

10 February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTIFICATION OF SUBMISSION OF AN UPDATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE 132 KV TRANSMISSION LINES FOR THE 200-MEGAWATT PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITY FOR SIBANYE GOLD, IN THE GAUTENG PROVINCE

Sibanye Gold (Pty) Ltd (Sibanye Gold), a private subsidiary of Sibanye-Stillwater Ltd, was granted an environmental authorisation (EA) to develop 132 kiloVolt (kV) overhead transmission lines (ref no. 14/12/16/3/3/1/1606) for the 200-Megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) energy facility (ref no. 14/12/16/3/3/2/919) for Sibanye PV (Pty) Ltd (henceforth Sibanye) on 10 January 2017.

Condition 16 of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued on the 10th of January 2017 required the Applicant to amend the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) which was compiled as part of the Basic Assessment (BA) process to include updated layout plans and the conditions contained in the EA. This EMPr has been compiled to satisfy a requirement under the initial 2017 EA issued by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE¹). The 2017 EA also requires the draft EMPr to be made available to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) for public comment for a period of 30 days and to be submitted to DFFE for approval.

Since 2017, the Competent Authority (CA) has changed from the DFFE to the Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment (GDARDE²); however, this Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) will be assessed and reviewed by the DFFE as it is compiled to satisfy a requirement under the initial 2017 EA issued by the DFFE.

This EA would have expired on 09 January 2022, but the GDARDE granted an extension of its validity by non-substantive amendments under Part 1 (Regulations 29 and 30) of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (Government Notice no. 982 of 2014) with reference number Gaut 006/21-22/E0088. Additionally, the holder of the authorisation was amended to reflect the details of the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) company Sibanye Solar PV (Pty) Ltd that will construct the transmission lines and ancillary infrastructure.

Zutari (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake this process according to the EIA Regulations of 2014.

As such, notice is hereby given in terms of the EIA Regulations, under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No.107 of 1998) (NEMA), that the updated draft EMPr compiled in terms of these regulations, is available for comment for a period of 30 days starting **Friday, 10 February 2023 to Monday, 13 March 2023** at the following link: www.zutari.com/sibanyePV.

Should you wish to be registered as an I&AP or wish to comment on the EMPr, contact Zinzi at Zutari's Public Participation office at:

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¹ Known as the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in 2017 when these EAs were issued

² Known as the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) when the amendments were issued



Kindly extend the notice and invitation to comment to any other I&APs you may be aware of.

Yours faithfully

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