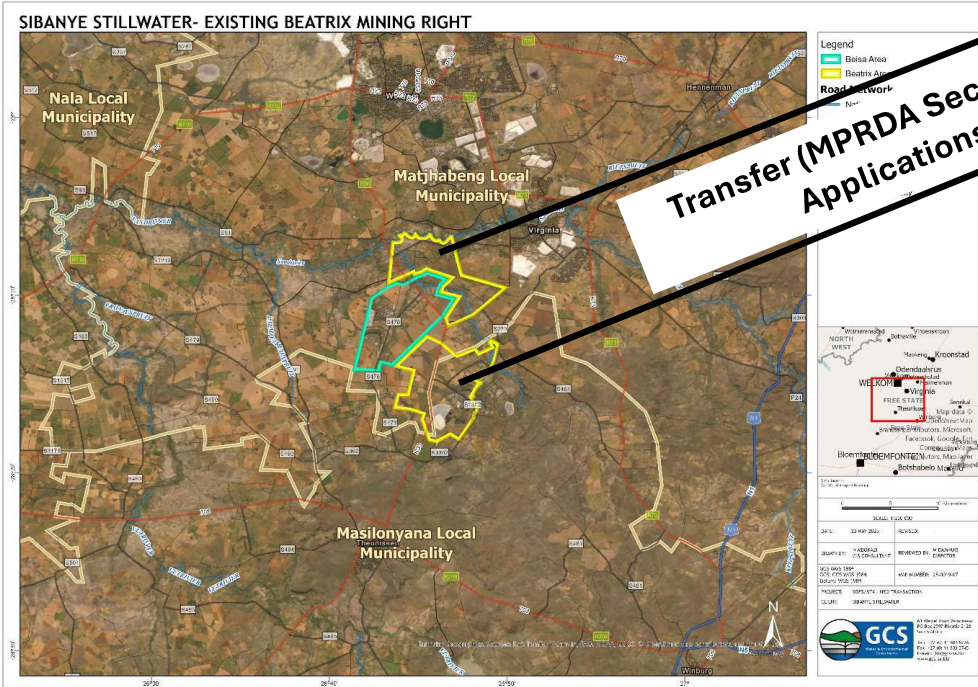
Currently no mining taking place, however the following has been approved:

- Shafts
- Metallurgical Plant
- TSF
- WRDs
- Stormwater Management and Pollution Control Dams
- Sewerage Treatment Plant
- Supporting Infrastructure

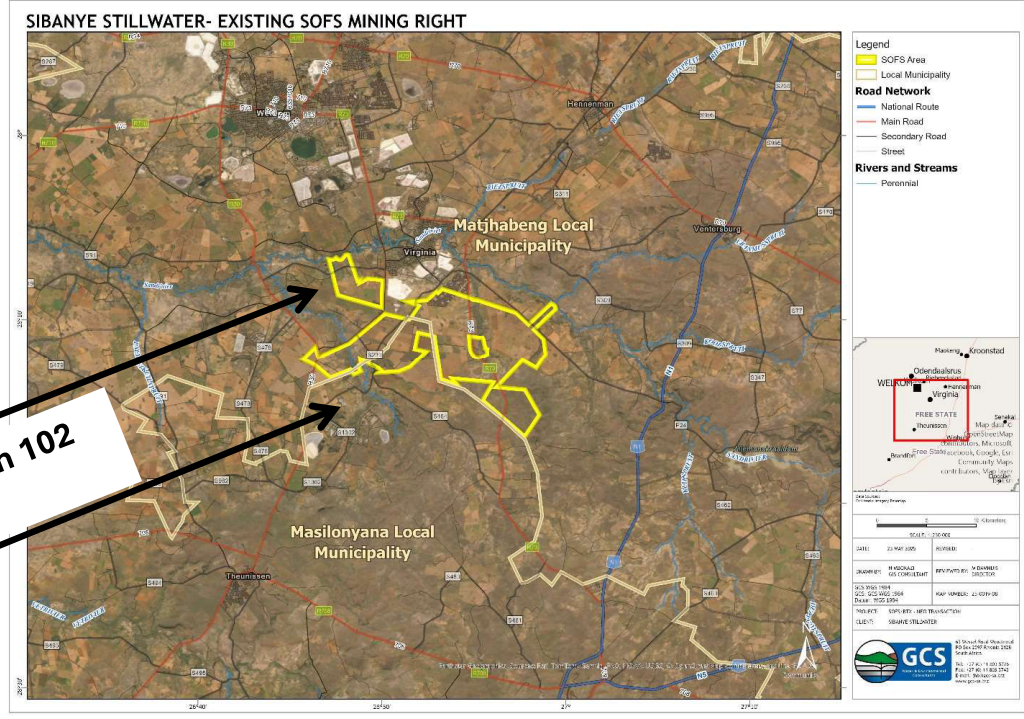


# Project Overview

Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)



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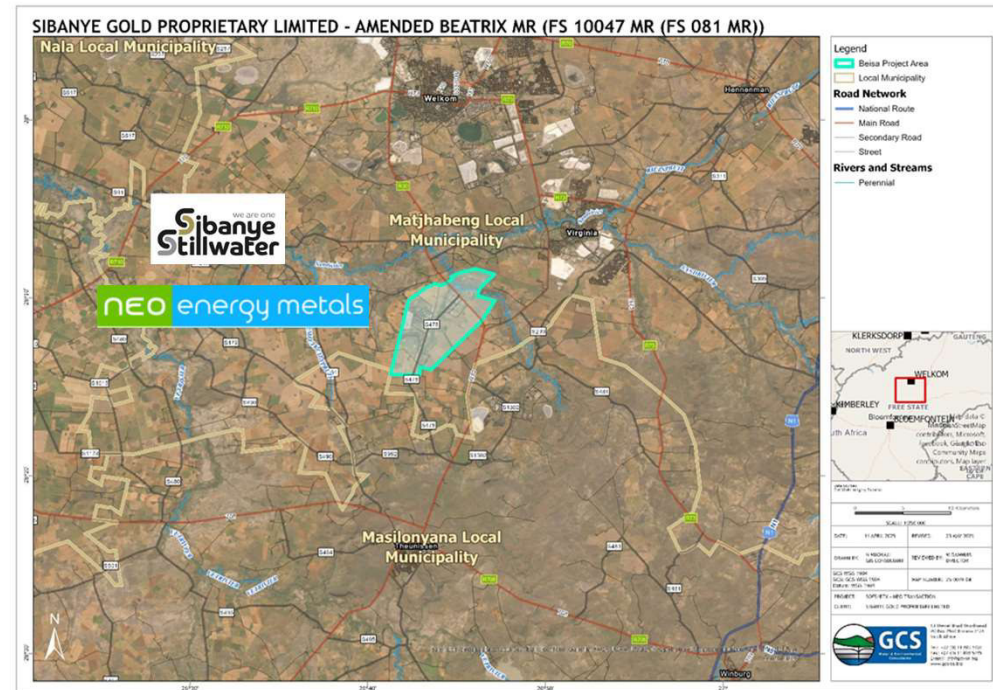


SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR)

# Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))

Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)), will then be transferred to Neo Energy, which includes:

- No. 4 Shaft
- No. 4 Metallurgical Plant
- Associated TSF and WRD
- Return Water and Evaporation Dams
- Other Supporting infrastructure



# SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR)

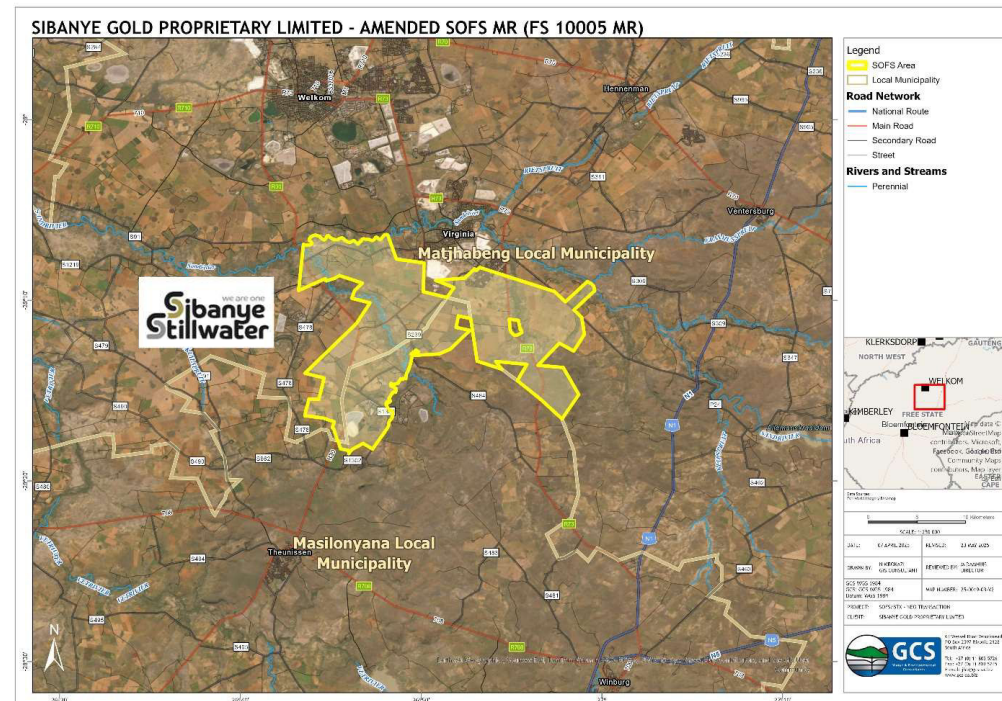
## SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR)

### Operational Mining Activities (from Beatrix):

- Three Shafts (operational)
- Metallurgical Plant
- Associated TSF and WRD
- Return Water and Evaporation Dams
- Other Supporting infrastructure

### Authorised Mining Activities (from SOFS):

- Shafts
- Metallurgical Plant
- TSF
- WRDs
- Stormwater Management and Pollution Control Dams
- Sewerage Treatment Plant
- Supporting Infrastructure



# Environmental Authorisation Process

*The project does not involve any modifications to the current mining operations or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting systems will continue as previously authorised, with no changes to the scope, methods, or physical structures on site.*

## **National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA)**

- The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations require that a Basic Assessment Application Process be undertaken should a Section 102 permit be required under the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA).
- A Section 102 permit allows the holder of an existing right or permit to apply for an amendment when the scope or nature of the operation changes.



# Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Public Participation)

## **Public Participation Process (as per EIA Regulations)**

- Identify Interested & Affected Persons (I&APs)
  - Landowners, occupiers, authorities, communities, and any interested parties
- Notify I&APs
  - Written notices, site notices, and newspaper adverts
- Place Notices
  - Clear signs on site & local public points
- Provide Access
  - Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) must be available for 30 days for comment
- Record & Respond
  - Capture all comments; compile a Comments & Response Report
- Engage Further
  - Hold meetings if necessary (recommended for sensitive projects)
- Inform Outcome
  - Notify all I&APs of the authority's decision and the right to appeal

# Proposed Public Participation Strategy

## **Proposed Engagement Activities:**

### **Announcement**

- Newspaper Advertisement – Sowetan, Vista, Free State Sun and Masilonyana News
- Site Notices – Locations to be confirmed
- Background Information Document (emailed)
- Flyers (handed out)

### **Public Meeting**

- Date: TBC
- Time: 14h00
- Venue: TBC

### **Availability of Reports**

- Locations:
  - Physical locations – for hard copy reports TBC
  - Sibanye's data free portal:  
<https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login>
  - GCS Website: <https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/>



# Discussion and Way Forward

Thank you





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## **Masilonyana Local Municipality Public Participation Plan**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy), a subsidiary of Neo Energy Metals, has received key approvals from the South African Reserve Bank to proceed with the acquisition of Sibanye-Stillwater's Beatrix 4 shaft. In support of the acquisition, Sibanye-Stillwater is required to undertake the following actions:

- Transfer ownership of the Southern Free State (SOFS) Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), currently held by Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold), to Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold).
- Consolidate a portion of the Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR renewal of FS 081 MR) into the SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR).
- Transfer the remainder of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) from Sibanye Gold to Neo Energy.

GCS Environment South Africa (Pty) Ltd (GCS) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to manage the Environmental Authorisation (EA) applications in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), and its associated regulations.

Please note that these administrative processes do not involve any modifications to the existing mining operations or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting systems will continue as previously authorised.

### 1.1 Location

The existing Wits Gold SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR) is located within the Free State Magisterial Districts of Ventersburg, Theunissen, and Winburg. It lies approximately 6 kilometres south of Virginia, within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality. Similarly, the existing Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR, previously FS 081 MR), held by Sibanye Gold, is situated in the Magisterial Districts of Theunissen and Ventersburg, approximately 25 kilometres south of Virginia, also within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality.

### 1.2 Applications for Environmental Authorisation

#### 1.2.1 Southern Free State Mining Right (FS 10005 MR)

This application for EA by way of a Basic Assessment (BA) comprises the consolidation of a portion of Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into Wits Gold SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), while simultaneously being transferred to Sibanye Gold. The listed activity that triggers the need for a BA is Activity 21(d) of Listing Notice 1 (GN R 983), which relates to any activity (including the continued operation of that activity) that requires an amendment or variation to a right or permit in terms of section 102 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA).

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### **1.2.2 Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))**

This application for EA, by way of a BA comprises the consolidation of the portion of Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into Wits Gold SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR). The listed activity that triggers the need for a BA is Activity 21(d) of Listing Notice 1 (GN R 983), which relates to any activity (including the continued operation of that activity) that requires an amendment or variation to a right or permit in terms of section 102 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA). The Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) will thereafter only contain the following infrastructure:

- Beatrix 4 Shaft.
- Metallurgical Plant.
- Tailings Storage Facility (TSF).
- Waste Rock Dump.
- Waste Water Treatment Works.
- Pollution Control Dams and Evaporation Dams.

## **2 PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT**

Public consultation is required for the proposed application process towards the consolidation and transfer of the Mining Rights. This public participation plan has been compiled in accordance with the requirements for the undertaking of a Public Participation Process (PPP) as contemplated in terms of National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998, (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA, 1998) and Chapter 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (Government Notice Regulation (GN R) 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended) (EIA Regulations, 2014). The plan details how the identification and method of consultation with the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be undertaken in accordance with regulation 41(2)(a) to (d) of the EIA Regulations.

The development of this plan follows a meeting which was held with the Masilonyana Local Municipality on 9 July 2025 in terms of the proposed applications and the best way forward to provide opportunities for public participation in these applications.

## **3 PROPOSED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

The main objectives of the PPP are to:

- Identify key stakeholders (i.e., NGOs, municipalities, government departments, traditional authorities) and I&APs (i.e., surrounding businesses, residents, community members, landowners, interested members of the public).

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- Inform key stakeholders and I&APs about the project and the assessment process.
  - Establish lines of communication between I&APs and the project team to consider potentially contentious issues.
  - Provide opportunity to all parties to exchange information and express their views and raise issues and concerns relating to the proposed project.
  - Obtain contributions of I&APs and ensure that issues, concerns and queries raised are documented and considered as part of the assessment process.

### **3.1 Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) Database**

Existing stakeholder and I&AP databases will be sourced for review and updating. The following sectors of society will be included within the database which will be used to notify stakeholders of these applications:

- National, provincial (Free State) and local government (Matjhabeng Local Municipality, Masiilonyana Local Municipality and Lejweleputswa District Municipality) and tribal authorities.
- Landowners and neighboring landowners.
- Agriculture, water bodies and farmers' organisations.
- National and local media.
- Neighboring industry and mining, business and commerce
- Conservation and environmental bodies, both as authorities and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).
- Community representatives, Community-Based Organization (CBOs), development bodies.
- Representatives for disadvantaged people, women and youth.

### **3.2 Competent Authority Consultation**

A pre-application consultation meeting was held with the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) in order to determine the correct application process to be followed, confirm listed activities to be applied for, the DMPR's initial concerns, and confirmation of specialist investigations required in support of the applications. DMPR as the Competent Authority (CA) will be continuously consulted during the various stages of the application process. For further amendment applications, the various competent authorities will be consulted.

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### 3.3 Project Announcement and review of the Draft Basic Assessment reports

The first step of this phase follows global best practice by informing I&APs of the proposed project and inviting them to register as interested and affected parties. The second step will entail the review of the draft reports and soliciting comments for consideration in the finalisation of the reports. The following tasks are envisaged:

- Background Information Document (BID): (Available for distribution by **29 August 2025**). A BID will be compiled which will provide a summary of the proposed project and the process to be undertaken. The BID will be circulated to all identified I&APs as per the I&AP database. The BID will be available in English and Sesotho.
- Advertisements: (Placement by 1 September 2025). Advertisements as per regulation 41(2)(c) and 41(3) of the EIA Regulations will be placed in national and local newspapers, informing the public of the project and the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Reports for public review for 30 days. Advertisements will be published in English and Sesotho in the Sowetan, Free State Sun and Masilonyana News newspapers.
- Site Notices: (Placed by XXX August 2025). Site Notices as per regulation 41(2)(a), 41(3) and (4) of the EIA Regulations will be placed at pertinent locations around the site. Notices will be published in English and Sesotho. **Twenty site notices** will be placed in the project area.
- Written Notice: (Distributed via email by **29 August 2025**). Written notice as per regulation 41(2)(b) of the EIA Regulations, in the form of emails will be sent to all I&APs on the database which include landowners, residents, municipal councillors, organs of state and any other party required by the CA. Notices in the form of pamphlets will be provided to all the residents on the properties which will be included in the amended Mining Right.
- Placement of the Draft Basic Assessment Reports for review: (**1 September to 1 October 2025**). The Draft Basic Assessment Reports will be made available to I&APs, either electronically or hardcopy at publicly accessible locations (these will include public libraries).  
The reports will also be available electronically on GCS's website, <https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/> and Sibanye's data free portal, <https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login>. **Hard copies will be placed at Meloding Public Library, Meloding Street, Virginia and Virginia Public Library, Virginia Garden Circle**. Soft copies can be made available on request.
- Public Meetings: (**Week of 15 September to 19 September 2025**). Public meetings will be held to inform the I&APs of the planned project in more detail and to obtain comments and concerns to be addressed in the finalisation of the reports. The meetings will be held

at central locations in or near the project area. The public meetings will be held on **XXX September 2025**, 17h00 at **(Venue)**.

- **Comment and Response Report (CRR):** A CRR will be compiled, detailing as per requirements all the comments received and responses thereto.
- **Notification of submission of final reports and availability for comment:** A notification will be sent to I&APs informing them of the submission of the final reports and the availability of these reports on the GCS website **(16 October 2025)**.

Please refer to Appendix A for a detailed Public Participation Plan Matrix , Figure 3-1 illustrates the Public Participation Process to be undertaken.



Figure 3-1:Project Announcement Public Participation Process

### 3.4 Advising stakeholders of Authority Decision

Registered I&APs will be advised in writing that the authorities' decisions are available, and copies offered for review. I&APs will be advised of the appeals procedure and will be thanked for their time and participation.

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## **4 CONCLUSION**

This document outlines the proposed Public Participation Process to be undertaken for the project. It also sets out the division of roles and responsibilities between GCS and Sibanye to ensure that stakeholder engagement is conducted in accordance with the EIA Regulations and to the satisfaction of the DMRE. GCS will ensure that, should any uncertainty arise during the consultation process, the DMPR will be engaged and consulted to determine the most appropriate course of action.

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**APPENDIX A : PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN MATRIX**

**Table 1: Public Participation Plan Matrix**

#	Item	Activity	Responsibility	Date	
A	Competent Authority Consultation	1	DMRE Pre-Application Meeting		
		1.1	Set up Pre-Application Meeting	Sibanye & GCS	8 April 2025
		1.2	Distribute of Pre-Application Minutes of Meeting	GCS	
		2	Submission of Application Form and Draft Basic Assessment Reports (DBARs)		
		2.1	GCS receive final approval of the DBARs from Client	Sibanye	
		2.2	Finalise & package cover letter, Application Form and DBARs for submission Printing	GCS	14 May 2025
		2.3	Submit Applications & DBARs to CA	GCS	14 May 2025
		3	Confirm CA receipt of Application & DBARs	DMRE	
		4	Review and Final Sign-off on Final Basic Assessment Reports (FBAR)	Sibanye	
		5	Submission of FBARs		
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2 June 2025

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Attention: Stephen Makata

Dear Sir

**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE SOUTHERN FREE STATE MINING RIGHT (MR) (FS 10005 MR) AND THE BEATRIX MR (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))**

Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy), a subsidiary of Neo Energy Metals, has received key approvals from the South African Reserve Bank to proceed with the acquisition of Sibanye-Stillwater's Beatrix 4 shaft (BEISA). In support of the acquisition, Sibanye-Stillwater is required to undertake the following actions:

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Please note that these administrative processes do not involve any modifications to the existing mining operations or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting systems will continue as previously authorised.

GCS Environment South Africa (Pty) Ltd (GCS) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to manage the environmental authorisation applications in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), and its associated regulations. As part of the public participation process, interested and affected parties must be notified of the proposed transaction and the associated environmental legislative requirements.

In this regard, GCS plan to hold a Public Meeting on Thursday, 10 July 2025, at 17h00. We would appreciate your advice on whether this date and time are suitable. Furthermore, we kindly request your assistance to arrange a suitable municipal venue for this purpose. Your support in identifying an accessible and appropriate location for the event would be greatly appreciated.

Should you wish to meet with us to further discuss the project or the planned public participation process, we would gladly make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to engaging with the Municipality and working together to ensure a transparent and inclusive public participation process.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Madam

**REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION IN TIMEFRAME IN TERMS OF REGULATION 3(7) THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS - BEATRIX MINING RIGHT (MR) FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)**

GCS Environment South Africa (Pty) Ltd (GCS), acting on behalf of Sibanye-Stillwater (Pty) Ltd (Sibanye), is undertaking statutory environmental authorisation application for the Beatrix Mining Right FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)

In accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), a Public Participation Process (PPP) is required to notify and consult with interested and affected parties. As part of this process, GCS has engaged with both the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities.

The Matjhabeng Local Municipality has actively participated in the process and provided feedback on the proposed PPP. Engagement with the Masilonyana Local Municipality, however, has proven challenging. A summary of engagements undertaken to date is set out below:

- 19 June 2025 - Introductory virtual meeting: Representatives of GCS, Sibanye, and the Masilonyana Local Municipality met virtually to introduce the applications and outline the statutory PPP requirements.
- 9 July 2025 - Follow-up face-to-face meeting: At the request of the Masilonyana Local Municipality, GCS and Sibanye attended a meeting where GCS presented the PPP approach. The Municipality confirmed its willingness to assist in developing a PPP strategy in line with Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations.

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- 14-30 July 2025 - Attempts to arrange online workshop: GCS attempted to convene an online workshop with the Municipality to jointly develop the PPP strategy. Despite several follow-up attempts, no response was received.
  - 31 July 2025 - Submission of Draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP): In the absence of feedback, GCS prepared and submitted a Draft SEP (Appendix A) requesting comments by 6 August 2025 to enable timely PPP implementation. No response was received despite follow-up efforts.
  - 8 August 2025 - Formal request for SEP review: Sibanye submitted a formal letter (Appendix B) to the Municipality emphasising the importance of finalising the SEP and highlighting the regulatory implications of continued delays. No response was received.
  - 18 August 2025 - Request for DMPR guidance: Sibanye submitted a formal letter (Appendix C) to the Regional Manager of the DMPR outlining the challenges faced and requesting guidance. No response has been received to date.

GCS and Sibanye have made consistent and documented efforts to engage both the Municipality and the DMPR to ensure that the PPP is procedurally fair, transparent, and compliant with the EIA Regulations. However, to safeguard against the statutory timeframe lapsing while these matters remain unresolved, and to ensure that the Final BAR reflects a comprehensive and transparent PPP, GCS hereby respectfully requests a further extension of three (3) months, until 16 January 2026.

We trust that this request will be considered favourably in light of the exceptional circumstances described above and the proactive measures undertaken by GCS and Sibanye to comply fully with the applicable regulatory requirements.

Yours Sincerely,

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**APPENDIX A: DRAFT STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN**



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DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11  
and  
Consolidation a portion of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS  
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MR)  
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## 1 INTRODUCTION

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### 1.1 Location

The existing Wits Gold SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR) is located within the Free State Magisterial Districts of Ventersburg, Theunissen, and Winburg. It lies approximately 6 kilometres south of Virginia, within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality. Similarly, the existing Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR, previously FS 081 MR), held by Sibanye Gold, is situated in the Magisterial Districts of Theunissen and Ventersburg, approximately 25 kilometres south of Virginia, also within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality.

### 1.2 Applications for Environmental Authorisation

#### 1.2.1 Southern Free State Mining Right (FS 10005 MR)

This application for EA by way of a Basic Assessment (BA) comprises the consolidation of a portion of Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into Wits Gold SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), while simultaneously being transferred to Sibanye Gold. The listed activity that triggers the need for a BA is Activity 21(d) of Listing Notice 1 (GN R 983), which relates to any activity (including the continued operation of that activity) that requires an amendment or variation to a right or permit in terms of section 102 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA).

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### **1.2.2 Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))**

This application for EA, by way of a BA comprises the consolidation of the portion of Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into Wits Gold SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR). The listed activity that triggers the need for a BA is Activity 21(d) of Listing Notice 1 (GN R 983), which relates to any activity (including the continued operation of that activity) that requires an amendment or variation to a right or permit in terms of section 102 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA). The Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) will thereafter only contain the following infrastructure:

- Beatrix 4 Shaft.
- Metallurgical Plant.
- Tailings Storage Facility (TSF).
- Waste Rock Dump.
- Waste Water Treatment Works.
- Pollution Control Dams and Evaporation Dams.

## **2 PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT**

Public consultation is required for the proposed application process towards the consolidation and transfer of the Mining Rights. This public participation plan has been compiled in accordance with the requirements for the undertaking of a Public Participation Process (PPP) as contemplated in terms of National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998, (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA, 1998) and Chapter 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (Government Notice Regulation (GN R) 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended) (EIA Regulations, 2014). The plan details how the identification and method of consultation with the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be undertaken in accordance with regulation 41(2)(a) to (d) of the EIA Regulations.

The development of this plan follows a meeting which was held with the Masilonyana Local Municipality on 9 July 2025 in terms of the proposed applications and the best way forward to provide opportunities for public participation in these applications.

## **3 PROPOSED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

The main objectives of the PPP are to:

- Identify key stakeholders (i.e., NGOs, municipalities, government departments, traditional authorities) and I&APs (i.e., surrounding businesses, residents, community members, landowners, interested members of the public).

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- Inform key stakeholders and I&APs about the project and the assessment process.
  - Establish lines of communication between I&APs and the project team to consider potentially contentious issues.
  - Provide opportunity to all parties to exchange information and express their views and raise issues and concerns relating to the proposed project.
  - Obtain contributions of I&APs and ensure that issues, concerns and queries raised are documented and considered as part of the assessment process.

### **3.1 Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) Database**

Existing stakeholder and I&AP databases will be sourced for review and updating. The following sectors of society will be included within the database which will be used to notify stakeholders of these applications:

- National, provincial (Free State) and local government (Matjhabeng Local Municipality, Masiilonyana Local Municipality and Lejweleputswa District Municipality) and tribal authorities.
- Landowners and neighboring landowners.
- Agriculture, water bodies and farmers' organisations.
- National and local media.
- Neighboring industry and mining, business and commerce
- Conservation and environmental bodies, both as authorities and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).
- Community representatives, Community-Based Organization (CBOs), development bodies.
- Representatives for disadvantaged people, women and youth.

### **3.2 Competent Authority Consultation**

A pre-application consultation meeting was held with the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) in order to determine the correct application process to be followed, confirm listed activities to be applied for, the DMPR's initial concerns, and confirmation of specialist investigations required in support of the applications. DMPR as the Competent Authority (CA) will be continuously consulted during the various stages of the application process. For further amendment applications, the various competent authorities will be consulted.

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### 3.3 Project Announcement and review of the Draft Basic Assessment reports

The first step of this phase follows global best practice by informing I&APs of the proposed project and inviting them to register as interested and affected parties. The second step will entail the review of the draft reports and soliciting comments for consideration in the finalisation of the reports. The following tasks are envisaged:

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- Advertisements: (Placement by 1 September 2025). Advertisements as per regulation 41(2)(c) and 41(3) of the EIA Regulations will be placed in national and local newspapers, informing the public of the project and the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Reports for public review for 30 days. Advertisements will be published in English and Sesotho in the Sowetan, Free State Sun and Masilonyana News newspapers.
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- Written Notice: (Distributed via email by **29 August 2025**). Written notice as per regulation 41(2)(b) of the EIA Regulations, in the form of emails will be sent to all I&APs on the database which include landowners, residents, municipal councillors, organs of state and any other party required by the CA. Notices in the form of pamphlets will be provided to all the residents on the properties which will be included in the amended Mining Right.
- Placement of the Draft Basic Assessment Reports for review: (**1 September to 1 October 2025**). The Draft Basic Assessment Reports will be made available to I&APs, either electronically or hardcopy at publicly accessible locations (these will include public libraries).  
The reports will also be available electronically on GCS's website, <https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/> and Sibanye's data free portal, <https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login>. **Hard copies will be placed at Meloding Public Library, Meloding Street, Virginia and Virginia Public Library, Virginia Garden Circle**. Soft copies can be made available on request.
- Public Meetings: (**Week of 15 September to 19 September 2025**). Public meetings will be held to inform the I&APs of the planned project in more detail and to obtain comments and concerns to be addressed in the finalisation of the reports. The meetings will be held

at central locations in or near the project area. The public meetings will be held on **XXX September 2025**, 17h00 at **(Venue)**.

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- **Notification of submission of final reports and availability for comment:** A notification will be sent to I&APs informing them of the submission of the final reports and the availability of these reports on the GCS website **(16 October 2025)**.

Please refer to Appendix A for a detailed Public Participation Plan Matrix , Figure 3-1 illustrates the Public Participation Process to be undertaken.



Figure 3-1: Project Announcement Public Participation Process

### 3.4 Advising stakeholders of Authority Decision

Registered I&APs will be advised in writing that the authorities' decisions are available, and copies offered for review. I&APs will be advised of the appeals procedure and will be thanked for their time and participation.

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## 4 CONCLUSION

This document outlines the proposed Public Participation Process to be undertaken for the project. It also sets out the division of roles and responsibilities between GCS and Sibanye to ensure that stakeholder engagement is conducted in accordance with the EIA Regulations and to the satisfaction of the DMRE. GCS will ensure that, should any uncertainty arise during the consultation process, the DMPR will be engaged and consulted to determine the most appropriate course of action.

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2	Compile and send notification to I&APs			GCS	
I	EA notification	1	Compile and send EA decision notification to I&APs	GCS	



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**APPENDIX B: LETTER FROM SIBANYE TO MASILONYANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

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Dear Madam/Sir

**APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE SOUTHERN FREE STATE MINING RIGHT (MR) (FS 10005 MR) AND THE BEATRIX MR (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))**

On 19 June 2025, a virtual meeting was held between GCS Environment South Africa (Pty) Ltd (**GCS**), Sibanye-Stillwater (Pty) Ltd (**Sibanye**), and representatives of the Masilonyana Local Municipality (**MLM**) to introduce the above-mentioned applications and provide an overview of the statutory public participation process (**PPP**) requirements, as outlined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (**EIA**) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (**NEMA**).

At MLM's request, a follow-up face-to-face meeting took place on 9 July 2025, during which a formal presentation was delivered to MLM officials. This session enabled more in-depth engagement on the proposed approach to the PPP. During the meeting, MLM expressed its willingness to support GCS and Sibanye in formulating a PPP strategy in line with Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, which governs the procedures for notifying and consulting with interested and affected parties.

Following this engagement, GCS attempted to arrange an online workshop with MLM to jointly develop the PPP strategy. Despite these efforts, no response was received. In the absence of feedback, GCS proceeded to draft a Stakeholder Engagement Plan, which was submitted to MLM via email on 31 July 2025, with a

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request for written comments by 6 August 2025, to facilitate timely coordination and implementation of the PPP.

It is important to highlight that the EIA Regulations, 2014 place binding obligations on both the applicant and the Environmental Assessment Practitioner to ensure that environmental authorisation applications are conducted within prescribed statutory timeframes. To accommodate MLM's participation, GCS and Sibanye previously requested and were granted an extension by the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR). However, should MLM not provide the required input within the extended timeframe, the extension will lapse, and the application process may need to be restarted in its entirety. While a further extension may be applied for, there is no certainty that the DMPR will grant it.

In addition, we are required to consult meaningfully with mine communities and interested and affected persons, as described in the Amended Regulations in terms of the public participation process prescribed in the EIA Regulations to conclude the two Social and Labour Plans.

As you are aware, on or about 6 December 2024, Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (**SGL**) concluded an agreement with the Neo Energy Metals plc and Neo Uranium Resources Beisa Mine Proprietary Limited (**Neo Energy Group**) (among others) Group in terms of which SGL agreed to sell its Beatrix 4 shaft (including the Beisa uranium project area), located within the mining right held by SGL under DMRE reference number: FS30/5/1/2/2/10047 MR, to the Neo Energy Group (the **Project**). In order to facilitate completion of the Project, various regulatory approvals are required from the DMPR. A failure to meet the regulated timeframes and secure the necessary Environmental Authorisations will significantly compromise the overall objective of the Project (namely, to obtain the legal approvals required for operations under the Southern Free State Mining Right (FS 10005 MR) and the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR / FS 081 MR)). Such a delay or lapse could adversely affect not only the Project's timeline but also its broader socio-economic benefits.

Should the Project be postponed or halted due to regulatory delays, there would be direct implications for local economic development, particularly in the form of lost employment opportunities for communities within the MLM and surrounding regions. These mining operations are expected to contribute meaningfully to the regional economy; both through direct job creation and through indirect opportunities across supporting industries, such as transportation, maintenance, services, and supply chain networks. The Project also presents opportunities for local enterprise development and infrastructure investment, further reinforcing its strategic value.

Given the above, we respectfully urge MLM to review and comment on the draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan by no later than Monday, 11 August 2025. Your feedback is essential to ensuring that the PPP proceeds in a legally compliant and inclusive manner, and that the environmental authorisation process remains on track. Continued collaboration between GCS, Sibanye, and MLM is vital to the success of the project and its potential to contribute to long-term regional development.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding the draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan or the broader authorisation process, please do not hesitate to contact us. We remain fully committed to working together to ensure that the PPP reflects the interests and needs of all stakeholders.

Your sincerely,

Signed by: BASHAN LOGANATHAN GOV  
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**APPENDIX C: LETTER FROM SIBANYE TO DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL AND PETROLUEM RESOURCES**

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Dear Madam

**APPLICATIONS FOR AMENDMENT OF MINING RIGHTS HELD BY WITWATERSRAND CONSOLIDATED GOLD RESOURCES (PTY) LTD (“WITS GOLD”) AND SIBANYE GOLD (PTY) LTD (“SGL”) UNDER DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES (“DMPR”) REFERENCE NUMBERS: FS 10005 MR (“SOFMS MR”) AND FS 10047 MR (“BEATRIX MR”)**

GCS Environment South Africa (Pty) Ltd (GCS), acting on behalf of Sibanye-Stillwater Ltd (“SSW”), is undertaking statutory environmental authorisation amendment applications for the SOFMS MR held by Wits Gold and the Beatrix MR held by SGL, both subsidiary entities of SSW.

In accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), a Public Participation Process (PPP) is required to notify and consult with interested and affected parties. As part of this process, GCS engaged with the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities on a Public Participation Strategy.

While Matjhabeng Local Municipality has accepted GCS’s proposed approach to the PPP, Masilonyana Local Municipality is yet to provide feedback on the draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) (attached as Appendix A). This delays the initiation of the PPP and affects our ability to comply with the statutory timeframes for the

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environmental authorisation process. Notwithstanding, we are still engaging the Masilonyana Local Municipality to find consensus on the SEP. A summary of the engagements to date is shown in Appendix C.

We accordingly highlight this delay to your office, and request guidance on whether the PPP, made up of a single public meeting in Matjhabeng will be sufficient at this stage. In parallel, alternative notification methods will be implemented in both municipalities, thereby complying with the requirements of regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations such as:

- Placement of newspaper advertisements.
- Display of site notices in key community locations; and
- Placement of hard copies of the reports in publicly accessible venues (e.g., libraries).

This approach would enable the process to move forward in line with the EIA Regulations, 2014, while we await a response from the Masilonyana Local Municipality.

Given the socio-economic importance of these projects and the regulatory timelines, we seek your urgent advice on whether we may proceed as proposed. In addition, we are required to engage meaningfully with mine communities and with interested and affected persons, as outlined in the Amended Regulations and in accordance with the public participation process prescribed in the EIA Regulations, in order to finalise the two Social and Labour Plans (SLPs). We submitted the SLPs without the Local Economic Development (LED) projects but included the thematic areas and indicated that the projects would be finalised upon the conclusion of stakeholder engagement. Consequently, the prevailing challenges will affect the finalisation of the Sec102 -LED amendment for 2017-2021 as well as the new 2022-2026 cycle.

We trust this summary provides sufficient clarity on the situation at hand and look forward to your prompt guidance on the remedy we propose.

Yours sincerely, Signed by: BASHAN LOGANATHAN GOV  
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**REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION IN TIMEFRAME IN TERMS OF REGULATION 3(7) THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS - SOUTHERN FREE STATE MINING RIGHT (MR) (FS 10005 MR)**

Dear Madam

GCS Environment South Africa (Pty) Ltd (GCS), acting on behalf of Sibanye-Stillwater (Pty) Ltd (Sibanye), is undertaking statutory environmental authorisation application for the Southern Free State Mining Right (SOFS) (FS 10005 MR).

In accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), a Public Participation Process (PPP) is required to notify and consult with interested and affected parties. As part of this process, GCS has engaged with both the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities.

The Matjhabeng Local Municipality has actively participated in the process and provided feedback on the proposed PPP. Engagement with the Masilonyana Local Municipality, however, has proven challenging. A summary of engagements undertaken to date is set out below:

- 19 June 2025 - Introductory virtual meeting: Representatives of GCS, Sibanye, and the Masilonyana Local Municipality met virtually to introduce the applications and outline the statutory PPP requirements.
- 9 July 2025 - Follow-up face-to-face meeting: At the request of the Masilonyana Local Municipality, GCS and Sibanye attended a meeting where GCS presented the PPP approach. The Municipality confirmed its willingness to assist in developing a PPP strategy in line with Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations.
- 14-30 July 2025 - Attempts to arrange online workshop: GCS attempted to convene an online

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workshop with the Municipality to jointly develop the PPP strategy. Despite several follow-up attempts, no response was received.

- 31 July 2025 - Submission of Draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP): In the absence of feedback, GCS prepared and submitted a Draft SEP (Appendix A) requesting comments by 6 August 2025 to enable timely PPP implementation. No response was received despite follow-up efforts.
- 8 August 2025 - Formal request for SEP review: Sibanye submitted a formal letter (Appendix B) to the Municipality emphasising the importance of finalising the SEP and highlighting the regulatory implications of continued delays. No response was received.
- 18 August 2025 - Request for DMPR guidance: Sibanye submitted a formal letter (Appendix C) to the Regional Manager of the DMPR outlining the challenges faced and requesting guidance. No response has been received to date.

GCS and Sibanye have made consistent and documented efforts to engage both the Municipality and the DMPR to ensure that the PPP is procedurally fair, transparent, and compliant with the EIA Regulations. However, to safeguard against the statutory timeframe lapsing while these matters remain unresolved, and to ensure that the Final BAR reflects a comprehensive and transparent PPP, GCS hereby respectfully requests a further extension of three (3) months, until 16 January 2026.

We trust that this request will be considered favourably in light of the exceptional circumstances described above and the proactive measures undertaken by GCS and Sibanye to comply fully with the applicable regulatory requirements.

Yours Sincerely,

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**APPENDIX A: DRAFT STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN**



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DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11  
and  
Consolidation a portion of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS  
10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into the SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005  
MR)  
DMRE Reference: FS-00093-MS/102**

## **Masilonyana Local Municipality Public Participation Plan**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy), a subsidiary of Neo Energy Metals, has received key approvals from the South African Reserve Bank to proceed with the acquisition of Sibanye-Stillwater's Beatrix 4 shaft. In support of the acquisition, Sibanye-Stillwater is required to undertake the following actions:

- Transfer ownership of the Southern Free State (SOFS) Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), currently held by Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold), to Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold).
- Consolidate a portion of the Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR renewal of FS 081 MR) into the SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR).
- Transfer the remainder of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) from Sibanye Gold to Neo Energy.

GCS Environment South Africa (Pty) Ltd (GCS) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to manage the Environmental Authorisation (EA) applications in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), and its associated regulations.

Please note that these administrative processes do not involve any modifications to the existing mining operations or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting systems will continue as previously authorised.

### 1.1 Location

The existing Wits Gold SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR) is located within the Free State Magisterial Districts of Ventersburg, Theunissen, and Winburg. It lies approximately 6 kilometres south of Virginia, within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality. Similarly, the existing Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR, previously FS 081 MR), held by Sibanye Gold, is situated in the Magisterial Districts of Theunissen and Ventersburg, approximately 25 kilometres south of Virginia, also within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality.

### 1.2 Applications for Environmental Authorisation

#### 1.2.1 Southern Free State Mining Right (FS 10005 MR)

This application for EA by way of a Basic Assessment (BA) comprises the consolidation of a portion of Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into Wits Gold SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), while simultaneously being transferred to Sibanye Gold. The listed activity that triggers the need for a BA is Activity 21(d) of Listing Notice 1 (GN R 983), which relates to any activity (including the continued operation of that activity) that requires an amendment or variation to a right or permit in terms of section 102 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA).

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### **1.2.2 Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))**

This application for EA, by way of a BA comprises the consolidation of the portion of Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into Wits Gold SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR). The listed activity that triggers the need for a BA is Activity 21(d) of Listing Notice 1 (GN R 983), which relates to any activity (including the continued operation of that activity) that requires an amendment or variation to a right or permit in terms of section 102 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA). The Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) will thereafter only contain the following infrastructure:

- Beatrix 4 Shaft.
- Metallurgical Plant.
- Tailings Storage Facility (TSF).
- Waste Rock Dump.
- Waste Water Treatment Works.
- Pollution Control Dams and Evaporation Dams.

## **2 PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT**

Public consultation is required for the proposed application process towards the consolidation and transfer of the Mining Rights. This public participation plan has been compiled in accordance with the requirements for the undertaking of a Public Participation Process (PPP) as contemplated in terms of National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998, (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA, 1998) and Chapter 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (Government Notice Regulation (GN R) 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended) (EIA Regulations, 2014). The plan details how the identification and method of consultation with the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be undertaken in accordance with regulation 41(2)(a) to (d) of the EIA Regulations.

The development of this plan follows a meeting which was held with the Masilonyana Local Municipality on 9 July 2025 in terms of the proposed applications and the best way forward to provide opportunities for public participation in these applications.

## **3 PROPOSED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

The main objectives of the PPP are to:

- Identify key stakeholders (i.e., NGOs, municipalities, government departments, traditional authorities) and I&APs (i.e., surrounding businesses, residents, community members, landowners, interested members of the public).

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- Inform key stakeholders and I&APs about the project and the assessment process.
  - Establish lines of communication between I&APs and the project team to consider potentially contentious issues.
  - Provide opportunity to all parties to exchange information and express their views and raise issues and concerns relating to the proposed project.
  - Obtain contributions of I&APs and ensure that issues, concerns and queries raised are documented and considered as part of the assessment process.

### **3.1 Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) Database**

Existing stakeholder and I&AP databases will be sourced for review and updating. The following sectors of society will be included within the database which will be used to notify stakeholders of these applications:

- National, provincial (Free State) and local government (Matjhabeng Local Municipality, Masiilonyana Local Municipality and Lejweleputswa District Municipality) and tribal authorities.
- Landowners and neighboring landowners.
- Agriculture, water bodies and farmers' organisations.
- National and local media.
- Neighboring industry and mining, business and commerce
- Conservation and environmental bodies, both as authorities and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).
- Community representatives, Community-Based Organization (CBOs), development bodies.
- Representatives for disadvantaged people, women and youth.

### **3.2 Competent Authority Consultation**

A pre-application consultation meeting was held with the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) in order to determine the correct application process to be followed, confirm listed activities to be applied for, the DMPR's initial concerns, and confirmation of specialist investigations required in support of the applications. DMPR as the Competent Authority (CA) will be continuously consulted during the various stages of the application process. For further amendment applications, the various competent authorities will be consulted.

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### 3.3 Project Announcement and review of the Draft Basic Assessment reports

The first step of this phase follows global best practice by informing I&APs of the proposed project and inviting them to register as interested and affected parties. The second step will entail the review of the draft reports and soliciting comments for consideration in the finalisation of the reports. The following tasks are envisaged:

- Background Information Document (BID): (Available for distribution by **29 August 2025**). A BID will be compiled which will provide a summary of the proposed project and the process to be undertaken. The BID will be circulated to all identified I&APs as per the I&AP database. The BID will be available in English and Sesotho.
- Advertisements: (Placement by 1 September 2025). Advertisements as per regulation 41(2)(c) and 41(3) of the EIA Regulations will be placed in national and local newspapers, informing the public of the project and the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Reports for public review for 30 days. Advertisements will be published in English and Sesotho in the Sowetan, Free State Sun and Masilonyana News newspapers.
- Site Notices: (Placed by XXX August 2025). Site Notices as per regulation 41(2)(a), 41(3) and (4) of the EIA Regulations will be placed at pertinent locations around the site. Notices will be published in English and Sesotho. **Twenty site notices** will be placed in the project area.
- Written Notice: (Distributed via email by **29 August 2025**). Written notice as per regulation 41(2)(b) of the EIA Regulations, in the form of emails will be sent to all I&APs on the database which include landowners, residents, municipal councillors, organs of state and any other party required by the CA. Notices in the form of pamphlets will be provided to all the residents on the properties which will be included in the amended Mining Right.
- Placement of the Draft Basic Assessment Reports for review: (**1 September to 1 October 2025**). The Draft Basic Assessment Reports will be made available to I&APs, either electronically or hardcopy at publicly accessible locations (these will include public libraries).  
The reports will also be available electronically on GCS's website, <https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/> and Sibanye's data free portal, <https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login>. **Hard copies will be placed at Meloding Public Library, Meloding Street, Virginia and Virginia Public Library, Virginia Garden Circle**. Soft copies can be made available on request.
- Public Meetings: (**Week of 15 September to 19 September 2025**). Public meetings will be held to inform the I&APs of the planned project in more detail and to obtain comments and concerns to be addressed in the finalisation of the reports. The meetings will be held

at central locations in or near the project area. The public meetings will be held on **XXX September 2025**, 17h00 at **(Venue)**.

- **Comment and Response Report (CRR):** A CRR will be compiled, detailing as per requirements all the comments received and responses thereto.
- **Notification of submission of final reports and availability for comment:** A notification will be sent to I&APs informing them of the submission of the final reports and the availability of these reports on the GCS website **(16 October 2025)**.

Please refer to Appendix A for a detailed Public Participation Plan Matrix , Figure 3-1 illustrates the Public Participation Process to be undertaken.



Figure 3-1: Project Announcement Public Participation Process

### 3.4 Advising stakeholders of Authority Decision

Registered I&APs will be advised in writing that the authorities' decisions are available, and copies offered for review. I&APs will be advised of the appeals procedure and will be thanked for their time and participation.

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## **4 CONCLUSION**

This document outlines the proposed Public Participation Process to be undertaken for the project. It also sets out the division of roles and responsibilities between GCS and Sibanye to ensure that stakeholder engagement is conducted in accordance with the EIA Regulations and to the satisfaction of the DMRE. GCS will ensure that, should any uncertainty arise during the consultation process, the DMPR will be engaged and consulted to determine the most appropriate course of action.

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**APPENDIX A : PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN MATRIX**

**Table 1: Public Participation Plan Matrix**

#	Item	Activity	Responsibility	Date	
A	Competent Authority Consultation	1	DMRE Pre-Application Meeting		
		1.1	Set up Pre-Application Meeting	Sibanye & GCS	8 April 2025
		1.2	Distribute of Pre-Application Minutes of Meeting	GCS	
		2	Submission of Application Form and Draft Basic Assessment Reports (DBARs)		
		2.1	GCS receive final approval of the DBARs from Client	Sibanye	
		2.2	Finalise & package cover letter, Application Form and DBARs for submission Printing	GCS	14 May 2025
		2.3	Submit Applications & DBARs to CA	GCS	14 May 2025
		3	Confirm CA receipt of Application & DBARs	DMRE	
		4	Review and Final Sign-off on Final Basic Assessment Reports (FBAR)	Sibanye	
		5	Submission of FBARs		
		5.1	Finalise and package cover letter & FBARs for submission	GCS	
		5.2	Submit FBARS to CA	GCS	
		B	Interested and Affected Party Database	1	I&AP Database
1.1	Obtain I&AP Database for existing Mining Right			Sibanye	
1.2	Update the I&AP list with new landowner information for this project			GCS	
2	Identify Specific Stakeholders				
2.1	GCS nominate list of stakeholders circulate to Client for addition/approval			GCS & Sibanye	
2.2	Client approves distribution list			Sibanye	
3	Prepare and Send Notifications			GCS	
3.1	Finalise Notification Letters and BID			GCS	01 June 2025
3.2	Send email notifications			GCS	
3.3	Print Notification Flyers / Letters to Landowners and occupiers			Sibanye	
3.4	Distribution of the Notification flyers / Letters to landowners and occupiers in affected areas			Sibanye	
4.	Comments and Responses Report			GCS	
B	Placement of Newspaper Advert			1	Determine Newspaper Advert content
		1.1	Compile draft advert for Client review & circulate Client review advert	GCS & Sibanye	29 May 2025
		1.2	Update & circulate advert for Client approval Client review & approve advert content	GCS & Sibanye	01 June 2025
		1.3	Finalise advert for newspaper placement	GCS	
		2	Placement of advert		
		2.1	Client to provide details of local newspaper to GCS	Sibanye	28 May 2025
		2.2	Send request to newspaper for the placement of advert	GCS	
		2.3	Receive and review proof, arrange payment and confirm placement	GCS	
		2.4	Publication of advert	GCS	
		2.5	Receive and send advert tear sheet	GCS	
C	Placement of Site Notices	1	Determine Site Notice Content		

#	Item	Activity	Responsibility	Date	
		1.1	Compile draft Site Notice for Client review & circulate Client review Site Notice	GCS	29 May 2025
		1.2	Update & circulate Site Notice for Client approval Client review & approves Site Notice content	GCS & Sibanye	01 June 2025
		1.3	Finalise Site Notice for printing & placement	GCS	
		2	Printing of Site Notices		
			Send final templates to printers	GCS	
			Receive printed notices from printers	GCS	
		3	Placement of Site Notices		
		3.1	Confirmed locations to erect A2 site notices.	GCS & Sibanye	
		3.2	Erection of all site notices (proof of placement via dated photographs required)	GCS	
		3.3	Proof of placement emailed to EAP	GCS	
D	Placement of DBARs at Public Locations	1	Receive final approval of DBARs from Client	Sibanye	
		2	Preparation for placement of DBARs at public venues		
		2.1	Package & Print Public Location DBARs copies	GCS	
		2.2	Finalise the proposed venue(s) for the placement of the DBARs	GCS & Sibanye	
		2.3	Client confirm venues for placement of documents	Sibanye	
		3	Placement of DBARs		
		3.1	Placement of DBARs at all approved venues (proof of placement via photographs required)	GCS	
		3.2	Proof of placement emailed to EAP	GCS	
E	Placement of BID & DBARs on GCS Website	1	Upload final BID & DBARs onto GCS Website	GCS	
F	Community Meetings	1	Secure services of Local Translator/Interpreter for the community Meeting	Sibanye / GCS	
		2	Secure Meeting Venues		
		2.1	Confirm venues for Community Meeting:	Sibanye	
		2.2	Enquire regarding venue availability and make preliminary bookings	Sibanye	
		2.3	Confirm bookings Arrange payments (if required)	Sibanye	
		3	Develop display material		
		3.1	Compile draft presentation	GCS	
		3.2	Client review draft presentation	Sibanye	
		3.3	Finalise Presentation	GCS	
		4	Print copies of the presentation for distribution at the Community Meetings	Sibanye	
		4.1	Print Attendance Registers	GCS	
		4.2	Additions to Comments and Responses Reports	GCS	
		4.3	Approval of the CRRs	Sibanye	
		H	Publishing of FBARs	1	Upload FBARs onto GCS Website
2	Compile and send notification to I&APs			GCS	
I	EA notification	1	Compile and send EA decision notification to I&APs	GCS	



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**REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION TO SUBMIT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AND EMPR IN TERMS OF SECTION 23 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION AMENDMENT, IN RESPECT OF A MINING RIGHT APPLICATION FOR GOLD ORE ON VARIOUS PROPERTIES (SEE ATTACHED ANNEXURE "A"), SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS OF VENTERSBURG, THEUNISSEN AND WINBURG: FREE STATE REGION.**

Your correspondence received via email on **18 August 2025** and **27 August 2025**, respectively, has reference.

1. The Department hereby acknowledges the receipt of your request for a timeframe extension.
2. It is imperative to firstly highlight from the onset that this Department may either grant or refuse the request for extension as outlined in section 3(7) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation, 2004 as amended which states that "*in the event where the scope of work must be expanded based on the outcome of assessment done with these Regulations, which outcome could not be anticipated prior to the undertaking of the assessment, or in the event where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated, the competent authority may, prior to the lapsing of the relevant prescribed timeframe, in*



**APPENDIX B - STAKEHOLDER DATABASE**

<b>25-0019 - SOFS -NeoEnergy - STAKEHOLDER DATABASE</b>		
<b>Landowner</b>	<b>Contact person</b>	<b>Organisation/ Property details</b>
<b>Directly Affected Landowners</b>		
WP Du Plessis		Portion Palmietkuil 328 - on Oryx's land
	Blanche	
LP Long		Wolvepan 85 - near pans of Welkom
	Elsa	
JW Naude	Tanya en Johan	Rietpan 123 near pans of Welkom
JT Ferreira	Theo	Portion Palmietkuil 328 on Oryx's land
JH Oosthuizen	Gert	Portion Palmietkuil 328 on Oryx's land
Hermanus Johannes Pretorius	Johan	Kalkoenkrans on Oryx's land
ASE van der Merwe		Klein begin on Oryx's land
T van den Berg	Tihaan	Portion Leeuwaarden 171 on Beatrix's land
TF Uys	Francois	Portion Leeuwbult 352 on Beatrix land
Gerhard Prinsloo		Portion Kalkoenkrans 225 on Oryx's land
<b>Authorities</b>		
Tshifiwa	Makhokha	Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR)
Cedric	Fhedzisani	DMPR
Nkateko	Mhlarhi	DMPR
Tuwani	Monyai	DMPR
Seoka	Lekota	DFFE: Biodiversity Planning and Conservation
Stanely	Tshikonelo	DFFE - Water Sources and Wetlands Conservation
Rofhiwa	Magodi	DFFE : Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation: Protected Areas
Thivhulawi	Nethononda	DFFE: Protected Areas
Mpho Rose	Luula	DFFE
Samkkelisiwe	Dlamini	DFFE
Masina	Morudu	DFFE
Wilma	Lutsch	DFFE - Director Biodiversity
Peladi	Masipa	Department of Energy: Renewables Coordinator
Mmboniseni	Murathi	NERSA (National Energy Regulator South Africa): Legal Advisor
Paul	Mahlangu	NERSA (National Energy Regulator South Africa)
Nicole	Abrahams	National Roads Authority (NRA): Environmental Coordinator
Sandile	Fuku	Department of Economic , Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA), Head of Communications Environmental Impact Assessment
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Tseliso	Ntili	Free State Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS):Provincial Head
Boitumelo	Melato	DWS
Pule	Lenong	Free State Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS): Snr Secretary to the Provincial Head
Maureen	Letloenyane	Free State Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)
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George	Nel	Free State Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)
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L	Mahlae	Free State Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)
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Petunia	Mthimkulu	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Free State Province: Directorate of Land Use and Soil Management, Head of the Office
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Kagisho	Mokae	Department of Energy, care of the Regional Petroleum Controller at the Free State Department of Energy
Ntando	Mbatha	Free State Provincial Heritage Resources Authority: The Heritage Coordinator
Natasha	Higgitt	South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)
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<b>Lejweleputswa District Municipality</b>		
Veronica	Ntankumbana	Executive Mayor - Councillor
Motshewa	Sefotha	PA to the Executive Mayor
Khaya	Mqeke	Acting Chief of Staff
Mathabo	Leeto	Speaker
Lerato	Chobane	PA to the Speaker
Cllr	Meli	Chief Whip
Yolisa	Kupiso	Municipal Manager (Acting)
Motlatsi	Makhetha	Municipal Manager
<b>Matjhabeng Local Municipality</b>		
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Betty	Notshi	PA to the Executive Mayor
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Charles Bheki	Stofile	Speaker
Msapitso	Sello Mohapi	PA to the Speaker
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Morakane	Mothekhe	Local Economic Development and Planning
Maramane Lillian	Setabela	Chief Whip
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Joseph	Liphoko	MMC

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Lungile	Mlondo	MM
Mojalefa	Matlole	Municipal Manager
Stephen	Makata	Speaker
Mr Zongezile	Ntjwabule	Communication Manager
Anda	Zantsi	Manager: Town Planning and Building Control
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Mbuelo	Fosi	
Zacharia	Lilobe	
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Marieta	Visser	
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Dr Jack Armour		Agri Free State

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		Agri-SA: Policy Head Natural Resources
<b>Interest Groups</b>		
Mariette Liefferink		FSE
Thabang Mafatle		Lejweleputswa Aritisinal and Small-scale Mining
Lehlogonolo Makapa		Virginia Resident
Ms Dieketseng Taeli		Matjhabeng / Masilonyana Community Engagement Forum (CEF)
Mr Mvumbi	Bob	LED Forum - Masilonyana
Mr Sipho	Zingana	Progressive BB Forum - Masilonyana
Mr Victor Marumo		Masilonyana Business Chamber: Tourism
Mr J Krugel		Business Chamber: Tourism
Ms Lindi	Makhanya	Business Chamber: Agriculture
Mr M Sepheko		Business Chamber: Agriculture
Mr Sshepo	Maredi	Community Leader - Masilonyana
Mr Mosenohi		Taxi Association - Masilonyana
Mr Boitumelo	Diphoko	NPO - Masilonyana
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Rose Nkhasi		Free State Gold Fields Chamber
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Ziyanda Mdoda		NTSA: Senior Advisor Investigation and Audit, Servitude and Land Management
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Evelyn	Mekgwe	Project Manager (Superintendent-Environmental Compliance Projects)

Sylvester	Nkwe	Project team member
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Bashan	Govender	Project team member
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Iketleng	Mogohlong	
<b>Neo Energy Representatives</b>		
Kenneth	Mudsini	Neo Energy
Martin	Westerman	Neo Energy

**APPENDIX C - NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT**

Newspaper advertisements in English and Sesotho were published as follows:

<b>Newspaper</b>	<b>Date</b>
Masilonyana News	15 November 2025
Free State Sun	31 October 2025
Sowetan	30 October 2025
Vista	30 October 2025



# MADUKA ENCOURAGED BY MAGESI'S SHOWING AGAINST BUCS

● Late goal boosts Dikwena tša Meetse's morale for upcoming matches

Thabiso Letso of Orlando Pirates and Edmore Chirabandare of Magesi during the Carling Knockout quarterfinal match at Orlando Stadium, Soweto. /Veli Nhlapo

By NEVILLE KHOZA

Despite suffering a 1-2 defeat to Orlando Pirates in the Carling Knockout quarterfinal at Orlando Stadium on Tuesday, Magesi coach John Maduka says there are positives they took from the loss.

Maduka hailed his side's performance, and urged his side to build on that when they visit Orbit College in the Betway Premiership match at Olympia Park on Saturday.

After seeing his side get a consolation goal in stoppage time, Maduka said he was encouraged by that.

"It's a very important one. It's very good to see when you play until the last minute of the game. It is good to see that we managed to pull one back," he said.

"Yes, the time was not with us, and even before they [Pirates] scored the second one, we had opportunities. But I'm happy with the way we've been doing things, especially that we've been creating chances.

"We've played three games, and we've managed to score six goals. That tells a lot, about something to be happy with and be proud of. Going forward, I think it gives confidence to the boys that we can score goals."

While there was a feeling that goalkeeper Elvis Chipezeze performs better in the Carling Knockout compared to other competitions because of the financial rewards after winning another man-of-the-match against Pirates, Maduka doesn't think so, saying the keeper had also been consistent in the league.

"He works very hard, and he has done well in the league as well. He has been very good in this game, and also in the league matches," he said.

"He has been an important player, not only for the cup. I'm happy that he has been winning man-of-the-match [awards] in this competition, and we also hope his performance will help us in the league."

In the Carling Knockout since last season, Chipezeze has won six man-of-the-match awards, voted by the fans, and taking home R600,000.

## APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE: 1. SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SDFS) MINING RIGHT (FS 10005 MR) DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11 AND 2. THE BEATRIX MINING RIGHT (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) DMRE Reference: FS-00093-MS/102 GCS REF. NO: 25-0019

**NOTICE:** Notice is given in terms of Chapter 6 of Government Notice Regulation (GN R) 982 published under section 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for the submission of two Environmental Authorisations (EAs) in respect of Activity 21D identified in terms of GN R 983 for a Section 102 application in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) to amend the mining rights listed below.

**LOCATION:** Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold) SOFS existing Mining Right (MR) (FS 10005 MR) is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of Ventersburg, Theunissen and Winburg. The Mining Right is located approximately 6 kilometres (km) south of Virginia, Matjhabeng Local Municipality.

Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold) exiting Beatrix MR (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of Theunissen and Ventersburg. The Mining Right is located approximately 25 km south of Virginia, Matjhabeng Local Municipality.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy), a subsidiary of Neo Energy Metals, has received key approvals from the South African Reserve Bank to proceed with the acquisition of Sibanye-Stillwater's Beatrix 4 shaft. In support of the acquisition, Sibanye-Stillwater is required to undertake the following actions:

- Transfer ownership of the Southern Free State (SDFS) Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), currently held by Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold), to Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold).
- Consolidate a portion of the Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into the SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR).
- Transfer the remainder of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) from Sibanye Gold to Neo Energy.

Please note that these administrative processes do not involve any modifications to the existing mining operations or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting infrastructure will continue as previously authorised.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:** An official application for EA was submitted to the Free State Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) on the 14 May 2025 for the following mining rights:

- Wits Gold – SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11.
- Sibanye Gold – Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR; formerly FS 081 MR), DMRE Reference: FS-00093-MR/102.

These applications triggered the formal commencement of the Basic Assessment process under the NEMA. The Basic Assessment process will be undertaken in line with GN R 982.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER:** GCS Environment SA (Pty) Ltd (GCS) has been appointed as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to facilitate the application process with the Free State DMRE.

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS:** The Draft Basic Assessment Reports will be available for public review and comment from 14 November to 15 December 2025 at the locations noted in the table below. Written comments and substantiated issues must be submitted to GCS by 15 December 2025.

Place	Address
Meloding Public Library	Meloding Street, Virginia
Virginia Public Library	Virginia Garden Circle
GCS Website	<a href="https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/">https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/</a>
Sibanye's data free portal	<a href="https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login">https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login</a>

**INVITATION TO MEETINGS:** Meetings have been scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to obtain more information on the Project and to participate in the process. The public are hereby invited to attend one of the following public meetings.

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 26 November 2025	14h00	Ferdie Meyer Hall (Welkom Central)

Interested and Affected Parties who wish to register, participate by contributing comments or who would like to obtain more information, should please contact:

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## KOPO YA TUMELLO HO TSA TIKOLOHO BAKENG SA: 1. TOKELO YA HO RAFA SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SDFS) (FS 10005 MR) Referense ya DMRE: FS-00040-MR/11 LE 2. TOKELO YA HO RAFA YA BEATRIX (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) Referense ya FS-00093-MS/102 GCS REF. NO: 25-0019

**TSEBISO:** Mona ho fanwa ka tsebiso ka ho ya ka Kgaolo ya 6 ya Molawanaw a Tsebiso ya Mmuso (GN R) 982 o phatlaladitsweng tlasa karolo ya 24(5) le 44 tsa Molao wa Naha wa Taolo ya Tikoloho, 1998 (No. 107 wa 1998) (NEMA) bakeng sa ho romelwa ha Ditumello tsa Tikoloho (di-EA) tse pedi mabapi le Mosebetsi wa 21D o hlwauweng ka ho ya ka molawana wa tsebiso yam muso wa GN R 983 bakeng sa kopo ya Karolo ya 102 ka ho ya ka Molao wa Ntshetsopele ya Mehlodi ya Diminerale le Petroliamo, 2002 (Molao wa No. 28 wa 2002) ho fetola ditokelo tsa ho rafa tse boletsweng mona ka tlase.

**SEBAKA:** Tokelo ya ho Rafa e ntseng e le teng ya Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold) SOFS (MR) (FS 10005 MR) e mane Seterekeng sa Makgistrata wa Freistata sa Ventersburg, Theunissen le Winburg. Tokelo ya ho Rafa e sebakeng se ka etsang dikilometara (km) tse 6 ka borwa ho Virginia, Masepaleng wa Selehae wa Matjhabeng.

Tokelo ya ho Rafa e ntseng e le teng ya Beatrix MR ya Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold) (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) e mane Seterekeng sa Masepala sa Freistata sa Theunissen le Ventersburg. Tokelo ya ho Rafa e sebakeng se ka etsang dikilometara (km) tse 25 ka borwa ho Virginia, Masepaleng wa Selehae wa Matjhabeng.

**TLHALOSO YA PROJEKE:** Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy), setheo se ka tlasa Neo Energy Metals, se fumane kananelo ya bohlokwa ho tswa Bankeng ya Risefe ya Afrika Borwa ho tswela pele ka phihlelo ya tshafu ya Sibanye-Stillwater's Beatrix 4. Ho tshetshata phihlelo ena, Sibanye-Stillwater e tshwanetse ho phetha diketsahalo tse latelang:

- Ho fetisa bong ba Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Southern Free State (SDFS) (FS 10005 MR), eo ha jwale e tshwerweng ke Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold), ho Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold).
- Ho Kopanya karolo ya Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Sibanye Gold Beatrix (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) le Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya SOFS (FS 10005 MR).
- E fetise Tokelo e setseng ya ho Rafa ya Beatrix (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) ho tswa ho Sibanye Gold ho ya ho Neo Energy.

Re kopa hore le ele hloko hore tshebetso tsena tsa tsamaiso ha di kenyelletse diphelelo dife kapa dife ho tshebetso tsa ho rafa tse ntseng di le teng kapa meralo ya motheo e amanang le hoo. Mosebetsi yohle ya ho rafa le meralo ya motheo e tshetshang e tla nne e tswela pele jwalo ka ha e ne e dumelletswa pejana.

**DITLHOKO TSA MOLAO:** Kopo ya semmuso ya Tumello ya Tikoloho e ile ya romelwa ho Lefapha la Mehlodi ya Diminerale le Eneji la Freistata (DMRE) ka la 14 Motsheanong 2025 bakeng sa ditokelo tsa ho rafa tse latelang:

- Wits Gold – Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya SOFS (FS 10005 MR), Referense ya DMRE: FS-00040-MR/11.
- Sibanye Gold – Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Beatrix (FS 10047 MR; eo pejana e neng e le FS 081 MR), Referense ya DMRE: FS-00093-MR/102.

Dikopo tsena di ile tsa etsa hore ho qalwe ka molao tshebetso ya Tekolo ya Motheo tlasa NEMA. Tshebetso ena ya Tekolo ya Motheo e tla etswa ka ho latela Molawana wa Tsebiso ya Mmuso wa GN R 982.

**MOSEBELETSI WA TEKOLO YA TIKOLOHO:** GCS Environment SA (Pty) Ltd (GCS) e kgethuwe jwalo ka Mosebeletsi wa Tekolo ya Tikoloho ya Ikemetseng hore e thuse ka tshebetso ya kopo ho Lefapha la Mehlodi ya Diminerale le Eneji la Freistata (DMRE).

**MEMO YA HO NKA KAROLO LE HO TSHWAELA KA MORALO WA DIPEHELO TSA TEKOLO YA MOTHEO:** Moralo wa Dipehelo tsa Tekolo ya Motheo o tla fumaneha hore batho ba o bone mme ba tshwaele ho tloha ka la 14 Pulungoana ho ya ho la 15 Tshitwe 2025 dibakeng tse boletsweng lenaneng le mona ka tlase. Ditshwaelo tse ngotsweng le ditaba tse tiiseditsweng di tshwanetswe ho romelwa ho GCS ho eso fete la 15 Tshitwe 2025.

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Portal ya data ya mahala ya Sibanye	<a href="https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login">https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login</a>

**MEMO DIKOPANONG:** Ho hlophisitse dikopano tse tla neha setjhaba monyetla wa ho fumana tlhahisoleseding e eketsehileng ka Projekete le ho nka karolo tshebetso. Mona setjhaba se mengwa ho kenela e nngwe ya dikopano tsa setjhaba tse latelang.

Letsatsi	Nako	Sebaka
Laboraro, 26 Pulungoana 2025	14h00	Ferdie Meyer Hall (Welkom Central)

Batho ba Anngweng hape ba nang le Kgahleho ba batang ho ingodisa, ho nka karolo ka ho fana ka ditshwaelo kapa ba batlang ho fumana tlhahisoleseding e eketsehileng, ba kotjwa ho iteyana le:

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(SIGNED) H S BADENHORST  
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**J.F. SCHÜTTE**  
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**M.E. PIENAAR LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNTS IN DECEASED ESTATES LYING FOR INSPECTION**  
In terms of section 35 (5) of the Administration of Estates Act, No. 66 of 1965, notice is hereby given that copies of the liquidation and distribution accounts (first and final) in the estates specified below will be open for the inspection of all persons with an interest therein for a period of 21 days from the date specified or from the date of publication hereof, whichever may be the later, and at the offices of the Masters of the High Court and Magistrates as stated. Should no objection thereto be lodged with the Masters concerned during the specified period, the executors will proceed to make payments in accordance with the accounts. Late estate MARIE ELIZABETH PIENAAR, ID-no.510528 0161 08 6, last address: 21 TALJAARD STREET, ODENDAALSRUS, Province of the FREE STATE and Master's Office BLOEMFONTEIN. Estate-no. 7919/2018  
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**RIEBEECKSTAD HOËRSKOOI / HIGH SCHOOL**  
BEHEERLIGGAAMPOS BESKIKBAAR  
TAALMEDIUM: AFRIKAANS EN ENGELS  
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY POST  
LANGUAGE MEDIUM: AFRIKAANS AND ENGLISH  
**POSVLAK 1 ONDERWYSPOS / POST LEVEL 1 TEACHER FOR:**  
**AFRIKAANS FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR GR 8 AND 9 LEWENSORIËNTERING / LIFE ORIENTATION – GR 11**  
In Volledige CV: Akademiese rekord, formele kwalifikasies, SACE, informele kwalifikasies, ID, Polisieklaringsertifikaat moet aansoek vergesel.  
A complete CV: Academic records, formal qualifications, SACE, informal qualifications, ID, Police Clearance must accompany the application.  
**SLUITINGSDATUM: 18 November 2025**  
**CLOSING DATE: 18 November 2025**  
Die adres waar die volledige aansoek afgegee kan word is: The address where the full application can be submitted is:  
**Riebeeckstad Hoërskool**  
**Mahlerstraat 4, Riebeeckstad OF cv@riebies.co.za**

**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE:**  
**1. SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SOF) MINING RIGHT (FS 10005 MR)**  
DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11  
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GCS REF. NO: 25-0019

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**LOCATION:** Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold) SOFS existing Mining Right (MR) (FS 10005 MR) is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of Ventersburg, Theunissen and Winburg. The Mining Right is located approximately 6 kilometres (km) south of Virginia, Matjhabeng Local Municipality.  
Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold) exiting Beatrix MR (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of Theunissen and Ventersburg. The Mining Right is located approximately 25 km south of Virginia, Matjhabeng Local Municipality.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy), a subsidiary of Neo Energy Metals, has received key approvals from the South African Reserve Bank to proceed with the acquisition of Sibanye-Stillwater's Beatrix 4 shaft. In support of the acquisition, Sibanye-Stillwater is required to undertake the following actions:  
• Transfer ownership of the Southern Free State (SOF) Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), currently held by Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold), to Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold).  
• Consolidate a portion of the Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into the SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR).  
• Transfer the remainder of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) from Sibanye Gold to Neo Energy.

Please note that these administrative processes do not involve any modifications to the existing mining operations or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting infrastructure will continue as previously authorised.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:** An official application for EA was submitted to the Free State Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) on the 14 May 2025 for the following mining rights:  
• Wits Gold – SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11.  
• Sibanye Gold – Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR; formerly FS 081 MR), DMRE Reference: FS-00093-MR/102.

These applications triggered the formal commencement of the Basic Assessment process under the NEMA. The Basic Assessment process will be undertaken in line with GN R 982.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER:** GCS Environment SA (Pty) Ltd (GCS) has been appointed as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to facilitate the application process with the Free State DMRE.

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS:** The Draft Basic Assessment Reports will be available for public review and comment from 14 November to 15 December 2025 at the locations noted in the table below. Written comments and substantiated issues must be submitted to GCS by 15 December 2025.

Place	Address
Meloding Public Library	Meloding Street, Virginia
Virginia Public Library	Virginia Garden Circle
GCS Website	<a href="https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/">https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/</a>
Sibanye's data free portal	<a href="https://ulwazi.datafree.co.za/#/pub/login">https://ulwazi.datafree.co.za/#/pub/login</a>

**INVITATION TO MEETINGS:** Meetings have been scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to obtain more information on the Project and to participate in the process. The public are hereby invited to attend one of the following public meetings.

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 26 November 2025	14h00	Ferdie Meyer Hall (Welkom Central)

**Interested and Affected Parties who wish to register, participate by contributing comments or who would like to obtain more information, should please contact:**

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# DRUG BUST NETS TWO ARRESTS

Members of Welkom Public Order Police have arrested two suspects for alleged drug possession in Hen-nenman following swift action on community information received on Thursday 23 October. Acting on re-ports about houses where drugs were allegedly being sold, officers searched a property in Phomolong and discovered eleven halves of Mandrax

tablets, three sealed bags of crystal methamphetamine and money, leading to the arrest of a 45-year-old man. In a separate incident at Motseki informal settlement, a 40-year-old man was arrested after police found nine sealed bags of crystal methamphetamine and money hidden in a bedroom. Both suspects have been charged with drug possession.



## VACANT MECHANIC ASSISTANT POST

Sand-Vet Water Users' Association hereby invites suitably qualified/experienced persons to apply for the following vacant post on their staff establishment. Sand-Vet Water Users' Association is an equal opportunity employer. It intends to promote representation in the institution through the filling of the following post.

- SALARY** : Salary level 16/1 - (R 116 944 per annum - Basic salary)
- FRINGE BENEFITS** : As applicable to Sand-Vet Water Users Association (Housing, Pension, Medical Aid & 13<sup>th</sup> Cheque)
- REQUIREMENTS** : Minimum Grade 12 or equivalent Qualification. At least 3 years of proven knowledge and experience in the repair of equipment, vehicles, quadbikes and machinery. A valid Code EB (8) driver's licence will serve as an advantage.
- DUTIES** : Assist the Mechanic in the discharge of all his/her duties.
- ENQUIRIES** : All enquiries should be directed, during office hours, to **EITHER** the Acting HOD: Civil & Mechanical Department, Mr A Labuscagne, **OR** the Human Resource Officer: **Mr. MJ Maloka at (057) 352 7375/81**. All Applications must comprise a covering application letter and a comprehensive CV that includes original certified copies of qualifications. Applications may either be submitted through the post to: Sand-Vet Water Users' Association, HR Management, Private Bag X35, Welkom, 9460, for attention: Mr MJ Maloka or may be hand-delivered to the Sand-Vet WUA's Offices (situated between Welkom and Bultfontein) for attention: Mr MJ Maloka. Applicants who do not receive confirmation or feedback within four (4) weeks from the closing date must accept that their application was unsuccessful.

**CLOSING DATE: 11 November 2025 at 16:00**  
**PLEASE NOTE:** No faxed or emailed applications will be accepted. Canvassing for this post will lead to automatic disqualification.



## Saying goodbye in classic style

On Saturday 25 October, Brian Emmenis and Liesl Evans of the Welkom Classic Car Club organised a special drive-by past the house of Johan and Susan Lubbe in Riebeeckstad. The club members drove their cars in honour of the Lubbes who are leaving the club to relocate to Bloemfontein. At the event are from the left Emmenis, the Lubbes, and Bev Emmenis. They are long-time friends and neighbours. Johan is the proud owner of the 1965 Ford Mustang on the right.



## Crowned as provincial champions

Learners of the Setshabelo Primary School were crowned provincial champions in the Life Skills and Life Orientation Quiz, which recently took place. These learners represented the Lejweleputswa District at the provincial event. They were accompanied by "Lifelong learners" Moselantja Mohlomi and Phumla Njesela. Mohlomi received a certificate of appreciation. From the left are Gugushe Rethabile, Mamokete Mokhele, Jerry Letsoara, Gadimang Lebatla, Mohlomi, Millicent Smith, Lebone Komane and Njesela. PHOTO: Supplied

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Re kopa hore le ele hloko hore tshebetso tsena tsa tsamaiso ha di kenyelletse dipetoho dife kapa dife ho tshebetso tsa ho rafa tse ntseng di le teng kapa meralo ya motheo e amanang le hoo. Mosebetsi yohle ya ho rafa le meralo ya motheo e tshetsang e tla nne e tswela pele jwalo ka ha e ne e dumelletsewe pejana.

**DITLHOKO TSA MOLAO:** Kopo ya semmuso ya Tumello ya Tikoloho e ile ya romelwa ho Lefapha la Mehloodi ya Diminerale le Eneji la Freistata (DMRE) ka la 14 Motsheanong 2025 bakeng sa ditokelo tsa ho rafa tse latelang:

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Dikopo tsena di ile tsa etsa hore ho qalwe ka molao tshebetso ya Tekolo ya Motheo tlasa NEMA. Tshebetso ena ya Tekolo ya Motheo e tla etswa ka ho latela Molawana wa Tsebiso ya Mmuso wa GN R 982.

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**MEMO DIKOPANONG:** Ho hlophisitse dikopano tse tla neha setjhaba monyetla wa ho fumana tlhahisoleseding e eketsehileng ka Projeke le ho nka karolo tshebetso. Mona setjhaba se mengwa ho kenela e nngwe ya dikopano tsa setjhaba tse latelang.

Letsatsi	Nako	Sebaka
Laboraro, 26 Pulungoana 2025	14h00	Ferdie Meyer Hall (Welkom Central)

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BooySENDAL Platinum is situated on the border of the Limpopo and Mpumalanga Provinces near the towns of Mashishing (Lydenburg), Roossenekal and Steelpoort. The mine is located on the southernmost exposure of the eastern limb of the Bushveld Complex with eighty percent of its resources in the Mpumalanga Province. The Mine has a board and pillar mining layout and operates with trackless mechanised mining equipment. BooySENDAL is a subsidiary of the JSE-listed Northam Platinum Limited, a well-established, mid-tier independent and integrated platinum group metals producer with a strong tradition of innovation and technical expertise in the sector.

# FITTER (C1)

## BOOYSENDAL SOUTH - METALLURGY DEPARTMENT

Ref. No.: BDMET16/25

**Role requirements:** The successful candidate must have the following basic requirements: • Minimum Grade 12 or N3 • Fitter trade certificate – Section 13 / 26D • English language proficiency • Driver's licence - Code B, EB or C1 • Medical certificate of fitness • Competent working in confined spaces • No major sensory restrictions • Must be familiar with risk assessment procedures • Minimum of 2 - 3 years' experience as a qualified artisan in a process plant will be advantageous.

**Key performance areas:** • Attend to mechanical equipment maintenance and installation • Support the achievement of production performance levels • Ensure that safety regulations are adhered to.

**Important to note:** Applicants must: • Be willing to work standby, overtime and shifts • Have own transport.

**Please attach a comprehensive updated curriculum vitae as well as a certified copy of your ID and your qualifications.**

Should you meet all the requirements, please submit your CV to [HRApplicationsBD@norplats.co.za](mailto:HRApplicationsBD@norplats.co.za) and please quote the job title and reference number in the subject box. Kindly note that BooySENDAL will only correspond with short-listed candidates.

**Applications close: 07 November 2025**

CV's received in any form after the closing date and time will not be considered. Should you not hear from the company within 21 days after the closing date for applications, please consider your application as unsuccessful.

**BooySENDAL Platinum Mine is an equal employment opportunity employer and reserves the right to make appointments in line with its Employment Equity Policy.**

# Residents and Civic Groups Clean Up Welkom Fire Station

By Ntshebo Mhlambi

Concerned residents and civic organisations joined a community cleaning drive at the Welkom Fire Station on 25 October 2025 to support municipal efforts and restore a neglected public facility.

The Thabang Leteane Development Foundation partnered with Voice for Change (GATVOL) to lead the initiative. Volunteers cleared debris, tidied the grounds and carried out light maintenance, with several local firefighters joining the effort.

The foundation thanked community members and local businesses for their donations and sponsorships, saying the support was vital to the campaign's success. Organisers described the collaboration as a demonstration of civic unity and a commitment to maintaining clean, safe public spaces across Matjhabeng.

Planned follow-up activities aim to extend the programme to other towns in the municipality, encouraging ongoing community involvement and local accountability.



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- **Mojalefa Mokhuamathe**

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#### **APPENDIX D - SITE NOTICES**

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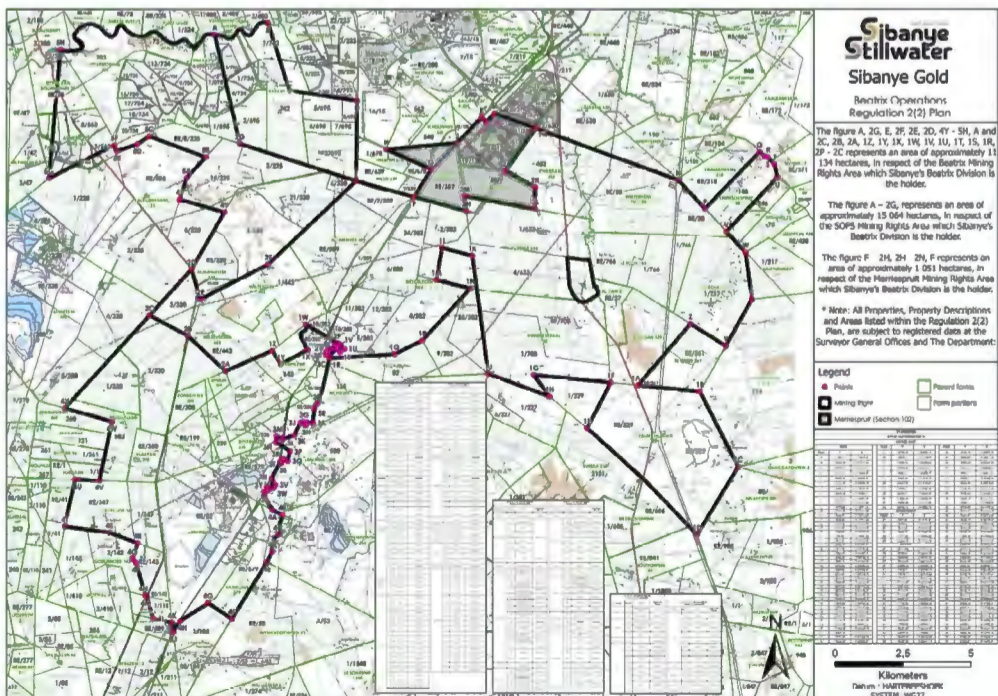
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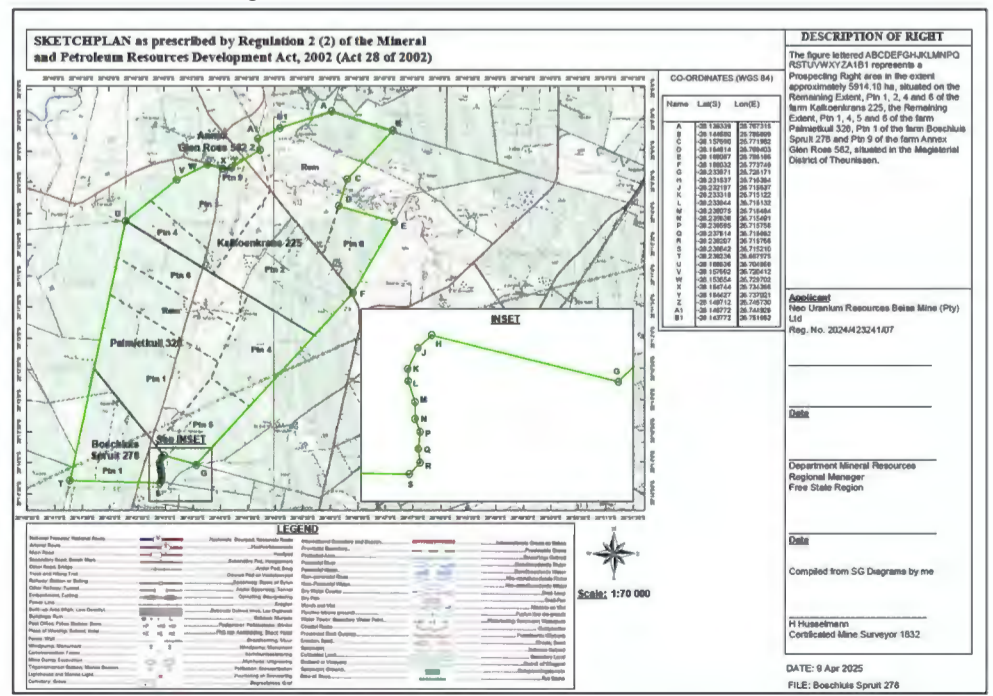
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Plan indicating the amended SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR) held by Sibanye Gold



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- Ho Kopanya karolo ya Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Sibanye Gold Beatrix (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) le Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya SOFS (FS 10005 MR).
- E fetise Tokelo e setseng ya ho Rafa ya Beatrix (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) ho tswa ho Sibanye Gold ho ya ho Neo Energy.

Re kopa hore le ele hloko hore tshebetso tsena tsa tsamaiso ha di kenyelletse diphelelo dife kapa dife ho tshebetso tsa ho rafa tse ntseng di le teng kapa meralo ya motheo e amanang le hoo. Mosebetsi yohle ya ho rafa le meralo ya motheo e tshetsang e tla nne e tswela pele jwalo ka ha e ne e dumelletsewe pejana.

**DITLHOKO TSA MOLAO**

Kopo ya semmuso ya Tumello ya Tikoloho e ile ya romelwa ho Lefapha la Mehloodi ya Diminerale le Eneji la Freistata (DMRE) ka la 14 Motsheanong 2025 bakeng sa ditokelo tsa ho rafa tse latelang:

- Wits Gold – Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya SOFS (FS 10005 MR), Referense ya DMRE: FS-00040-MR/11.
- Sibanye Gold – Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Beatrix (FS 10047 MR; eo pejana e neng e le FS 081 MR), Referense ya DMRE: FS-00093-MR/102.

Dikopo tsena di ile tsa etsa hore ho qalwe ka molao tshebetso ya Tekolo ya Motheo tlasa NEMA. Tshebetso ena ya Tekolo ya Motheo e tla etswa ka ho latela Molawana wa Tsebiso ya Mmuso wa GN R 982.

**MOSEBELETSI WA TEKOLO YA TIKOLOHO**

GCS Environment SA (Pty) Ltd (GCS) e kgethuwe jwalo ka Mosebeletsi wa Tekolo ya Tikoloho ya Ikemetseng hore e thuse ka tshebetso ya kopo ho Lefapha la Mehloodi ya Diminerale le Eneji la Freistata (DMRE).

**MEMO YA HO NKA KAROLO LE HO TSHWAELE KA MORALO WA DIPEHELO TSA TEKOLO YA MOTHEO**

Moralo wa Diphelelo tsa Tekolo ya Motheo o tla fumaneha hore batho ba o bone mme ba tshwaele ho tloha ka la 14 Pulungoana 2025 ho ya ho la 8 Pherekong 2026 dibakeng tse boletsweng lenaneng le mona ka tlase. Ditshwaelo tse ngotsweng le ditaba tse tiiseditsweng di tshwanetswe ho romelwa ho GCS ho eso fete la 8 Pherekong 2026.

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Welkom City Library	Welkom Central, Welkom
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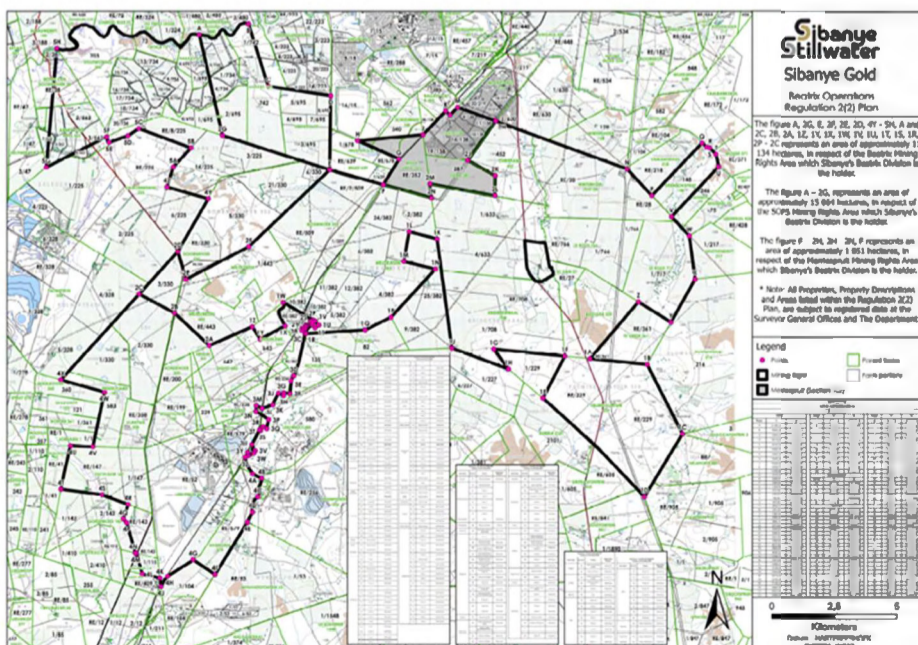
**MEMO DIKOPANONG**

Ho hlophisitswe dikopano tse tla neha setjhaba monyetla wa ho fumana tlhahisoleseding e eketsehileng ka Projeke le ho nka karolo tshebetso. Mona setjhaba se mengwa ho kenela e nngwe ya dikopano tsa setjhaba tse latelang.

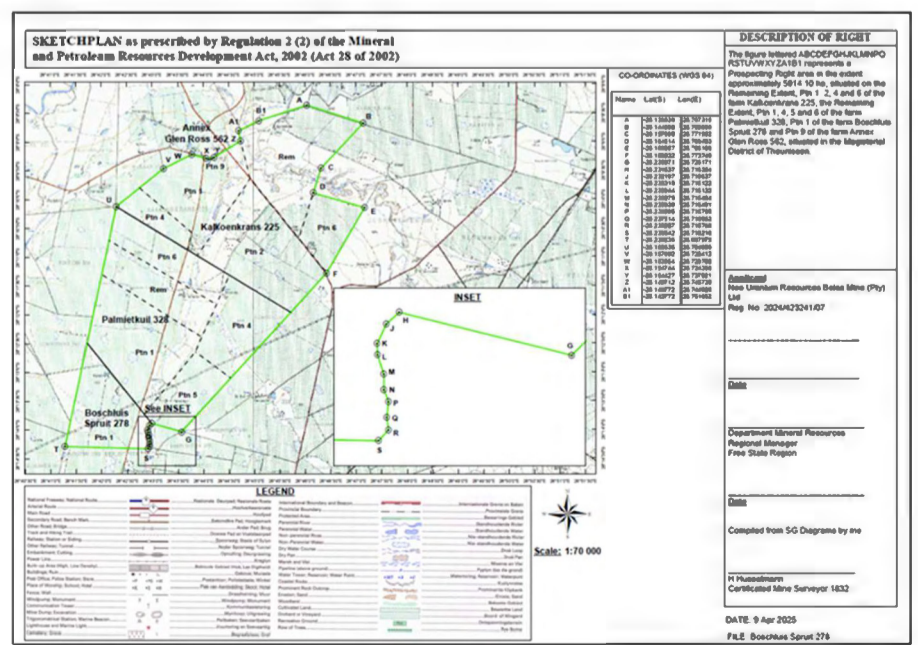
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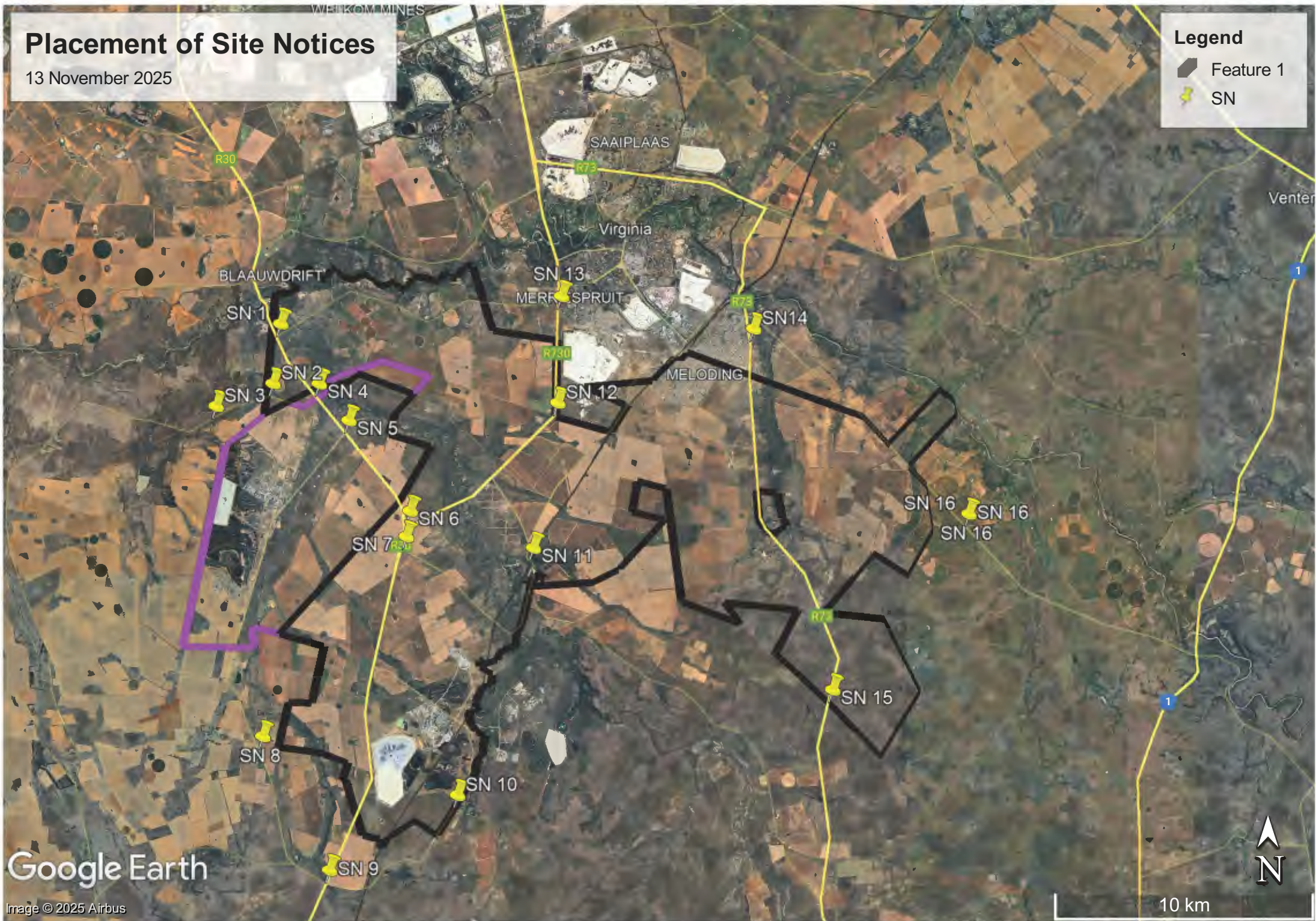
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# Placement of Site Notices

13 November 2025

## Legend

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# APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE:

## 1. SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SOFS) MINING RIGHT (FS 10005 MR)



DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11

## 2. BEATRIX MINING RIGHT (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))

DMRE Reference: FS-00093-MS/102




# Placement of site notices




13 November 2025

	Description	Photo
1.	<p>On the R30 at a T-junction towards Blaauwdrift on the western side of the Beatrix Mining Right, close to the Terta 4 Plant, Welkom.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates: 28°7'51,043"S; 26°43'31,631"E</p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 09:35:36 28°7'51,043"S 26°43'31,631"E R30 Blaauwdrift Welkom Lejweleputswa District Municipality Free State</p>
2.	<p>Off the R30 on a sectional road towards the operations of Khuwaleza drilling, Theunissen.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates: 28°9'5,694"S; 26°43'20,659"E</p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 09:54:37 28°9'5,694"S 26°43'20,659"E Theunissen Lejweleputswa District Municipality Free State</p>
3.	<p>Past Stilte Primary School on the edge of the western side of the Beatrix Mining Right.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates: 28°9'34,526"S; 26°42'0,414"E</p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 10:09:24 28°9'34,526"S 26°42'0,414"E Matjhabeng Local Municipality Lejweleputswa District Municipality Free State</p>





	Description	Photo
4.	<p>On the R30 at the T-junction towards the Beatrix Mine, Virginia.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates:  28°9'6,645"S;  26°44'26,556"E</p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 10:24:40  28°9'6,645"S 26°44'26,556"E  R30  Virginia  Lejweleputswa District Municipality  Free State</p>
5.	<p>On the R30 at the T-junction towards the Beatrix Mine, Virginia.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates:  28°9'52,301"S;  26°45'7,666"E</p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 10:36:34  28°9'52,301"S 26°45'7,666"E  R30  Virginia  Lejweleputswa District Municipality  Free State</p>
6.	<p>At the intersection of the R30 and R730.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates:  28°12'15,656"S;  26°46'30,284"E</p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 10:52:21  28°12'15,656"S 26°46'30,284"E  R30  Lejweleputswa District Municipality  Free State</p>

	Description	Photo
7.	<p>At the intersection of the R30 and R730.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates: 28°12'30,056"S; 26°46'22,16"E</p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 11:00:55 28°12'30,056"S 26°46'22,16"E R30 Lejweleputswa District Municipality Free State</p>
8.	<p>At the intersection of the R30 and the Sectional Road S478.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates: 28°19'13,588"S; 26°44'42,729"E</p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 11:22:09 28°19'13,588"S 26°44'42,729"E R30 Lejweleputswa District Municipality Free State</p>
9.	<p>At the entrance of Farm Karee, at the south western corner of the Mining Right.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates: 28°16'25,035"S; 26°43'6,674"E</p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 11:37:18 28°16'25,035"S 26°43'6,674"E Masilonyana Lejweleputswa District Municipality Free State</p>

	Description	Photo
10.	<p>On the southern boundary of the Mining Right.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates:  <math>28^{\circ}17'27,122''S</math>;  <math>26^{\circ}47'51,832''E</math></p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 12:19:51  <math>28^{\circ}17'27,122''S</math> <math>26^{\circ}47'51,832''E</math>  Masilonyana  Lejweleputswa District Municipality  Free State</p>
11.	<p>At Welgeleë Silo, Senwes.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates:  <math>28^{\circ}12'41,898''S</math>;  <math>26^{\circ}49'34,402''E</math></p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 13:02:31  <math>28^{\circ}12'41,898''S</math> <math>26^{\circ}49'34,402''E</math>  Lejweleputswa District Municipality  Free State</p>
12.	<p>On the R730 at the Theseus substation.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates:  <math>28^{\circ}9'29,934''S</math>;  <math>26^{\circ}50'5,172''E</math></p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 13:19:06  <math>28^{\circ}9'29,934''S</math> <math>26^{\circ}50'5,172''E</math>  R730  Lejweleputswa District Municipality  Free State</p>

	Description	Photo
13.	<p>On the R730, at the entrance to Kitty, across from Merriespruit, Virginia.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates: 28°7'16,493"S; 26°50'10,212"E</p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 13:29:58 28°7'16,493"S 26°50'10,212"E 101 Morijah Avenue Merriespruit Virginia Lejweleputswa District Municipality Free State</p>
14.	<p>Calabria Street, Meloding, just off the R73, Virginia.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates: 28°7'57,6"S; 26°54'42,758"E</p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 13:57:05 28°7'57,6"S 26°54'42,758"E 13707 Calabria Street Meloding Virginia Lejweleputswa District Municipality Free State</p>
15.	<p>Southeastern boundary of the Mining Right, on the R73.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates: 28°15'13,728"S; 26°56'38,61"E</p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 14:16:42 28°15'13,728"S 26°56'38,61"E R73 Lejweleputswa District Municipality Free State</p>

	Description	Photo
16.	<p>On the Eastern boundary of the Mining Right at the entrance of Junctionsdrift.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates: 28°11'47,915"S; 26°59'48,091"E</p>	 <p>13 Nov 2025 15:13:41 28°11'47,915"S 26°59'48,091"E Matjhabeng Local Municipality Lejweleputswa District Municipality Free State</p>
17.	<p>Virginia Library in Civic Avenue where a hard copy of the DBARs were available.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates: 28°10712"S; 26°86904"E</p>	
18.	<p>Meloding Library, 1465 Meloding Way where a hard copy of the DBARs were available.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates: 28°13078"S; 26°89741"E</p> 	

	Description	Photo
19.	<p>Theunissen Library, 37 Pienaar Avenue where a hard copy of the DBARs were available.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates: 28°40'133"S; 26°7'1222"E</p> 	
20.	<p>Welkom Library, 5 Tulbagh Street, Welkom where a hard copy of the DBARs were available.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates: 27°9'7860"S; 26°7'3754"E</p> 	

## **APPENDIX E - BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

- English BID with registration and comment form
- Sesotho BID with registration and comment form



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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

### APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE: 1. SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SOFS) MINING RIGHT (FS 10005 MR)

DMPR Reference: FS-00040-MR/11

AND

### 2. THE BEATRIX MINING RIGHT (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))

DMPR Reference: FS-00093-MS/102

GCS REF. NO: 25-0019

#### PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to provide Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with information regarding the ownership transfer and consolidation of Mining Rights in the Free State.

The aim of this document is to:

- Invite your participation and registration as an I&AP.
- Provide information about the proposed applications.
- Indicate how I&APs can become involved in the process, receive information, raise issues, and comment.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy), a subsidiary of Neo Energy Metals, has received key approvals from the South African Reserve Bank to proceed with the acquisition of Sibanye-Stillwater's Beatrix 4 shaft. In support of the acquisition, Sibanye-Stillwater is required to undertake the following actions:

- Transfer ownership of the Southern Free State (SOFS) Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), currently held by Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold), to Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold).
- Consolidate a portion of the Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into the SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR).

- Transfer the remainder of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) from Sibanye Gold to Neo Energy.

Please note that these administrative processes do not involve any modifications to the existing mining operations or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting systems will continue as previously authorised.

#### LOCATION

Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold) SOFS existing Mining Right (MR) (FS 10005 MR) is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of Ventersburg, Theunissen and Winburg. The Mining Right area is situated approximately 6 km from Virginia, 12 km from Theunissen, and about 40 km from Welkom, within the jurisdiction of the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities. Refer to Figure 1.

Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold) exiting Beatrix MR (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of Theunissen and Ventersburg. The Mining Right area lies approximately 25 km from Theunissen, 27 km from Virginia, and 43 km from Welkom, and falls under the jurisdiction of the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities. Refer to Figure 2.

## APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

### SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR)

This application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) by way of a Basic Assessment (BA) comprises the consolidation of a portion of Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into Wits Gold SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), while simultaneously being transferred to Sibanye Gold. Refer to Figure 3.

### Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))

This application for EA, by way of a BA comprises the consolidation of the portion of Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into Wits Gold SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR). The Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) (this application) will thereafter only contain the following infrastructure:

- Beatrix 4 Shaft.
- Metallurgical Plant.
- Tailing Storage Facility.
- Waste Rock Dump.
- Waste Water Treatment Works.
- Pollution Control Dams and Evaporation Dams.

The Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) will then be transferred to Neo Energy. Refer to Figure 4.

## LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

GCS Environment South Africa (Pty) Ltd (GCS) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to manage the EA applications in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), and its associated regulations.

### Environmental Authorisation

An EA for each application is required under the NEMA for the following activity:

#### GN R 983:

**Activity 21 D:** Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires an amendment or variation to a right or permit in terms of Section 102 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, as well as any other applicable activity contained in this Listing Notice or in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required for such amendment.

## DELEGATED COMPETENT AUTHORITY

The delegated competent authority responsible for administering and implementation of the relevant legislation is the Free State Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR).

## WHAT IS BASIC ASSESSMENT

A BA is a streamlined environmental assessment process prescribed for activities that are anticipated to have limited or site-specific environmental impacts that can be mitigated without the need for a full Environmental Impact Assessment. This process is regulated under Section 24 of the NEMA and applies to activities listed in GN R 983.

Before any listed activity can commence, an EA must be obtained from the relevant competent authority, in this case the Free State DMPR.

## THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The BA process comprises several key phases that ensure compliance with legal requirements and facilitate public participation. The process is summarised below and illustrated in Figure 5:

### Phase 1: Notification of Authorities

An official application for EA was submitted to the Free State DMPR in May 2025 for the following mining rights:

- Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold) - SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), DMPR Reference: FS-00040-MR/11.
- Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold) - Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR; formerly FS 081 MR), DMPR Reference: FS-00093-MR/102.

These applications triggered the formal commencement of the BA process under the NEMA.

### Phase 2: Public Participation Process

Public participation is a cornerstone of the BA process and is undertaken in accordance with Chapter 6 of GN R 982. It ensures transparency, inclusivity, and meaningful engagement with I&APs.

#### Step 1: Notification and Issue Identification

- I&APs will be notified of the proposed Project through direct communication and public notices.
- A Background Information Document will be distributed, providing an overview of the Project, a locality map, and a registration/comments form.
- I&APs will be invited to register their interest in order to receive further information.

#### Step 2: Review of the Draft Basic Assessment Reports

- A Comment and Response Report (CRR) will be compiled to document all input received from I&APs during Step 1.

- The Draft Basic Assessment Reports (DBAR) and the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPr) will be released for a formal 30-day public review period from 30 June to 30 July 2025.
- The documents will be made available for viewing at designated public locations and on the Sibanye and GCS website. You are hereby invited to review the DBARs and submit comments during the public comment period, which will run from 14 November 2025 to 8 January 2026 at the following locations:
  - Meloding Public Library, Meloding Street, Virginia.
  - Virginia Public Library, Virginia Garden Circle.
  - Welkom City Library, Welkom Central, Welkom.
  - Theunissen Public Library, Le Roux Street, Pienaar Ave, and Theunissen.
  - Sibanye’s data free portal: <https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login>
  - GCS Website: <https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/>

Written comments and substantiated issues must be submitted to GCS by 8 January 2026.

- Meetings have been scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to obtain more information on the Project and to participate in the process. The public are hereby invited to attend one of the following public meetings:
 

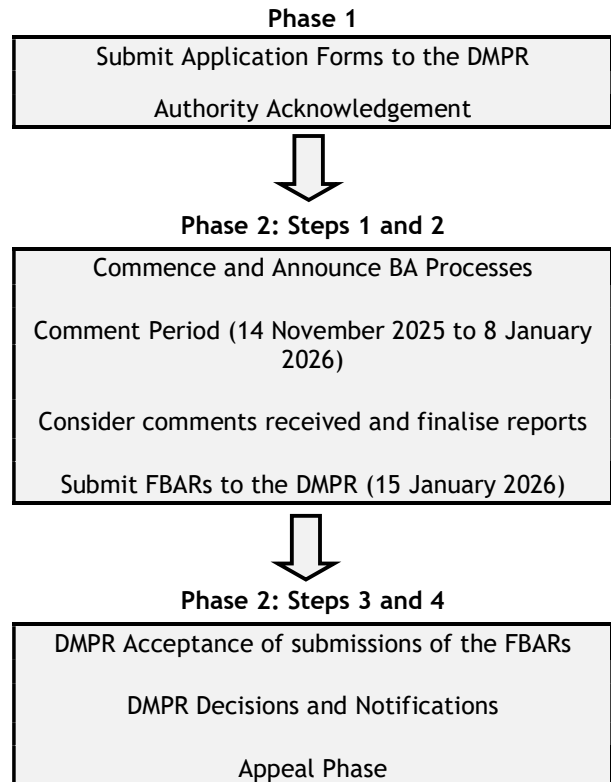
**Date:** Wednesday, 26 November 2025  
**Time:** 14h00  
**Venue:** Ferdie Meyer Hall (Welkom Central)

**Step 3: Submission of the Final Basic Assessment Reports**

- All comments received during the public review period will be considered in the preparation of the Final Basic Assessment Reports (FBAR).
- The FBARs, along with the final EMPs and updated CRRs, will then be submitted to the DMPR for consideration and decision-making.
- All I&APs on the Project database will be notified of the submission of the FBARs to the DMPR and again once the DMPR has issued its decisions on the FBARs.

**Step 4: Notification of Environmental Authorisations and Appeal Period**

- Once the EAs have been issued by the DMPR, all registered I&APs will be informed of the outcomes.
- The notifications will include details on the statutory appeal period and guidance on the procedure to lodge an appeal, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Regulation.



**Figure 5: Diagrammatic representation of the Basic Assessment Process to be followed**

**REGISTERING AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY**

By registering as an I&AP, you will be included in the Project stakeholder database and receive further information in future for comment. Your comments will ensure that all relevant issues are incorporated and addressed.

Please complete and submit the enclosed registration / comment sheet or contact GCS if you wish to comment or register on the Project. I&APs who wish to participate by contributing comments, or who would like to obtain more information, should please contact:

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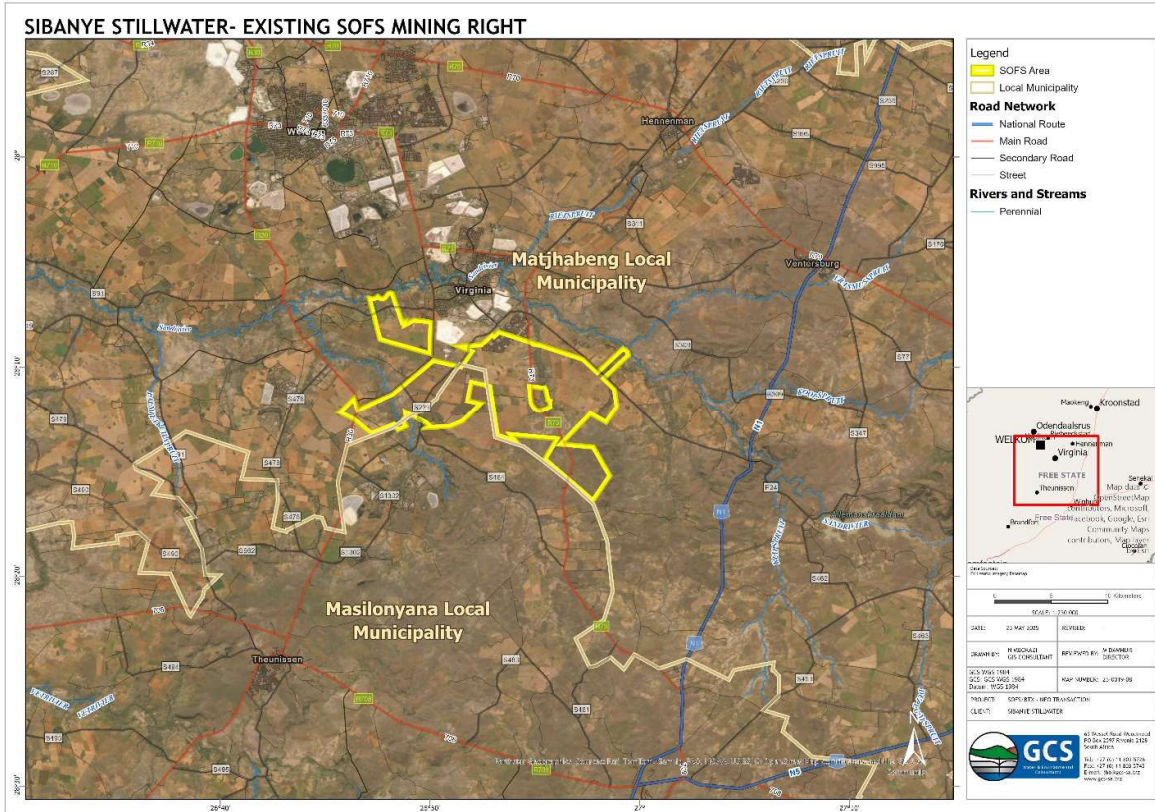


Figure 1: Locality Plan indicating the existing Wits Gold SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR)

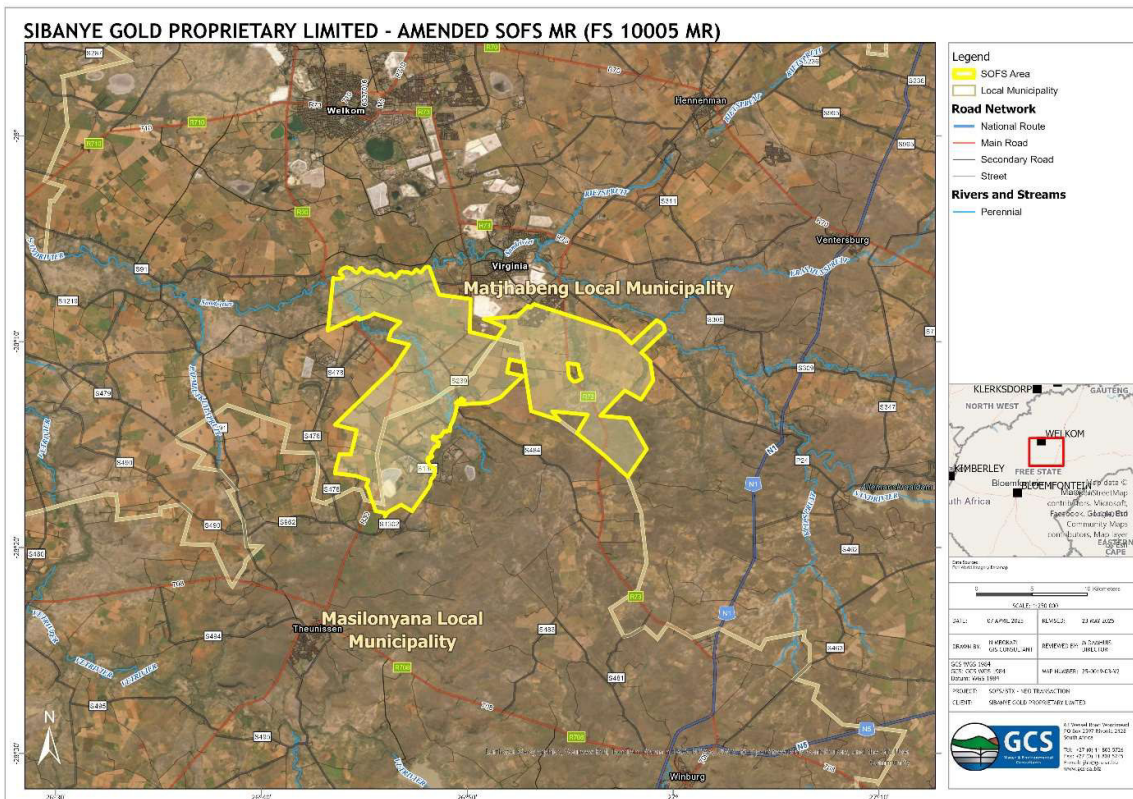


Figure 3: Locality Plan indicating the amended SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR)

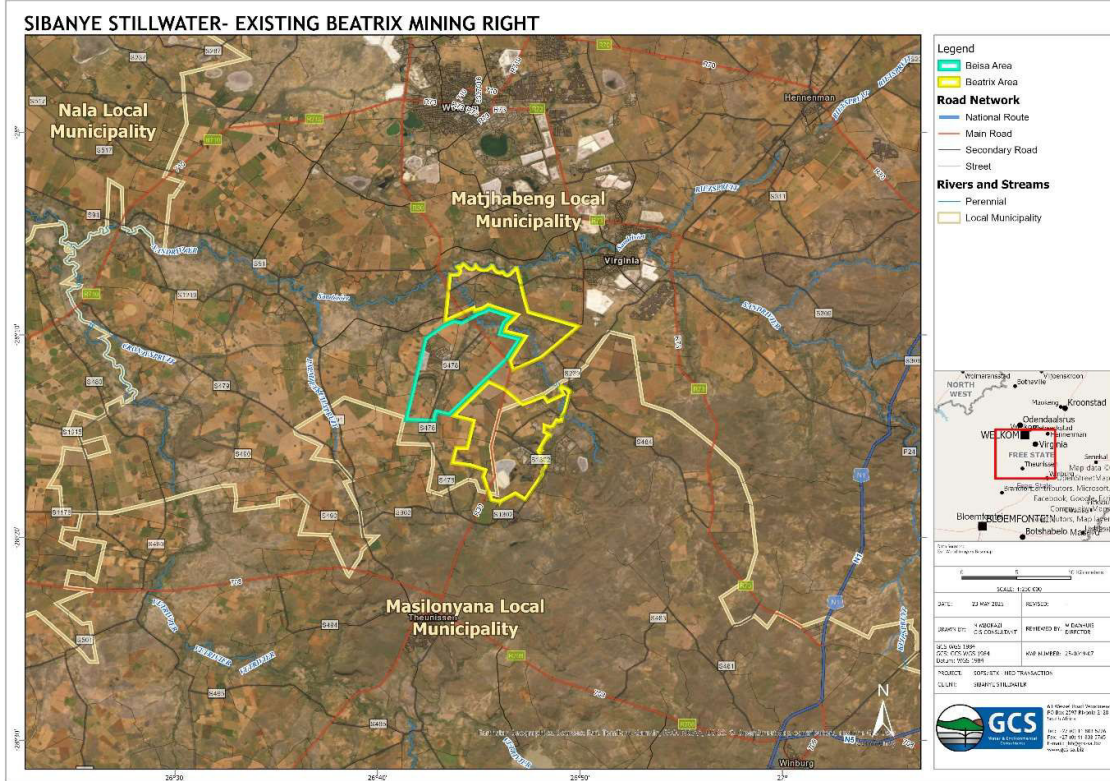


Figure 2: Locality Plan indicating the existing Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))

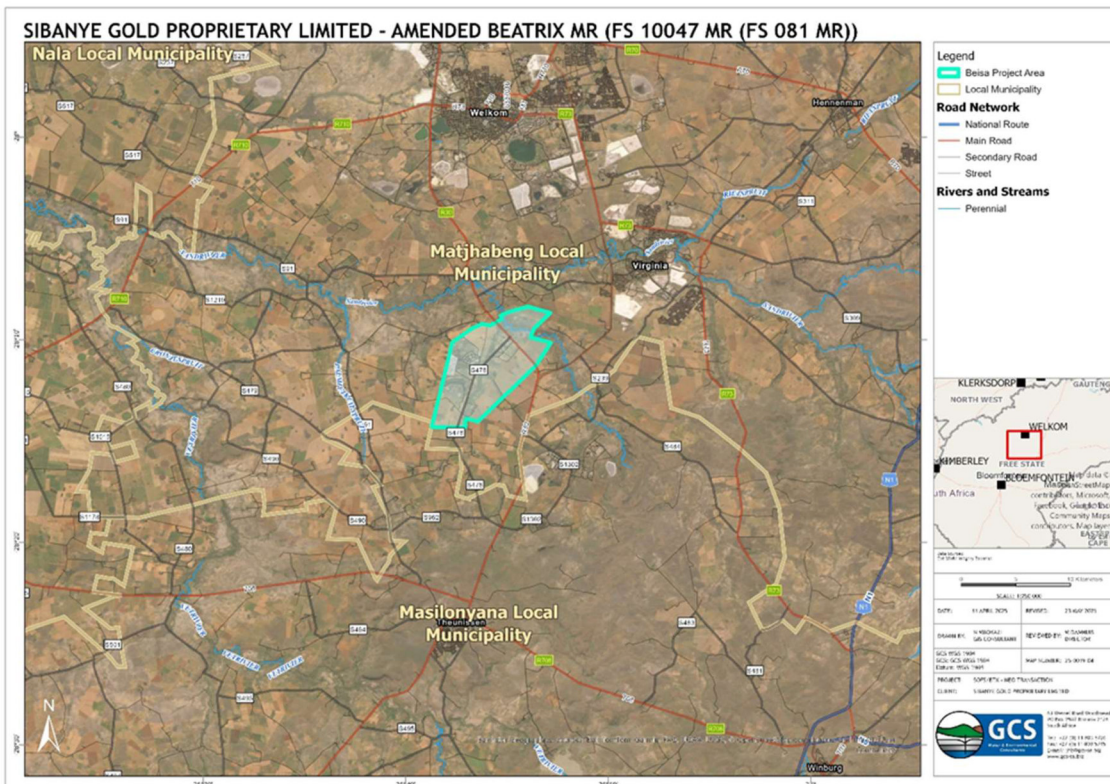


Figure 4: Locality Plan indicating the amended Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) to be transferred to Neo Energy

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**GCS REF. NO: 25-0019**

**REGISTRATION AND COMMENT FORM**

*Registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) will be informed of ongoing developments via their preferred means of communication (SMS, e-mail). Please register as an I&AP and provide comments by sending this form, or other written correspondence, to the contact details provided below:*

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Please formally register me as an Interested and Affected Party	Yes	No
I would like to receive my notifications by	E-mail	SMS

**Please indicate which sector you represent and also provide a name**

Government Department	
Municipality	
Community	
Non-Government Organisation	
Business	

**If you are a landowner or land occupier, please indicate which farm(s) and portion(s) you reside on**

Landowner	
Land occupier	

**Please fill in your contact details below for the Project database**

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Designation			
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## TOKOMANE E MABAPI LE TLHAHISOLESERING YA BOITSHETLEHO BA DITABA

### KOPO YA TUMELLO YA TSA TIKOLOHO BAKENG SA:

#### 1. TOKELO YA HO RAFA YA SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SOFS) (FS 10005 MR)

Referense ya DMPR: FS-00040-MR/11

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#### 2. TOKELO YA HO RAFA YA BEATRIX (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))

Referense ya DMPR: FS-00093-MS/102

REF. YA GCS NO: 25-0019

### MORERO WA TOKOMANE

Morero wa tokomane ena ke ho neha Batho ba Anngweng hape ba nang le Kgahleho tlhahisoleseding e mabapi le fetisa bong le ho kopanya Ditokelo tsa ho Rafa ka hara Freistata.

Sepheo sa tokomane ena ke:

- Ho o mema hore o tle o nke karolo le ho ingodisa jwalo ka Motho ya Anngweng hape ya nang le Kgahleho (I&AP).
- Ho fana ka tlhahisoleseding mabapi le dikopo tse sisintsweng.
- Ho bontsha ka moo Batho ba Anngweng hape ba nang le Kgahleho ba ka bang le seabo tshebetsona, ba fumane tlhahisoleseding, ba hlahise ditaba, le ho tshwaela.

### TLHALOSO YA PROJEKE

Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy), setheo se ka tlasa Neo Energy Metals, se fumane kananelo ya bohlokwa ho tswa Bankeng ya Risefe ya Afrika Borwa ho tswela pele ka phihlelo ya tjhafo ya Beatrix 4 ya Sibanye-Stillwater. Ho tshhetsa phihlelo ena, Sibanye-Stillwater e tshwanetse ho phetha diketsahalo tse latelang:

- Ho fetisetsa bong ba Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Southern Free State (SOFS) (FS 10005 MR), eo ha jwale e tshwerweng ke Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold), ho ya ho Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold).

- Ho kopanya karolo ya Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Sibanye Gold Beatrix (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) le Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya SOFS (FS 10005 MR).
- Ho fetisa Tokelo e setseng ya ho Rafa ya Beatrix (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) ho tswa ho Sibanye Gold ho ya ho Neo Energy.

Re kopa hore le ele hloko hore tshebetso tse na tsamaiso ha di kenyelletse diphelelo dife kapa dife ho tshebetso tsa ho rafa tse ntseng di le teng kapa meralo ya motheo e amanang le hoo. Mesebetsi yohle ya ho rafa le meralo ya motheo e tshhetsang e tla nne e tswela pele jwalo ka ha e ne e dumelletsewe pejana.

### SEBAKA

Tokelo ya ho Rafa e ntseng e le teng ya Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold) SOFS (MR) (FS 10005 MR) e mane Seterekeng sa Makgistrata wa Freistata sa Ventersburg, Theunissen le Winburg. Tokelo ya ho Rafa e sebakeng se ka etsang dikilometara (km) tse 6 ka borwa ho Virginia, tse 12 ka borwa ho Theunissen le tse 40 ka borwa ho Theunissen, Masepaleng wa Selehae wa Masilonyana le Matjhabeng. Sheba Setshwantsho sa 1.

Tokelo ya ho Rafa e ntseng e le teng ya Beatrix MR ya Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold) (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) e mane Seterekeng sa Masepala sa Freistata sa Theunissen le Ventersburg. Tokelo ya ho Rafa e sebakeng se ka

etsang dikilometara (km) tse 25 ka borwa ho Theunissen, 27 ka borwa ho Virginia le 25, 43 ka borwa ho Welkom, Masepaleng wa Selehae wa Masilonyana le Matjhabeng. Sheba Setshwantsho sa 2.

#### **DIKOPO BAKENG SA TUMELLO YA TSA TIKOLOHO**

##### Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya SOFS (FS 10005 MR)

Kopo ena ya Tumello ya tsa Tikoloho (EA) ka mokgwa wa Tekolo ya Motheo (BA) e akarelletsa ho kopangwa ha karolo ya Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Sibanye Gold Beatrix (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) ka hara Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Wits Gold SOFS (FS 10005 MR), ho ntse ho le jwalo e fetisetswa le ho Sibanye Gold. Sheba Setshwantsho sa 3.

##### Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Beatrix (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))

Kopo ena ya Tumello ya tsa Tikoloho, ka mokgwa wa Tekolo ya Motheo e akarelletsa ho kopangwa ha karolo ya Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Sibanye Gold Beatrix (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) ka hara Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Wits Gold SOFS (FS 10005 MR). Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Sibanye Gold Beatrix (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) (kopo ena) e tla re ka mora moo ya kenyelletsa feela moralo wa motheo o latelang:

- Tjhafo ya Beatrix 4.
- Polante ya Saense e sebetsang ka Methale.
- Fasilithi ya Polokelo ya Dihlahiswa tsa Tshebetso ya Diminerale
- Moo ho Lahlelwang Majwe.
- Tshebetso tsa Tlhwekiso ya Metsi a Dikgwerekgwere
- Matamo a Taolo ya Tshilafatso le Matamo a Moyafatso.

Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Sibanye Gold Beatrix (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) e tla be e se e fetisetswa ho Neo Energy. Sheba Setshwantsho sa 4.

#### **BOEMO BA MOLAO**

GCS Environment South Africa (Pty) Ltd (GCS) e kgethuwe ho ba Mosebeletsi wa Tekolo ya Motheo bakeng sa ho sebetsana le dikopo tsa Tumello ya tsa Tikoloho ka ho ya ka Molao wa Naha wa Tsamaiso ya Tikoloho, 1998 (Molao wa No. 107 wa 1998) (NEMA), le melawana e amanang le ona.

##### Tumello ya tsa Tikoloho

Tumello ya tsa Tikoloho (EA) e a hlokeha tlasa Molao wa Naha wa Tsamaiso ya Tikoloho (NEMA) bakeng sa mosebetsi o latelang:

##### GN R 983:

**Mosebetsi wa 21 D:** Mosebetsi ofe kapa ofe o kenyelletsang tshebetso ya mosebetsi oo e hlokanang ho fetolwa kapa phapang ho tokelo kapa tumello ka ho ya ka Karolo ya 102 ya Molao wa Diminerale

le Ntshetsopele ya Mehlodi ya Petroliamo, ekasitana le mosebetsi ofe kapa ofe o sebetsang o leng ka hara Tsebiso ya Ngodiso kapa Tsebiso ya Ngodiso 3 ya 2014, e hlokehang bakeng sa phetolo eo.

#### **BOLAODI BO FUWENG MATLA**

Bolaodi bo fuweng matla bo ikarabelang tsamaisong le tabeng ya ho kenya tshebetso melao e tshwanetseng ke Lefapha la Diminerale le Mehlodi ya Petroliamo la Freistata (DMPR).

#### **TEKOLO YA MOTHEO KE ENG**

Tekolo ya Motheo e tsamaisana le tshebetso ya tekolo ya tikoloho e laetsweng bakeng sa mosebetsi e lebelletsweng ho ba le dikgahla tse nyane kapa tse kgethetsweng sebaka se itseng sa tikoloho e leng tse ka fokotswang ntle le tlhokeho e felletseng ya Tekolo ya Sekgahla sa Tikoloho. Tshebetso ena e laolwa tlasa Karolo ya 24 ya NEMA mme e sebetsa hodima mosebetsi e boletsweng Molawaneng wa Tsebiso ya Mmuso wa GN R 983.

Pele mosebetsi ofe kapa ofe o ngodisitsweng o ka qala, ho tshwanetswe hore ho fumanwe Tumello ya tsa Tikoloho (EA) ho tswa bolaoding bo fuweng matla bo tshwanetseng, mme mona ke DMPR ya Freistata.

#### **TSHEBETSO YA TEKOLO YA MOTHEO**

Tshebetso ya Tekolo ya Motheo e kenyelletsa mekgahlelo e mmalwa ya bohlokwa e etsang bonnete ba hore ho latelwa ditlhoko tsa molao le ho thusa ka ho nka karolo ha setjhaba. Tshebetso ena e kgutsufaditswe mona ka tlase mme e bontshwa Setshwantshong sa 5:

##### Mokgahlelo wa 1: Tsebiso ka Bolaodi

Kopo ya semmuso ya Tumello ya tsa Tikoloho e ile ya romelwa ho DMPR ka Motsheanong 2025 bakeng sa ditokelo tsa ho rafa tse latelang:

- Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold) - SOFS (FS 10005 MR), Referense ya DMPR: FS-00040-MR/11.
- Tokelo ya ho Rafa ya Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold) - Beatrix (FS 10047 MR); e pejane e neng e le FS 081 MR), Referense ya DMPR: FS-00093-MR/102.

Dikopo tsena di ile tsa etsa hore ho qalwe ka molao tshebetso ya Tekolo ya Motheo tlasa NEMA.

##### Mokgahlelo wa 2: Tshebetso ya Bonkakarolo ba Setjhaba

Bonka-karolo ba setjhaba ke mohato wa bohlokwa wa tshebetso ya Tekolo ya Motheo mme e etswa ka

ho latela Kgaolo ya 6 ya Molawanaw a Tsebiswa ya Mmuso wa GN R 982. E etsa hore ho be le bonnete ba hore ho sebeletswa pepeneneng, ho akaretswa batho mme o na le tshebedisano e utlwahalang le Batho ba Anngweng hape ba nang le Kgahleho.

Mohato wa 1: Tsebiswa le Ho Hlwauwa ha Taba

- Batho ba Anngweng hape ba na le Kgahleho ba tla tsebiswa ka projeke e sisintsweng ka dikgokahano tse tobileng le ka ditsebiswa tsa setjhaba.
- Ho tla fanwa ka Tokomane e mabapi le Tlhabisoleseding ya Boitshetleho ba Ditaba, e leng e fanang ka kakaretso ya Projeke, mmapa wa sebaka, foromo ya ngodiso/ditshwaelo.
- Batho ba Anngweng hape ba nang le Kgahleho ba tla kotjwa ho ngodisa kgahleho ya bona hore ba tle ba fumane tlhabisoleseding e eketsehileng.

Mohato wa 2: Hlahlobo ya Moralo wa Ditlaleho tsa Tekolo ya Motheo

- Ho tla ngolwa le ho bokellwa Tlaleho ya Ditshwaelo le Dikarabo (CRR) e tla kenyelletsa ditlhabiso tsohle tse fumanweng ho tswa ho Batho ba Anngweng hape ba nang le Kgahleho Mohatong wa 1.
- Ditlaleho tsa Moralo wa Tekolo ya Motheo (DBAR) le Mananeo a Tsamaiso ya Tikoloho (EMPr) di tla ntshiwa bakeng sa nako ya tlwaelo ya tlhahlobo ya setjhaba ya matsatsi a 30 ho tloha ka la 30 Phupjane ho ya ho la 30 Phupu 2025.
- Ditokomane di tla fumaneha ho ka hlahlojwa dibakeng tsa setjhaba tse kgethuweng le webosaeteng ya Sibanye le GCS. Mona o mengwa hore o hlahlobe Ditlaleho tsa Moralo wa Tekolo ya Motheo (di-DBAR) e be o romela maikutlo a hao ka nako ya ho fana ka maikutlo a setjhaba, e tla qala ho tlla ka la 14 Pudingwana 2025 ho ya ho la 8 Pherekong 2026. dibakeng tse latelang:
  - Meloding Public Library, Meloding Street, Virginia.
  - Virginia Public Library, Virginia Garden Circle.
  - Welkom City Library, Welkom Central, Welkom.
  - Theunissen Public Library, Le Roux Street, Pienaar Ave leTheunissen.
  - Portal ya data ya mahala ya Sibanye: <https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login>
  - Webosaete ya GCS: <https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/>

Ditshwaelo tse ngotsweng le ditaba tse tiiseditsweng di tshwanetswe ho romelwa ho GCS ho eso fete 8 Pherekong 2026.

- Ho hlophisitswe dikopano tse tla neha setjhaba monyetla wa ho fumana tlhabisoleseding e

eketsehileng ka Projeke le ho nka karolo tshebetsona. Mona setjhaba se mengwa ho kenela e nngwe ya dikopano tsa setjhaba tse latelang:

**Letsatsi:** Laboraro, 26 Pudingwana 2025

**Nako:** 14h00

**Sebaka:** Ferdie Meyer Hall (Welkom Central)

Mohato wa 3: Ho Romelwa ha Dipehelo tsa Makgaolakgang tsa Tekolo ya Motheo

- Ditshwaelo tsohle tse fumanweng ka nako ya tlhahlobo ya setjhaba di tla elwa hloko tokisetsong ya Ditlaleho tsa Makgaolakgang tsa Tekolo ya Motheo.
- Ditlaleho tsa Makgaolakgang tsa Tekolo ya Motheo (di-FBAR) le Mananeo a Tsamaiso ya Tikoloho (di-EMP) a makgaolakgang le Tlaleho ya Ditshwaelo le Dikarabo (di-CRR) e ntlafaditsweng, di tla be di se di romelwa ho DMPR bakeng sa ho ya elwa hloko le ho etswa geto ka tsona.
- Batho bohle ba Anngweng hape ba nang le Kgahleho ba leng ho dataise ya Projeke ba tla tsebiswa ka ho romelwa ha Ditlaleho tsa Makgaolakgang tsa Tekolo ya Motheo (di-FBAR) DMPR le hape ha DMPR le se le entse diqeto ka di-Ditlaleho tsa Makgaolakgang tsa Tekolo ya Motheo (di-FBAR).

Mohato wa 4: Tsebiswa ka Ditumello ka tsa Tikoloho le Nako ya Boipiletso

- Hang ho ba ho fanwe ka Ditumello ka tsa Tikoloho (di-EA) ke DMPR, Batho bohle ba Anngweng hape ba nang le Kgahleho ba tla tsebiswa ka diphetho tseo.
- Ditsebiswa di tla kenyelletsa dintlha tse mabapi le nako ya semolao ya boipiletso le tataiso ya ka moo o ka etsang boipiletso ka teng, ka ho ya ka dipehelo tse tshwanetseng tsa Molawana.

### Mokgahlelo wa 1

Romela Diforomo tsa Kopo ho DMPR  
Kananelo ya Bolaodi



### Mokgahlelo wa 2: Mehato ya 1 le 2

Ho Qalwa le ho Phatlalatswa ha Ditshebeletso tsa  
Tekolo ya Motheo (BA)  
Nako ya Ditshwaelo (14 Pukungwana ho ya ho la 8  
Pherekong 2026)  
Ho elwa hloko ha ditshwaelo tse fumanweng mme  
ho qetellwa ditlaleho  
Ho romelwa ha di-FBAR ho DMPR (15 Pherekong  
2026)



### Mokgahlelo wa 2: Mehato ya 3 le 4

DMPR e Amohela ditlhaliso tsa di-FBAR  
Diqeto le Ditsebiso tsa DMPR  
Mokgahlelo wa Boipiletso

**Setshwantsho sa 5: Ditshwantsho tse bontshang  
Tshebetso ya Tekolo ya Motheo e  
tshwanetsweng ho latelwa**

### **HO INGODISA JWALO KA MOTHO YA ANNGWENG HAPE YA NANG LE KGAHLEHO**

Ka ho ingodisa ho ba Motho ya Anngweng hape ya nang le Kgahleho, o tla kenyelletswa databeising ya bakgathatema ba Projeke mme o fumane tlhahisoleseding e eketsehileng hore o tshwaele. Ditshwaelo tsa hao di tla etsa bonnete ba hore ditaba tsohle tse tshwanetseng di a kenyelletswa hape di a rarollwa.

Re kopa hore o tlatse mme o romele pampitshana e kenyelleditsweng ya ngodiso / tshwaelo kapa o iteanye le ba GCS ha o batla ho hlahisa maikutlo kapa ho ingodisa Projekeng. Batho ba Anngweng hape ba nang le Kgahleho ba ratang ho nka karolo ka ho fana ka ditshwaelo, kapa ba batlang ho fumana tlhahisoleseding e eketsehileng, ba kotjwa ho iteanya le:

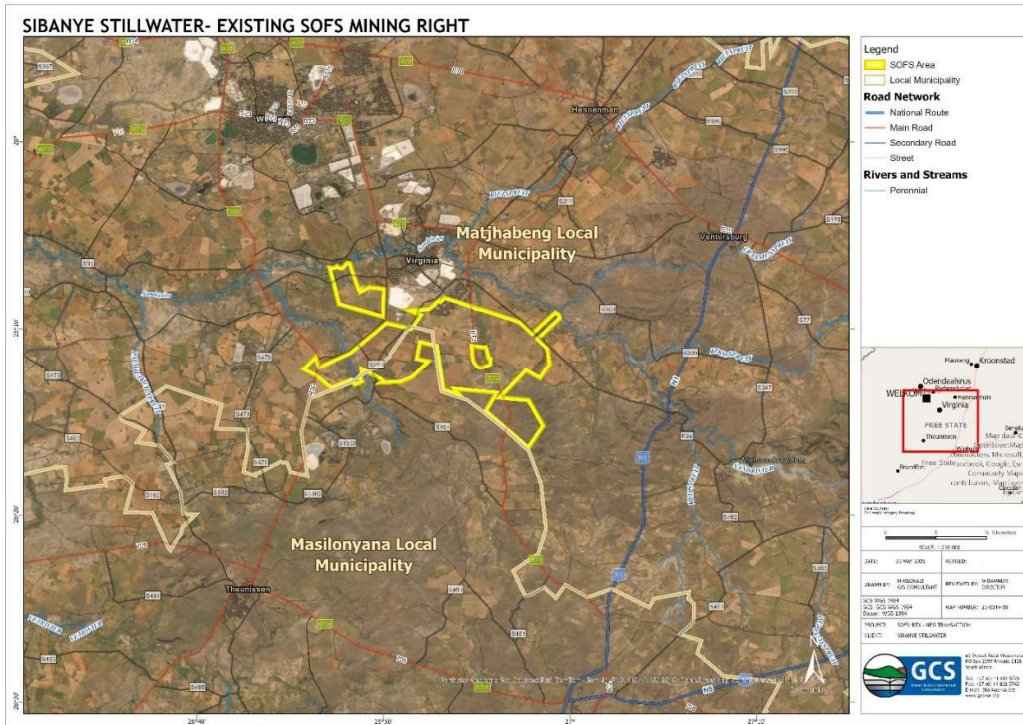
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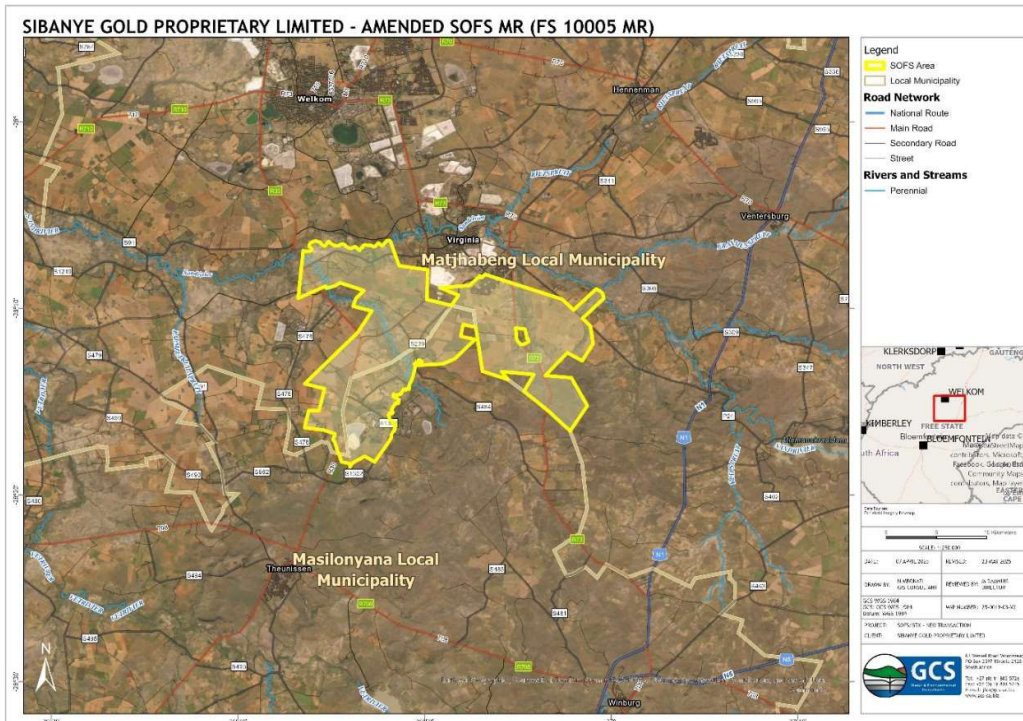
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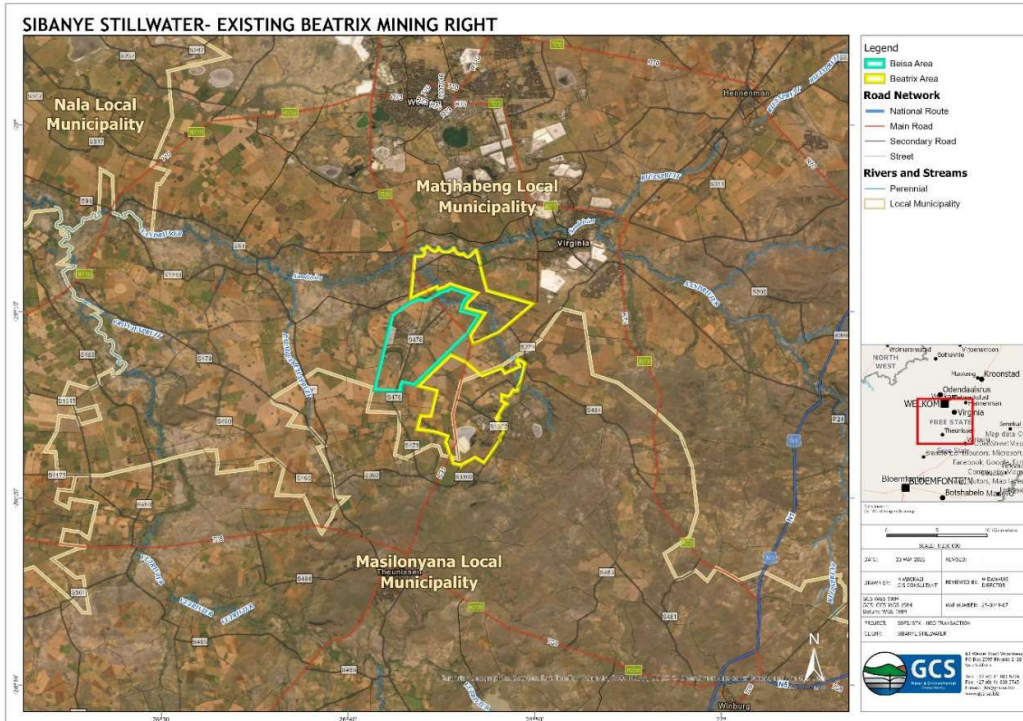
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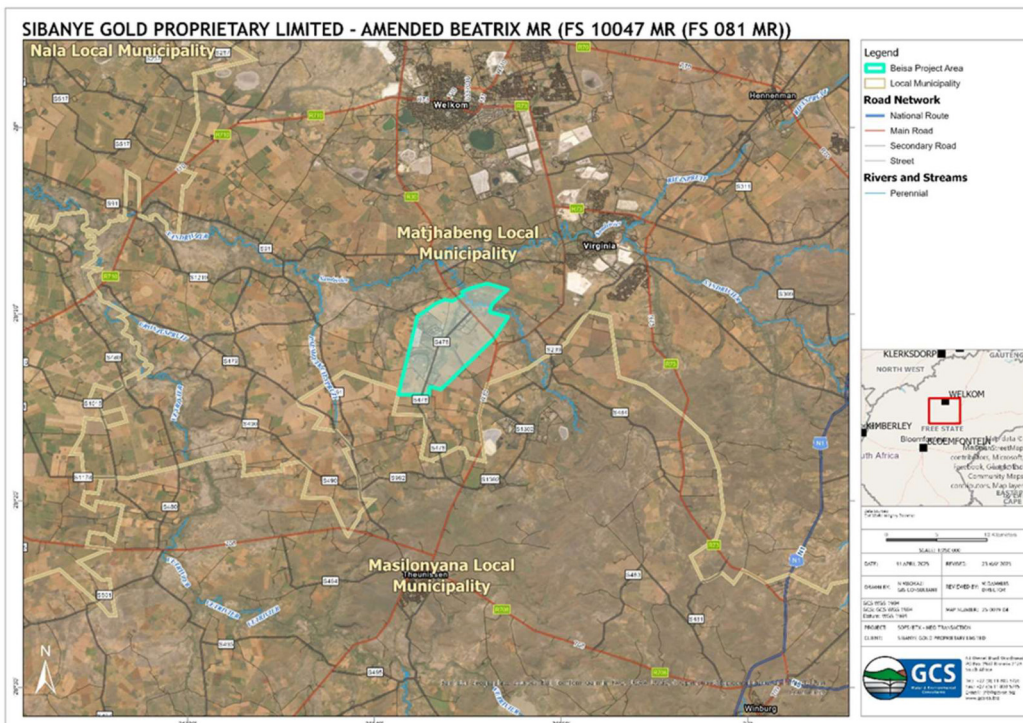
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Setshwantsho sa 2: Polane ya Sebaka e bontshang Tokelo ya ho Rafa e ntseng e le teng ya Sibanye Gold Beatrix (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))



Setshwantsho sa 4: Polane ya Sebaka e bontshang Tokelo ya ho Rafa e fetotsweng ya Beatrix (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) e lokelwang ho fetisetswa ho Neo Energy

**KOPO YA TUMELLO YA TSA TIKOLOHO BAKENG SA:**  
**1. TOKELO YA HO RAFA YA SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SOFS) (FS 10005 MR)**  
**Referense ya DMPR: FS-00040-MR/11**  
**LE**  
**2. TOKELO YA HO RAFA YA BEATRIX (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))**  
**Referense ya DMPR: FS-00093-MS/102**

**REF. YA GCS NO: 25-0019**

### FOROMO YA NGODISO LE TSHWAELO

*Batho ba Anngweng hape ba nang le Kgahleho ba ingodisitseng ba tla tsebiswa ka ho ntseng ho etsahala ka mokgwa oo ba tla ikgethela ona wa dikgokahano (SMA, emeile). Re kopa hore o ingodise ho ba Motho ya Anngweng hape ya nang le Kgahleho e be o fana ka ditshwaelo ka ho romela foromo ena, kapa ka ngollano, ho dintlha tsa bao o ka iteanyang le bona, tse mona ka tlase:*

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Ke kopa hore le nngodise ka tlwaelo jwalo ka Motho ya Anngweng hape ya nang le Kgahleho	Ee	Tjhe
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Lefapha la Mmuso	
Masepala	
Baahi	
Mokgatlo o seng Tlasa Mmuso	
Kgwebo	

**Ha o le monga mobu kapa motho ya ahileng mobung, re kopa hore o bolele hore ke (di)polasi efe le (di)karolo efe eo o dulang ho yona**

Monga mobu	
Motho ya ahileng mobung	

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Boemo	



**APPENDIX F - PROOF OF DELIVERY OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AND NOTIFICATION EMAILS SENT TO I&APS**

- Delivery receipts of Draft Basic Assessment Reports to public places
- Proof of email notifications sent on 11 and 21 November 2025





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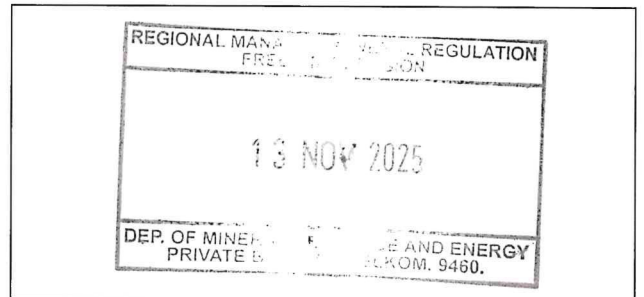
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<b>Attention:</b>	Nkateko Mhlarhi		
<b>RE:</b>	<b>DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR THE APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE BEATRIX MINING RIGHT (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) DMRE REFERENCE: FS-00093-MS/102</b>		

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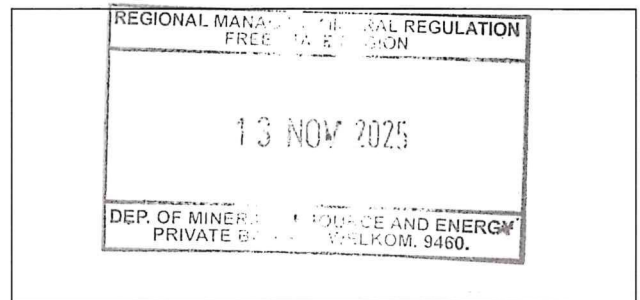
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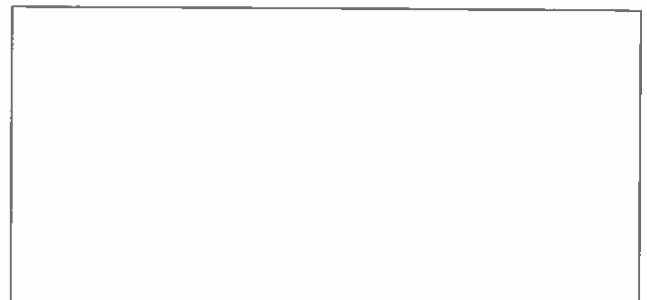
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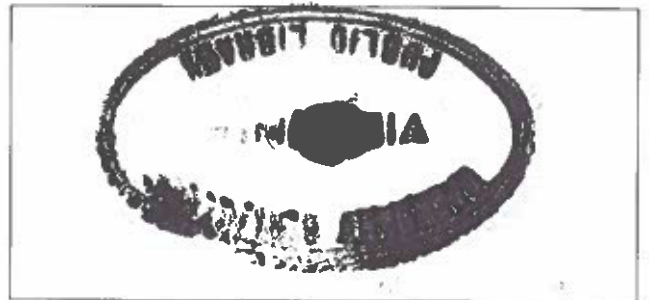
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Dear Stakeholder

**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SOFS) MINING RIGHT (FS 10005 MR) DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11 AND THE BEATRIX MINING RIGHT (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) DMRE Reference: FS-00093-MS/102**

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**NOTICE**

Notice is given in terms of Chapter 6 of Government Notice Regulation (GN R) 982 published under section 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for the submission of two Environmental Authorisations (EAs) in respect of Activity 21D identified in terms of GN R 983 for a Section 102 application in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) to amend the mining rights listed below.

**LOCATION**

Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold) SOFS existing Mining Right (MR) (FS 10005 MR) is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of Ventersburg, Theunissen and Winburg. The Mining Right area is situated approximately 6 km from Virginia, 12 km from Theunissen, and about 40 km from Welkom, within the jurisdiction of the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities.

Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold) existing Beatrix MR (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of Theunissen and Ventersburg. The Mining Right area lies approximately 25 km from Theunissen, 27 km from Virginia, and 43 km from Welkom, and falls under the jurisdiction of the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy), a subsidiary of Neo Energy Metals, has received key approvals from the South African Reserve Bank to proceed with the acquisition of Sibanye-Stillwater's Beatrix 4 shaft. In support of the acquisition, Sibanye-Stillwater is required to undertake the following actions:

- Transfer ownership of the Southern Free State (SOFS) Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), currently held by Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold), to Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold).
- Consolidate a portion of the Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into the SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR).
- Transfer the remainder of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) from Sibanye Gold to Neo Energy.

Please note that these administrative processes do not involve any modifications to the existing mining operations or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting infrastructure will continue as previously authorised.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

An official application for EA was submitted to the Free State Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) on the 14 May 2025 for the following mining rights:

- Wits Gold – SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11.

- Sibanye Gold – Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR; formerly FS 081 MR), DMRE Reference: FS-00093-MR/102.

These applications triggered the formal commencement of the Basic Assessment process under the NEMA. The Basic Assessment process will be undertaken in line with GN R 982.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER**

GCS Environment SA (Pty) Ltd (GCS) has been appointed as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to facilitate the application process with the Free State DMRE.

### **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS**

The Draft Basic Assessment Reports will be available for public review and comment from 14 November 2025 to 8 January 2026 at the locations noted in the table below. Written comments and substantiated issues must be submitted to GCS by 8 January 2026.

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GCS Website	<a href="https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/">https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/</a>
Sibanye's Data Free Portal	<a href="https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login">https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login</a>

### **INVITATION TO MEETINGS**

Meetings have been scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to obtain more information on the Project and to participate in the process. The public are hereby invited to attend one of the following public meetings.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Wednesday, 26 November 2025	14h00	Ferdie Meyer Hall (Welkom Central)

**Attached is a Background Information Document (BID) for more information.**

Interested and Affected Parties who wish to register, participate by contributing comments or who would like to obtain more information, should please contact:

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Dear stakeholders

We wish to remind you of the opportunity to participate in the application for Environmental Authorisation for the Southern Free State (SOFS) Mining Right and the Beatrix Mining Right. Please see the email below and the Background Information Documents attached for more information.

### **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS**

The Draft Basic Assessment Reports are available for public review and comment until 8 January 2026 at the locations noted in the table below.

Written comments and substantiated issues must be submitted to GCS by 8 January 2026.

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### **INVITATION TO MEETINGS**

A meeting to provide the public with an opportunity to obtain more information on the Project and to participate in the process is held next week as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Wednesday, 26 November 2025	14h00	Ferdie Meyer Hall (Welkom Central)

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**Subject:** 25-0019: Notice of Environmental Authorisation Application: SOFS and Beatrix Mining Rights

Dear Stakeholder

**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SOFS) MINING RIGHT (FS 10005 MR) DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11 AND THE BEATRIX MINING RIGHT (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) DMRE Reference: FS-00093-MS/102**

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**NOTICE**

Notice is given in terms of Chapter 6 of Government Notice Regulation (GN R) 982 published under section 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for the submission of two Environmental Authorisations (EAs) in respect of Activity 21D identified in terms of GN R 983 for a Section 102 application in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) to amend the mining rights listed below.

**LOCATION**

Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold) SOFS existing Mining Right (MR) (FS 10005 MR) is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of Ventersburg, Theunissen and Winburg. The Mining Right area is situated approximately 6 km from Virginia, 12 km from Theunissen, and about 40 km from Welkom, within the jurisdiction of the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities.

Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold) existing Beatrix MR (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of Theunissen and Ventersburg. The Mining Right area lies approximately 25 km from Theunissen, 27 km from Virginia, and 43 km from Welkom, and falls under the jurisdiction of the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy), a subsidiary of Neo Energy Metals, has received key approvals from the South African Reserve Bank to proceed with the acquisition of Sibanye-Stillwater's Beatrix 4 shaft. In support of the acquisition, Sibanye-Stillwater is required to undertake the following actions:

- Transfer ownership of the Southern Free State (SOFS) Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), currently held by Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold), to Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold).
- Consolidate a portion of the Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into the SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR).
- Transfer the remainder of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) from

Sibanye Gold to Neo Energy.

Please note that these administrative processes do not involve any modifications to the existing mining operations or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting infrastructure will continue as previously authorised.

### **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

An official application for EA was submitted to the Free State Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) on the 14 May 2025 for the following mining rights:

- Wits Gold – SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11.
- Sibanye Gold – Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR; formerly FS 081 MR), DMRE Reference: FS-00093-MR/102.

These applications triggered the formal commencement of the Basic Assessment process under the NEMA. The Basic Assessment process will be undertaken in line with GN R 982.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER**

GCS Environment SA (Pty) Ltd (GCS) has been appointed as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to facilitate the application process with the Free State DMRE.

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**Attached is a Background Information Document (BID) for more information.**

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## **Interim Comment**

### **In terms of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)/In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Mr Sylvester Nkwe

Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Pty) Ltd (Wits Gold) (Sibanye Stillwater Limited holds 100% in Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited and Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited holds 100% in Wits Gold)

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GCS Water and Environmental South Africa (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Pty) Ltd (Wits Gold) to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the amended Mining Rights application for underground mining, on various farms near Virginia, in Lejweleputswa District Municipalities, Matjhabeng Local Municipality, and Masilonyana Local Municipality, Free State Province.

Wits known as the Southern Orange Free State (SOFS) Gold is in possession of Mining Right (FS30/5/1/2/2/10005MR) Mining Right from the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE). The mining right commenced on 14 June 2017 for a period of 23 years. On 30 November 2018, Wits Gold submitted the applicant applied for a Section 102 amendment to include additional properties to the mining right. The properties to be included to the existing properties (Portion 1 and 4 of farm Florida 633, RE2 and Portion 24 of far Welgeleggen) are Portion 1, Portion 8, Portion 9, Portion 10, Portion 11, Portion 14, Portion 15, Portion 18, Portion 19, Portion 22, Portion 25, Portion 28, Portion 29 (underground), remainder of the Farm Stilte 138, remainder of the Farm Dora 287, Portion 1 and a Portion of the remainder of the farm Mooiuitzig 352, a Portion of the remainder of the Farm Schoonheid 540, and a Portion of the Farm Kaallaagte 562, which were erroneously excluded from the initial mining rights application.

An Amendment Report has been submitted in terms of the of s102 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA), National Environmental Management Act, no 107 of 1998 (NEMA), and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. Environmental Authorisation was issue on 04/07/2014.



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Underground mining methods will be implemented at depths starting from 480 metres below

Umlando: Archaeological Surveys and Heritage Management and has been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EIA process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

The proposed development is located in an area of Moderate palaeontological sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such and Desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment is required.

*Anderson, G. 2024. Heritage Survey of the Southern Orange Free State (SOFS) Mining Right of Sibanye Gold Limited.*

The desktop survey noted that there were a several heritage features within the footprint. Most of these consisted of settlements that could have human graves. The farmhouses have been demolished and are ruins or no longer exist.

The author recommends the following:

- The chances of heritage features occurring on the surface of the footprint is very high. These features will range from low significance (e.g. the ruins) to high significance (e.g. graves).
- A phase 1 HIA would be required if the surface footprint were to be affected in any manner
- A Phase 1 HIA would be required if any surface disturbance occurs

### **Interim Comment**

The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) notes the submitted Heritage Survey and the Amendment Report for the case.

Since the development is located in an area of moderate palaeontological sensitivity a desktop Study PIA is required. The assessment must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist and the report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments. Further comments will be issued upon the submission of the desktop-based PIA.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

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Yours faithfully

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COMMENTS ON THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT - APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE: 1. SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SOFS) MINING RIGHT (FS 10005 MR) DMPR Reference: FS-00040-MR/11 AND 2. THE BEATRIX MINING RIGHT (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)). DMPR Reference: FS-00093-MS/102. GCS REF. NO: 25-0019

The following comments are submitted on behalf of the Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE). Since the information provided in the Background Information Document (BID) is scant, our comments are incomplete.

The BID assures us, however, that during Phase 2 a Public Participation Process will be undertaken in accordance with Chapter 6 of GN R 982 in order to ensure “*transparency, inclusivity, and meaningful engagement with I&As*”. We eagerly await additional information on the above application in order for us to comment more meaningfully and extensively.

Ownership transfer and consolidation of Mining Rights in the Free State

The BID informs us of the proposed acquisition of **Sibanye-Stillwater’s** Beatrix 4 Shaft by **Neo Uranium Resources South Africa** (Neo Energy), a subsidiary of **Neo Energy Metals** (the parent company) and its South African Entity: **Neo Uranium Resources Beisa Mine (Pty) Ltd** (NURB) as the operating subsidiary; the transfer of the remainder of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) from **Sibanye Gold** to Neo Energy; the transfer of

ownership of the Southern Free State (SOFS) Mining Right, currently held by **Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold**; and the consolidation a portion of the Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into the SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR).

It was reported that Neo Energy has signed an ancillary acquisition agreement (Sale of Immovable Property Agreement) with **Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited**, a subsidiary of **Sibanye Stillwater Limited**. This agreement means that NURB will acquire the land where the Beisa Uranium Project operates. The land, covering about 6,244 hectares, is the main area for the Beisa Uranium Project and includes several key farm portions.

We are furthermore informed by the BID that the transfer of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) to Neo Energy will include the transfer of the following infrastructure:

- Beatrix 4 Shaft.
- Metallurgical Plant.
- Tailing Storage Facility.
- Waste Rock Dump.
- Waste Water Treatment Works.
- Pollution Control Dams and Evaporation Dams.

The BID, however, does not inform us of the acquisition of the land and key farm portions by Neo Energy. Kindly advise.

In the light of the above-mentioned complex corporate structures, it begs the question who will be responsible for the responsibility and liability of mine closure. Since, according to Regulation 56 of the MPRD Regulations, the closure of a mining operation incorporates a process which must start at the commencement of the operation and must continue throughout the life of the operation (progressive or concurrent rehabilitation), it is necessary to establish the custodianship of the closure plan; the rehabilitation objectives and the future land use (predetermined and agreed upon) prior to authorisation of the application.

Kindly advise.

Such objectives should include from a generic perspective, the following:

- Immediate harm to human health and safety must be eliminated;
- Groundwater must be fit for current and future domestic and other uses consistent with the agreed current and future land use;
- Surface water must be fit for current and future basic human needs and aquatic ecosystems requirements;
- Risk of harm to non-aquatic organisms must be eliminated; and
- Soil must be fit for use consistent with current and future land use.

Proposed mining activities

The BID informs us that *“the administrative processes do not involve any modifications to the existing mining operations or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting systems will continue as previously authorised”*.

Anomalous to the abovementioned statement, the website of Neo Energy informs us that *“Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (a subsidiary of Neo Energy Metals (NEO: LSE/A2X), is the entity acquiring the Beisa Uranium-Gold Mine (Beatrix 4 Shaft) in South Africa's Witwatersrand Basin from Sibanye-Stillwater, **aiming for near-term low-cost uranium production** by refurbishing the existing mine, plant, and infrastructure, ...”* (Emphasis added.)

Since the production of uranium (U) will require modifications to the existing mining operations and associated infrastructure, and mining systems, kindly clarify the anomaly between the above statement in the BID and the statement on the website of Neo Energy.

I thank we are agreed that the mining and extraction of U will result in the introduction of new risks and hazards.

Determining the risks of U mining and mineral processing operations can be complex, consisting of multiple facilities and activities, which may serve as sources of radiation exposure. With reference e.g. to radon gas:

Radon gas is released from different types of facilities, namely:

- Tailings storage facilities, waste rock dumps and other NORM stockpiles
- Upcast ventilation shafts
- Contaminated soil or land
- Backfilled mine areas

Factors that ought to be considered in the assessment of the risks and the establishment of a public radiation protection programme are:

- The rate of release and subsequent atmospheric dispersion of radon and its progeny.
- The contribution of the inhalation of radon gas (often the dominant contributor) and its progeny (indoors and outdoors) to the annual total effective dose to members of the public.

Kindly advise if these risks and hazards, and the foreseeable impacts on human and animal health<sup>1</sup>, water, soil and air quality of the mining of U and the radioactive progeny of U will be assessed.

In order to understand the contribution of the proposed uranium production, the information in Beatrix Mine's current radiological assessment reports and its Certificate of Registration (CoR), in terms of the National Nuclear Act, 47 of 1999 and its Regulations, is important to demonstrate current exposure and regulatory compliance. If possible, we shall appreciate a copies of the aforementioned documents.

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<sup>1</sup> In the light of new findings: Apart from kidneys, U attacks the brain, acts as endocrine disruptive compound by mimicking oestrogen (with possible consequences for the foetal development), compromises the immune system and damages the DNA. Epidemiological data from the Wismut cohort further suggest that existing models on effects of internally deposited alpha emitters underestimate the risk of contracting liver cancer by 20 to 70 times.

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## Conclusion

While the FSE is not opposed to the current application, we respectfully request that we be allowed to engage virtually on an assessment of the risks and hazards, and proposed mitigation measures and that our above requests for information be favourably responded to.

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**APPENDIX G - NOTIFICATION SMS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS**

- A list of the SMS messages sent on 12 November 2025

## Luyanda Macheke

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**From:** Vasie Naidoo  
**Sent:** Thursday, 13 November 2025 10:13  
**To:** Paula Tolksdorff; Luyanda Macheke  
**Subject:** FW: Bulk SMS: "Please comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report for the Environmental Authorisation"

fyi

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Vasie Naidoo [vasien@gcs-sa.biz]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 12 November 2025 10:41 AM  
**To:** Copy of 25-0019\_PPP Bulk SMSs 11.11.2025.xlsx  
**Subject:** Bulk SMS: "Please comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report for the Environmental Authorisation"

"Please comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report for the Environmental Authorisation for the SOFS and Beatrix Mining Rights to support the Neo Energy Transaction.  
Download the report from <https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/> or <https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login>.  
Comment before 8 Jan 2026. A meeting is held on 26 Nov at 14:00 at the Ferdie Meyer Hall in Welkom. For more information email [ppp@gcs-sa.biz](mailto:ppp@gcs-sa.biz)"

## **APPENDIX H - PUBLIC MEETING**

- Presentation delivered at the public meeting held 26 November 2025
- Attendance register



**Application for Environmental Authorisation for the:**  
1. Southern Free State (SOFS) Mining Right and  
2. Beatrix Mining Right  
in support of the Neo Energy Transaction


Public Meeting  
Venue: Welkom, Ferdie Meyer Hall  
Date: 26 November 2025  
Time: 14:00



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**Agenda**

- Welcome and introductions
- Objectives of the meeting
- Project background and overview
- Legislative requirements and environmental authorisation process
- Opinion of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)
- Discussion
- Way forward and next steps



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## Welcome and Introductions

- **Competent Authority / Decision-making Authority:** Department of Minerals and Petroleum Resources (DMPR): Free State
- **Applicant:** Sibanye-Stillwater
- **EAP:** GCS Environment SA

- ✓ Cellphones on silent
- ✓ Work through the facilitators
- ✓ Discussion at the end
- ✓ Please ensure that you sign the Attendance Register
- ✓ All questions and concerns raised during this meeting will be included in the Comments and Response Report which will be submitted with the Final Basic Assessment Reports (BARs)

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## Objectives of the meeting

- Provide background and an overview of the proposed project
- Present information on the:
  - Existing Mining Rights
  - Environmental authorisation process and relevant regulations
  - Draft BARs
- Obtain further comment and input relevant to the project



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## Existing Mining Rights

## Project Background



### **Sibanye Gold Limited (Sibanye Gold)**

Mining Right FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR) (Beatrix 1 to 3 Shaft and Beatrix 4 Shaft (Beisa))

### **Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold)**

Mining Right FS 10005 MR (SOFS Operations)



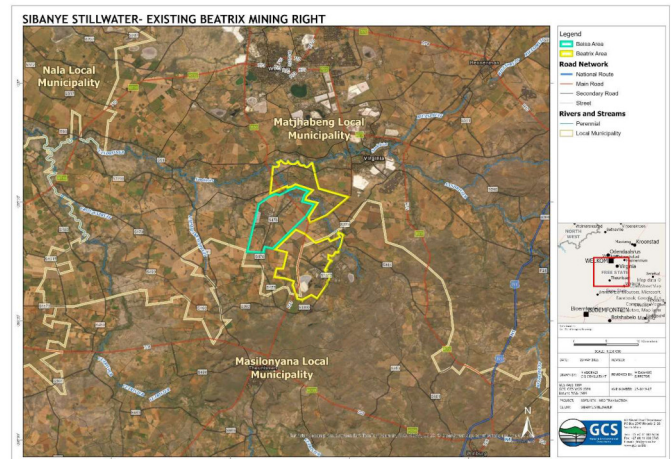
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## Sibanye Gold Limited (Sibanye Gold)

The **existing Beatrix Mining Right – (Beatrix 1 to 3 Shaft and Beatrix 4 Shaft (Beisa)) (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))** is situated within the Free State Province, in the Magisterial Districts of Theunissen and Ventersburg. It is located approximately 25 km south of Virginia, within the jurisdiction of both the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities.

Beatrix Mining Right comprises:

- Four Shafts (three operational (Beatrix 1 to 3 Shafts) and one on care and maintenance (Beatrix 4 Shaft (Beisa))
- Two Metallurgical Plants
- Four Tailings Storage Facilities (TSF)
- Five Surface Waste Rock Dumps (WRD)
- Return Water and Evaporation Dams
- Other Supporting infrastructure



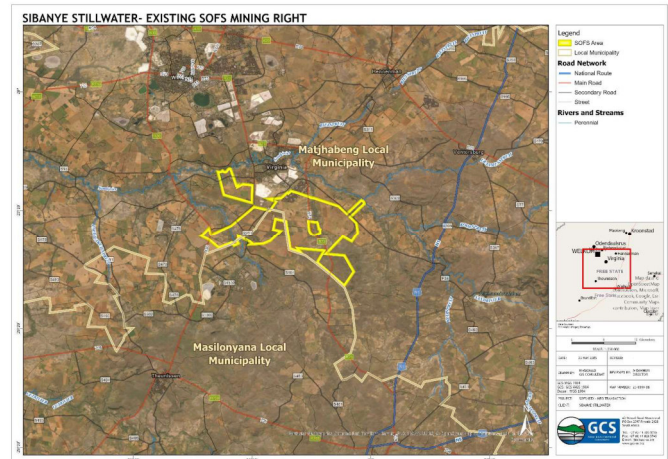
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## Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold)

The **Southern Free State (SOFS) existing Mining Right (FS 10005 MR) (SOFS Operations)** is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of Ventersburg, Theunissen and Winburg. The Mining Right is located approximately 6 km south of Virginia, within the jurisdiction of both the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities.

Currently no mining taking place, however the following has been previously approved:

- Shafts
- Metallurgical Plant
- TSF
- WRDs
- Stormwater Management and Pollution Control Dams
- Sewerage Treatment Plant
- Supporting Infrastructure



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## Project Overview

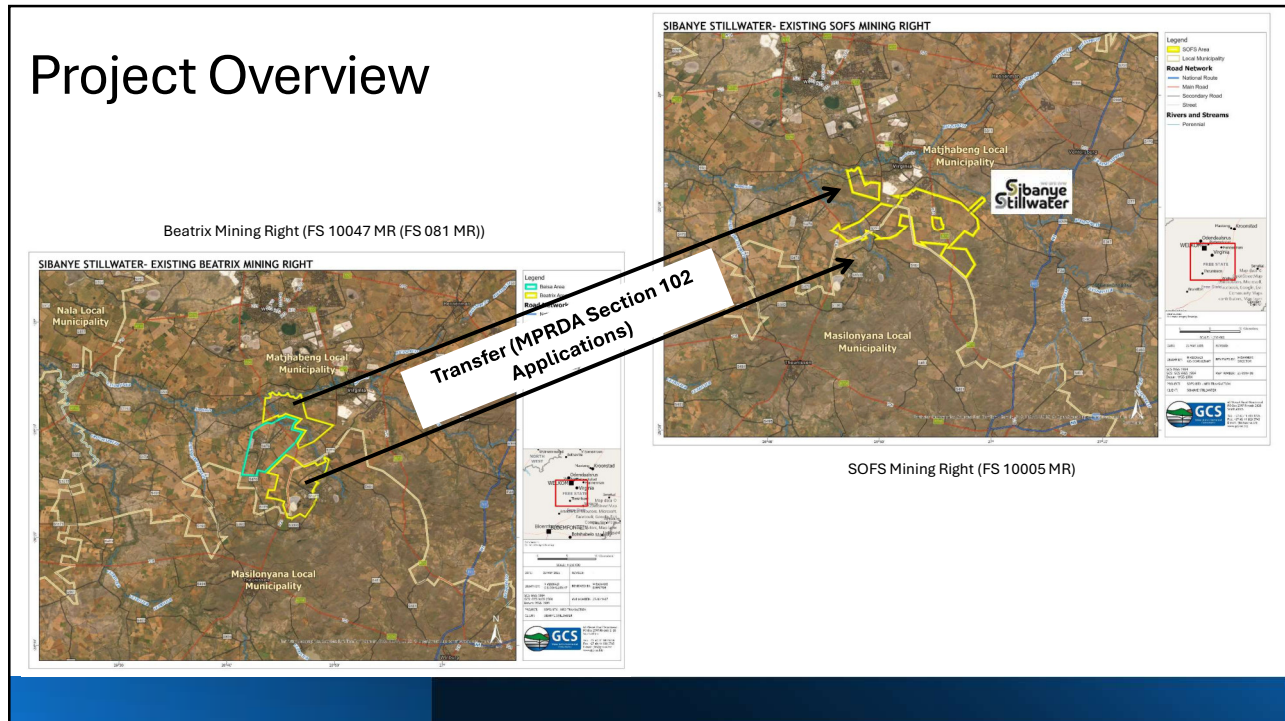
Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy), a subsidiary of Neo Energy Metals, has received approval from the South African Reserve Bank to proceed with the acquisition of Sibanye-Stillwater's Beatrix 4 Shaft. In support of the acquisition, Sibanye-Stillwater is required to undertake the following actions:

- Transfer ownership of the Southern Free State (SOFS) Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), currently held by Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold), to Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold).
- Consolidate a portion of the Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into the SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR).
- Transfer the remainder of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) from Sibanye Gold to Neo Energy.

These administrative processes do not involve any modifications to the existing mining operations or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting systems will continue as previously authorised.

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# Project Overview

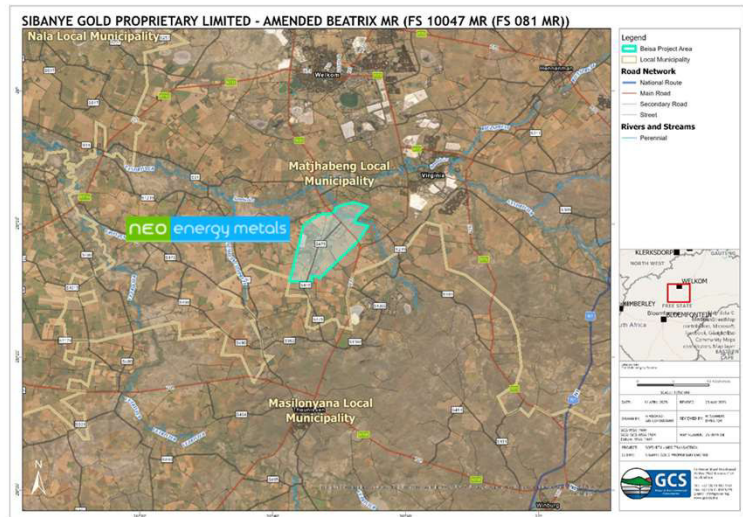


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# Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR))

Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) (Beatrix 4 Shaft (Beisa)), will then be transferred to Neo Energy, which includes:

- No. 4 Shaft
- No. 4 Metallurgical Plant
- Associated TSF and WRD
- Return Water and Evaporation Dams
- Other Supporting infrastructure



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# SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR)

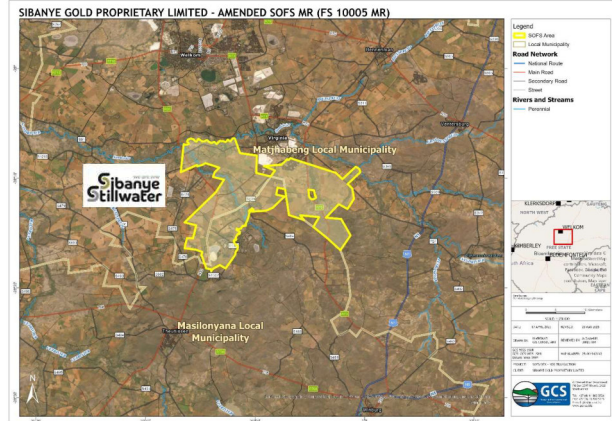
SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR)

Operational Mining Activities (Beatrix 1 to 3 Shaft):

- Three Shafts (Beatrix 1 to 3 Shaft operational)
- Metallurgical Plant
- Associated TSF and WRD
- Return Water and Evaporation Dams
- Other Supporting infrastructure

Authorised Mining Activities (from SOFS Operations):

- Shafts
- Metallurgical Plant
- TSF
- WRDs
- Stormwater Management and Pollution Control Dams
- Sewerage Treatment Plant
- Supporting Infrastructure



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## Environmental Authorisation Process

An EA for each application is required under the NEMA for the following activity - GN R 983: Activity 21 D: Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires an amendment or variation to a right or permit in terms of Section 102 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, as well as any other applicable activity contained in this Listing Notice or in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required for such amendment.

## Legislative Requirements

### National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA)

- The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations require that a Basic Assessment Application Process be undertaken should a Section 102 permit be required under the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA).
- A Section 102 permit allows the holder of an existing right or permit to apply for an amendment when the scope or nature of the operation changes.

### Basic Assessment Application Process



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## Administrative changes

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The applications are purely administrative in nature and do not involve any changes to existing mining operations, expansions, or modifications of authorised activities.

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All operations associated with Beatrix 1 to 3 Shafts, as well as the proposed future SOFS Operations, will continue as previously authorised under the approved Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs) and approvals for Sibanye.

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Beatrix 4 Shaft (Beisa) will likewise continue to operate in accordance with the approved EMPr and approvals issued to Neo Energy.

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The amendment pertains solely to the restructuring of the Mining Rights to ensure that ownership and legal standing are aligned with the approved transaction between Sibanye and Neo Energy.

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## If the amendments are approved:

Operations associated with Beatrix 1 to 3 Shafts, as well as the proposed future SOFS Operations, will continue as previously authorised, under Sibanye.

Neo Energy will continue to operate Beatrix 4 Shaft (Beisa), including the submission of any required environmental applications for the mining of uranium and gold.

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## EAP's Opinion Beatrix (1 to 3 Shaft) and SOFS Operations

- The amendment relates only to already authorised Beatrix 1 to 3 Shaft and SOFS Operations - no new activities, footprint expansion, or changes to environmental impact significance.
- All impacts remain consistent with those evaluated in the approved EMPs, and existing mitigation measures remain appropriate and effective.
- No new biophysical, social, or heritage sensitivities will be affected.
- The operations support regional socio-economic stability, including employment, procurement, municipal contributions, and SLP commitments.
- Environmental infrastructure, rehabilitation strategies, monitoring programmes, and financial provision remain in place and are sufficient to manage risks responsibly.

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## EAP's Opinion Beatrix 4 Shaft (Beisa)

- No new surface disturbance or additional infrastructure is proposed. No new or significant environmental impacts are anticipated — all impacts remain adequately managed under the approved EMP.
- The continuation of mining operations provides critical socio-economic benefits, including job security, local procurement, SLP commitments, and municipal revenue contributions.
- Extending the life of mine supports regional economic stability where mining is a major livelihood source.
- The activity aligns with national policy objectives, including the National Development Plan 2030 (sustainable resource development and job creation).

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# Public Participation



BIDs were distributed on 11 Nov 2025 and SMS messages were sent on 12 Nov 2025

## Public Participation Process (as per EIA Regulations)

- **Notify Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs):** Written notices (Background Information Documents, emails, SMS messages), pamphlets/flyers, site notices, and newspaper advertisements
- **Provide Access to information:** Draft BARs available from 14 November 2025 till 8 January 2026
- **Record and Respond:** Capture all comments; compile a Comments and Responses Report
- **Inform Outcome:** Notify all I&APs of the authority's decision and the right to appeal



# Advertisements

Advertisements were published in Sesotho and English as follows:

Newspaper	Date
Masilonyane News	15 November 2025
Free State Sun	31 October 2025
Sowetan	30 October 2025
Vista	30 October 2025

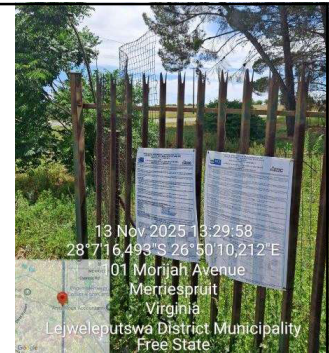
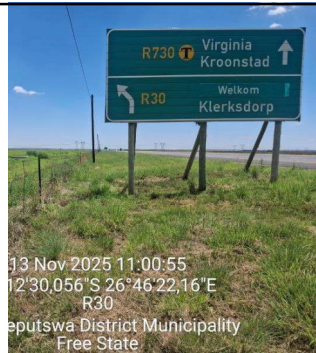


NOTICE: Notice is given in terms of Chapter 6 of Government Notice Regulation (GN R) 982 published under section 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for the submission of two Environmental Authorisations (EAs) in respect of Activity 21D identified in terms of GN R 983 for a Section 102 application in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) to amend the mining rights listed below.

**LOCATION:** Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold) SOFS existing Mining Right (MR) (FS 10005 MR) is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of Ventersburg, Theunissen and Winburg. The Mining Right is located approximately 6 kilometres (km) south of Virginia, Matjhabeng Local Municipality.

# Site Notices

20 site notices were placed on 13 November 2025 on the boundary of the mining rights areas and at Virginia, Theunissen, Welkom and Meloding libraries.



# Discussion and Way Forward



## Way Forward

Your role as a stakeholder:

- Submit your comments within the review timeframes: 8 January 2026.
- Reports available as follows:

<b>Meloding Public Library</b>	<b>Welkom Public Library</b>
<b>Virginia Public Library</b>	<b>Theunissen Public Library</b>
<b>GCS Website</b>	<a href="https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/">https://www.gcs-sa.biz/public-documents/</a>
<b>Sibanye's Data Free Portal</b>	<a href="https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login">https://ulwazi.datafree.co/#/pub/login</a>

**Your inputs are important to us!**

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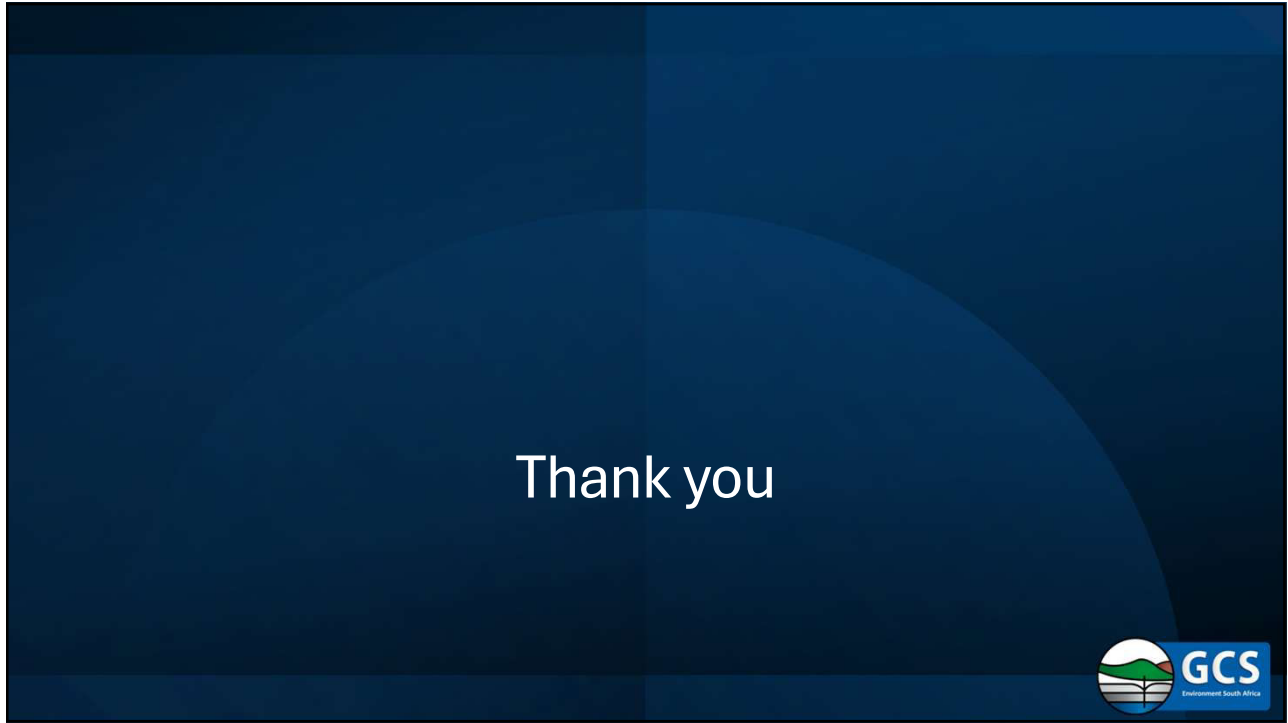
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## Next Steps

- All attendees will be added as registered I&As.
- All comments, concerns, questions raised, and answers provided during this meeting will be included in the Comments and Responses Report.
- The commenting period ends on 8 January 2026. All inputs should be provided by the deadline date.
- Draft BARs will be finalised with comments received.
- DMPR will review final BARs and EMPs in January 2026.
- Decision on application – announcement to public (March/April 2026).

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Attendance Register

Wednesday, 26 November 2025 at 14:00: Ferdie Meyer Hall, Welkom







APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE:

1. SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SDFS) MINING RIGHT (FS 10005 MR): DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11

AND

2. THE BEATRIX MINING RIGHT (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)): DMRE Reference: FS-00093-MS/102

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**APPENDIX I - COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT**

**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE:**  
**1. SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SOFS) MINING RIGHT (FS 10005 MR): DMRE Reference: FS-00040-MR/11**  
**AND**  
**2. THE BEATRIX MINING RIGHT (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)): DMRE Reference: FS-00093-MS/102**

**COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT (CRR)**

January 2026

ISSUE OR CONCERN	CONTRIBUTOR	DATE OF CONTRIBUTION	MEANS OF CONTRIBUTION	RESPONSE
<p>When and how are you going to host your public participation events?</p> <p>How does my company as local company here in Virginia is afforded an opportunity to participate in the economic opportunity rendered by Neo Energy?</p>	<p>Lehlohonolo Makapa</p>	<p>2 November 2025</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p><i>GCS responded on 1 December 2025 via email as follows:</i>            An event was held at the Ferdie Meyer Hall in Welkom on 26 November 2026. Should future events be held in Virginia, your company will be contacted to provide a quotation to assist with the hosting.</p> <p><i>In addition:</i>            The applications pertain solely to the restructuring of the Mining Rights to ensure that ownership and legal standing are aligned with the approved transaction between Sibanye and Neo Energy. Neo Energy will in future liaise with stakeholders in terms of their Social and Labour Plan (SLP) and other opportunities.</p>
<p><i>The following entries into the CRR provides a chronological order of comments and issues between GCS, Mr Mvumbi and Sibanye Stillwater.</i></p>				
<p>Please take note there is no date allocated for the community of Masilonyana Municipality. There is only a date for Matjhabeng community and residents of Masilonyana Municipality cannot be expected to attend a public participation meeting in Matjhabeng Municipality.</p> <p>Looking forward to receive an information on a date, time and venue for the community of Masilonyana Municipality.</p>	<p>Mr Bob Petros Mvumbi, resident of Masilonyana Municipality</p>	<p>11 November 2025</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p><i>GCS responded on 14 November 2025 via email as follows:</i>            Apologies for only responding now. We have been in the Mining Right's area placing site notices and delivering the Basic Assessment Reports for stakeholder review. The review commenced today and stakeholders have time to comment till 8 January 2026.</p> <p>We trust that you will access the information for review and comments – please see email below sent to you on 11 November 2025 for more information with regards to the arrangements for access of hard copies and electronic copies of the Basic Assessment Reports.</p> <p>In June 2025, we approached the Masilonyana Municipality to request their support in hosting a meeting. Following guidance from the Department of Minerals and Petroleum Resources</p>

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				<p>(DMPR), we have been advised not to delay the application process further and to proceed accordingly.</p> <p>Stakeholders can comment on the application process in various ways (as outlined in the advertisements which were published, site notices which were placed and the Background Information Documents which were circulated) and we would urge them to use the means available.</p>
<p>What was the response of Masilonyana Municipality when requesting support from them?</p>	<p>Mr Bob Petros Mvumbi, resident of Masilonyana Municipality</p>	<p>14 November 2025</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p><i>GCS responded on 17 November 2025 via email as follows:</i></p> <p>Please allow me to provide you with a summary of engagements undertaken to date between GCS and the Masilonyana Local Municipality. The points below were also included in our correspondence to the DMPR, requesting an extension for our submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 June 2025 – Introductory virtual meeting: Representatives of GCS, Sibanye, and the Masilonyana Local Municipality met virtually to introduce the applications and outline the statutory Public Participation Process (PPP) requirements.</li> <li>• 9 July 2025 – Follow-up face to face meeting: At the request of the Masilonyana Local Municipality, GCS and Sibanye attended a meeting where GCS presented the public participation approach. The Municipality confirmed its willingness to assist in developing a PPP strategy in line with Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations.</li> <li>• 14–30 July 2025 – Attempts to arrange online workshop: GCS attempted to convene an online workshop with the Municipality to jointly develop the PPP strategy. Despite several follow-up attempts, no response was received.</li> <li>• 31 July 2025 – Submission of Draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP): In the absence of feedback, GCS prepared and submitted a Draft SEP requesting comments by 6 August 2025 to enable timely PPP implementation. No response was received despite follow-up efforts.</li> <li>• 8 August 2025 – Formal request for SEP review: Sibanye submitted a formal letter to the Municipality emphasising the importance of finalising the SEP and highlighting the regulatory implications of continued delays. No response was received.</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18 August 2025 – Request for DMPR guidance: Sibanye submitted a formal letter to the Regional Manager of the DMPR outlining the challenges faced and requesting guidance.</li> </ul> <p>The DMPR responded that the process is no longer to be postponed and that GCS should continue with the application.</p> <p>We trust that the above will provide you with an overview of the process endeavouring to facilitate involvement and participation of the Masilonyana Local Municipality. The opportunities are still open to all to attend the meeting on 26 November as per the notification and / or to respond in writing by 8 January 2026 to the reports available for comment.</p>
<p>Allow me to further respond to your response as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masilonyana community views this activity very important and critical in its life and there is no way that it can be deprived such an august opportunity to participate through face to face engagement due to an irresponsible local authority (municipality).Masilonyana Municipality.</li> <li>Masilonyana Municipality is not a prerequisite for engagement of the community by any interested party/ stakeholder nor does it has veto powers in that regard.</li> <li>Sibanye Stillwater and the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources can also not punish Masilonyana Municipality by simply allowing such an important activity to continue without face to face participation of the community more so that there was an official request for an official engagement on the Uranium Beatrix Project early this year from Sibanye Stillwater and that request was</li> </ol>	<p>Mr Bob Petros Mvumbi, resident of Masilonyana Municipality</p>	<p>23 November 2025</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p><i>GCS responded on 26 November 2025 via email as follows:</i> Thank you for your email. We have considered your request and had a subsequent meeting with Sibanye.</p> <p>We propose a meeting with you at Beatrix mine at a date and time convenient to all.</p> <p>Could you please indicate alternative days and times convenient to you?</p>

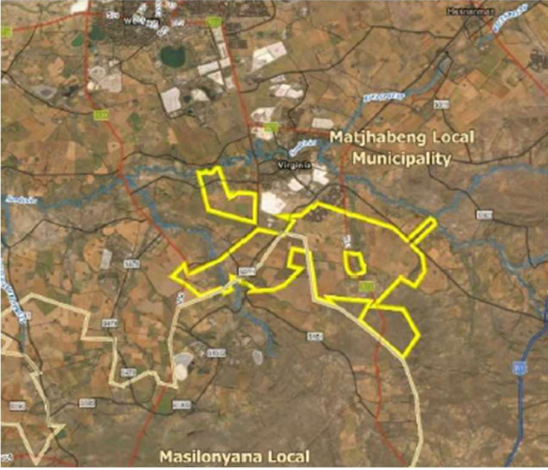
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<p>not acceded to by Sibanye Stillwater to date, now that there is an opportunity to do so, Masilonyana Municipality is refusing or blocking that opportunity.</p> <p>PROPOSAL FOR CONDUCTING FACE TO FACE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH THE COMMUNITY OF MASILONYANA MUNICIPALITY</p> <p>It is on account of above that I propose as indicated below:</p> <p>That public participation for the community of Masilonyana Municipality be conducted on 26 November 2025 from 09:00 - 13:00 OR 27 November 2025 from 10:00.</p> <p>In the event this request is rejected, the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources should convene a community meeting to explain why public participation on this very important Beatrix Uranium Project was not conducted in Masilonyana Municipality.</p> <p>I hope Masilonyana council and its administration will not view this as harassment and effect an interdict against me.</p> <p>Looking forward to hear from you upon receipt of this communique.</p>				
<p>I gladly acknowledge your response with appreciation and confirm that I am available for an engagement at the suggested venue on 01 December 2025 at 10:00</p> <p>Looking forward to you hear from you upon receipt of this communique.</p>	<p>Mr Bob Petros Mvumbi, resident of Masilonyana Municipality</p>	<p>27 November 2025</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p><i>GCS responded on 28 November 2025 via email as follows:</i> Thank you for your response. Could you please provide us with alternative days and times as was requested in the email below?</p> <p>In the meantime, we have reached out to Sibanye to find out if they are available on 1 December 2025. We have not yet received a response and believe that the suggested date may be too short notice.</p>


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				<p><i>In addition, GCS also responded on 1 December 2025 via another email as follows:</i></p> <p>Following a discussion this morning with Sibanye, it has been agreed that Sibanye will liaise directly with you.</p> <p>Welcome to direct all future correspondence to Mr Letlhogonolo Mohosh, cc'ed in this email.</p> <p><i>In addition, Sibanye Stillwater sent the following email on 1 December 2025:</i></p> <p>I hope this email finds you well.</p> <p>Please consider this correspondence as formal notification regarding the exclusion of the Masilonyana local communities from the Sibanye Stillwater Environmental Authorisation process. We acknowledge your request for the inclusion of Masilonyana local communities in the environmental authorisation process, similar to the consultation process undertaken with Matjhabeng local municipality communities. We have explored all avenues to involve Masilonyana communities through the municipality, but unfortunately, our efforts have been unsuccessful. We have made multiple attempts to collaborate with Masilonyana local municipality, as the custodian of the communities, to facilitate public participation and address social and environmental concerns. However, we have not received the necessary support or agreement from the municipality.</p> <p>It is essential to note that mobilising and engaging communities without the municipality's blessing or support can lead to unintended consequences. In light of this, we kindly request that you address this matter with Masilonyana local municipality to resolve the issue amicably. From Sibanye Stillwater's perspective, we have conducted inclusive engagements with host communities in Lejweleputswa. Further processes will continue, and preparations for submission will be made.</p> <p>Please be assured that we are open to engaging with you as an individual, should you have questions or concerns regarding the environmental authorisation. However, we cannot engage with local communities mobilised through your capacity as a community member, as this would contravene our stakeholder management principles and agreements with local government and operations. We advise that you engage with the local</p>

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				<p>authority, DMPR, and relevant government departments to resolve this matter. I hope you find this response satisfactory, and I apologise for any inconvenience caused.</p> <p>The email was signed by the Unit Manager: Community Affairs Beatrix Mine, SA Gold Operations. The contact details of the Unit Manager were provided to Mr Mvumbi.</p>
<p>This Department supports the application in general, subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No access to the provincial road network will be allowed unless an application is submitted to this Department for consideration. The application must also be supported by a traffic impact study/statement/assessment that was compiled by a professional traffic engineer. The spacing of accesses must comply with the TMH16 document. Layout drawings of the proposed access/es must also be submitted.</li> <li>2. A building line of 95 metres is imposed from the centerline of all provincial roads. This building line is enforced in terms of section 9 of the Advertising on Roads and Ribbon Development Act, 1940 (Act 21 of 1940). This Department will consider the relaxation of the building line once an application to this effect is received.</li> <li>3. Several roads that are under the jurisdiction of SANRAL are also affected by the application. The application must therefore also be forwarded to SANRAL for comments.</li> </ol>	<p>Hannes Maree Free State: Department of Community Safety, Roads and Transport, Bloemfontein</p>	<p>13 November 2025</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p>The support of Department of Community Safety, Roads and Transport for this application is noted.</p> <p>The three points listed as comments from the Department will be considered should the road network be impacted. The applications for Environmental Authorisation are administrative processes and do not involve any physical alterations to the land, existing mining operations, or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting systems will continue in accordance with the existing authorised approvals.</p>
<p>Thank you for contacting Vaal Central Water (VCW), the email serves as acknowledgement of the received correspondence.</p>	<p>Lindiwe Mnguni VCW</p>	<p>13 November 2025</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p>Thank you for the feedback.</p>

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<p>Draft Basic Assessment Report submitted on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2025 has reference.</p> <p>Please attach proof of water use licence or registration applied with Department of Water and Sanitation on the final BAR and EMPr to be submitted.</p>	<p>Tshifiwa Makhokha Free State Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR)</p>	<p>13 November 2025</p>	<p>Letter via Email</p>	<p>The mine operates under an existing Water Use Licence (WUL) 08/C42K/AEFJG/8739, dated 31 October 2018 and the subsequent amendment of 8 February 2022. For a copy of the WUL refer to Appendix F of the Final Basic Assessment Report (BAR).</p> <p>Kindly note that an amendment to the above WUL will be initiated.</p>
<p>Please attach the quantum calculation table of financial provision, as it is not attached to the report submitted. It was indicated on page 281 that the financial provision is in Appendix 4 and is not attached.</p>	<p>Tshifiwa Makhokha Free State DMPR</p>	<p>13 November 2025</p>	<p>Letter via Email</p>	<p>The text on page 281 of the Draft BAR states: “Together, these documents describe the rehabilitation, closure, and post-closure measures applicable to the proposed SOFS Operations, and outline the financial provision required in accordance with the Financial Provisioning Regulations, 2015 (as amended) and GN R 1147 of 2020 (Appendix 4).”</p> <p>The Appendix 4 referred to in this context is Appendix 4 of Government Notice R1147 of 2020, which prescribes the regulatory framework and methodology for determining financial provision, and not a project-specific appendix to the Draft BARS.</p> <p>The updated 2025 Closure Report, inclusive of the detailed financial provision calculations and quantum, will be formally submitted to the DMPR in the first quarter of 2026, by 31 March 2026, in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements.</p>
<p>Please note that SAHRA proof of consultation has to be included in the final document to be submitted.</p>	<p>Tshifiwa Makhokha Free State DMPR</p>	<p>13 November 2025</p>	<p>Letter via Email</p>	<p>An application case number 22935 has been lodged with the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA). Interim comments from the SAHRA are attached in Appendix F.</p> <p>Kindly note that the applications for Environmental Authorisation are administrative processes and do not involve any physical alterations to the land, existing mining operations, or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting systems will continue in accordance with the existing authorised approvals.</p>
<p>Please note that the South African Heritage Resource Development Agency (SAHRA) does not accept hard copies anymore since they have introduced SAHRIS online system where application must be uploaded for comments. Please familiarise yourself with the said system and upload your final BAR and EMPr document for their comments. Please submit proof to this office together with their comments if any.</p>	<p>Tshifiwa Makhokha Free State DMPR</p>	<p>13 November 2025</p>	<p>Letter via Email</p>	<p>An application case number 22935 has been lodged with the SAHRA. Interim comments from the SAHRA are attached in Appendix F.</p> <p>Kindly note that the applications for Environmental Authorisation are administrative processes and do not involve any physical alterations to the land, existing mining operations, or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting systems will continue in accordance with the existing authorised approvals.</p>

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<p>Please include proof of consultation to other state Department for example Department of Water and Sanitation, Department of Environmental Affairs and Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for their comments. I have seen only proof of the sent correspondence, but the sent letter is not attached on draft BAR and EMPr.</p>	<p>Tshifiwa Makhokha Free State DMPr</p>	<p>13 November 2025</p>	<p>Letter via Email</p>	<p>Please refer to Appendix F of the Public Participation Report which is appended to the Final BARs. Appendix F includes correspondence sent to national and provincial state departments. Also refer to Appendix B, the stakeholder database which lists all stakeholders who received notifications. The CRR – this document – also lists comments received from all participating stakeholders, including those from government departments.</p>
<p>Your application also does not have an undertaking under oath or affirmation as required. As a result, the application does not comply with the provisions of regulation 16(1)(b)(iv) of the EIA Regulations.</p>	<p>Tshifiwa Makhokha Free State DMPr</p>	<p>13 November 2025</p>	<p>Letter via Email</p>	<p>Please refer to the undertaking under oath or affirmation in Section 21 and Section 30 of the Final BAR.</p>
<p>All the requirements of section 24N (2) &amp; (3) of NEMA as well as regulations 23(1)(2), (3), (4) &amp; (5) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 must be adequately addressed. The requested information must be completely addressed, incorporated in form 2 final BAR and EMPr and submitted as response to this office on or before 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2026. Also upload the same document onto the SAMRAD system as an annexure, following the similar way that the initial BAR and EMPr were uploaded.</p>	<p>Tshifiwa Makhokha Free State DMPr</p>	<p>13 November 2025</p>	<p>Letter via Email</p>	<p>The requirements of section 24N(2) and (3) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as well as the applicable provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, have been fully considered and addressed in the updated Final BAR and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).</p> <p>Section 24N(2) and (3) of NEMA require that an EMPr contain prescribed information and, where applicable, include implementation timeframes, measures regulating responsibility for environmental damage and pollution, and an environmental awareness plan. In response, the EMPr includes an emergency response procedure, which is provided in Appendix G of the Final BAR. In addition, Section 28 of the Final BAR provides details of the Environmental Awareness Plan, describing how employees will be informed of environmental risks associated with their activities and the measures in place to prevent pollution and environmental degradation.</p> <p>With regard to the EIA Regulations, 2014, it is noted that although Regulation 23 relates to the submission and consideration of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report, the current application follows a Basic Assessment process. As such, Regulation 19: Submission of BAR and supporting documents to the competent authority is applicable. The Final BAR and EMPr are aligned with the applicable regulatory requirements.</p> <p>The updated Final BAR and EMPr, will be submitted to the Department as a formal response to the comments received on</p>

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				or before 16 January 2026, and will also be uploaded to the SAMRAD system.
Please note that should your company fail to submit the requested information by the due date, this office will process the application further based on the BAR and EMPr submitted.	Tshifiwa Makhokha Free State DMPR	13 November 2025	Letter via Email	Noted.
<p>DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation on the 11th of November 2025 to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs P Makitla and Ms Nompumelelo Lekalakala (Copied on this email).</p> <p>Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: @dfffe.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.</p>	Ms Nompumelelo Lekalakala B&C: Biodiversity Mainstreaming & EIA Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)	18 November 2025	Email	<i>GCS responded on 18 November 2025 via email as follows:</i> Noted and thank you.
<p>Please send kmz file showing properties indicated on your map</p>  <p>Please see the attached map. This application impacts eight of our commissioned power lines as</p>	Miss Khayelihle Zulu, Senior Advisor Audits & Investigations Servitudes & Land Management, National Transmission Company South Africa SOC Ltd (NTCSA)	19 and 20 November 2025	Email	The kmz file was sent to Ms Zulu on 19 November 2025.

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<p>well as three vacant servitudes reserved for our planned power lines.</p> <p>On your kmz file, could you kindly indicate the exact mining positions? Additionally, please confirm whether this relates to underground mining or open-cast mining.</p> <p>To add on that, the reason for exact mining sites positions, we need to identify how far is the mining activity from electricity infrastructures.</p> 				
<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT AND EMPR IN TERMS OF REGULATION 3(6) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS THE EIA REGULATIONS) CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AMENDMENT IN RESPECT OF VARIOUS PROPERTIES (SEE ATTACHED ANNEXURE "A"), SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS OF VENTERSBURG, THEUNISSEN AND WINBURG IN THE FREE STATE PROVINCE. APPLICANT: WITWATERSRAND CONSOLIDATED GOLD RESOURCES (PTY) LTO.</p>	<p>Ms TJ Makhokha Sub-Directorate: Mine DMPR</p>	<p>20 November 2025</p>	<p>Letter via Email</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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<p>1. Receipt of the above-mentioned Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and EMPr submitted to this Department on 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2025 is hereby acknowledged.</p> <p>2. The Department hereby informs you that the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be evaluated and a decision in terms of regulation 24 of the EIA regulations will be communicated to you within 107 days of receipt of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and EMPr as required in terms of the above-mentioned regulation.</p> <p>3. Kindly note that acknowledgement of your Environmental Impact Assessment Report and EMPr does not grant you the right to commence with the listed activity/ies (mining operation) applied for. You should also note that commencement with a listed activity without an environmental authorisation contravenes the provisions of section 24F (1) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA) and constitutes an offence in terms of section 49A (1) (a) of NEMA.</p> <p>Should additional information be needed by the department, a request for such information will be forwarded to you in writing.</p>				
<p>Please send me a kmz file showing the area of the mining right you are applying for.</p>	<p>Ziyanda Mdoda Senior Advisor Investigation and Audit Servitude and Land Management Asset Management</p>	<p>21 November 2025</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p>The kmz files for both MRs were sent to Z Mdoda on 24 November 2025.</p>

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	National Transmission Company South Africa SOC Ltd (NTCSA)			
<p>Will there be an opportunity for a virtual meeting to discussion the application?</p> <p>In addition to the response sent to Ms Liefferink, she responded on 25 November 2025 as follows: I have downloaded the document and will be perusing it shortly. I have a little difficulty understanding the application but I am sure the BID will assist. If not, I shall let you know.</p>	Mariette Liefferink CEO: Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE)	21 November 2025	Email	<p><i>GCS responded on 03 December 2025 via email as follows:</i> We have not specifically planned a virtual session, but I'm sure we can assist if you have any specific queries / questions / comments.</p> <p>Could you please let us know the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) List of questions so that we may ensure that the appropriate people from Sibanye is in attendance.</li> <li>b) Two to three dates that will be suitable to you.</li> </ul>
<p>DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation on the 21st of November 2025 to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs P Makitla and Ms Nompumelelo Lekalakala (Copied on this email). Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.</p>	Nompumelelo Lekalakala B&C: Biodiversity Mainstreaming & EIA Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	25 November 2025	Email	<p><i>GCS responded on 18 November 2025 via email as follows:</i> Noted.</p>
<p><i>A public meeting was held on 26 November 2026 at the Ferdie Meyer Hall in Welkom, Matjhabeng Municipality.</i></p>				
<p>Asked whether Neo Energy will be able to continue with the existing authorised mining activities without introducing any new developments or making changes to the current infrastructure or operations on the portion of land they intend to acquire.</p>	Mr Johan Pretorius, landowner and farmer	26 November 2025	Public meeting	<p>Ms Paula Tolksdorff indicated that at this stage, there are no new activities, no additional infrastructure, and no changes to the existing operational footprint associated with the proposed administrative transfers of the mining rights. The current impacts and the approved environmental management measures remain unchanged.</p> <p>Ms Paula Tolksdorff added that should Neo Energy propose any new infrastructure, expansions, or activities in the future, they will be required to submit the necessary applications in terms of the</p>

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				environmental and mining legislation, and these will undergo the appropriate public participation and regulatory review processes.
Land is leased from Sibanye Stillwater since the 1980s, however notice was provided by the company that the lease has expired. Upon further enquiry, Sibanye Stillwater confirmed that notice was provided due to the transaction with Neo Energy. We would like to know whether Neo Energy as the new owner, will be willing to lease the land to us so that we may continue as previously?	Mr Johan Pretorius and Gert Oosthuizen, landowner and farmer	26 November 2025	Public meeting	Mr Kenneth Mudziri, Neo Beisa Metals provided his contact details and contact details of other Neo Energy company members so that further discussions can take place between the parties.
Expressed concern that key stakeholders, particularly the local municipality, do not formally recognise Artisanal and Small-scale Miners (ASM) or include them in relevant processes. He further highlighted that ASM is often associated with illegal mining activities ( <i>zama zamas</i> ), which contributes to negative perceptions and a lack of recognition.  He stated that while ASMs frequently identify unutilised land for small-scale mining and play a role in socio-economic development, certain stakeholders such as and the local municipality still do not acknowledge or engage with them.	Mr Thabang Mafathle, Lejweleputswa Artisanal Small Scale Mining	26 November 2025	Public meeting	Mr Kenneth Mudziri, Neo Beisa Metals stated that in relation to ASM, it is important to note that any form of collaboration must comply with the applicable legal and regulatory requirements.  From a governance perspective, compliance, safety, and liability considerations are critical. Mining companies carry significant legal responsibility for activities that occur within their mining rights and operational areas. Therefore, before any form of access, partnership, or recognition can be considered, ASMs would need to demonstrate that they are operating in full compliance with statutory and safety requirements.  It was added that a key concern is risk and liability. Should an incident occur especially if ASM miners are injured while operating within the mining right area, the company could be held liable.
Requested for ASM to be recognised by mining companies.	Mr Thabang Mafathle, Lejweleputswa Artisanal Small Scale Mining	26 November 2025	Public meeting	Mr Kenneth Mudziri, Neo Beisa Metals indicated that ASM initiatives can be considered as part of broader socio-economic development programs, provided they align with regulatory, safety, and operational requirements.  However, it is important that any requests for support or collaboration are submitted through formal and appropriate channels.  Mr Nathi Khuzwayo, Sibanye Stillwater emphasised that the correct communication channels should be followed.
Requested information regarding the physical location of Neo Energy's offices.	Mr Gert Oosthuizen,	26 November 2025	Public meeting	Mr Kenneth Mudziri, Neo Beisa Metals indicated the physical address will be provided to the stakeholder.

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	Landowner and farmer			
<p>The responsibility lies with the applicant to ensure that any authorisation required for undertaking any water uses as listed under Section 21 of the National Water Act is applied for.</p> <p>Stormwater and erosion management must be in place.</p> <p>Waste management must be in place through all stages of the project.</p>	Boitumelo Melato Environmental Officer DWS	27 November 2025	Comment sheet via email	The points listed as comments from the Department will be considered, however the applications for Environmental Authorisation are administrative processes and do not involve any physical alterations to the land, existing mining operations, or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting systems will continue in accordance with the existing authorised approvals.
Can you please provide property description for this Environmental Authorisation Application so that we can comment?	Gabriel Kgaphola Dalrrd	1 December 2025	Email	The requested information was sent to Mr Kgaphola on 1 December 2025.
<p>I have finally had time to download the BID regarding the above application. Kindly advise whether the attached document is the relevant document to comment on or whether a comprehensive EIA and specialist reports are available to download. If so, kindly provide me with the link.</p> <p>I have taken note that the time for comments prescribes on the 8th of January 2026. I shall endeavour to submit our comments within the prescribed time period.</p>	Mariette Liefferink CEO: Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE)	7 January 2026	Email	<p><i>GCS responded on 9 January 2026 via email as follows:</i></p> <p>If you scroll down in the email, you will see that on 11 November 2025 we have sent an invitation for stakeholders to participate with the link to the Draft Basic Assessment Reports. A reminder with the same information was sent a bit later. Below is a copied clip from the emails sent below. You will see that there are two links to which you can connect to download the reports.</p> <p>Apologies that I could not assist before you have compiled your comments. Would you like to take a look at the reports and then consider your comments?</p>
Kindly find attached hereto the FSE's comments on the above application for environmental authorisation. Please confirm receipt.	Mariette Liefferink CEO: Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE)	8 January 2026	Email	<p><i>GCS responded on 9 January 2026 via email as follows:</i></p> <p>Many thanks for your comments which was received. Would you like to take a look at the reports and then consider your comments? Or would it be of value if the EAP, Paula Tolksdorf perhaps give you a quick call?</p>
<p>COMMENTS ON THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT - APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE: 1. SOUTHERN FREE STATE (SOFS) MINING RIGHT (FS 10005 MR) DMPR Reference: FS-00040-MR/11 AND 2. THE BEATRIX MINING RIGHT (FS 10047 MR) (FS</p>	Mariette Liefferink CEO: Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE)	8 January 2026	Email	<p><i>In response to these comments, a virtual meeting was held with the FSE on 12 January 2026. Ms Liefferink stated during the meeting that the comments relate specifically to Neo Energy and should be included in the Comments and Response Report (CRR) (this document) for future action, by Neo Energy.</i></p>

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<p>081 MR)). DMPR Reference: FS-00093-MS/102. GCS REF. NO: 25-0019</p> <p>The following comments are submitted on behalf of the Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE). Since the information provided in the Background Information Document (BID) is scant, our comments are incomplete.</p> <p>The BID assures us, however, that during Phase 2 a Public Participation Process will be undertaken in accordance with Chapter 6 of GN R 982 in order to ensure “<i>transparency, inclusivity, and meaningful engagement with I&amp;Aps</i>”. We eagerly await additional information on the above application in order for us to comment more meaningfully and extensively.</p> <p>Ownership transfer and consolidation of Mining Rights in the Free State</p> <p>The BID informs us of the proposed acquisition of <b>Sibanye-Stillwater’s</b> Beatrix 4 Shaft by <b>Neo Uranium Resources South Africa</b> (Neo Energy), a subsidiary of <b>Neo Energy Metals</b> (the parent company) and its South African Entity: <b>Neo Uranium Resources Beisa Mine (Pty) Ltd</b> (NURB) as the operating subsidiary; the transfer of the remainder of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) from <b>Sibanye Gold</b> to Neo Energy; the transfer of ownership of the Southern Free State (SOFS) Mining Right, currently held by <b>Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold</b>; and the consolidation a portion of the Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into the SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR).</p> <p>It was reported that Neo Energy has signed an ancillary acquisition agreement (Sale of Immovable Property Agreement with <b>Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited</b>, a subsidiary of</p>				

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<p><b>Sibanye Stillwater Limited.</b> This agreement means that NURB will acquire the land where the Beisa Uranium Project operates. The land, covering about 6,244 hectares, is the main area for the Beisa Uranium Project and includes several key farm portions.</p> <p>We are furthermore informed by the BID that the transfer of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) to Neo Energy will include the transfer of the following infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beatrix 4 Shaft.</li> <li>• Metallurgical Plant.</li> <li>• Tailing Storage Facility.</li> <li>• Waste Rock Dump.</li> <li>• Waste Water Treatment Works.</li> <li>• Pollution Control Dams and Evaporation Dams.</li> </ul> <p>The BID, however, does not inform us of the acquisition of the land and key farm portions by Neo Energy. Kindly advise.</p> <p>In the light of the above-mentioned complex corporate structures, it begs the question who will be responsible for the responsibility and liability of mine closure. Since, according to Regulation 56 of the MPRD Regulations, the closure of a mining operation incorporates a process which must start at the commencement of the operation and must continue throughout the life of the operation (progressive or concurrent rehabilitation), it is necessary to establish the custodianship of the closure plan; the rehabilitation objectives and the future land use (predetermined and agreed upon) prior to authorisation of the application.</p> <p>Kindly advise.</p> <p>Such objectives should include from a generic perspective, the following:</p>				

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediate harm to human health and safety must be eliminated;</li> <li>• Groundwater must be fit for current and future domestic and other uses consistent with the agreed current and future land use;</li> <li>• Surface water must be fit for current and future basic human needs and aquatic ecosystems requirements;</li> <li>• Risk of harm to non-aquatic organisms must be eliminated; and</li> <li>• Soil must be fit for use consistent with current and future land use.</li> </ul> <p>Proposed mining activities</p> <p>The BID informs us that <i>“the administrative processes do not involve any modifications to the existing mining operations or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting systems will continue as previously authorised”</i>.</p> <p>Anomalous to the abovementioned statement, the website of Neo Energy informs us that <i>“Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (a subsidiary of Neo Energy Metals (NEO: LSE/A2X), is the entity acquiring the Beisa Uranium-Gold Mine (Beatrix 4 Shaft) in South Africa’s Witwatersrand Basin from Sibanye-Stillwater, <b>aiming for near-term low-cost uranium production</b> by refurbishing the existing mine, plant, and infrastructure, ...”</i> (Emphasis added.)</p> <p>Since the production of uranium (U) will require modifications to the existing mining operations and associated infrastructure, and mining systems, kindly clarify the anomaly between the above statement in the BID and the statement on the website of Neo Energy.</p>				

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<p>I thank we are agreed that the mining and extraction of U will result in the introduction of new risks and hazards.</p> <p>Determining the risks of U mining and mineral processing operations can be complex, consisting of multiple facilities and activities, which may serve as sources of radiation exposure. With reference e.g. to radon gas:</p> <p>Radon gas is released from different types of facilities, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tailings storage facilities, waste rock dumps and other NORM stockpiles</li> <li>• Upcast ventilation shafts</li> <li>• Contaminated soil or land</li> <li>• Backfilled mine areas</li> </ul> <p>Factors that ought to be considered in the assessment of the risks and the establishment of a public radiation protection programme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The rate of release and subsequent atmospheric dispersion of radon and its progeny.</li> <li>• The contribution of the inhalation of radon gas (often the dominant contributor) and its progeny (indoors and outdoors) to the annual total effective dose to members of the public.</li> </ul> <p>Kindly advise if these risks and hazards, and the foreseeable impacts on human and animal health<sup>1</sup>, water, soil and air quality of the mining of</p>				

<sup>1</sup> In the light of new findings: Apart from kidneys, U attacks the brain, acts as endocrine disruptive compound by mimicking oestrogen (with possible consequences for the foetal development), compromises the immune system and damages the DNA. Epidemiological data from the Wismut cohort further suggest that existing models on effects of internally deposited alpha emitters underestimate the risk of contracting liver cancer by 20 to 70 times.

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<p>U and the radioactive progeny of U will be assessed.</p> <p>In order to understand the contribution of the proposed uranium production, the information in Beatrix Mine's current radiological assessment reports and its Certificate of Registration (CoR), in terms of the National Nuclear Act, 47 of 1999 and its Regulations, is important to demonstrate current exposure and regulatory compliance. If possible, we shall appreciate a copies of the aforementioned documents.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>While the FSE is not opposed to the current application, we respectfully request that we be allowed to engage virtually on an assessment of the risks and hazards, and proposed mitigation measures and that our above requests for information be favourably responded to.</p>				
<p><i>A virtual meeting took place on Monday, 12 January at 13:30 2026 between Mariette Liefferink, CEO: Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE) and GCS</i></p>				
<p>Clarity was requested on the applications for the Southern Free State (SOFS) Mining Right (FS 10005 MR) and the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) and if it incorporates the transfer/sale to Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy).</p>	<p>Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE</p>	<p>12 January 2026</p>	<p>Virtual meeting</p>	<p>GCS responded that Sibanye-Stillwater has two Mining Rights. The existing Beatrix Mining Right – (Beatrix 1 to 3 Shaft and Beatrix 4 Shaft (Beisa)) (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) is situated within the Free State Province, in the Magisterial Districts of Theunissen and Ventersburg. It is located approximately 25 km south of Virginia, within the jurisdiction of both the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities.</p> <p>Beatrix Mining Right comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four Shafts (three operational (Beatrix 1 to 3 Shafts) and one on care and maintenance (Beatrix 4 Shaft (Beisa))</li> <li>• Two Metallurgical Plants</li> <li>• Four Tailings Storage Facilities (TSF)</li> <li>• Five Surface Waste Rock Dumps (WRD)</li> <li>• Return Water and Evaporation Dams</li> <li>• Other Supporting infrastructure</li> </ul> <p>The SOFS existing Mining Right (FS 10005 MR) (SOFS Operations) is situated in the Free State Magisterial District of</p>

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				<p>Ventersburg, Theunissen and Winburg. The Mining Right is located approximately 6 km south of Virginia, within the jurisdiction of both the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities.</p> <p>Currently no mining taking place, however the following has been previously approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shafts</li> <li>• Metallurgical Plant</li> <li>• TSF</li> <li>• WRDs</li> <li>• Stormwater Management and Pollution Control Dams</li> <li>• Sewerage Treatment Plant</li> <li>• Supporting Infrastructure</li> </ul> <p>Neo Energy, a subsidiary of Neo Energy Metals, has received approval from the South African Reserve Bank to proceed with the acquisition of Sibanye-Stillwater's Beatrix 4 Shaft. In support of the acquisition, Sibanye-Stillwater is required to undertake the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Transfer ownership of the Southern Free State (SOFS) Mining Right (FS 10005 MR), currently held by Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources (Wits Gold), to Sibanye Gold Proprietary Limited (Sibanye Gold).</li> <li>▪ Consolidate a portion of the Sibanye Gold Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) into the SOFS Mining Right (FS 10005 MR).</li> <li>▪ Transfer the remainder of the Beatrix Mining Right (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) from Sibanye Gold to Neo Energy. This application forms part of the next phase.</li> </ul> <p>These administrative processes do not involve any modifications to the existing mining operations or associated infrastructure. All mining activities and supporting systems will continue as previously authorised.</p>
<p>Concern was expressed that the introduction of uranium mining would result in a new set of impacts and risks that have not yet been assessed. Comments relate specifically to Neo Energy and should be included in the Comments</p>	<p>Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE</p>	<p>12 January 2026</p>	<p>Virtual meeting</p>	<p>The comments were included above (8 January 2026) for future reference by Neo Energy.</p>

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and Response Report (CRR) (this document) for future action, by Neo Energy.				
Were any amendments made to the Water Use Licence?	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	The 2018 Water Use Licence and 2022 update have been attached to the Final BAR.
<p>The report indicates the presence of nine evaporation dams within the Wolvepan and Rietpan Evaporation Complex, which are reportedly not currently in use.</p> <p>Concern was expressed that, notwithstanding their current operational status, stormwater runoff from Harmony Gold's areas continues to enter the drainage system that ultimately discharges into these pans. Reported seepage from Harmony Gold's Tailings Storage Facility (TSF), as well as references to possible unauthorised discharges from wastewater treatment works and other unclassified sources were noted.</p> <p>Based on this information, it was inferred that these evaporation dams may still be subject to ongoing impacts. Clarity is requested on whether the dams continue to be monitored, and whether stormwater runoff and seepage are having a measurable impact on water quality.</p>	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	This request would be forwarded to Sibanye Gold for consideration and response.
<p>Enquiry was made about the Wolvepan and Rietpan assessments and the SRK site visit undertaken in 2019 was referenced; noting that the report indicates the survey of boreholes was not comprehensive due to access and technical difficulties encountered at the time.</p> <p>Were these limitations addressed as part of the Water Use Licence amendment process?</p> <p>It was noted that the report identifies a range of contaminant migration pathways, indicating that, even where infrastructure such as pans or dams may no longer be in active use, migration can still occur. These pathways include surface water runoff, open and buried tunnels, trenches,</p>	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	This request would be forwarded to Sibanye Gold for consideration and response.

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stormwater channels, unsaturated media, and groundwater flow.				
<p>The SRK report indicates that groundwater may be affected by radioactive decay and enquired whether the status and extent of radiological decay have been adequately assessed.</p> <p>The query relates specifically to the current status of radioactive decay, rather than future projections. The SRK report notes a lack of pre-mining baseline data and therefore identifies continued monitoring and trend analysis as a high priority.</p> <p>The FSE would request a copy of the Water Use Licence from Sibanye-Stillwater.</p>	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	Sibanye-Stillwater will be made aware of the request of the FSE to obtain a copy of the 2018 Water Use Licence and its 2022 update/amendment.
<p>Enquiry was made about the current condition of Wolvepan and the evaporation dams, and whether water quality at these facilities complies with the applicable Resource Quality Objectives (RQOs). The hydrological assessment indicates sulphate concentrations of approximately 600 mg/L and electrical conductivity (EC) values of approximately 1 500 mg/L, which may suggest seepage. The report indicates an anticipated plume footprint of approximately 443 m by 2025. It would be useful to review recent water quality monitoring results demonstrating regular monitoring at borehole B39 and enquired whether borehole B2 will be incorporated into the groundwater monitoring network. The delineation of the study area should be reviewed and assumed that these aspects would be addressed as part of the amendment to the Water Use Licence.</p>	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	Noted.
<p>The wetland assessment identifies the Lower Foothill wetlands as endangered. Several pans have historically been utilised for the containment of dirty mine water and tailings, resulting in a high level of transformation and ecological degradation. Sight of the closure plan</p>	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	This request will be forwarded to Sibanye Gold for consideration and response.

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was requested, specifically to understand whether progressive and concurrent rehabilitation of the dams is proposed.				
The assessment identifies Wolvepan and Rietpan as having a very high Ecological Importance and Sensitivity (EIS), largely due to the presence and concentration of waterbird species of conservation importance.	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	Noted.
<p>The FSE is a member of the Waterberg–Bojanala Priority Area stakeholder group and noted that the dust monitoring and dust control regulations are currently being amended or are in the process of amendment. The draft BAR refers to dustfall monitoring being undertaken in accordance with non-residential limits.</p> <p>The regulatory amendments will introduce revised definitions of residential and non-residential areas in line with Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act No. 16 of 2013), with the implication that farm areas and informal settlements will now fall within the residential dustfall limits prescribed under the Dustfall Standards, namely 600 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day.</p> <p>The FSE enquired whether Sibanye intends to undertake dustfall monitoring in accordance with residential limits, given the presence of farm dwellings and rural settlements in the surrounding area.</p>	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	This request will be forwarded to Sibanye Gold for consideration and response.
In reviewing the need and desirability section, it was found that the discussion of negative impacts is difficult to interpret. The operations have been in place for many years and impacts such as topographical and landform alteration would already have occurred. As such, the inclusion of these aspects was questioned.	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	Noted.
Impacts relating to soil and land capability loss, groundwater quality, wetland function, and air quality (dustfall) are existing and ongoing in nature, rather than future or hypothetical impacts. The assessment should clearly	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	Noted.

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distinguish between historic, current, and reasonably foreseeable future impacts.				
<p>The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) largely describes existing management measures that are retrospective in nature. Measures such as topsoil stripping and stockpiling, erosion control, and related controls are standard practices that should already be implemented for an established operation.</p> <p>It was suggested that the EMPr should clearly address both the current impacts associated with ongoing operations and the impacts that may reasonably be anticipated in the future.</p>	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	The EMPr has been retained across all project phases for completeness and regulatory continuity.
<p>Grazing or designation of land as wilderness is not a sufficiently sustainable post-mining land use on its own. Sustainable land use must align with the principles of sustainable development and that rehabilitation should aim, as far as reasonably practicable, to restore the land to its pre-mining condition. Closure objectives should support sustainable livelihood opportunities, which must be agreed upon with interested and affected parties. Grazing alone is not considered an activity that offers meaningful economic potential following mine closure.</p> <p>The proposed mine closure strategy refers to economic succession, economic diversification, and long-term sustainability.</p>	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	Noted.
<p>The FSE requested a copy of the trigger–action–response plan relating to uranium, as well as confirmation from the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) in the form of a clearance certificate issued in terms of the National Nuclear Regulator Act and its associated regulations.</p>	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	This request will be forwarded to Sibanye Gold for consideration and response.
<p>The FSE indicated an expectation that the closure plan be updated.</p>	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	The closure plan is currently being updated. It is anticipated that the updated closure plan will be available during the first quarter of the 2026. In the interim, GCS has relied on the previously approved closure plan and has applied the amended preliminary financial provision costings where relevant.

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Has Harmony Gold, as a neighbouring operation, been informed of the application, noting that, according to John van Wyk, they had not been notified.	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	Harmony Gold has not been informed to date of the application and will be notified as soon as possible.
Potential impacts have to be considered and managed at a regional scale, noting that both Harmony Gold and Sibanye-Stillwater operate within the same catchment management context. A coordinated and cooperative approach between the neighbouring operations would be beneficial, particularly in relation to shared water resources and cumulative impacts.	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	Harmony Gold will be informed and requested for their inputs.
The FSE queried how the Beatrix 4 Shaft, which is currently under care and maintenance and not economically viable to Sibanye Gold, satisfies the need and desirability criteria in the context of Neo Energy's proposed acquisition. Neo Energy's stated intention is to mine uranium and suggested that the renewed interest may be driven by more favourable uranium market conditions.	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	This matter would need to be addressed directly by Neo Energy, as they have undertaken their own technical studies, economic assessments, and cost modelling. GCS does not have access to sufficient detail to comment on Neo Energy's commercial rationale at this stage.
Recent media articles were referenced in which Neo Energy's statements regarding the proposed acquisition were discussed. The articles reference Neo Energy's interest in the Beatrix 4 Shaft including statements relating to clean-energy positioning and the acquisition of surrounding areas. The articles indicate that Neo Energy had signed an acquisition agreement with Sibanye Stillwater in relation to the 4 Shaft.	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	The acquisition agreement serves as a mechanism to initiate the transaction and sets out the required terms and conditions. The agreement is subject to multiple regulatory and transactional approvals and does not constitute a transfer of ownership. Ownership of Beatrix 4 Shaft will only transfer once all approvals and conditions precedent have been fulfilled. At this stage, Sibanye-Stillwater remains the owner, and the transaction with Neo Energy Metals is still ongoing.
The FSE would like to review the approved Social and Labour Plan (SLP) and enquired whether Neo Energy would be required to prepare its own SLP, either at the current stage or following approval of the transaction.	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	This request will be forwarded to Sibanye Gold for consideration and response.  GCS confirmed that the SLPs are currently being updated in response to a request from the DMPR that these updates be undertaken concurrently. The update process is being led by Sibanye Gold's social team and includes ongoing engagement with stakeholders and the relevant municipalities, as well as agreement on project commitments. Initial discussions have taken place with Neo Energy to ensure alignment between existing and future SLP commitments. It is anticipated that the updated SLPs will be finalised in due course.

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The FSE expressed interest to be registered on the stakeholder database of any future Neo Energy applications. GCS was requested to facilitate this request.	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	The project database and the CRR will be shared with Neo Energy.
The hydrogeological assessment indicates that the Beatrix 4 Shaft is underlain by important aquifer systems characterised by high vulnerability. Concerns were expressed regarding significant plume expansion and the potential for decant during the post-closure phase. It was emphasised that this is particularly important in the context of future uranium-bearing waste, as it is necessary to understand the expected uranium concentrations and associated radiological risk. It is required to confirm whether exposures may exceed the regulatory thresholds of 250 µSv per annum for public exposure and/or activity concentrations of 500 Bq/kg.	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	Noted.
The SRK (2019) report includes a number of recommendations that have been incorporated into both the draft BARs. These recommendations relate to ongoing monitoring, pathway management, receptor protection, and measures to reduce seepage from the Tailings Storage Facilities (TSF) and evaporation dams. It is expected that these measures will be fully implemented and that compliance will be maintained with the applicable RQOs.	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	Noted.
The BAR indicates a requirement for monitoring of the aardvark ( <i>Orycteropus afer</i> ) and the black-footed cat ( <i>Felis nigripes</i> ). It would be useful to obtain any available monitoring reports for these species, together with details of the mitigation and management measures currently implemented to protect grassland raptors, the African grass owl ( <i>Tyto capensis</i> ), and the giant bullfrog ( <i>Pyxicephalus adspersus</i> ).	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	This request would be forwarded to Sibanye Gold for consideration and response.
Regarding air quality and dust management, the draft BAR recommends the progressive rehabilitation of disturbed areas, the continuation of monthly dustfall monitoring, and the	Mariette Liefferink, CEO FSE	12 January 2026	Virtual meeting	Noted.

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<p>maintenance of a documented record of monitoring results and compliance responses.</p> <p>It is expected that the mine will implement these measures in accordance with the approved EMPr.</p>				
<p>Subject properties are mostly high potential agricultural land. Department has mandate to protect agricultural land for food security in the country.</p>	<p>Gabriel Kgaphola Dalrrd</p>	<p>8 January 2026</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p><i>GCS responded on 8 January 2026 via email as follows:</i> The Mining Rights and the associated Environmental Authorisations have already been granted. This application is administrative in nature and does not entail any physical alterations to the land.</p> <p>On this basis, please confirm that no further application is required.</p>
<p>Kindly find the comments below. Comments have been routed for signature and the signed comments will be submitted in due course.</p> <p>The submitted Basic Assessment (BA) is for the proposed administrative amendment to the Beatrix Mining Right (MR) in the Free State Province. The Beatrix MR (FS 10047 MR (FS 081 MR)) covers Beatrix 4 Shaft (the Beisa Project /Operation), situated south of Virginia and within the Matjhabeng and Masilonyana Local Municipalities. The application concerns the consolidation and restructuring of existing mining rights following Sibanye-Stillwater's transaction with Neo Uranium Resources South Africa (Neo Energy) and the following is noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The mining operations are already authorised under the approved Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) and will continue within the existing footprint.</li> <li>• The amendment is administrative in nature and does not entail new physical development, mining expansion, or intensification of activities.</li> </ul> <p>This office has evaluated the BAR and the EMPR, and the comments are as follows:</p>	<p>Melato Boitumelo, Department of Water and Sanitations (DWS) Free State</p>	<p>14 January 2026</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p>The comments from the DWS are acknowledged and the recommendations in terms of additional application procedures for Water Use Licences and / or amendments are noted and will be considered by Sibayne-Stillwater and the information will be communicated to Neo Energy.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sibanye-Stillwater: Beatrix Operation is in possession of a Water Use Authorisation which includes water use activities for Beatrix 4 Shaft. Therefore, Neo Energy must submit a Water Use Licence Application for Beatrix 4 Shaft since Neo Energy will be engaging in the water use activities.</li> <li>• Sibanye-Stillwater: Beatrix Operation must submit a request for a Water Use Licence amendment to this office for the deletion of water use conditions on the issued Water Use Licence.</li> <li>• Soil erosion and stormwater management must be put in place through all stages of the project.</li> <li>• Sanitary conveniences which cause or is likely to cause pollution of a water resource should not be located within the 1:100-year flood line or 100m of any watercourse or borehole.</li> <li>• All fuel and lubricants must be stored in sealed containers at least 100m from the nearest water course and all reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent any possible pollution.</li> </ul> <p>The applicant shall further note that in terms of Section 19(1) of the National Water Act: Act 36 of 1998 it is stated that: An owner of land, a person in control of land or a person who occupies or uses the land on which – (a) any activity or process is or was performed or undertaken, or (b) any other situation exists, which causes, has caused or likely to cause pollution to a water resource must take all reasonable measures to prevent any such pollution from occurring, continuing or recurring”. Therefore, any pollution incident(s) originating from this project shall be reported to Department of Water Sanitation: Free State Operations within 24 hours.</p>				