

Annex C17

GDARD Comments on Draft EIA



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Dear Sir

RE: CONSULTATION WITH REGARD TO A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT IN TERMS OF SECTION 40 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 28 OF 2002) FOR THE PROPOSED PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SOLAR POWER FACILITY FOR GOLDFIELDS SOUTH DEEP MINE, GOLD FIELDS SOUTH DEEP MINE, WESTONARIA GAUTENG

Please note that the Department (GDARD) has reviewed the above-mentioned Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIAR) of August 2017 and comments as follows.

Background

The Department received a copy of the DEIAR Report on 28 August 2017. The proposal entails the installation of a solar PV plant within the South Deep Gold mine property. The proposed facility will supply power to the Gold Fields South Deep gold mine. The PV solar panel technology will cover approximately 120 hectares for the 2 x 20 megawatts Solar PV plants.

Comments:

In its review of the DEIAR the Department took the following into account:

1. The Department's Geographical Information System (GIS), more specifically Geology of the area, Open Space, Soil Capability, Red Data Species, Wetlands and River Systems layers and requirements for buffer zones;

2. The objectives and requirements of the relevant government legislation, policies and guidelines, including the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998); and
3. The Department's Mining Environmental Management Impact Guide, 2008.

The Departmental GIS evaluation of the site indicates that the site is within important and ecological support area with a presence of primary vegetation identified in the Departmental C-Plan version 3.3.

Recommended to be included in the Final EIAR:

1. Proof of correspondence (site notice, newspaper advertisement, email, fax, delivery etc.) with stakeholders must be included in the Final EIAR. The Public participation process undertaken must take into consideration relevant stakeholders' comments and these must be adequately addressed and included in the Final EIAR. Any concerns or objections raised must be responded to.
2. Consideration must be given for appropriate rehabilitation measures relative to the impact and the receiving environment particularly where natural areas of the site will be affected.
3. Recommendations from specialist studies conducted must be taken into account when drafting the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) and the rehabilitation measures mentioned above.

If there are any queries concerning this issue, contact the official at the details given above.

Yours faithfully



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Date: 29/09/2017.



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