

APPENDIX C3
BACKGROUND INFORMATION LETTER



11 August 2022

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

**EXPANSION OF THE TAILINGS/SLAG THROUGHPUT AT THE ANGLO AFRICAN METALS ZERO WASTE
RECOVERY SOLUTION NEAR KWA-GUQA, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE
(DFFE Ref. No.: To be Issued)**

**NOTIFICATION OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND
BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT**

Anglo African Metals (Pty) Ltd (hereafter 'Anglo African Metals') received an Integrated Environmental Authorisation (EA) and Waste Management License (WML) from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) on **13 September 2021** (DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/3/401) to process tailings/slag for the economic extraction of valuable minerals, approving, amongst others, Activity 3 of Category B of GN R.921 (List of Waste Management Activities) of 2013, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (NEM: WA; Act 59 of 2008). The description of the above-mentioned listed activity, as detailed in the Integrated EA and WML, is as follows: *"The plant will be developed to process 2 000 tonnes of tailings/slag per month, approximately 3 tons per day"*. A request to amend the throughput of the plant from 3 tons per day to 3 tons per hour was submitted to the DFFE on **25 May 2022**, and the amended Integrated EA and WML was issued by the DFFE on **07 June 2022** (DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/3/401/AM1).

This letter serves to inform you that Anglo African Metals is submitting an application for a WML to expand the throughput from 3 tons per hour to 15 tons per hour to the DFFE. It is important to note that the footprint and workings of the already authorised Anglo African Metals Zero Waste Recovery Solution will remain the same, as authorised, except for some minor internal amendments to accommodate the additional capacity.

The proposed activity is located on the Remaining Extent of the Farm Highveld Industrial Park No. 1230 JS, approximately 17km west of eMalahleni in the eMalahleni Local Municipality and within the greater Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The site is accessible directly off the R104, from the N4 turnoff near Kwa-Guqa informal settlement.

BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In accordance with the in accordance with the NEM:WA, and the List of Waste Management Activities (GN R.921), the expansion of the tailings/slag throughput at the Anglo African Metals Zero Waste Recovery Solution requires a WML from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) (the competent authority), in consultation with the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA) as the commenting authority, based on the project triggering Activity 13 under Category A of GN R.921 of 2013.

In terms of GN R.921 of 2013 promulgated in terms of the NEM:WA, a person who wishes to commence, undertake or conduct a waste management activity listed under Category A, must conduct a Basic Assessment (BA) process set out in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations made under section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as part of a WML application contemplated in section 45 read with section 20(b) of the NEM:WA.

Anglo African Metals has appointed Savannah Environmental, as the independent environmental consultant to undertake the Bas process for this project in order to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with this project and recommend appropriate mitigation measures in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). As part of the environmental study, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be actively involved through the combined public involvement process being undertaken by Savannah Environmental.

You and/or the organisation / company, which you represent, have been identified as a stakeholder for the project as described above, and your participation in this BA and Public Participation Process would be appreciated.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

The Public Participation Process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GN R.326). The aim of the Public Participation Process is primarily to ensure that:

- » Information containing all relevant facts in respect of the project is made available to potential stakeholders and I&APs.
- » Participation by I&APs is facilitated in such a manner that all potential stakeholders and I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed project.
- » Comments received from stakeholders and I&APs are recorded and incorporated into the BA process.

Alternative means of undertaking consultation have been designed to ensure that I&APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to raise comments on the project by WhatsApp/SMS/fax/telephone calls or e-mails (contact details provided below). Our website provides any person with interest in the project access to project related information, enabling the public participation process to be undertaken in line with Regulations 41 to 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

The benefits of the having the project-related information available on our website include:

- » Ability to create a dedicated project-specific project page to enable easy access to project-related information.

- » Ability to reach a wider audience, allowing more widespread consultation for project related information.
- » Allowing stakeholders and I&APs the opportunity to engage on a project without leaving their office or home.
- » Enabling stakeholders and I&APs to register their interest in a project (for inclusion on the project database), and automatically gaining access to comprehensive project documentation.
- » Enabling the EAP to maintain a complete database of I&APs through maintaining a record of persons registering on the website.
- » Enabling the EAP and stakeholders/I&APs to meet virtually, if requested.
- » Provides a resilient solution to a public consultation process.

AVAILABILITY OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

In terms of Regulation 43(2) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this letter serves to inform you, as a registered &AP, your Department and/or Organisation that the Basic Assessment (BA) Report drafted for this application will be available for a 30-day review and comment from **Friday, 12 August 2022 to Monday, 12 September 2022**.

Please note Regulation 3(1) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, i.e.:

Subject to subregulations (2) and (3), when a period of days must in terms of these Regulations be reckoned from or after a particular day, that period must be reckoned as from the start of the day following that particular day to the end of the last day of the period, but if the last day of the period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, that period must be extended to the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

The BA Report can be downloaded from our website: <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/waste/>. An electronic copy of the BA Report can also be made available via file transfer services such as WeTransfer or Dropbox upon request.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the project. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout the process.

Kind regards



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BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

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Return completed registration and comment form to: **Nicolene Venter** of **Savannah Environmental**

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In terms of Section 18(2) of the Protection of Personal Information Act of 2013 (POPIA), by completing and submitting this registration and comment form, you automatically register yourself as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the above-mentioned project. Your comments submitted on this form will be included in the project documentation, and this will include personal information for certain purposes, including for purposes of the appeal process. If you register as an I&AP, please be informed that the consequences of your registration are that your contact information will be included in documents and reports that will be available in public domain.

Please provide your complete contact details:

Name & Surname:			
Organisation:			
Designation:			
Postal Address:			
Telephone:		Fax:	
Mobile:			
E-mail:			

Would you like to register as an interested and affected party (I&AP)? YES
 (please tick the relevant box) NO

Note: In terms of EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, Regulation 43(1), you are required to register as an I&AP to receive further correspondence regarding the EIA process and comment on the Basic Assessment Report being made available for comment, and to disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the approval or refusal of the application (add additional pages if necessary):

Please list your comments regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment process (add additional pages if necessary):

Please provide contact details of any other persons who you regard as a potential interested or affected party:

Name & Surname:			
Postal Address:			
Telephone:			
Mobile:			
E-mail:			