

## JANUARY 2018 REPORT

### Interviews:

- Martin Boudot –French Television Documentary on “*the environmental contamination due to former gold-uranium mines in Johannesburg, South Africa.*” E-mail: 'martin.boudot@pltv.fr'
- Heidelberg/Nigel Herald: HVH Mine. Magda Maritz
- SA Mining. Environmental Management article in the upcoming edition of SA Mining, E-Mail. [MoodleyNe@tisoblackstar.co.za](mailto:MoodleyNe@tisoblackstar.co.za)
- Radio Islam. Water situation in South Africa.
- Philippe Alfroy. AFP. Southern Africa. Bureau Chief. (Contact: [Philippe.ALFROY@afp.com](mailto:Philippe.ALFROY@afp.com)). Blyvooruitzicht Gold Mining Company
- Saturday Star – Catchment Management Agencies
- Beeld – Catchment Management Agencies
- Sunday Times – Tanya Steenkamp. “Article about a community in Soweto called Snake Park that is being affected by a mine dump on their door step”.

### Stakeholder/Community Assistance:

1. Toekomsrus Community (Contact: Elvis Batiss)
2. Mmutlwa wa Noko: Groot Marico Applications
  - a. De Beers – 4 x applications to prospect for kimberlite (potential diamond bearing ore)
  - b. Viturtrax - 2 x prospecting and 1 x mining right application for gold ore, copper ore, silver ore and aggregate.
  - c. Witkop Fluorspar Mine – PR application for evaporate limestone.
  - d. SA Fluorspar and Southern Palace – Mining right application for fluorspar, gold, platinum, copper and other associated minerals.
3. Steve Hill: Anglo Gold Ashanti's Mine Waste Solutions operations
4. Tertius Wehmeyer: Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd. – application for opencast sand, gravel and diamond mines of surface areas 281 ha, 359 ha and 875 ha respectively
5. Ekurhuleni Councillors: Pomona Wetlands Issue (Contact: Pieter Henning)
6. 'Joseph Mokotjo' [ridomyzing@gmail.com](mailto:ridomyzing@gmail.com) (recruitment opportunities)
7. Boltonia Community (Councillor) (Mintails' operations)
8. Castello Boerdery (Klippaatfontein Prospecting Application)
9. 'James Rivett-Carnac' [jamescarnac@gmail.com](mailto:jamescarnac@gmail.com) (Proposed Catchment Management Agency Amalgamation)

### Legal Submissions and Interventions

1. Matters pursuant to a DMR's 31L non-compliance notice in terms of NEMA to Mintails (Pty) Ltd; the preparation and compilation of documents to, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, section 31D(5-9) lodge a complaint to the Minister of Mineral Resources and if the Minister of Mineral Resources fails to act, to request the Minister of Environmental Affairs to intervene.

2. Gauteng Police Commissioner: Mintails' (Pty) Ltd. Case File 89/6/2014
3. Preparation of Court Documents: Lawful removal of radioactive waste – Tudor Shaft Informal Settlement.
4. The State v Blyvooruitzicht Gold Mining Company and Village Main Reef Limited.
5. Blyvoor Gold Capital. EIA/EMP Process.
6. WPB Colliery

#### Meetings

- 26 January: South Deep, Gold Fields (project proposal for 2018; feedback on 2017 community meetings and open days) (Contact: Geralda Whitcutt)
- DWS' working session regarding the draft National Water and Sanitation Master Plan: 2 February 2018 at the DBSA Conference Centre (Contact: Trevor Balzer)
- Water Users South Africa Group: roundtable discussion on the Department of Water and Sanitation's plans to create only one catchment management agency instead of the nine proposed by the National Water Resource Strategy (written comments) (Contact: Dr Marika van der Walt)

#### Research Assistance:

1. Bruno Chareyron, Ingénieur en physique nucléaire, Directeur du Laboratoire CRIIRAD. E-mail : [bruno.chareyron@criirad.org](mailto:bruno.chareyron@criirad.org)
2. Hilmer Bosch. MSc in Water Management and Governance (2016-2018). UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, Delft, The Netherlands
3. Mbali Mpanza. Doctoral Research. University of Johannesburg.
4. Suvania Naidoo. Doctoral Research. Unisa.
5. Opening of photographic exhibition on Mining Infrastructure: Jake Brink – Director, Brands and Concepts (PhotoZA in Rosebank Mall). 3 May 2018

#### Published Articles

Spilpunt article, titled "Rooi vlae wapper in watersverslag"

#### Books to be published:

"Mining-affected Communities: Risks, Expectations and Opportunities" (OmniScriptum Publishing Group. Editor: Andrei Fotescu)

#### Written Comments on:

1. Proposal for the establishment of the single Catchment Management Agency in terms of Section 78(3) of the National Water Act, 1998
2. The National Water and Sanitation Master Plan. 8 December 2017
3. Sibanye-Stillwater Millsite TSF Reclamation Project
4. Prospecting right/s application in respect of the farm/s Klipplaatfontein R/E 517, Rudolph 48, Uitval 457. DMR Ref. No: FS 30/5/1/1/2/10492 PR

#### Short Course



Rhodes University. Geography Department. Tools for Wetland Assessment. Prof. Fed Ellery. (First two days)

NGO Engagements:

- Centre for Environmental Rights (Saul Roux, Christine Reddell)
- Legal Resources Centre (Lucien Limacher)
- Lawyers for Human Rights (Michael Clements)
- Benchmarks Foundation (David van Wyk)
- South African Water Caucus (Bryan Ashe, Dr Mary Galvin, etc.)

