

## REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

### Pending Court hearings

- High Court of SA, Gauteng Division, Pretoria. Case No: 50779/17 in the matter between **Federation for a Sustainable Environment**, and others and the Minister of Environmental Affairs, the Minister of Mineral Resources, Atha-Africa Ventures (Pty) Ltd and the Mabola Protected Environment Landowners Association.

See the Moneyweb article “The war between environmentalists and coal miners in Mpumalanga” by Ciaran Ryan

- WPBower Mine
- Winners Point Trading

### Legal Interventions

- Mintails Group: Liquidation
- Etc.

### Presentations

- South African Human Rights Commission Inquiry: Pollution of the Vaal River. Please see attached – 27 September 2018.
- Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Mineral Resources: Liquidation of the Mintails Group: 14 September 2018 Please see attached.
- Etc.

### News Media

- The Star: <https://www.iol.co.za/saturday-star/news/the-vaal-is-not-a-river-its-a-sewage-pit-17375988>
- SABC: <http://www.sabcnews.com/sabcnews/thousands-of-fish-have-been-killed-in-the-vaal-rivier/>
- UK News. Eric McFarland@qsmedia.tv
- Business Day
  - 19 September 2018 – “Summer is coming, with toxic winds”
  - 20 September 2018 – “Mintails placed into final liquidation. Department of Mineral Resources will join long line of creditors hoping to recoup money
  - 21 August 2018- “Liquidation allows Mintails to shirk environmental liabilities”
  - Etc.
- Beeld –
  - “Vaalrivier: 'Ons kan nie wette eet en drink', hoor MRK - Beeld <https://www.netwerk24.com/.../vaalrivier-ons-kan-nie-wette-eet-en-...>
  - Sep 28, 2018 - Wette moet toegepas word,” het Mariette Liefferink, direkteur van die ... PressReader - Beeld: 2018-09-28 –
  - 'R5 mjd. of dis koebaai Vaal-area”. “Mariette Liefferink, direkteur van die Federasie vir 'n Volhoubare Omgewing (FVO), het oor die ...”
- SABC News – 27 September 2017. “Thousands of fish have been killed in the Vaal-river” <http://www.sabc.com/sabcnews/thousands-of-fish-have-been-killed-in-the-vaal-river>

- “The Federation of a sustainable Environment earlier told the Commission that they are aware of between 10 and 12 thousand sewerage spills a year...”
- E-TV News – “The Impact of Poor Environmental Rehabilitation after Mine Closure” “Mining shafts shut down due to depleted raw materials and liquidation”. August 2018
  - SA Mining
  - RSG – SAHRC Inquiry into Vaal Pollution
  - Saturday Star
    - August 25, 2018 – “Mining dream turns to dust”
    - 6 October 2018 – “The Vaal is 'not a river – it's a sewage pit”
  - Etc.

Written and Oral Comments on:

- Amendments to the Financial Regulations for Prospecting, Exploration, Mining and Production Operations – 25 September 2018
- Steynplaats Prospecting Rights Application
- Tja Naledi-; Goosebay- and Sweet Sensations’ Mining Operations and Applications: Vaal Oewer

Pre-Directives and Directives were issued by the DMR.

The DMR found that Goosebay Mine’s mining permit has lapsed and is invalid; its rehabilitation of its mining area is incomplete and in non-compliance with its legally binding Environmental Management Plan and the Mine failed to apply for closure on cessation of mining. Mr Azwihangwisi Mulaudzi, the Regional Manager of Mineral Regulation of the DMR (Free State Region) DMR directed the Mine to submit its final performance assessment report, its environmental risk report and its closure plan by not later than the 13th of October 2018.

The DMR found that Sweet Sensations failed to assess its environmental liability and increase the financial provision and submit an audit report on the adequacy of the financial provision from an independent auditor. The DMR found that the financial provision has in fact not been revised since the issuing of the Environmental Authorisation.

The DMR also found that Sweet Sensations has never submitted an environmental audit report and that there was no sign of concurrent rehabilitation.

- Pure Source Mine
- Waagfontein Prospecting Application (within the Pilanesberg National Park, a protected area)
- Etc.

Research Assistance:

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- Marnand Stydom: water Sewage – Roodeplaat Dam
- King, Karen [Karen.King@wsp.com](mailto:Karen.King@wsp.com) – Re AMD and Nuclear Decommissioning Strategies
- Corbardus Consultants
- Hugh Ingpen: The real Water Company
- [willyfuzani082@gmail.com](mailto:willyfuzani082@gmail.com) C.E.O- UMHLANGA WATER SERVICES & PROJECTS

- Ronaldo Retief, Deltabec
- Paul O’Sullivan, Certified Fraud Examiner: Mintails’ Liquidation


Publications:

Spilpunt Article : “Water Reserwe – Wat en Waarom”

<p>31 August 2018</p>	<p>Tour with 4<sup>th</sup> year law students of the Law Faculty: University of Pretoria</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">West Rand AMD Treatment Plant</p>
<p>3 September 2018</p>	<p>Abstract: Paterson and Cooke – 2019 Conference on Paste Thickened and Filtered Tailings</p>
<p>4 September 2018</p>	<p>Wonderfonteinspruit Catchment Forum meeting: Presentation, oral and written submissions</p> <p>Attached:</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">FSE DWS WFS CMF PRESENTATION - MINTAILS.pdf</p>
<p>5 September 2018</p>	<p>Meeting with the SAHRC (Matthew du Plessis) and the LRC (Lucien Limacher) re Mintails Group’s liquidation</p> <p>Participation in Benchmarks Institute’s release of its “Critical Analysis of Anglo American Corporation’s Sustainability Report”</p>
<p>14 September 2018</p>	<p>Presentation to the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Mineral Resources on the Mintails Group and its operations and oversight visit to Mintails’ operations.</p> <p>Attached:</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">LRC - FSE - PC ON MINERAL RESOURCES PRESENTATION - MINTAILS.pdf</p>
<p>17 September 2018</p>	<p>Environmental Lecture to Poortjie Elementary School: 150 learners, in association with South Deep Mine, GoldFields</p>

<p>19 September 2018</p>	<p>TAU SA Congress Conference  Business Day Interview and Report</p>
<p>20 September 2018</p>	<p>Written submission to and engagement with Connie Erasmus, National Prosecuting Authority re the prosecution of the Blyvooruitzicht Gold Mining Company</p>
<p>21 September 2018</p>	<p>Environmental Tour with key stakeholders within the Poortjie community in association with the South Deep Mine of Gold Fields</p>  <p>Tour of West Rand gold fields: In celebration of World Heritage Day</p> 



<p>25 September 2018</p>	<p>Written and oral submissions: DEA workshop on Amendments to the Financial Regulations.</p>
<p>27 September 2018</p>	<p>Presentation to the SAHRC's inquiry on the pollution of the Vaal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">   <a href="#">2018 SEPTEMBER SAHRC INQUIRY WATER SITUATION VAAL.pdf</a> </p>
<p>28 September 2018</p>	<p>Tour of West Rand gold fields in association with Sibanye-Stillwater with West Rand Councillors and Politicians</p>



Millsite Complex – Reclamation Operations



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Monarch Pit (Mintails)



Lancaster Dam (Mintails)



Sand Dump 20



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Pipeline and North Sands Dump (Mintails)