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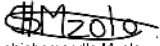
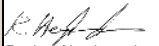
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1 Introduction

This document provides a comprehensive report of all comments, issues and concerns raised on the proposed Mogalakwena Solar PV footprint expansion project. The document captures the results of the Public Participation Process (PPP) undertaken as part of the Substantive (Part 2) Amendment for the proposed change in Environmental Authorisation (EA) scope. The comments were received by Zutari in written format via email and documents attached to emails, and verbally via the public meetings. The 30-day comment period for the Amendment Report was 17 November 2022 to 9 January 2023, but comments were also received during meetings held after the public comment period. These stakeholder meetings took place on Thursday, 19 January 2023.

All *written* comments are captured verbatim to avoid changing the meaning of the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs') messages. The tables below provide the comment; name of the commentator; source; the date that the comment was received; and the response provided by Zutari, the Applicant (Pele Green Energy – Electricite de France Renewables Consortium) or Anglo-American Platinum (landowner).

Where a response from Zutari was answered by the Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) the answer was logged as a new comment with a new response. In these cases, the entire conversation is provided in sequence. The remainder of the comments is provided in chronological order starting from the oldest comment.

2 Comments raised before the public comment period

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"The Ga Malebana tributary council would like to object on the project based on the following reasons (1) The project will require water to generate electricity and currently in the village there is no enough water for the community and our livestock Our livestock will suffer and there is no enough water drink close by Alrady the water is a problem in Limpopo and we will like reserve what we have (2) We suggest that the mine find an alternative land for the expansion of project, because this project will be on our land Kind regards Mr Malesela Jonas Malebana"	Mokgatla Malebana	Email	10 October 2022	(1) Water for construction and operation would be sourced from the Mogalakwena Mine and portable water (i.e., bottled) would be purchased from the local suppliers. The project will not use any groundwater during construction or operation. Therefore, there are no anticipated impacts on groundwater. (2) The site selection analysis was conducted as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment study, which was started in 2020. The Scoping Report containing this information was made available to the public for comment. The results of the study recommended Portion 3 of the Farm Armoede as a feasible option. The factors that were considered to select the most suitable site included technical site suitability, distance from the mine, environmental and social constrains and heritage. All these aspects were considered in selecting Portion 3 of the Farm Armoede as the preferred site. Subsequently, an Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the project was granted in December 2021. The current amendment application aims to amend the authorised layout. The project will still be located on the same site, being Portion 3 of the Farm Armoede. No changes will be made on the project location.

3 Comments raised during PPP meetings

3.1 19 January: Mapela Traditional Council

MEETING	VENUE	DATE & TIME	TOTAL PEOPLE ATTENDED
Mapela Traditional Council	Kgoro Moshate/ Mapela	19 January 2023, 08:00am	69

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Zutari has too many meetings. We are tired of attending your meetings. We want to know when Zutari is starting with the project?	Alfred Ramotshela	The planned start date of the project is June 2023 on condition that all necessary permits are in place, including the amended EA. Zutari is the environmental practitioner responsible for applying for environmental authorisation only. The Pele Green Energy-EDF (PGE-EDF) Consortium will construct the plant.
I think the confusion is caused by you not explaining the reason of the meeting. Please can you explain the purpose of the meeting before commencing with it. What is the meaning of the rental agreement and when do you intend to formalise it and issue the title deed? Who will be the holder of the title deed? Was the floodline assessment study conducted and what is the distance between the river and the proposed solar plant?	Commentator	Before commencing with the meeting, we explained that Anglo received an EA in December 2021. Anglo appointed PGE-EDF to finance, design, construct, and operate the solar plant. PGE-EDF wanted additional space for the solar plant to produce the required power output. Because of the proposed layout change of the plant, Zutari started with a Basic Amassment (BA) process. Hence, we were here last year September for the Public Participation Process of the BA. LEDET indicated that since the change in footprint is expected to result in an increase in ecological biodiversity impact, the application needed to be authorised through an Amendment process. That is why we are here today, to conduct the public participation for the Amendment application. This is purely an administrative change. There is no difference in the proposed plant footprint between the BA and Amendment processes. Anglo is currently busy with the lease agreement process and the engagements have been initiated. The intention is to eventually transfer the land to the community. <i>Post-meeting note: A different platform will be used to discuss the relocation and land ownership issues with the affected communities.</i>



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The grazing land is a big area, it is not a small area, what is the mitigation measure in addressing the impact on grazing land?		The flood line has been determined and delineated. The project will not directly affect the Politsi (also known as Groot Sandsloot) River or other watercourses. Buffer distances between watercourses and the development are documented in specialist reports. <i>Post-meeting note:</i> • <i>As required by the wetland specialist's recommendations, all development is at least 32m from any watercourse.</i> • <i>The closest side of the boundary fence of the solar plant to the Politsi River is approximately 140m.</i> Our (Zutari) strongest recommendation is taken from the specialist findings. Since there will be impact on grazing land, Anglo must provide alternative grazing land for the affected livestock. Zutari has not recommended which land must be provided to compensate for the loss of grazing. Anglo will look at what land is suitable and available for this purpose. <i>Post-meeting response: Anglo is looking at alternative grazing land. This is part of the Relocation Action Plan currently in progress. The exact location of the alternative grazing land will be concluded by Anglo in consultation with the respective communities.</i>
When is the beginning of the recruitment process? Please hire the youth from all villages.	Commentator	The project proposed start date is expected to be June 2023. The recruitment will be initiated once the necessary permits have been granted. Noted.
If you call us, you should provide us with the previous discussion points and inform us how do they link with the current meeting.	Commentator	Noted.
The project needs to partner with the local companies. The local companies should be empowered. In future this type of project (Solar Plant) should be managed and operated by local people. The experience and knowledge should be transferred to the locals.	Commentator	Suggestion noted.
The word font in the presentation is too small, so it is difficult to read content of the presentation.	Commentator	Suggestion noted.



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The electricity should also be provided to the community even if the amount of energy needed is small.	Commentator	Noted. <i>Post-meeting response: Electricity generated by the solar plant will be exclusively sold to the Mine. In terms of legislation, only municipalities and Eskom are allowed to sell electricity directly to consumers. In the long run, this will benefit the community indirectly since the project will reduce the load on the national grid.</i>
The graves belong to Molekana but you are involving other communities, stop dividing the people. We also know that you are going to hire people from other villages. All the land (i.e., project site) belongs to the Molekana community. What you are doing undermining the community, tribal leaders, and the chief. As tribal leaders we should protect the assets you are bringing to our community, and we are responsible for our people.	Commentator	Noted
Please emphasize the fact that the meeting is for the EIA Public Participation.	Commentator	As explained at the beginning of this meeting, this stakeholder meeting and others that will be held during the day form part of the Public Participation Process of the amendment application.
The Mogalakwena Mine is the largest open cast platinum mine globally but the host community is the poorest. Who will be the holder of the lease agreement?		The land will eventually belong to the community and Anglo is still having discussions regarding the structure of the lease agreement. This meeting is solely focusing on the amendment of an EA that was granted in 2021 for the solar plant project. <i>Post-meeting note: A different platform will be used to discuss the relocation and land ownership issues with the affected communities.</i>
The lease agreement will be signed by the Chief not a tribal leader. The tribal leader cannot sign the lease agreement, this would undermine the Chief. It is definitely not acceptable in our customs.	Commentator	Noted.



3.2 19 January: Armoede Village. Meeting held with the community at a central location

MEETING	VENUE	DATE & TIME	TOTAL PEOPLE ATTENDED
Armoede Community	Armoede Village	19 January 2023, 10:00am	Attendance register was destroyed by one of the community members

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The land belongs to the community, and it is wrong that you do not inform us at the community.	Commentator	Noted. <i>Post-meeting additional response: Zutari had previous engagements with the community as part of the first EA application. The second round of meetings took place for a Basic Assessment process during September 2022. This round of consultations is the third one, after the initial consultations in 2021, and the Basic Assessment consultation in September 2022.</i>
Anglo took our land, what is going to happen to our land?	Commentator	Relocation will happen, but we are not sure when. The land ownership will be transferred to the community. Currently, Anglo is having internal discussions regarding the structure of the lease agreement and how the benefits will be distributed. There will be other engagements with the community to inform them about the relocation and land ownership concerns. <i>Post-meeting note: A different platform will be used to discuss the relocation and land ownership issues with the affected communities.</i>
Why is LEDET not approving the EA without involving the community?	Commentator	This stakeholder meeting/ public participation was requested by the LEDET to satisfy the requirements of the Amendment application process. This time we are here to inform you about the changes in the layout of the plant. The changes also an amendment of the existing Environmental Authorisation before construction can commence.
What is the going to happen to the grazing land that you are taking?	Commentator	According to the specialist recommendation, alternative grazing land of the same size should be provided by Anglo. It is the decision of Anglo to provide alternative grazing land. As the EAP I cannot confirm what land will be provided, but we have included our recommendation to provide this alternative grazing land in our reports.



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		<i>Post-meeting response: Anglo is looking at alternative grazing land. This is part of the Relocation Action Plan currently in progress. The exact location of the alternative grazing land will be concluded by Anglo, in consultation with the respective communities.</i>
What will be the overall impacts on people?	Commentator	As discussed during the presentation, the noise and air quality specialists have assessed the impact on the local community. The evaluated impacts are not significant and mitigation measures will be implemented. Dust will be managed and controlled on site. The best way to suppress dust is to wet the road especially during dry weather conditions. The visual impacts will be relatively low as the transmission lines conveying electricity the mine will no longer be constructed. The glare from the solar panels will be minimal since the material used is dark in colour. There are no significant or severe impacts expected on people. There will be no impacts on water supply or groundwater abstraction and soil. There are no health impacts that will emanate from the project.
The land is currently owned by Anglo, the community will not allow the project to continue until the land has been transferred to us. I can assure you that the project will not be constructed before we sign the title deed. As of today, we do not have any existing agreements with Anglo. You will use the attendance register to continue with the project, that is why I destroyed it.	Commentator	Noted.
You need to go away and leave us alone so that we can discuss our issues as the community. We want to draft our conditions and submit them to Anglo. We also need a legal representative. Our agreement with Anglo must be drafted by a lawyer.	Commentator	Noted.
There are previous issues of concern we would like to discuss alone with Anglo. You take resolutions using the signed attendance register.	Commentator	Noted. <i>Post-meeting additional response: The attendance register does not bind you in any manner. It is just an indication of the individuals who</i>



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		<i>participated in the public participation process and enable Zutari to keep interested parties informed about the project.</i>
You need to tell the mine that our people are starving, the mine should provide grazing land and compensate every household in the village.	Commentator	Noted
The project will not go ahead until you give us what we want, you need to stop everything that you are doing on site.	Commentator	Noted.

3.3 19 January: Ga-Molekana Village. Meeting held with the community at a central location

MEETING	VENUE	DATE & TIME	TOTAL PEOPLE ATTENDED
Molekana Community	Ga-Molekana Village	19 January 2023, 12:00pm	84

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Will there be any learnerships, internships and scholarship for the youth?	Commentator	There various skills programmes designed for this type of project. An early upskilling programme will be available at commencement of the project. The programme will be for free and run by Better Best. This type of qualification will allow successful candidates to compete for job opportunities anywhere in the country. However, the skills programme will be dependent on the available budget. Unfortunately, there is an allocated budget, and it cannot cover the cost of training everyone in the community. There would be a selection processing looking at the science and maths competency.
Will electricity be provided to the community?	Commentator	The mine will buy electricity from the consortium to reduce the demand on Eskom supply. <i>Post-meeting additional response: The law only allows municipalities and Eskom to provide electricity to consumers. In the long run, the project will benefit the</i>



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		<i>community indirectly since it will reduce the load on the national grid.</i>
The sub-contractors will be appointed, what are the requirements? We do have sub-contractors who can provide services and goods to the main contractor.	Commentator	The sub-contractors will be given a fair opportunity to contest. Local procurement will be a priority.
We need proof that there will be no impacts on our eyes. What will happen to the grazing land? What are the dust impacts?	Commentator	There are no significant or severe impacts expected. The glare from the solar panels will be minimal since the material used is dark in colour. This will not be a significant risk to your eyes as glare will be minimal. <u>Post-meeting additional response: The specialist visual impact assessment report may be provided upon request.</u> Zutari has made a strong recommendation and it is taken from the specialist findings. Since there will be impact on the grazing land, it will be reduced, and Anglo must provide alternative grazing land for the affected livestock. Dust will be mitigated in various methods. It is common to wet the roads during dry periods. Another measure is to reduce the amount of vegetation removed on site during construction. There is a plan to manage erosion on site, this will also reduce dust emanating from the site.
The grave site is too close to the boundary fence of the site.	Commentator	There is only one grave in close proximity to the project, but this grave is outside the project site. The affected family has been consulted and they have been made aware of the project. The grave is outside the PV plant area. Therefore, access will not be restricted. The grave will be accessible to the family.



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		<i>Post-meeting additional response: in accordance with legislation, a buffer area of 30m has been maintained around the grave.</i>
Where is the grazing going to be?	Commentator	We have not identified the exact location, but it is Zutari's recommendation that alternative grazing land must be provided. Anglo will make the decision about which land will be made available for this purpose. <i>Post-meeting response: Anglo is looking at alternative grazing land. This is part of the Relocation Action Plan currently in progress. The exact location of the alternative grazing land will be concluded by Anglo in consultation with the respective communities.</i>
We are going to have a problem when the project starts operating. We have loadshedding, the mine should also transfer electricity to the community. There should be an alternative flow of power. We will temper with the power distribution.	Commentator	Noted. <i>The law only allows municipalities and Eskom to provide electricity to consumers. In the long run, the project will benefit the community indirectly since it will reduce the load on the national grid.</i>
How many jobs will be provided?		During construction approximately 300 jobs will be available and 17 permanent roles during operation.
The project affects Se-Khaolelo and Ga-Molekana stop focusing on other villages.	Commentator	Noted.
Impacts on traffic?	Commentator	There will be a Traffic Management Plan developed for the site. SANRAL is planning to develop two intersections, one north of the site and another south of the site. SANRAL should have their consultation with the community to gather your concerns and comments regarding their project.
We request that the mine install solar panels in our houses.	Commentator	Noted.



3.4 19 January: Rooibokfontein Village. Meeting held with the community at a central location.

MEETING	VENUE	DATE & TIME	TOTAL PEOPLE ATTENDED
Rooibokfontein Community	Rooibokfontein Village	19 January 2023, 14:00pm	132

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We accept the project; we do not have a problem with the solar plant.	Justice	Noted.
Can you elaborate on this: the community has loadshedding and it should get electricity from the mine.	Commentator	All the electricity generated by the solar plant will be sold to mine. The mine cannot provide electricity to the community. The solar plant is developed and will be operated by the consortium to sell electricity to Anglo Mogalakwena Platinum Mine. <i>Post-meeting additional response: The law only allows municipalities and Eskom to provide electricity to consumers. In the long run, the project will benefit the community indirectly since it will reduce the load on the national grid.</i>
What are the job requirements?	Commentator	Job opportunities will be available, and preference will be given to the local people. There will be 300 to 380 jobs made available during construction and 6 to 17 permanent jobs during operation. 100% of the unskilled labour would be sources from the community. The project's goal is also to provide community empowerment. There will be an early upskilling programmes which will be handled by Beta-Best. The qualification is an NQF level 4 and may be used by the successful candidates to compete for jobs elsewhere in South Africa.
Can you elaborate on the lease agreement over a long period?	Commentator	Anglo is busy with internal engagements regarding the relocation and lease-agreement. A different platform will be



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		available to discuss the relocation and land ownership issues with the affected communities.
Our people are starving we need jobs to survive and get food on the table. Suggestions: 1. You need to train the youth on other work at the mine. Do not focus training on technicians and artisans. Diversity the skills training. 2. Can you buy a sand-crusher. The crusher plant will be used to create product such as tiles, bricks and corrugated iron.	Oupa Motako	Noted.
Your presentation is just a rough draft, we need a signed and approved licence of the EA.	Commentator	Noted. <i>Post-meeting additional response: Final Part 2 Amendment Report can be downloaded from the Zutari website once it is available, all registered I&APs will be notified of this. The EA is included in the appendices of the report.</i>

4 Comments raised after the public comment period and meetings

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"Good Day Portia , I do hope that you well and compliments of the new year. An objection was lodge with your company for the above-mentioned project and we have never heard from you. I believe there are public participation events	Disego Moloto	Email	23 January 2023	Dear Disego, An appeal was lodged against the Environmental Authorisation for the solar plant (dated 9 December 2021) on 18 January 2022. The Limpopo MEC for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism dismissed the appeal on 23 May 2022.



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taking place in the area and we have not been informed. Could you explain it to us.”				The information in the amendment application remains the same as when the application for a Basic Assessment was made in September 2022. The amendment concerns the same areas of expansion of the solar plant as those that we proposed during the Basic Assessment. The change from Basic Assessment process to Amendment is an administrative change to comply with a request from the Limpopo Department of Economic Development and Tourism (LEDET). Invitations were distributed for public participation meetings held on 19 January 2023 to clarify the amendment to the Environmental Authorisation (EA) scope, and describe how the changes would affect the environmental and social conditions. Invitations to comment on the Amendment Report had been distributed in November 2022. The public comment period for the Part 2 Amendment application began on Thursday, 17 November 2022 and ended on Monday, 9 January 2023. Public notices concerning this application were advertised in the Polokwane Observer and Bosveld Review newspaper. The notices were also placed in various locations around Mogalakwena and load hailing was used on 18 January 2023 in three villages (Ga Sekhaolelo/Armoede, Ga Molekana and Rooibokfontein / Ga Puka) to notify communities about the public meetings held on 19 January 2023. Notifications about the meetings held on 19 January 2023 the were also made at Kgoro meetings in these areas on 16 January. The Final Part 2 Amendment Report will be submitted to the Competent Authority (LEDET) and would be made available in the webpage. As a stakeholder you will be notified once it is available. Should you wish to comment



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				on the final report please e-mail your comments to ppp@zutari.com Best regards, Siphamandla [Response provided on 30 January 2023]
“Good day Siphamandla, Thank you for the response. I see your response below and however the appeal objective was received last year from the Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism. However, there was an objection that was sent to your office during public participation period on the 10 October 2022 at 13:22 pm for the extension of the above-mentioned project. On the 14th October 2022 at 08:44am we received an acknowledgement of the objection form Zinzi Portia Xakayi . Now our concerns are that from the date of the acknowledgment till we have not heard from your office. It seems as our concerns are being ignored as you were busy with public participation in the area during the month of January 2023. Kind Regards Disego Moloto”	Disego Moloto	Email	30 January 2023	Dear Ms Moloto, We received an objection to the project from mokgatlamalebana@gmail.com (you were copied in this email) dated 10 October 2022. The objection stated the following: “(1) The project will require water to generate electricity and currently in the village there is no enough water for the community and our livestock Our livestock will suffer and there is no enough water drink close by Already the water is a problem in Limpopo and we will like reserve what we have (2) We suggest that the mine find an alternative land for the expansion of project, because this project will be on our land” We received this response during the comment period for the Basic Assessment for the proposed PV plant expansion. However, as indicated below, the Basic Assessment process was replaced by an Amendment process at LEDET’s request. Hence, we did not provide a response to this objection as part of the Basic Assessment. As shown below, the comment period for the Amendment Report was 17 November 2022 to 9 January 2023. Since the amendment process concerns the same proposed PV plant expansion as the expansion



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				considered in the Basic Assessment, we regard all comments received for the Basic Assessment to apply equally to the amendment. Thus, like all comments received, Mr Malebana's objection is noted and forms part of a comments and response report, which will be included in the final Amendment Report that will be submitted to the LEDET. Once we have finalised the comment and response report, we will provide it for information to parties who submitted comments. Best regards, Siphamandla [Response provided on 30 January 2023]
Good Day Siphamandla , As per the attached respond below, there was a draft BAR that was available and had a comment period ending in October. If it was not the case why then did Portica acknowledge the objection before commenting period started and also why did she not update us on the public meeting dates that were held within the Malebana community during January month since our details are added on the list of interested and affected parties(I&AP).	Disego Moloto	Email	31 January 2023	Dear Ms Moloto, Please find our response in the attached letter. Best regards, [A letter was provided as a response]
"Good afternoon Lynette We received email..as n ga- sekhaolelo youth coordinator we r not happy the way u guys handle this matter coz we are the most affected community. N remember we r giving u our investment land where we can build our complex or mall....n we can hire more than u promise us.. Please just cum on table n sort this issue. From Derrick matabane"	Derrick Matabane	Email	31 January 2023	Zutari notes your comment. Zutari is legally obliged to consult with all potentially affected stakeholders, including those indirectly affected. Any party who believes they have alternative development proposals that can employ more people than the proposed solar project, is free to take the initiative to develop them. The Zutari environmental team has been appointed to assess only the solar project.



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"Dear Lynette I do understand u are monitoring project but what I'm trying to say is that we as ga-sekhaoelo youth we r the one who must be responsible on job n tender on that solar system.. From Derrick"	Derrick Matabane	Email	01 February 2023	There are procurement and employment platforms that have been communicated and shared with all affected communities during Stakeholder Engagement meetings and EIA Public Participation meetings. Further details on this will be communicated and discussed on the planned focus group sessions with the communities.

5 Comments raised when the application for a Basic Assessment was made in September 2022

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To: To Whom it may Concern Sir/Mam We as Ga-Sekhaolelo Traditional Council would like to confirm that we Have let Mr Gudani Milton Luula know that the stand which was given to him by our council member for making garage business was actually falling within the fence of Solar plant which is planned by Anglo Platinum Mine (Mogalakwena Mine) since they are still in a process of transferring that piece of land into Ga-Sekhaolelo. He was told that we are ready to move him to another place around but still within Ga-Sekhaolelo area. We hope this confirmation letter will be taken into consideration. Thanks	M.V.Sekhaolelo (Induna/Headman) L.S.Bambo (Secretary) Ga-Sekhaolelo Traditional Council	Letter to Anglo American	7 September 2022	<i>Noted.</i>



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Email received	Jan Setseta, Shalebja Trading	Email	9 September 2022	<i>No response required.</i>
Please ensure that you submit this to the relevant regional office of DWS as this may also require a WUA.	Dr Wietsche Roets Pr.Sci.Nat. Specialist Scientist Directorate: Water Abstraction and In- stream Use, Sub- Directorate: In-stream Water Use Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)	Email	9 September 2022	A General Authorisation was granted on 15 September 2022 for the following water uses: ■ Section 21 (c): Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse. ■ Section 21 (g): Disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource. ■ Section 21 (i): Altering the bed, banks, courses or characteristics of a watercourse.
I hope this email find you well. Can I kindly request The Draft BA Report (BAR), compiled in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the EIA Regulations of Government Notice (GN) No. 982 of 2014 which is now available for comments. The link provided is not working and I would also like to be registered as an interested and affected to be also able to comment on the water uses that is closing on Wednesday, 9 November 2022. I hope to hear from you soon. Thank you. Regards	Sibabalwe Socikwa, MACUA/WAMUA Advice Office	Email	27 September 2022	Dear Mr Sibabalwe , Thank you for your email and for registering your interest in the project. We will add your details into the project's stakeholder database, and you will be kept informed of all upcoming public participation processes and commenting periods. As requested, the Draft BAR and its appendices are available at the following link: https://www.zutari.com/mogalakwena-pv/ Have a lovely day.
Good day Kindly find attached are our comments for the proposed project. I hope you find this in order. An online version is also submitted. Thank you.	Sibabalwe Socikwa, MACUA/WAMUA Advice Office	Email	10 October 2022	We acknowledge receipt of your email. Your comments have been forwarded to the relevant persons.



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Regards <i>The contents of the letter referred to above are captured in the row below.</i>				
Basic Assessment Process for the change in layout and footprint of the Mogalakwena 120MW Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facility for the Mogalakwena Mine Overview of the project - The Mogalakwena Mine solar photovoltaic (PV) project, initiated by Mogalakwena Mine Solar Power (Pty) Ltd, underwent an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) - The process was initiated in 2021 and was granted an environmental authorisation (EA) to construct a PV solar energy facility (SEF) and associated transmission lines in order to supply electricity to the Mogalakwena Mine. - The EA was granted on 09 December 2021 (ref no. 12/1/9/2/-W89) and approved a project footprint of 273 ha for the development. - The mine is applying for an expansion or additional footprint: the approximately 32 ha of land that is being applied for in this application process, which will be an expansion/extension of the Mogalakwena PV facility beyond the footprint that was authorised by the existing EA. - The new revised layout of the PV facility is in combining with the existing footprint and the new proposed expansion footprint. This new combined footprint is expected to be approximately 205 ha in size.	Sibabalwe Socikwa, MACUA/WAMUA Advice Office	MS Word attachment	10 October 2022	Dear Sibabalwe Thank you for your comment. Responses to the points made are outlined in the table below:



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This footprint is being apply for because the existing one is not sufficient to accommodate a 120MW design.				
Comments submitted by Mining affected communities united in Action Advice Office. 1. In terms of the socio-economic value of this project you indicated that 397 new employment opportunities will be created in the development phase of the project and that out of the 397 jobs 21 of them will be permanent employment. Who will form part of the recruitment for employment? How would you make sure that the host or nearby communities are part of the cohort in order to benefit?	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	Anglo American will advertise the job opportunities, and these will be distributed to the headman and the labour desk. This way, the community of Mogalakwena will be given a fair chance to participate in the recruitment process.
2. You have mentioned that in terms of the community involvement, the project will allow for the inclusion of local communities living around the mine to enable them to benefit from the projects in tangible ways, as part of a more general drive to create employment. - This has not been explained and laid down in more clear ways so that the community is not confused in terms of the befits that they would get from this project and therefore more clarity and perhaps laid down activities that will benefit the community are needed instead of generalising it to tangible ways and the drive for employment. - How many employments, for how long and what kind of employment will stem from this project? Who qualifies and how will be the recruitment process?	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	PGE is currently developing plans such as employee plans, procurement plans and social sustainability plans. PGE is developing these plans with Anglo and will be adopted. The EPC is still to be appointed and will have to follow the guidance detailed in these plans. Preference will be given to local businesses in terms of sourcing goods and services. The intention is to procure and employ locally as far as possible, where this cannot be achieved locally, we'll procure and source employment elsewhere. We will provide a fair opportunity for the locals to apply, and if the resource cannot be recruited locally, we'll inform the community about the intention to source elsewhere.



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3. The project has also not indicated on the percentage of the accrue to previously disadvantaged individuals. This needs to be clearly stated.	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	The suggestion it to begin the negotiation with the community in terms of how the structure or vehicle will look like. The community is proposed to have a 10% stake. From that 10%, a community structure <u>is still to be created</u> for the distribution of benefits from the shares and lease rentals paid by the developer. The leadership of this community structure will decide how the benefits may be distributed to the community. A different platform will be used to discuss the relocation and land ownership issues with the affected communities. Project ownership will be transferred to the community about 25-30 years from the commencement of the project. The ownership will be negotiated throughout the phases of the project.
4. You mentioned that the establishment of the proposed PV SEF would lighten the load on the existing Eskom electricity grid in the area by providing additional electricity supply during the day. Moreover, the project would contribute towards meeting the national energy target for the introduction of renewable energy into South Africa, as set by the Department of Energy (DoE) - Where are the communities of Mokopane in this equation as you are building this project in their land and that they will bear the brunt of the consequences and environmental impact. - How would you them make sure that they directly benefit as they will directly be affected?	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	The solar plant will be located on Portion 3 of the Farm Armoede, which is currently owned by Anglo. Anglo is in a process of transferring land to a community structure. Once the land has been transferred, rent will be paid to a community structure that owns the land. The lease rentals will be paid to this structure. It will be entirely up to this entity to decide how they will use funds acquired from the rentals. In the long run, the solar plant will benefit the community indirectly since the project will likely reduce the load on the grid. As noted above, the distribution of ownership benefits to the community is to be decided by the community structure that will be established.
5. You also mentioned that the development will indirectly improve the stability of electricity delivery to residents of the area and promote the stability of the	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	If electricity is generated for the mine by the solar power plant, this takes pressure off the Eskom national grid.



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Eskom grid by reducing the mine's demand on the Eskom grid. How will this be done, please give more information and explanation				As a simple example, if Eskom generates 2kWh of electricity, and 1kWh of that goes to the mine and 1kWh goes to the rest of the Mogalakwena Local Municipal area, and 1kWh is now generated by the solar plant, then that 1kWh is now available for use by other consumers who are connected to the grid.
6. You mentioned that a new access road of approximately 100m will be constructed to access the site from the secondary provincial road located north of the PV facility. Site access was included in the initial EIA process and has thus been authorised in the existing EA. - But have you access it again for the possibility of 100m? - Just because the site access was included in the initial EIA process does not mean it covered the 100m road access you want to expand and therefore another authorisation is needed in this regard.	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	The environmental authorisation issued in December 2021 included the site access road. No change to the length of this access road is planned for the current application to change the site layout. The access road from the provincial road remains the same. It is only internal roads between different components of the plant that will expand.
7. You have also indicated that the potential noise impact for the proposed 120MW PV plant was previously assessed by Hassall (2021), with Hassall concluding that the daytime noise impact from the construction phase of the plant may be moderate. - However, no information that presents the above claims. - What measures are taken in order to ensure that the noise is indeed moderate and that it would not affect the nearby communities?	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	The noise and air quality specialist have assessed the impact within the local community. The report by Hassall has been supplemented by a report by MENCO to consider the proposed expansion of the plant footprint. The northern boundary of the plant closest to residential areas is not proposed to change. The proposed expansion of the plant footprint is on the eastern and southern side of the site, which portion of the site is far from the areas that have already been authorised in the EA issued in December 2021. Evaluated impacts are not significant in terms of the risk rating, and mitigation measures have been recommended. The construction activities will be about 100 – 200m away from the closest



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				community. The construction activities will include but not limited to: • Movement of trucks • Trucks carrying the solar PV modules • Ground/vegetation clearance • Installation of PV modules • Preparation of laydown areas • Fencing off the site There will be a liaison structure for the community to raise concerns and comments so that PGE-EDFR can address their concerns.
8. A historic structure, two farm-related structures and a contemporary shed are found within or close to the site. ▪ In terms of the Burial site that was discovered and approximately 8m outside the proposed project footprint, it is a burial site for the community or for a certain family where one grave is visible? ▪ If it is for the community, what measures in terms of spacing taken into account to determine the fencing and safe access for the family members?	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	There is only one grave in close proximity, but this grave is outside the project site. Since the grave is outside the project footprint, it is not intended to move the grave. As required by heritage legislation and the findings of the heritage specialists, this grave will be buffered by 30m. It is proposed that a fence will be erected to demarcate the site and for construction workers to be aware of the graves in close proximity. Free access to the grave is available from the N11, without having to pass through the proposed construction site or the plant, once it is completed.
Good Day , I do hope that this email finds you well. We would like to be added as interested and affected parties for the Mogalakwena Photovoltaic Solar Energy and and water use license application. Could you kindly send use a copy of the draft BAR.	Disego Moloto Managing Director Moshe Business Solution	Email	6 October 2022	Dear Ms Disego Thank you for your email and for registering your interest in the project. We will add your details into the project's stakeholder database, and you will be kept informed of all upcoming public participation processes and commenting periods.



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Kind Regards				As requested, the Draft BAR and its appendices are available at the following link: https://www.zutari.com/mogalakwena-pv/ Have a lovely day.
<i>Objective to the Mogalakwena solarphotolatic project</i> The Ga Malebana tributary council would like to object on the project based on the following reasons (1) The project will require water to generate electricity and currently in the village there is no enough water for the community and our livestock Our livestock will suffer and there is no enough water drink close by Alrady the water is a problem in Limpopo and we will like reserve what we have (2) We suggest that the mine find an alternative land for the expansion of project, because this project will be on our land Kind regards Mr Malesela Jonas Malebana	Mr Malesela Jonas Malebana	Email	10 October 2022	Good Morning Malebana, I acknowledge receipt of your email. Your concerns will be forwarded to the relevant persons. <i>A subsequent email was sent to the I&AP:</i> Dear Mr Malebana We have noted your concerns and have prepared the following responses: 1) Generating electricity from solar panels does not require water. However, any water required (for purposes such as construction or cleaning of the panels) will be sourced from the mine via truck. There will be no groundwater abstraction via boreholes onsite. 2) Site alternatives were considered during the EIA undertaken in 2020-2021. The preferred alternative was authorised, and the land is currently owned by Mogalakwena Mine. The ownership will be transferred at a later stage. Note that this application is only for a change in the layout and footprint of the project that was already authorised.
Interim Comment In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) <u>Attention:</u> Mogalakwena Mine Solar Power (Pty) Ltd Basic Assessment Process for the change in layout and footprint of the Mogalakwena 120MW	Nokukhanya Khumalo, Heritage Officer Phillip Hine, Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit	SAHRIS	12 October 2022	Dear Nokukhanya Case 19521 refers. We have received your interim comment on the <i>Basic Assessment Process for the change in layout and footprint of the Mogalakwena 120MW Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Energy Facility (SEF) for the Mogalakwena Mine</i>



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Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Energy Facility (SEF) for the Mogalakwena Mine on the remainder of Portion 3 of the farm Armoede 823 LR within the Mogalakwena Local Municipality, Limpopo Province. Pele Energy (Pty) Ltd the IPP appointed by Anglo American Platinum Limited's Mogalakwena Mine is proposing to amend their approved 120MW Solar Power Plant iarea by increasing the approved development footprint area by 32ha within the approved 273ha into sensitive area not approved in the initial EA application. Zutari (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Anglo American to undertake an environmental assessment in support of an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environment Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) for activities that trigger the NEMA EIA 2014 Regulations. The initial Solar PV EA application on SAHRIS is case ID 15790 (https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/ledet-ref-no-12192-w89), and SAHRA issued an Interim Comment dated 21/01/2021 (https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/553483) requesting: "environmental reports are all submitted to the case for commenting along with the HIA report. If Area 3 will be developed then it must be assessed again by the archaeologist as recommended as part of this EA application. The new assessment must form part of an amended HIA report or as an addendum to this current HIA report." The Consultation BAR, and Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) by PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd have been submitted to SAHRA in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 25 of 1999 for commenting.	South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)			<i>on the remainder of Portion 3 of the farm Armoede 823 LR within the Mogalakwena Local Municipality, Limpopo Province.</i> We also note that: <i>"The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot provide comments on the development until the Palaeontology Desktop Study by Butler (2022) and mentioned in the HIA report as appendix C is submitted to the case for review."</i> In order for the comment to be finalised, I am attaching the Palaeontology Desktop Study for your review. You will notice that it is the same study that was conducted for the original application (Case 15790), which covers the entire expansion footprint. <i>The Palaeontology Desktop Study was attached in this email uploaded to SAHRIS.</i>



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Birkeholtz, P. July 2022. PROPOSED SOLAR PV PLANT FOR THE MOGALAKWENA MINE, SITUATED NEAR MOKOPANE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE - AMENDED HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT. A field based study was undertaken by PGS Heritage as a follow up from their 2019 field based assessment. 7 heritage sites were identified of which four (sites MGSP 3 (MGSP 8 or MGSP 33), MGSP 5 (MGSP 22), MGSP 7, MGSP 9, and MGSP 11) are located within the proposed Solar PV area. Sites MGSP 5, 7 and 11 are of low significance. Sites MGSP 3, 9 and 4 will be directly impacted by the proposed development activities. The authors recommends the following: A 100m buffer zone around site MGSP 3 (a cemetery). A social consultation process to identify the Next-of-Kin of the site MGSP 9 to confirm if there are any burials associated with the homestead remains. If no graves occur then there is no need for grave related mitigation measures. All structures and site layouts from each site must be recorded using standard survey methods. The end result would be site layout plans for all these sites. A mitigation report must be compiled for these sites within which all the mitigation measures and its findings will be outlined. The recorded drawings from the previous item must also be included in this mitigation report. The completed mitigation report must be submitted to the relevant heritage authorities. A stone aged specialist must be appointed to assess site MGSP 4 and the recommendations they provide must be adhered to.				



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An archaeological watching brief is required during construction activities. The sections of the two transmission line corridors not covered during the present fieldwork must be assessed in the field as soon as possible to allow for the mitigation of any sites located there before construction commences. A report of the watching brief and field assessment of the transmission line corridors must be submitted to SAHRA for commenting. A EIA level field based study of the Malmani subgroup must be undertaken by a suitably qualified palaeontologist. A Palaeontological Desktop Study by E. Butler 2022 was undertaken and named appendix C and summarised within the content of the HIA report as follows: The proposed PV development is surrounded by rocks of the Rustenburg Layered Suite and Lebowa Granite Suite of the Bushveld Complex, while the proposed PV facility is underlain by the Hout River Gneiss Suite (Archaean Granitoid Intrusions). The existing Sandsloot Substation and a portion of the eastern transmission line is underlain by the Malmani Subgroup (Chuniespoort Group of the Transvaal Supergroup). A EIA level field based study of the Malmani subgroup must be undertaken by a suitably qualified palaeontologist. Interim Comment The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology, and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot provide comments on the development until the Palaeontology Desktop Study by				



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Butler (2022) and mentioned in the HIA report as appendix C is submitted to the case for review. Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.				

6 Comments raised during PPP meetings (during a Basic Assessment Process)

6.1 5 September: Mapela Traditional Council and Mogalakwena Local Municipality

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Mapela Traditional Council	Kgoro Moshate/ Mapela	05 September 2022, 09:00am	71

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Did you consult with the Mapela Tribal Council before engaging the community? According to our tradition, the grave site cannot be fenced-off. You must involve the families of the deceased and consult them regarding your intention to fence off the graves. We do not know the river by the name of Groot Sandsloot. According to your description of the site, meaning the river that you have shown us, we know it as the Politsl river.	Ephraim Molekane	There is only one grave in proximity to the site, but this grave is outside the project site. The affected family has been consulted, and they have indicated that the graves can be fenced off. Should the family request relocation of the graves, PGE-EDFR will honour the wish of the family. The graves are outside the mining area. Therefore, access will not be restricted. The graves should be accessible and no registers to be signed. The fence is erected for the demarcation of the site and for construction workers to be aware of the graves. Thank you for the correction, we'll update the river name to Politsl as you have indicated. <i>Post-meeting additional comment:</i> <i>The Mapela Traditional Council was the first I&AP to be consulted out of all the meetings held before the EA application notification appeared in the newspapers and before site notices were posted.</i>



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I will be the first to be affected. How will the headman benefit and what are the job opportunities on this solar plant project?	Markus Pela	Anglo will advertise the job opportunities, and these will be distributed to the headman and the labour desk. The headman will not necessarily have exclusive benefits. The project is designed to benefit the community at large.
Where will the plant be located? How will the leasing of land work (meaning how the lease will be structured)? Will the rent be paid to the community, municipality, or provincial government? How will the community benefit in terms of receiving electricity from the plant?	Celsius Selo	The solar plant will be located on Portion 3 of the Farm Armoede. This portion of land is indicated in the map as shown on the handouts. The suggestion is to begin the negotiation with the community in terms of how the structure or vehicle will look like. It is currently suggested that 10% equity will be held by the community. Normal tax will have to be paid to the municipality as a requirement for all operating businesses. Once the land has been transferred, rent will be paid to a community structure that owns the land. Electricity generated by the solar plant will be exclusively sold to the Mine. In terms of legislation, the legitimate distributor of electricity is the municipality and Eskom. In the long run, this will benefit the community indirectly since the project will reduce the load on the Eskom grid.
What was the medium of communication used to inform the community about employment opportunities? How will the community benefit? How will thunderstorms/storms impact the plant, can it be destroyed, can it work again?	Commentator	Anglo will advertise the job opportunities, and these will be distributed to the headman and the labour desk. The community will benefit through a lease for the land and through part ownership of the project. <i>Post meeting response: The plant is designed to withstand common weather conditions in the area.</i>
We would like Zutari to work together with the Mine. The headman will then provide the list of potential employees to the Mine. The labour desk should be within the community not at the Mine.	Commentator	Noted.



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We welcome the development. We request that the team must work with the leadership to ensure fair distribution of job opportunities. How will the headman together with his family benefit from the project?	Commentator	PGE is currently developing plans such as employee plans, procurement plans and social sustainability plans with Anglo. The EPC is still to be appointed and will have to follow the guidelines detailed in these plans. Preference will be given to local businesses in terms of sourcing goods and services. <i>Post-meeting note: Different platforms are used by PGE to discuss employment benefits from the project.</i>
Can consultation between the mine and the affected family be conducted? How many people will be employees from the Mapela community? How many people will benefit from the solar plant project?	Commentator	There is only one grave in close proximity, but this grave is outside the project site. The affected family has been consulted, and they have indicated that the graves can be fenced off. The intention is that the project must benefit the Mogalakwena area. The project is for the region, not only for Mapela area.
How do you expect the people to comment on this project? Why can't you install Wi-fi at each headman's house, so that they can comment on the application? We request Wi-fi for the community. Why does the grave site remain unfenced?	Commentator	Zutari has been appointed to manage an Environmental Authorisation application on behalf of PGE-EDFR. Zutari has no interest or shares in the project. Zutari will walk away once Environmental Authorisation has been granted by LEDET. Graves will be fenced off. Fencing will be done in consultation with the family of the deceased.
How will job opportunities be advertised? We know that the job post will be advertised at the labour desk. However, the labour desk must be closed and cancelled. It is not addressing the needs of the people. You must bring the labour desk to Mapela.	Commentator	Anglo will advertise the job opportunities, and these will be distributed to the headman and the labour desk. <i>Post-meeting note: Different platforms are used by PGE to discuss employment benefits from the project.</i>
You gave us very short notice to attend this meeting. Can the Mine attend our request to a meeting if we send out meeting requests on short notice?	Commentator	We agree that the mine should have been present in the meeting. It is important to note that this meeting is only indirectly related to the mine. The meeting is part of the public participation process for the project as required by environmental legislation.
Anglo has been around for 30 years the mine should have developed the community already, particularly the youth. You should have developed geologists and boiler makers. You must develop the skills required by the solar plant.	Commentator	Noted.



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Construction will take approximately 14 months. Afterwards, the jobs will no longer be there. The shares of the project will be sold or transferred to the community after 20-25 years, during this time the project will not have any value, and the panels would be damaged or not working. Why do you give us something that has no value?	Dikobe Khalo	The community structure that would be created will benefit from the shares and lease rentals paid by the developer. The leadership of this community structure will decide how the benefits may be distributed to the community. The reason for operation for at least 25 -30 years is to pay off the debt that was incurred prior to the development. The developer has experience in similar projects that the solar plant would still be functional after 25-30 years. Some key equipment will be replaced during the lifespan of the project. There are developers who have been financed by the bank for solar projects of over 30-45 years.
The mine doesn't have any respect for the headman, they just want us to sign the roll call (i.e., attendance register). How will dust and noise impact the community? Will the community be protected and how will the impacts be managed?	Commentator	The noise and air quality specialists have assessed the impact on the local community. The evaluated impacts are not so significant in terms of the risk rating. Mitigation measures will be implemented. The construction activities will be about 100 – 200m away from the closest community. The construction activities will include, but not be limited to: ■ Movement of trucks ■ Trucks carrying the solar PV modules ■ Ground/vegetation clearance ■ Installation of PV modules ■ Preparation of laydown areas ■ Fencing off the site There will be a liaison structure for the community to raise concerns and comments so that PGE-EDFR can address their concerns.
Mapela will be affected the most. Therefore if there are 80 jobs available, 40 should be given to Mapela and the remaining to be shared amongst other communities.	Commentator	The project will benefit the broader community of Mogalakwena.
We request that the land be transferred to Mapela, meaning the lease negotiations should be with Mapela and the lease rentals should be paid to the Mapela Development Trust.	Commentator	Noted. The community structure that would be created will benefit from the shares and lease rentals paid by the developer. The leadership of this community structure will decide how the benefits may be distributed to the community. Zutari will not be part of this negotiation.



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The community benefits should be negotiated – do not impose a decision on us. The 10% equity is not acceptable, you are telling us that Mapela has to split the 10% shareholding.	Commentator	Comment noted.
You only mention employment opportunities. How will the businesses benefit from the 750 staff? How will the workers be sourced from the community? What will the community employment structure look like?	Commentator	Anglo will advertise the job opportunities, and these will be distributed to the headman and the labour desk. The community of Mogalakwena will be given a fair chance to participate in the recruitment process. <i>Post-meeting note: Different platforms are used by PGE to discuss employment benefits from the project.</i>
The mine should not operate the labour desk it should be managed by the community. The attendance register should not imply that we agree with whatever has been discussed. We are not in agreement with the mine.	Commentator	The attendance register does not bind you in any manner. It is just an indication of the individuals who participated in the public participation process. As indicated earlier in the meeting, this process is required in by environmental legislation.
Has the mine consulted with the tribal authority? We need to engage with the mine on a separate platform. All villages should develop a resolution to abolish the labour desk being operated at the mine. It should be managed and operated by Mapela Tribal Authority.	Commentator	The Mapela Tribal Authority has been consulted like any other affected stakeholder. Comment noted.
The dust and impacts are significant. Do not say these do not affect our people. The mine should be invited to engage with the community. That is what we want. We do not reject the development. In fact, we support the development.	Commentator	Comment noted.
Does the tribal authority know about the proposed development? The attendance register will be used by the mine in the wrong way. The tribal authority should engage the headman first before the engagement with the community.	Commentator	The Mapela Tribal Authority has been consulted like any other affected stakeholder. The authority was also consulted in 2021 during the Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting Phase. This time the public participation process is undertaken as part of the Basic Assessment process. The project is the same, we are here to inform all affected stakeholders about the changes in the layout of the solar plant.



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The mine must engage with the tribal headman on a separate platform. In this platform, the headman can raise their concerns without Zutari and the project developer. The headman should receive a stipend for attending this meeting.		Comments and requests noted.

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Mogalakwena Local Municipality	Oasis Lodge	05 September 2022, 13:00pm	35

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Has the development already started or is it still awaiting implementation? Has tribal authority been consulted?	Commentator	The construction of the project has not started, as the developer is still undertaking studies. There are other permits that need to be in place before construction can commence. The aim is to get financial close by the first quarter of 2023. The tribal authority has been consulted like any other interested and affected stakeholder.
Anglo is not present in the meeting. They are not taking us seriously. It is important to orientate the site, the project location. Where is it situated? If the employment peak will be about 750 during construction, local people must be employed. In reference to the traffic impact, you indicated that construction material will be delivered, and that material should be sourced locally.	Ward 20 Councillor	The intention is to procure and employ locally as far as possible, where this cannot be achieved locally, we'll procure and source employment elsewhere. We will provide a fair opportunity for the locals to apply, and if the resource cannot be recruited locally, we'll inform the community about the intention to source elsewhere. Comments noted. A needs analysis will entail the upskilling programme. Based on the results of the analysis we will determine the needs of the community in terms of skills development. The long-term plan is to upskill the local community. The solar PV modules are generally sourced from China, they are the main manufacturer and distributor of solar panels. Other materials will be sourced locally, depending on availability.
I request that the presentation be started from the beginning and translated to Sepedi so that all attendees can understand what is being presented. Some of us do not understand English.	Hlahla Lekalakala	Noted. The entire meeting was translated into Sepedi. <u>Post-meeting additional comment:</u> Presentations for subsequent meetings held in January 2023 for the amendment application were translated to Sepedi.



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How will this project benefit the Mogalakwena community besides job opportunities?		Goods and services will be sourced locally based on their availability. The land will be transferred to a community structure that will manage and administer the lease of the arrangements. The lease rentals will be paid to this structure for a certain period.
In your short-term plan, why can't you appoint a local company that can provide skills development training? At the end, the trainees can be equipped with skills and certificates. Why don't you partner with a local stakeholder engagement media company? This company can provide a public participation platform, advertise notices, and capture comments and concerns of the community.	Commentator	There are different phases of upskilling that the social team will look at while conducting the needs analysis of the community. The creation of a life platform online can be considered. <i><u>Post-meeting additional comment:</u> Conducting the public participation process must be managed by the independent EAP, Zutari.</i>
Will you be constructing on tribal land, Anglo, or government land? How far are you with the relocation process, are the people satisfied?	Commentator	Portion 3 of the farm Armoede is currently owned by Anglo American. As mentioned earlier Anglo is in the process of transferring land to a community structure. The lease rentals will be paid to this structure. It will be entirely up to this entity to decide how they will use funds acquired from the rentals. Project ownership will be transferred to the community about 25-30 years from the commencement of the project. The ownership will be negotiated throughout the phases of the project. The electricity generated by the solar plant will be strictly sold to Mogalakwena Mine, this may reduce the load on Eskom. There are people that have settled on the land and will be relocated. Anglo will be handling the relocation programme.
The labour desk is advertising job post and they do not get people from the ground. Messages do not go to the people. Can the mine serve the people of Mogalakwena municipality? People of Mogalakwena say the mine belongs to them. The stakeholders must all be under one roof so that they can engage, discuss the lease issue, and provide the way forward.	Mr Ncube: Ward 20 Councillor	Comment noted



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How will the community benefit? There should be training of various relevant skills before the project commences. Fourteen months will not be enough for the training and construction.	Ward 13 secretary	As indicated earlier, jobs will be advertised to give everyone an opportunity to participate in the recruitment process. A needs analysis will entail the upskilling programme, based on the results of the analysis we will determine the needs of the community in terms of skills development. The long-term plan is to upskill the local community. <i>Post-meeting note: Different platforms are used by PGE to discuss employment benefits from the project.</i>
We are happy that the project will benefit the entire Mogalakwena community. We are all under Mogalakwena Municipality. The recruitment process must be transparent. Councillors and indunas must endorse the recruitment process. Ward councillors are the first point of contact: engage the ward councillors and they will connect you to the Ndunas (i.e., headman). The councillors and Ndunas should be under one roof to discuss other issues.	Ward 14: Commentator	The affected communities in the zone of influence must benefit evenly. We are working with the office of the speaker to see how the communication structure will look like pertaining to the job advertisement. Comments and request noted. <i>Post-meeting note: Different platforms are used by PGE to discuss employment benefits from the project.</i>
Generally, the employment age is between 18 and 35, while the breadwinners are above the age 45. With this in mind, can the mine reconsider the employment age bracket. Try to stretch the employment bracket. The mine is for the entire community. Let us ensure that the councillors are informed, and they will hand over to the Ndunas. The mine must inform Mapela Tribal Authority that the mine belongs to the Mogalakwena community. The entire community must benefit evenly.	Commentator	Request noted.



6.2 6 September: Ga-Sekhaolelo Tribal Council

MEETING	VENUE	DATE & TIME	TOTAL PEOPLE ATTENDED
Ga-Sekhaolelo Tribal Council	Oasis Lodge	06 September 2022, 09:00am	13

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Regarding job opportunities, will these opportunities be given only to Mapela community, how will these be allocated? Explain how the lease of the land will work.	Nduna Sekhaolelo	The jobs will include skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labour. Local people will be prioritised. This will be communicated to the community through the existing communication structures as the jobs become available. <i>Post-meeting note: Different platforms are used by PGE to discuss employment benefits from the project.</i> Zutari is not involved in the lease and rental issues. Anglo is currently transferring land to a community trust that will handle the lease.
Referring to the expansion, how many additional hectares will be required? Will the area be more or less than the initial project footprint?	Samuel Mbambo	Approximately 16 hectares have been added to the initial project footprint. The area will be more than the initial project footprint.
Will the people of Sekhaolelo get first preference in terms of job opportunities?	Jack Mello	Anybody who has the necessary qualification and experience will be considered in the recruitment process. The employment opportunities will be advertised, and everyone will have a fair chance to apply. <i>Post-meeting note: Different platforms are used by PGE to discuss employment benefits from the project.</i>
Will the visual impacts be mitigated? How will dust impact people? How will the groundwater, boreholes and water quality be impacted? Where will water be sourced from? Will your report cover impacts and mitigation measures?	Andries Sekhaolelo	The impacts will be similar to the that of the current project design. There are no significant or severe impacts expected. Water will be sourced from the mine. The plan is to truck in water from the mine. There will be no impacts on water supply or groundwater abstraction. Water will not be sourced from boreholes or any other water resources in the area. The project will not add any foreign material on site. The solar panels will either be drilled into the ground or built on foundations.



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		At the substation, oil and oil spillage will be managed properly to reduce spillages. This is the only place on the property where oil will be used. The Impact Assessment Report will identify negative and positive impacts and evaluate the impacts in terms of risk and significance, while the EMPr will provide specific mitigation measures for each impact.
Are the 750 job opportunities including the training of the youth with skills relevant to the solar plant? The youth of Armoede needs to get training relevant to the solar plant. On the lease issue, the land belongs to Sekhaolelo, therefore the land must be managed by Sekhaolelo community.	Thabo Chaba	Different plans will come in at various stages of the project. The first one would be upskilling. There are long-term strategies that will be developed. The plans will be discussed in detail by the social team. The consortium will present the plans and the community will participate in developing these plans and can be rolled out successfully. The community structure managing the lease rental will provide other means of community upliftment. The headman's children will not necessarily benefit but the entire Mogalakwena community will benefit from the project. <i>Post-meeting note: Different platforms are used by PGE to discuss employment benefits from the project.</i>
There are some students that are attending training, but you must look at what the affected community really needs. The Armoede community must benefit, the youth must be from the Armoede farms. We fear that our kids will be side-lined. The website is not an effective way of communication, because most community members do not have access to the internet and this way the community remains uninformed.	Commentator	The website was just a suggestion, not a way forward. It is not the only form of communication. The existing methods of communication will be used during the recruitment phase. There is a skills development programme that PGE-EDFR and Anglo will run which is only related to the solar project. The principle is that everyone has an equal right to participate in the labour market. PGE-EDFR has a specific policy encouraging them to source labour locally. <i>Post-meeting note: Different platforms are used by PGE to discuss employment benefits from the project.</i>
We understand the labour law. Our kids/students must benefit. As the tribal council we want full authority of the labour desk, because the mine will not accept our job applications. Last year we had a meeting with the mine that about 50 kids will be selected from the community. We want our kids to operate the solar plant, they must benefit, especially after construction. How will the transmission line join into the Eskom transmission line?	Commentator	Comment noted. The transmission will join into the existing Eskom transmission lines along N11.



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The mine must attend our meetings. We have issues that we want to discuss with the mine. The labour desk must be stopped. Armoede community must benefit with at least 50% of the job opportunities. For instance, should there be 80 jobs, 40 jobs must be sourced from Armoede. The current communication system of using the labour desk must not be used because the opportunities will be given to the Mapela Tribal Authority.	Commentator	Comment noted.
The mine must attend the meetings so that certain questions can be addressed by them. We need answers from Anglo on our questions. It is better that you arrange another meeting to have Anglo in the same room so that they address and answer our questions. Zutari cannot answer the questions and concerns directed to the mine.	Jack Makofane	The formal introduction of the entire PGE-EDFR team from Anglo is still to take place. After the Environmental Authorisation has been granted there will be a formal introduction of the project developer. The skills plan will be discussed during those engagements.
When will the development committee be consulted? The other community structures will be given an opportunity. We did not receive an invitation – we, the beneficiary. We want a special session. The community of Armoede will not be informed of the proposed solar plant project. The mine owes us land. They must give us the land first. Do not engage with the wrong people. We are the right people, but we were not consulted.	Commentator	Noted <i>Post-meeting additional comment: Meetings with other committees took place later in the week.</i>
The mine is playing a game: divide and rule. Nothing will happen without the development committee. No development will take place without our involvement. They excused themselves because they do not have the truth. The community is not aware and is not informed about this development. We are the host, and the host must be consulted first, we don't want to be mixed with other community structures, we want our separate meeting on Thursday, and transport must be provided.	Commentator	Comment and request noted. You will have a separate session on Thursday (i.e., 08 September).
You need to start from the beginning, the process you followed is wrong, and the war is ready. You cannot start engagements without informing the landowner. Do not engage the tribal council because they do not inform the community.	Commentator	Comment noted.



6.3 8 September: Ga-Molekana Tribal Council, Armoede Development Committee and other community structures

MEETING	VENUE	DATE & TIME	TOTAL PEOPLE ATTENDED
Ga-Molekana Tribal Council	Oasis Lodge	08 September 2022, 09:00am	17

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You are referring to job opportunities. How will the local companies benefit when the project starts?	Ephraim Molekane	An Engineering Procurement Company (EPC) will be appointed. It will be the responsibility of the EPC to quantify the material that would be required. If local companies can provide the required material, then they can confirm and deliver the material.
As you mentioned, there would be dust on site during construction. Will the dust mitigation measures include issuing of milk to the people as was done in the past by the mine?	Commentator	SDust will be managed and controlled in a feasible manner on site. The best way to suppress dust is to wet the road or use compounds that would harden the road and reduce dust emanating on site. Giving milk to people is not appropriate. Dust must be controlled on site before it reaches people.
What kind of goods and services will be required by the solar plant?	Commentator	Potential jobs that may be required, will include ground clearance, digging trenches, and erecting a fences. Like any other selection process, previous work experience will need to be verified by concluding the appointment. The panels will be sourced from China.
The river is Politsi. Please rectify it in your presentation. We know our place more than you.	Commentator	Thank you. We were also corrected in another meeting.
How will the leadership of Molekane benefit before other people can start benefiting from the project?	Commentator	A needs analysis will need to be undertaken to understand the needs of the community. For instance, if the analysis finds that the youth need funding to further their studies, funding will be allocated to qualifying and suitable candidates.

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Armoede Development Committee	Oasis Lodge	08 September 2022 12:00pm	17



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Who is representing the community in this project? Anglo has made already made decisions and we won't benefit from this. How will the community benefit? We should form part of this project.	Commentator	Comment noted <i>Post-meeting additional comment: A number of community stakeholders have been consulted.</i>
We will send an email to Anglo. We do not have any other comments. We will talk after the letter has been received by the mine. Anglo still owes the community land. We cannot agree on anything. The communication must be via letter. Kgaotsang must sign the letter and submit it to Anglo.	Commentator	<i>Kgaotsang Ngoepe of Anglo American Mogalakwena Mine indicated that he will sign the letter to acknowledge receipt and submit it to the mine.</i>
We are surprised that the department has issued Environmental Authorisation.	Commentator	Comment noted.

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Various community structures	Oasis Lodge	08 September 2022, 13:30pm	42

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Is the consortium appointed to build and operate the solar plant? Can local businesses be involved? The community will benefit from the lease rentals. How long will the project run? Can the community access electricity from this project? Can we have a copy of the presentation? Armoede is surrounded by other villages, it is expanding and developing, can you perhaps buy us land so that we can build our shacks there?	David Kgobe	We cannot implement the project without involving the community. The project developer was mandated to involve the local community. According to the law, only the municipality and Eskom can provide electricity to the community. PGE-EDFR cannot distribute electricity to the public, as they need a distribution licence, which they do not have. The capacity of the plant will be dedicated to Anglo. They have an off-taker agreement with Anglo. The land was purchased by Anglo from the government; Anglo is the landowner. That is the legal status. The land will be transferred to the community structure that will own the land at the time. This community structure is still to be developed.



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Based on your presentation, you have been given the authorisation to commence with construction. Can you perhaps arrange a site visit so that we confirm all that has been discussed in the presentation? Make necessary arrangements for a site visit. How many graves are there? I don't understand why the impact on traditional leadership has not been assessed, because there are issues within the tribal leadership. How will you ensure that jobs are given to local people? Will you ensure that you appoint local businesses? What are the impacts on the livestock?	Charles Makhubela	Environmental Authorisation was given in December 2021 for the initial application. This time we are here to inform you about the changes in the layout of the plant. The changes also require authorisation before construction can commence. All procurement will give priority to local businesses. Site visits have already been conducted by the specialist appointed to undertake the necessary studies. There is a skills development programme that PGE-EDFR and Anglo will run which is only related to the solar project. The principle is that everyone has an equal right to participate in the labour market. PGE-EDFR has a specific policy encouraging them to source labour locally. Anybody who has the necessary qualification and experience will be considered in the recruitment process. The employment opportunities will be advertised, and everyone will have a fair chance to apply. Existing communication channels will be used to advertise jobs.
You talked about the job opportunities that would be required during construction, but you are not talking about the sustainability of the jobs. How will local businesses be appointed?	Sello Kekana	An Engineering Procurement Company (EPC) will be appointed. It will be the responsibility of the EPC to quantify the material that would be required. If local companies can provide the required material or services, then they can confirm and deliver the material. <i>Post-meeting note: Different platforms are used by PGE to discuss employment benefits from the project.</i>
How will the shareholding structure look like for communities; will it be 30% or 50%? Skills development, what kind of skills will be developed in the community? How will the SMMEs benefit? How many permanent jobs will be created? Where are you going to source the solar panels, are they coming from Durban? The trucks should be sourced from the local province.	Commentator	Anglo has not developed the equity shareholding structure. This is still to be developed by Anglo. The suggestion is to begin the negotiation with the community in terms of how the structure or vehicle will look like. The skills we are referring to will depend on the needs analysis and needs assessment. These still need to be conducted. From the results of the needs analysis, we can determine which skills can be developed and identify what other skills are required in the community. The solar panels will be sourced from China.



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The electricity generated by the solar plant should be provided to the community.		
Thank you for the presentation. Does the project have the 30% content? This is not optional, we are not demanding it, we need it. You indicated 750 jobs will be created at the peak of construction. How many permanent jobs will be created? You have not said anything about the ring-fenced area. Will you give the 30% content, or is it coming from the mine or project developer?	Joseph Lebelo	It is only at the peak of construction when the maximum number of workers will be on site. During operation, the solar plant generally does not need a lot of workers. Anglo will not fund the project. The developer will source funding from the bank and use this funding to develop the solar plant. Since there are various communities in the region. This is a reflection of the people that are potentially affected by the project.



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