

1244 Scoping Phase Public Meeting			
Job No:	1244	Project Name:	Kalabasfontein Project
Meeting Description:	Scoping Phase Public Meeting		
Meeting Venue:	Bethal Public Library Auditorium	Date:	2018/07/27
The meeting attendance register is attached as an appendix to these minutes.			
A public meeting was undertaken during the Scoping Report (SR) review period and the meeting invitation was provided to all registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) during the initial call to period and a reminder invitation during the SR review notifications. The meeting presentation was conducted in English by Ms. Sonja van de Giessen. Exxaro Resources Limited (Exxaro) representatives were present at the meeting. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.			

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<p>Introductions were made. Ms. van de Giessen noted that the meeting would be recorded to ensure that the minutes from the meeting are recorded accurately. No objections to the recording was raised. Copies of the Background information documents (BID) and attendance registers were placed at the entrance of the auditorium. Attendees were requested to sign the attendance register as they entered.</p> <p>EIMS advised that an opportunity would be provided at the end of the presentation to ask questions.</p>	N/A	N/A
<p>An overview of the project and the findings of the SR was presented during the meeting covering the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and Introductions Proposed Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to the project Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and licensing process Key findings from scoping Way forward and timeframes Questions and Answers <p>A group of attendees joined the meeting after the presentation and question and answer session was concluded. Ms. van de Giessen conducted the presentation again and a second question and answer session was held.</p>	N/A	N/A
The following comments were raised in both question and answer sessions:	-	
Mr. John Mathebula	-	-
<p>Mr. Mathebula asked when will the extension begin and how long will the mining continue for?</p> <p><i>EIMS responded by stating that should the project receive Environmental Authorisation (EA), it is anticipated that the mining will happen for 17 years from the date of approval and that the Life of Mine (LoM) will be extended to 17 years. Exxaro clarified by stating that the project will be adding to 2 more sections to the current mining operations, therefore, the proposed mining areas and the currently mined areas will extend the LoM by 17 years.</i></p> <p>Mr. Mathebula further asked if any jobs will be created by the project?</p> <p><i>Exxaro clarified by stating that no new jobs will be created by this job. The mining will move from one section to another therefore the existing workforce will be</i></p>	-	-

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<p><i>utilised for the new mining sections. Ms. van de Giessen further clarified that the extension will help the existing the employees to be employed for another 17 years few years. Should the project not get authorised, it is possible that the mine duration will be shorter.</i></p> <p>Mr. Mathebula asked what impact will the project have on people who live on the farms?</p> <p><i>Exxaro responded by saying that the mine needs to verify if there are any legal occupiers staying on the proposed mining areas. Ms. van de Giessen clarified by stating that the project involves underground mining and that farming will continue above ground. Exxaro stated that because it is underground mining, no people are expected to be moved. If people are farming now, they will continue to farm.</i></p> <p>Mr. Mathebula asked what the impacts of the project would be on water?</p> <p><i>Exxaro clarified that specialist impact studies are being conducted to assess the impact of the project on the water.</i></p> <p>Mr. Mathebula asked is there is a Social and Labour Plan (SLP).?</p> <p><i>Exxaro stated there is an existing SLP. Exxaro has commitments in terms of their SLP regarding development and training, particularly for the upliftment of education in Mathematics and Science at schools. Without the project, the mine will need to reduce the number of workers employed at the mine. The SLP includes business opportunities for the local suppliers, Local Economic Development (LED) projects that consists of infrastructure development project and Community and Social Initiatives (CSI). CSIs focus on education, specifically education of youth and disadvantaged children. The mine has structures that interact with the community and provides feedback to the mine. Exxaro will provide details of the structure that the community can liaise with.</i></p>	<p>Provide details of the community structure.</p>	<p>Exxaro</p>
Mr. Nathi Mavibela, Mr. Rolly Leonard and Mr. John Blose	-	-
<p>Mr. Mavibela stated that the proposed project site falls under Ward 10, which falls under Davel and, therefore, the scoping phase public meeting should have taken place in Davel. Mr. Mavibela further asked how was Davel not considered when deciding on a venue for the public meeting? To his understanding the project locality states that the project falls within the Msukalingwa Local Municipality, but the consultation is taking place in Govan Mbeki Municipality.</p> <p><i>Exxaro asked for clarification regarding where Davel was located.</i></p> <p>Mr. Leonard advised that Davel is located approximately 20km away from the project site. He further emphasised the question raised by Mr. Mavibela as to why the public meeting was being held in Bethal when the mine is located in the jurisdiction of Davel?</p> <p>Mr Blose. indicated that this was the same question he would like to raise. Mr. Blose stated that he is the ward councillor of Ward 10 and when he received notification for the meeting he was of the understanding that the public meeting will be held in the area of Davel. Mr Blose mentioned that he spoke to Ms.</p>	-	-

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<p>Muthukarapan telephonically after receipt of the email notification, however, no further correspondence was conducted. Mr. Blose noted that the farm Kalabasfontein falls under Ward 10 and he was surprised that the meeting was not being held in Davel.</p> <p><i>Exxaro asked for clarification regarding the size of the town Davel.</i></p> <p>Mr. Leonard responded by stating that Davel is smaller than the town of Bethal.</p> <p>Mr. Leonard further added the reasoning as to why they are questioning the location of the public meeting. He mentioned that there was a similar situation in January where another company was only employing people from selected areas that did not include Davel. He noted that there was conflict between the company and himself regarding the employment of workers from Davel, who were eventually employed on the project at Charlie 3.</p> <p><i>Exxaro stated that Forzando South is where the mine shaft and that the portions of the farm Kalabasfontein where there will be mining will be from the current area of mining, which falls under Govan Mbeki Municipality. Exxaro further stated that it is possible that different portions of a farm can fall under different municipalities.</i></p> <p>Mr. Leonard stated that in terms of Section 41 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Regulations published under the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002), that the people that live closest to the project area should get first preference.</p> <p><i>Ms. van de Giessen asked if Mr Leonard was referring to first preference regarding jobs.</i></p> <p>Mr. Leonard confirmed that he is referring to jobs.</p> <p><i>Ms. van de Giessen further advised that there will be no additional jobs for the proposed project. She further explained that the existing employment and existing infrastructure will be used for the project as the mine has applied to extend its current LoM.</i></p> <p>Mr. Leonard stated that to his understanding the extension will be bigger than the current operations.</p> <p><i>Ms. van de Giessen advised that that the extension will be smaller than the current mining operation and that no new infrastructure will be required. Exxaro advised that only one section will be added under mining right (MR) 380.</i></p> <p><i>Exxaro stated that in terms of the question raised regarding Davel and potential employment opportunities that falls under the jurisdiction of Davel is very important. It was further emphasised that it is important to note that no employment opportunities will be created by the project.</i></p>		
<p>Mr. Blose asked what benefits will be experienced by the people living in that ward (Ward 10) and on the farm Kalabasfontein, as the project would impact them?</p> <p><i>Exxaro stated that the mine is currently engaging with the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) with regards to finalising the commitments of Exxaro in terms of</i></p>	-	-

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<p><i>the proposed SLP. Exxaro will need to comply with the SLP in terms of business opportunities, training, LED projects, local employment and CSIs. Several social structures exist within the community. Exxaro works alongside with these social structures and the municipality in order to assist the community where required.</i></p> <p><i>Exxaro to provide Mr. Leonard with the details of the community structure for Davel.</i></p>	Provide the details of the community structure of Davel to Mr Leonard	Exxaro
<p>Mr. Blose asked if the water use licencing was ongoing?</p> <p><i>Ms. van de Giessen advised that the water use licence application process has not yet started. The specialists are currently conducting the assessments and the water use licence application will be submitted to the authority once consultation has been conducted with the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and with the stakeholders.</i></p> <p>Mr. Blose further asked how long will it take for the mining to start?</p> <p><i>Ms. van de Giessen advised that the mine has indicated that the mining will start as soon as all the environmental licencing has been approved, that is Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) and a Water Use Licence in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998). The water use licence process requires a minimum of 300 days, therefore, it is only likely that mining will start after a year or 2 depending on the authorisations received from the authorities.</i></p>	-	-
<p><i>Exxaro emphasized the importance of comments being submitted on time for inclusion in the reports.</i></p>	-	-
<p>There was a request for a hard copy of the report for the Davel Library. The hard copy printed for the public meeting was given to Mr Mavibela for Davel Library.</p>	No further action is required.	EIMS
<p>No further comments were raised. Ms. van de Giessen thanked the audience for their attendance and the meeting was closed.</p>	-	-