



REPORT FOR APRIL 2017

## COURT APPLICIONS AND LEGAL INTERVENTIONS

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In the High Court of South Africa, Gauteng Division, Pretoria, Case No.: 99593/15  
In the Matter between Federation for a Sustainable Environment (Applicant) and Minister Of Mineral Resources, Minister of Water And Sanitation, Minister of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries, Municipal Manager: Emkhazeni Local Municipality and William Patrick Bower (Pty) Ltd (2 cases)

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In the Merafong Magistrate's Court (Regional) in the matter between the State (the FSE was the complainant) and Village Main Reef, Blyvooruitzicht Gold Mining Company and Dalubuhle Ncube, Paul Marius Saaiman en Mark Burrell.

DRDGold was listed on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2017 as a co-respondent (co-accused.)

3.

In the High Court, Pretoria: In the matter between the FSE and the MEC of DARDLA: re failure to make a decision on an appeal (Exxaro)

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In the High Court, Pretoria: In the matter between the FSE and the Minister of Mineral Resources re failure to make a decision on appeal against the amendment of the EMPR (Exxaro)

5.

South African Human Rights Commission's and DMR's interventions pertaining to Mintails' operations


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The Legal Resource Centre and DMR's interventions pertaining to Central Rand Gold's operations

## PROMOTION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION APPLICATIONS

The FSE received copies of all:

- Closure certificates, which were issued by the DMR
- The closure applications
- The financial (rehabilitation) provisions – bank guarantees, trust funds, cash guarantees

April 1	Interview and in loco inspection, Nico Krebs et al – Swiss Photographer: Blyvoor
April 3	Tudor Shaft Informal Settlement Dump - ownership and rehabilitation. Meeting with DMR, DWS, LRC, DEA, Mintails and NNR
April 4	Tour of the West Rand gold fields with Gold Fields International (officials from SA, Ghana, Peru and Australia). Contact Person: Andrew Parsons
April 7	Research assistance to Dr Gwendolyn Wellman of Bristol University on Sibanye and GF's reporting on materiality
April 10	Research assistance to: Nohlanhla Maureen Ndlovu Lerato Mogane Ian Holman Benchmarks Foudation  Written submission on U-mining application in the Karoo
April 12	Meeting with Lucien Limacher (Lawyer appointed by the LRC to assist the FSE with environmental cases – cases currently under investigation are: the Sedibelo Platinum Mine, the disposal of metal sludge in boreholes in Grootvlei Shaft 3 in the East Rand gold fields and Mintails' non-compliances)
April 20	Meeting with Sibanye (Contact: Grant Stuart)  Keynote presentation at the SAICHE AGM – Wanderers Club (Contact; John Bewsey)
April 22	Hillshaven Community Meeting (FSE/South Deep Mine/GF)  

	  <p data-bbox="794 1081 1372 1220">Presentation to the Friends of the Legal Resource Centre's AGM in Washington on the Legacies of Gold Mining within the Witwatersrand Gold Fields</p>
<p data-bbox="188 1227 300 1265">April 25</p>	<p data-bbox="794 1227 1372 1299">Written submission: JHB IDP Consultation Session</p>
<p data-bbox="188 1299 300 1337">April 28</p>	<p data-bbox="794 1299 1372 1377">Court Hearing: State v Blyvooruitzicht Gold Mining Company and others</p> <p data-bbox="794 1411 1372 1489">Research assistance: Mrs Mbali Mpanza (PhD – dust dispersal modelling – Blyvoor)</p> <p data-bbox="794 1523 1372 1601">Interviews: French News Media Swedish Documentary Film</p> <p data-bbox="794 1635 1372 1706">In loco visitation of Blyvoor Mine with Community Leaders and academics</p>
<p data-bbox="188 1706 359 1744">April 29 - 30</p>	<p data-bbox="794 1706 1372 1744">News media interviews:</p> <p data-bbox="794 1780 1372 1845">Beeld Reuters</p>