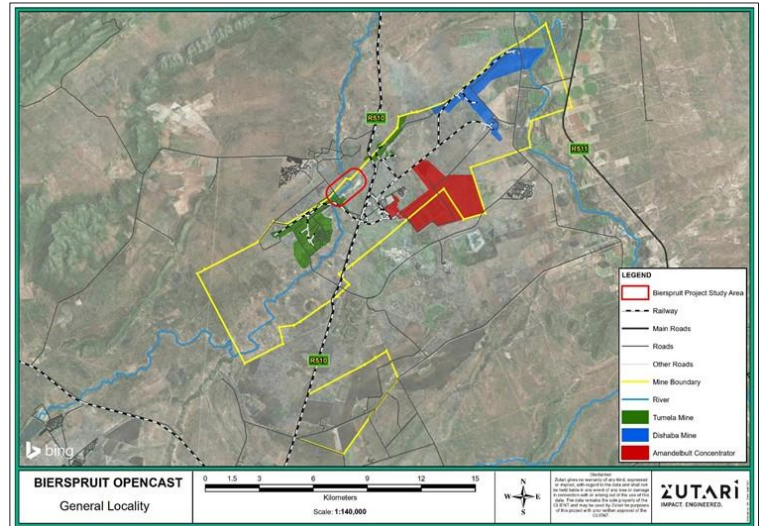


NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED BIERSPRUIT OPENCAST AT THE AMANDELBULT MINE, WITHIN THE THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Rustenburg Platinum Mines proposes extending the existing mining operations through the mining of shallow Merensky and UG2 reefs within the Amandelbult Mining Right Boundary. The proposed project will be referred to as the Bierspruit Opencast project and is located to the east of the Tumela mine 16 West Shaft near Thabazimbi in the Limpopo Province, within the Amandelbult mining complex. The two main areas are dissected by a gravel road linking the R510 to areas northwest of the planned opencast area. A culvert structure allows crossing of the Bierspruit between the two planned opencast areas.

The Environmental Management Programme report (EMPr) Addendum was initially approved by the Department of Mineral Resources: Directorate Mineral Development: Limpopo Region in 2002 (Reference number: 6/2/2/48). The Bierspruit Opencast project is motivated by a need to ensure continuity in operations, which shifted the focus from underground to opencast mining at Anglo's Amandelbult Complex. This project will enable Anglo to economically extract reef remnants of easily accessible Platinum Group Elements (PGE) ounces from previously mined and backfilled opencast pits.



The proposed mining operations are expected to consist of opencast pits for strip mining; overburden stockpile areas; pollution control dams; a topsoil stockpile area; a mobile crusher (at the existing Tumela 10 West Raise-bore) and ore stockpile area; internal access and haul roads for the removal of ore from within the pit; storm water management measures around excavated and infrastructure areas in the form of berms to be constructed from overburden material; contractor's camp (inclusive of parking); and perimeter fencing around the proposed mining area.

LISTED ACTIVITIES

Legislation	Activities
GN R982 of 2014 (EIA Regulations) GN R983 of 2014 (Listing Notice 1: BA activities)	▶ Activity 9: The development of infrastructure exceeding 1 000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of water or storm water. ▶ Activity 12: The development of infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more: where such development occurs — (a) within a watercourse. ▶ Activity 19: The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic metres from a watercourse. ▶ Activity 24: The development of a road — (i) with a reserve wider than 13,5 meters, or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres. ▶ Activity 27: The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation.
GN R982 of 2014 (EIA Regulations) GN R984 of 2014 (Listing Notice 2: Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment)	▶ Activity 6: The development of facilities or infrastructure which requires a permit or licence governing the release of pollution. ▶ Activity 15: The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation. ▶ Activity 17: Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining right as contemplated in section 22 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, No 28 of 2002.
GN R982 of 2014 (EIA Regulations) GN R985 of 2014 (Listing Notice 3: Provincial BA activities)	▶ Activity 4: The development of a road wider than 4 m with a reserve less than 13.5 m. ▶ Activity 12: The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan. ▶ Activity 19: The removal of minerals in terms of the MPRDA, including primary processing of a mineral resource.
GN R921 of 2013	▶ Category B (10) and (11)
National Water Act, (Act No. 36 of 1998)	▶ Section 21 a, c, g, i and j

LOCATION

The Proposed Bierspruit Opencast project will be located on the Remainder of the farms Schildpadnest 385 KQ and Zwartkop 369 KQ

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

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