

REPORT FOR MAY 2018

- News Media
 - BBC Radio and Television (Sophie Ribstein)
 - Beeld (Elise Tempelhoff) – Atha Africa
 - Saturday Star (Sheree Bega – Atha Africa; West Wits Mining)
- Ongoing assistance (financial, legal advice, information dissemination):
 - Residents of Tudor Shaft Informal Settlement and Kagiso Ext. 13
 - Mother of cerebral palsy boy: Westonaria
 - Crisis Committee: Klerksdorp
 - Godfrey Makomeme: Soweto
 - W. Fuzani +2773 664 8169; willyfuzani082@gmail.com. C.E.O-UMHLANGA WATER SERVICES & PROJECTS
 - Vaalower Residents Association re sand mining (Sweet Sensations; Winners Point 117 Trading; Tja Naledi) within the Vaalower
 - Bon Accord Gemeenskap / Four Rivers Trading (Pty) Ltd (Bon Accord Quarry)
- Research contributions to:
 - Chazanne Anita Long’s Report (MSc) titled “*Hydrochemical Assessment of Mine Water Discharging into the Surface and Groundwater Systems that flow from the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site*”
 - Hannah Benn. Green Infrastructure for Mine Rehabilitation.¹
 - Siyasanga Gxaba – University of the Witwatersrand. MSc in Environmental Science. Project description: The use of nanotechnology to purify water and focus on AMD water in the study area of Krugersdorp.
 - Dr Kym Morton (PhD MBA (Imperial) C Geol FGS FSAIMM Pr Sci Nat DIC, Water Strategist and Consulting Mining Hydrologist, KLM Consulting Services Pty Ltd) Water Research Commission Project “*to investigate the feasibility of training and employing local labour to collect the contaminated soils and mine dump residue in the West Rand... It will be a female-led and female-run long term project to sweep and bag the rich, but hard to collect mine dump sediments and then process them.*”

¹“GI has a role to play within broader efforts to improve and expedite the rehabilitation of mining landscapes in Joburg. This includes interim stabilisation of mine tailings, improvement of some environmental degradation and impacts due to mining including the control of dust and the management of toxic stormwater run-off. However, this role should only be considered as supplementary and supportive to what needs to be a broad and concerted effort to address major socio-political, economic and spatial legacies of injustice in the mining industry that now contribute to extreme public health and environmental challenges in Johannesburg. This effort must involve powerful private sector actors, civil society, as well as all spheres of government. GI could be a part of a socio-technical solution, if appropriately applied with the acceptance that natural systems have boundaries and limited capabilities. While mining was the platform on which this city was developed, mining also enabled segregation and the weakening of social, economic and environmental systems and as such is a central force in the socio-economically fragmented city we experience today (Trangos and Bobbins, 2018). A diverse range of voices and actors need to be present in the transformation of Johannesburg’s mining landscapes, especially where GI could be applied. Adaptation using innovative GI ideas will only be possible with a broadening of the scope of effort applied to mining impact remediation, as well as the simultaneous focus on social and environmental justice through an overhaul in political will.”

- Comments on and engagement on:
 - The proposed amendments to the Regulations for Financial Provisions for Prospecting, Exploration, Mining and Production.
 - The DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR) AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME REPORT (EMPR) FOR PROSPECTING RIGHTS APPLICATION FOR LWENZHE RESOURCES AND EXPLORATION (PTY) LTD ON FARM WAAGFONTEIN 89 JQ, BOJANALA PLATINUM DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE. FILE REFERENCE NO. SAMRAD: NW 30/5/1/1/2/12283 PR
 - SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED WEST WITS MINING PROJECT. Various portions of farms Glenlea 228IQ, Randglen, 229IQ, Vogelstruisfontein 231IQ & 233IQ, Roodepoort, 236IQ & 237IQ, Vlakfontein 238IQ, Doornkop 239IQ, Witpoortjie 245IQ, Dobsonville 386IQ, Soweto 387IQ, 641IQ, 649IQ, 663IQ, 677IQ, 710IQ, Gauteng
 - As member of the project steering committee and project management team: The Bojanala Platinum District Municipality's Environmental Management Framework
 - Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site: Integrated Management Plan



- Participation in the South Deep Mine/Hillshaven open day
- Successful interventions in collaboration with Dr Stefan Cramer and SAFCEI re uranium mining applications at Ryst Kuil and at Rietkuil outside Beaufort West in the Karoo

DATE	ACTIVITY
2 May	Meeting with Adv. Gerrie Nel and team re Sand Mining within the Vaalower area and criminal prosecutions in terms of Section 31 of NEMA
4 May	Facilitation and conducting a tour of the West Rand gold fields and South Deep Mine with the Westonaria stakeholder groups and SANCO
7 May	Meeting with Umsizi Sustainable Social Solutions – assistance with information re stakeholders and communities Pamela S. Sidambe Social Scientist Tel: 011 791 2157 Cell: 083 278 9179

	<p>www.umsizi.co.za Umsizi Sustainable Social Solutions</p> <p>Meeting with Niel Pretorius, the CEO of DRD Gold re DRD Gold's operations and Blyvooruitzicht Gold Mining Company</p>
9 May	<p>Site inspection of Lancaster Gold Mine (West Rand) with Mine Manager and team</p> <p>Meeting with Adv. Sam Martin, Lucien Limacher of the Legal Resources Centre and Niel Pretorius, the CEO of DRD Gold re removal of the Tudor Dump and rehabilitation of the footprint</p>
10 May	<p>Facilitation of meeting between the Legacy Group of Hotels (Bart Dorrestein) and the Directorate: Mine Water Management (Bashan Govender) re proposal pertaining to the long term treatment of Acid Mine Drainage</p>
11 May	<p>Meeting with Peter Arden and Chris Williams: FOSAF re collaboration between FSE and FOSAF</p> <p>Research Assistance: Siyasanga Gxaba – University of the Witwatersrand. MSc in Environmental Science - project is about use of nanotechnology to purify water and focus on AMD water and the study area is in Krugersdorp.</p>
15 May	<p>Meeting with Speaker of Mogale City Local Municipality, the Rev. Armando Sontange Kagiso Presbyterian Church and Church Leaders re Mintails and Tudor Dump</p>
16 May	<p>Presentation on 20 Years of EIA (Civil Society's Perspective) on invitation of the Department of Environmental Affairs: Duran International Convention Centre (vskosana@environment.gov.za)</p>
17 May	<p>Presentation on Remediation of Radioactive Mine Residue Areas at the 2nd Regulatory Information Conference on invitation of the National Nuclear Regulator</p>
18 May	<p>Facilitation and conducting of Tour with Kalbasfontein/Jachtfontein farmers and stakeholders from Bekkersdal of the West Rand and the South Deep Mine</p>

21 May	BBC interviews and Tour of the West Rand
22 May	<p>Tudor Shaft Informal Settlement – Meeting between FSE and our legal team (Lucien Limacher and Tina Power of the LRC and Adv Sam Martin), NNR, DMR, DWS, DRD Gold re the lawful removal of the radioactive Tudor Dump and rehabilitation of the footprint to a sustainable land use</p> <p>Ministerial Consultative Meeting on Mining Charter (apology)</p>
23 May	Meeting with the attorney Christie Briel and her clients re Bon Accord Gemeenskap / Four Rivers Trading (Pty) Ltd (Bon Accord Quarry)
24 May	<p>Facilitation of tour of the South Deep Mine by learners of West Rand Schools (Take a Girl Child to Work project)</p> <p>Stakeholder meeting on the proposed amendments to the Regulations for Financial Provisions for Mining. Chief Director. Integrated Environmental Management, Department of Environmental Affairs</p>
28 May	Meeting with Adv Sam Martin and lawyers of the LRC: Mintails alleged environmental non-compliances
31 May	West Wits Mining Public Participation Meeting (apology with written comments on the Scoping Report)

