

**APPENDIX E19**  
**PROOF OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSE**

**PART 1 OF 2**

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**LIZ JANSE VAN RENSBURG**  
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**PAUL KGOLE**  
**RENEE HARTSLIEF**  
**SEAN HUNTER & HEATHER UBSDELL**  
**STEPHAN FICK**  
**VERONICA WITHERS**  
**WARRIN FLORES**  
**YVONNE SOURIS**  
**YUSUF DADABHAY**  
**VAL DE BRUYN**

**ABRIE HANEKOM**

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 06 April 2021 11:19 AM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: MONTE CRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK (PTY) LTD ("MCCP") MINING PROJECT - DEIAR NOTIFICATION - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING 10 APRIL 2021

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete  
**Sonette Smit**  
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**From:** Marlene Oosthuizen [mailto:marlene@kruppeng.co.za]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:04 AM  
**To:** 'Gavin Aboud' <gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za>  
**Cc:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>; hollandgea@gmail.com  
**Subject:** RE: MONTE CRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK (PTY) LTD ("MCCP") MINING PROJECT - DEIAR NOTIFICATION - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING 10 APRIL 2021

Good day Sonette,

I am Abrie Hanekom, the owner of Vaal Eden 44, adjacent to the sand mining activities of Mark van Wyk.

Their meeting and the meeting for Sweet Sensation are scheduled for the same date & time. Mr Gavin Aboud represents the whole Vaal Eden Community & Vaal Oewer, as well as the Chairman, Protect Vaal Eden Committee. It is important for him to attend both meetings. We therefore request that your meeting are moved to a later date on a Saturday.

This letter will also be sent to the DMR.

Regards

*Abrie Hanekom*  
*073 449 2006*

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 14 April 2021 03:03 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Good day,

Please take note that I will attend the meeting at Eden Manor @ 07hoo.

Regards

*Abrie Hanekom*  
*073 449 2006*

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**From:** Gavin Aboud <[gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za](mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 April 2021 15:54  
**To:** 'Sonette Smit' <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Cc:** Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer <[marlene@kruppeng.co.za](mailto:marlene@kruppeng.co.za)>; Bob <[bobh@dullies.com](mailto:bobh@dullies.com)>; Chris <[chrisc@cesa.co.za](mailto:chrisc@cesa.co.za)>; Craig <[craigrichardson100@gmail.com](mailto:craigrichardson100@gmail.com)>; Dina <[dina.henstock@gmail.com](mailto:dina.henstock@gmail.com)>; liz <[liz.tuxx@gmail.com](mailto:liz.tuxx@gmail.com)>; Louis Kruger <[krugerskroon@gmail.com](mailto:krugerskroon@gmail.com)>; Pieter <[pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com](mailto:pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com)>; Renee <[renee@bundunet.com](mailto:renee@bundunet.com)>; warrin <[warrinf@gmail.com](mailto:warrinf@gmail.com)>; Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer <[marlene@kruppeng.co.za](mailto:marlene@kruppeng.co.za)>; Cindy <[cindy.aboud@vodamail.co.za](mailto:cindy.aboud@vodamail.co.za)>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Good Day,

I will attend the meeting at Eden Manor at 7h00

Gavin Aboud  
Chairman:Protect Vaal Eden Committee  
Non-Executive Director : FSE  
  
083 281 5045

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**From:** Sonette Smit [<mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>]  
**Sent:** 12 April 2021 08:11 PM  
**Subject:** Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Dear registered I&APs

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 17 April 2021 10:49 AM  
**To:** Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer; Anne Wilson; Aragea Holland-Fredericks; Chakane; Chris Campbell ; Cindy Aboud; Craig Richardson; Di Stevens (Vaaloewer); Dina; Duan Jacobs; Frans Van der Merwe; Gavin Aboud; Hanlie Stander; Liz; Louis Kruger; Magda Rijksen; Marianne Bilsland; Mariette Liefferink; Martin Struwig; Mcebo Mkhathshwa; Nardus Buys; Paul Kgole; Philip Hartsliet; Pieter Hattingh; Protect Vaal Eden; Renee Hartsliet; Sampie van Rooyen; Sean Hunter and Heather Ubsdell; Stephan Fick / Johan and Susan Malan; Veronica Withers; Warrin ; Yusuf Dadabhay  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation  
**Attachments:** 210410 1st Pub Participate.pdf; Greenmined MCCP Presentation 17.04.21 MSC.pdf

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation Meeting**

1. The above matter as well as the Public Participation Meeting scheduled to take place Virtually and Physically on 17 April 2021 at 07h00 refer.
2. We must, at the outset, apologise profusely for the technological difficulties experienced by us at the aforementioned scheduled Meeting, which resulted in many I&APs electing to leave such Meeting.
3. In the event that any I&APs that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to be held on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, wish to attend the additional Meeting to be held today, 17 April 2021, at 13h00, we invite such I&APs to do so, Physically or Virtually.
  - 3.1. For the avoidance of any doubt, we confirm that the aforementioned technological difficulties, have been rectified, and the Meeting Scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021, at 13h00, is expected to proceed without difficulty and/or delay.
  - 3.2. We shall, via SMS and Telephone Call, attempt to contact all such I&APs that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to be held on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, in order to notify and invite such I&APs to the Meeting scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021 at 13h00, and to the further Meetings on 21 April 2021 and 24 April 2021.
4. Nevertheless, we invite all I&APs, that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, Physically or Virtually, to also attend the further Meetings to be held by us, on 24 April 2021, as follows:
  - 4.1. **Barrage Informal Settlement** – On open Land in front of Barrage Primary School, located at Area 577 Kaalplaats Barrage 1900 Gauteng Province, (open space approximately 100m South west from Barrage Police Station) - GPS Co-ordinates 26.762991 - 27.678541 **at 9:00 – 10:00;**
  - 4.2. **Lindequesdrift/Vaal Oewer Informal Settlement** – On open Land immediately adjacent to Lindequesdrift (Vaal Oewer) informal settlement, North West Province, on main road (Open Space approximately 750m south from the Vaal Oewer entrance - GPS Co-ordinates -26,7309250, 27,5842210 **at 11:00 – 12:00.**

5. We wish to again re-iterate and stress that the well-being of the I&APs, is of utmost concern to us.

**Additional Virtual Meeting To Be Held 21 April 2021 At 17h00**

6. We have accordingly arranged a further Meeting, to be held Virtually on Wednesday 21 April 2021, at 17h00, which I&APs that intended on taking part in the Meeting scheduled to take place 17 April 2021 at 07h00 may attend, in the event that are unable to attend the Virtual and Physical Meetings scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 13h00 and/or 24 April 2021.
- 6.1. A Zoom link, to the aforementioned meeting to be held on 21 April 2021 at 17h00, shall be sent to such I&APs that were present, at the Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, which did not proceed.
- 6.2. We are, however, not in a position to arrange any further Meetings, in addition to the Meetings to be held on 21 April 2021 and on 24 April 2021.
- 6.3. We respectfully urge all relevant I&APs to attend one of the four abovementioned Meetings as again set out hereunder:
- 6.3.1.the Meeting to be held on 17 April 2021 at 13h00;
- 6.3.2.the Meeting to be held on 21 April 2021 at 17h00;
- 6.3.3.the Meeting to be held on 24 April 2021 at 09h00; and
- 6.3.4.the Meeting to be held on 24 April 2021 at 11h00.
7. In addition to the Meetings to be held, and in the interests of transparency, we attach hereto the Transcription of the Meeting held on 10 April 2021, together with the Presentation Material used in the Public Participation Meetings, in order for I&APs to have access to all relevant information, which I&APs may require, in order to provide Greenmined with comments in relation to the DEIAR.
- 7.1. We shall, in due course and upon receipt of same, distribute the Transcription of the Meeting scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021 at 13h00.
- 7.2. We wish to point out that the Presentation Material herewith provided, has been produced from, and in accordance with, the DEIAR and Specialist Studies as attached thereto, and as such, does not constitute any new Material, which was not included in the DEIAR.
- 7.3. The Presentation Material, is provided to I&APs, in order to provide I&APs with a concise and succinct summary of the Material Facts of MCCP's Application.
8. We trust that you find the above in order and once again thank you for your valued engagement with Greenmined.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**

**Managing Director**



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# ANDREW SOURIS

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 31 March 2021 11:59 AM  
**To:** andrew souris  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** RE: pure source mine

Good day Andrew and Yvonne,

MCCP DEIAR Notification – Meeting registration.

1. Thank you for registering for the public participation meeting of 10 April 2021 for the above mentioned project.
2. A link to the meeting will be send to you after the closing of the meeting registration period.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information,

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

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**From:** andrew souris [mailto:outlook\_A8B9CB6B849E0E44@outlook.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 8:28 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>  
**Subject:** pure source mine

Hi,

Please register us for the public participation meeting.

Regards,

Andrew souris    082 4566396  
Yvonne Souris    084 511 7223

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

# ANNE WILSON

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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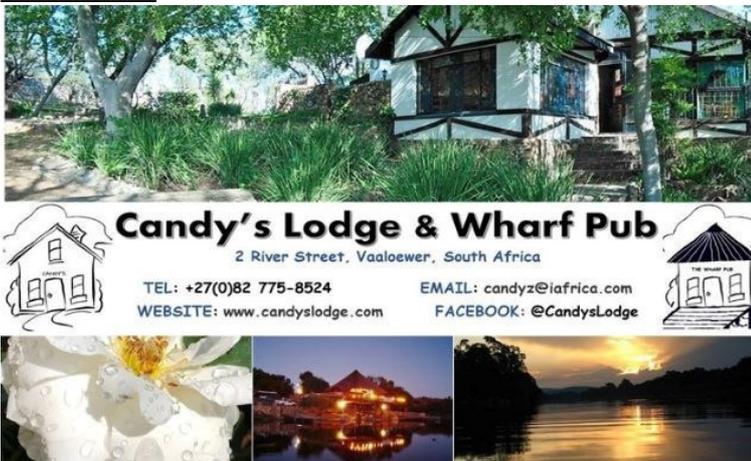
**From:** CandysLodge <candyz@iafrica.com>  
**Sent:** 30 March 2021 03:09 PM  
**To:** 'van Rensburg, Jacques'; Sonette Smit; 'Martin Struwig'  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification

Hi Sonette

Please register me for the public participation meeting.

Kind Regards,

**Anne Wilson**



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**From:** 'van Rensburg, Jacques' via Protect Vaal Eden <ProtectVaalEden@googlegroups.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 March 2021 12:53  
**To:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>; Martin Struwig <martin.vaaloever@vodamail.co.za>  
**Cc:** protectvaal eden@googlegroups.com; Marlene Lingenfelder <admin@greenmined.co.za>  
**Subject:** RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification

### Proprietary

Dankie Sonette

Ek is ongelukkig die 10de April nie beskikbaar om die vergadering self by te woon nie.

Kan ek asb verskoning maak en my stem/proxy vir Martin Struwig oor gee?

Kind regards/Vriendelike groete

**Jacques van Rensburg**  
MSD Animal Health  
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C: 072 617-5951

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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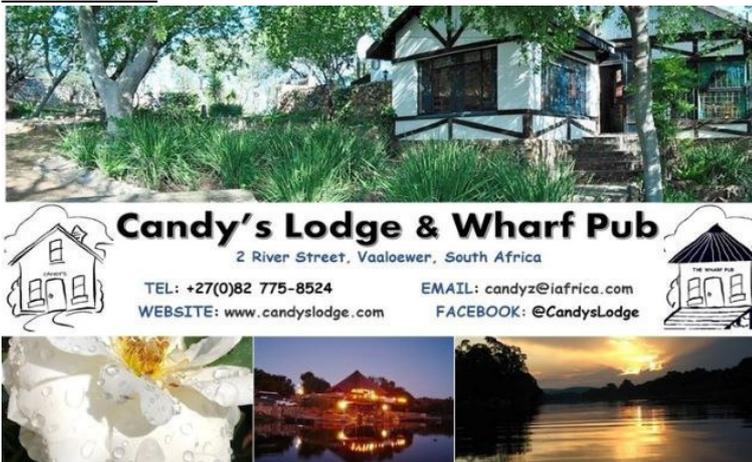
**From:** CandysLodge <candyz@iafrica.com>  
**Sent:** 07 April 2021 10:06 AM  
**To:** 'Marianne Bilsland'; Sonette Smit; 'Gavin Aboud'  
**Cc:** 'Mariette Liefferink'; 'Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer'; 'Bob'; 'Chris'; 'Craig'; 'Dina'; 'liz'; 'Louis Kruger'; 'Pieter'; 'Renee'; 'warrin'; Marlene Lingenfelder; 'Martin Struwig'; 'Di Stevens (Vaaloewer)'; heatherkate63@gmail.com  
**Subject:** RE: Monte Christo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report Notification

Hi Sonette

Please be advised that I feel the same way as Marianne. I did receive your mail via Martin Struwig and sent you a message to register me, but have just been advised by Marianne that there is this conflict with the Sweet Sensations meeting, so I will not be able to attend either. I would also like to be advised as to the date and time of the rescheduled date for the public participation meeting.

Kind Regards,

Anne Wilson



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**From:** Marianne Bilsland <marianne@fixeng.co.za>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 06 April 2021 13:32  
**To:** Sonette <sonette.s@greenmined.co.za>; 'Gavin Aboud' <gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za>  
**Cc:** 'Mariette Liefferink' <mariette@pea.org.za>; 'Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer' <marlene@kruppeng.co.za>; 'Bob' <bobh@dullies.com>; 'Chris' <chrisc@cesa.co.za>; 'Craig' <craigrichardson100@gmail.com>; 'Dina' <dina.henstock@gmail.com>; 'liz' <liz.tuux@gmail.com>; 'Louis Kruger' <krugerskroon@gmail.com>; 'Pieter' <pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com>; 'Renee' <renee@bundunet.com>; 'warrin' <warrinf@gmail.com>; 'Marlene Lingenfelder' <admin@greenmined.co.za>; 'Martin Struwig' <martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za>; Candys (Vaaloewer) <candyz@iafrica.com>; Di Stevens (Vaaloewer) <edstevens@telkomsa.net>; heatherkate63@gmail.com  
**Subject:** RE: Monte Christo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report Notification

Good day Sonette

Please be advised that I am unable to attend the public participation meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021 due to a conflicting meeting for Sweet Sensations Mining focus meeting.

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 12 April 2021 08:11 PM  
**Subject:** Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Dear registered I&APs

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd (“MCCP”) Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) Notification**

**FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048MR**

1. In order to accommodate I&APs, MCCP has arranged **Meetings on Saturday 17 April 2021**, which I&APs will be able to attend either Virtually, or Physically, subject to what is set out in detail hereunder.
  - 1.1 Participants attending the Meetings Virtually will be able to interact with participants attending the Meetings Physically, as well as the MCCP Representatives, Specialist Team, Greenmined and the Meeting Facilitator.
  - 1.2 Participants attending the Meetings Physically will be able to interact with participants attending the Meetings Virtually, as well as the MCCP Representatives, Specialist Team, Greenmined and the Meeting Facilitator, since the Physical Meeting will be livestreamed to Virtual Meeting Participants.
  - 1.3 **I&APs are respectfully requested to advise, whether they will be attending the Meetings, Virtually or Physically, and at what times.**

#### **Zoom Virtual Public Participation Meeting**

2. In the event that you wish to attend either meeting Virtually, please find herewith the Zoom links to the **Virtual Public Participation Meetings** to be held on **17 April 2021** to discuss the **Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”)** and **Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”)** for the proposed Mining Right application by Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd over the following three farm portions: The Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm Woodlands 407, Portion 3 of the Farm Woodlands 407 and the Remaining Extent of the Farm Woodlands 407 in the Ngwathe Municipal District, Free State Province.

**Kindly confirm which one of the two (2) Virtual Meetings you would like to attend:**

#### **Meeting 1**

**Date: Saturday 17 April 2021**

**Time: 07h00-9h00**

**Topic: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

**Time: Apr 17, 2021 07:00 AM Harare, Pretoria**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://raubex.zoom.us/j/97205183467?pwd=ck00UHFuR0lYTUpENnQxSkVKYjhlZz09>

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## **Meeting 2**

**Date: Saturday 17 April 2021**

**Time: 13h00-15h00**

**Topic: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

**Time: Apr 17, 2021 01:00 PM Harare, Pretoria**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://raubex.zoom.us/j/95708237905?pwd=V29NNFF1bkg2NktKc3ZRWGZMQjIRZz09>

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### **3. Please ensure**

3.1 You are online and connected 10 minutes before the meeting starts.

3.2 You have the most recent version of Zoom, as with an older version you may have connection or audio/video issues and be unable to participate effectively or at all.

3.3 That the device you are logging in with has a registered name to permit access.

### **Physical Public Participation Meeting – Eden Manor situate at Plots 1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road).**

4. In the event that any I&AP does not have the resources to attend the Meetings Virtually, the following provisions have been made, for attending the Meeting on the **17 April 2021** Physically at the following times, at the location set out hereunder:
  - 4.1 **7:00 – 9:00** – **Eden Manor** situate at **Plots1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road)**, District Parys GPS Coordinates - **26.771611S, 27.642725E**
  - 4.2 **13:00 – 15:00** – **Eden Manor** situate at **Plats 1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road)**, District Parys GPS Coordinates - **26.771611S, 27.642725E**
5. The arrangement for Qualifying I&APs to attend the **Meetings** on **17 April 2021** Physically has been scheduled, solely for the purposes of accommodating Qualifying I&AP's, to facilitate their participation in the Meetings, in the event that such I&APs do not have access to computers or Wi-Fi. Accordingly:
  - 5.1 Please do not attend the Meetings Physically, if you are able to attend any of the **meetings Virtually**.
  - 5.2 Please note that this request, is to provide an opportunity specifically for those I&AP's, who do not have access to the above mentioned resources (as set out more fully in clause 2 above), to participate in the process, and not be excluded due to a lack of resources.

5.3 It is intended that the ability of I&APs to attend the meetings be held on **17 April 2021** (as set out above) Physically will enable said I&AP's, to participate in the public consultation and information provision process. (Especially in light of the restrictions imposed on Gatherings by the COVID-19 Regulations).

6. We thank you in advance for your cooperation, look forward to interacting with you.

7. If you are experiencing problems on the day, please be kind enough to send a message via **WHATSAPP to 084 585 5706**, as we will be unable to take calls while administering a meeting.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**

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**From:** CandysLodge <candyz@iafrica.com>  
**Sent:** 21 April 2021 01:30 PM  
**To:** 'Gavin Aboud'; Sonette Smit; 'Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer'; 'Aragea Holland-Fredericks'; 'Chakane'; 'Chris Campbell'; 'Cindy Aboud'; 'Craig Richardson'; 'Di Stevens (Vaaloewer)'; 'Dina'; 'Duan Jacobs'; 'Frans Van der Merwe'; 'Hanlie Stander'; 'Liz'; 'Louis Kruger'; 'Magda Rijksen'; 'Marianne Bilsland'; 'Mariette Liefferink'; 'Martin Struwig'; 'Mcebo Mkhathshwa'; 'Nardus Buys'; 'Paul Kgole'; 'Philip Hartsliet'; 'Pieter Hattingh'; 'John Simpson'; 'Protect Vaal Eden'; 'Renee Hartsliet'; 'Sampie van Rooyen'; 'Mark Baker'; 'Sean Hunter and Heather Ubsdell'; 'Stephan Fick / Johan and Susan Malan'; 'Veronica Withers'; 'Warrin'; 'Yusuf Dadabhay'  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder; 'Kalipa Kewuti'  
**Subject:** RE: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation  
**Attachments:** I &AP\_0001.jpg; I &AP\_0002.jpg; Registration form for mining of Goosebay Farm (Pty)Ltd.JPG; Letter to Gavin Aboud.docx  
**Importance:** High

Dear Sonette and Marlene

Marlene, thank you for phoning me today to ask if I would be attending the meeting tonight at 5pm. As mentioned on the phone, I cannot attend due to work commitments, but I do have very grave concerns regarding the mine which you said I could forward to you and you would get back to me.

In January 2018, SLR Consulting was asked to do an EAP for mining rights for the Woodland Farms, directly across river from my place of business. I immediately registered as an I&AP and voiced my concerns. JC Pretorius was supposed to prove that it will have a positive impact on both direct and indirect business as well as employment. Water for the mine was to come from the river. Transportation was to be via Vaal Eden Rd, and an access road was to be established at the start of the project.

In the report, Mr Pretorius stated that potential environmental impacts were identified. I would like to find out if these were ever addressed? Were the specialist assessments ever done? A scoping report for review was to be made public in about mid-February 2018 for 30 days – was this ever done?

I sent several emails to Mr Pretorius, voicing my objections, and to date I have heard nothing.

In September 2018, Shango Solutions came on board as EAP for a new company called Monte Cristo and I again registered as an I&AP. To date, I have not seen their assessment.

We are now in April 2021, and I was informed at the beginning of the month that there was to be a meeting with another EAP for Monte Cristo, namely Greenmined, and that there would be a public participation meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> April...the same day at the public participation meeting of Sweet Sensations.

Although I have now registered twice as an IAP, no one from Greenmined let me know about this meeting. When I contacted you, I was informed that the meeting would now fall on the 17<sup>th</sup> April, and you urged me to attend via Zoom due to COVID. I sent you a message this morning stating that I could not attend said meeting, but I have since discovered that the meeting did not take place due to the Zoom not being set up on time.

We have now been given options of attending another Zoom meeting this afternoon, or alternatively a meeting in informal settlements. Please understand that despite COVID and other challenges (water issues, electricity issues), I am relieved to say that I still have a business to run and cannot afford to have my weekends wasted by meetings that do not take place, especially meetings that further challenge my investment.

I would also like to know what the farm where the mining is to take place is zoned for?

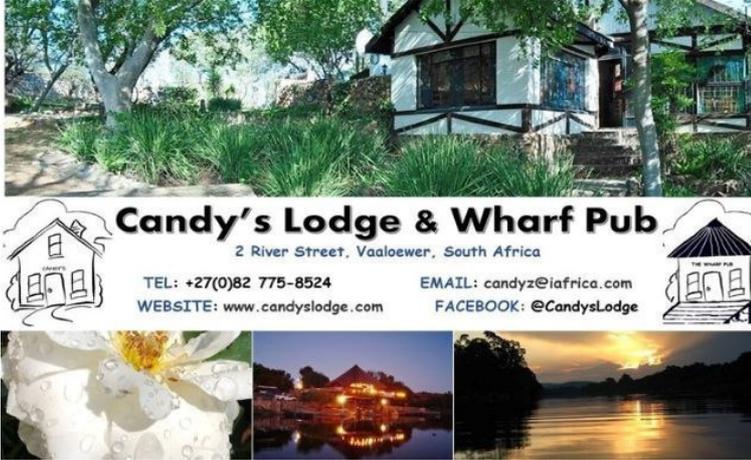
Please find my two previous IAP applications, as well as a letter sent by me to the Chairman of the Protect Vaal Eden Committee, by me in November 2018, raising my concerns/objections to the proposed mine, due to me not being

given an opportunity to voice them in a public participation meeting, and to which I have yet to receive the answers. He has advised me to forward the letter to you, in the hopes someone will take notice.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Yours sincerely,

**Anne Wilson**



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**From:** Gavin Aboud <gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 April 2021 10:34

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**Cc:** 'Marlene Lingenfelder' <admin@greenmined.co.za>; 'Kalipa Kewuti' <Kalipa.Kewuti@dmre.gov.za>

**Subject:** RE: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation

Sonette,

I refer mail below.

You continue to ignore my mails.

Please reply

Gavin Aboud

Chairman:Protect Vaal Eden Committee

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 25 April 2021 10:44 PM  
**To:** Anne Wilson  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: ANNE WILSON - Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation - Part 1 of 4  
**Attachments:** I &AP\_0001.jpg; I &AP\_0002.jpg; Registration form for mining of Goosebay Farm (Pty)Ltd.JPG; Letter to Gavin Aboud.docx  
**Importance:** High

Dear Anne

**Please note, that due to the size of the attachments, this email will be sent to you in 4 parts.**

### **PART 1 OF 4**

#### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation – Part 1 of 4**

1. The abovementioned matter and your email, dated **21 April 2021 01:30 PM**, as set out below, refer.

At the outset, we wish to place on record, that despite your having been invited to all six (6) of the Public Participation Meetings, and even having accepted and invitation to the First Public Participation Meeting on **10 April 2021**, you nonetheless have omitted, neglected and refused to avail yourself of the opportunity of attending ANY of these six (6) Public Participation Meetings.

Had you attended these Public Participation Meetings, you would have had an opportunity to engage directly with ourselves, the panel of Specialist Consultants (with regards to technical issues) and the Managing Director of the Applicant (with regards to general issues and his Group's vision for the End Use of the land on which the Mine is to be situated).

Instead, you have referred us to letters and documentation compiled by yourself in 2018, and consider the contents thereof an adequate engagement for purposes of Public Participation.

Notwithstanding all of the above, we respond as set out hereunder.

2. We hereby respond **seriatim** in red font to the unnumbered paragraphs of your abovementioned email, as set out below:

*"Marlene, thank you for phoning me today to ask if I would be attending the meeting tonight at 5pm. As mentioned on the phone, I cannot attend due to work commitments, but I do have very grave concerns regarding the mine which you said I could forward to you and you would get back to me."*

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### **2.1. Six Public Participation Meetings were arranged in respect of this matter:**

##### **SATURDAY 10 APRIL 2021 MEETING**

- 2.1.1. I&APs (including yourself), were first notified of a Public Participation Meeting to be held on Saturday **10 April 2021** at **09h00** on **19 March 2021**;
- 2.1.2. A copy of the abovementioned **19 March 2021** Notification is enclosed herewith. Same clearly states, that the 30-day Public Participation Period, was to end on Thursday **22 April 2021**;
- 2.1.3. I enclose herewith a report detailing the location and placement of the abovementioned Notices;
- 2.1.4. We are aware, that you confirmed that you would attend the **10 April 2021** virtual meeting, since we have your written confirmation (in response to our invitation), of your attendance;

#### **SATURDAY 17 APRIL 2021 MEETINGS**

- 2.1.5. Relevant I&APs were first notified of the meetings to be held on Saturday **17 April 2021**, as follows:
  - 2.1.5.1. By way of an email, dated Saturday **3 April 2021** (copy of same enclosed herewith);
  - 2.1.5.2. By way of an email, dated **10 April 2021**;
- 2.1.6. All I&APs who attended the meeting on Saturday, **17 April 2021**, at **07h00**, were again invited to attend the meeting held on Saturday, **17 April 2021**, at **13h00**, either physically or virtually, as follows:
  - 2.1.6.1. In person by the Managing Director of MCCP, Mark van Wyk at the meeting held on Saturday **17 April 2021** at **07h00**;
  - 2.1.6.2. By way of an email sent to I&APs by Greenmined on Saturday **17 April 2021** at **10h49** (copy of same enclosed herewith);
  - 2.1.6.3. By way of a telephone call and SMS, to relevant I&APs, likewise on Saturday **17 April 2021** at approximately **12h00**.
- 2.1.7. We are unaware whether you attended this meeting, since you did not respond to our invitation, to attend the Public Participation Meeting on Saturday **17 April 2021** at **13h00**.

#### **WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL 2021 MEETING**

- 2.1.8. Relevant I&APs were notified of the abovementioned **21 April 2021** meeting, by way of an email sent I&APs by Greenmined on Saturday **17 April 2021** at **10h49**;
- 2.1.9. Furthermore, an additional virtual meeting was also held on **21 April 2021**, at **17h00**;
- 2.1.10. The abovementioned additional virtual meeting, was also arranged for Wednesday, **21 April 2021** at **17:00** to make provision:
  - 2.1.10.1. For those I&APs, who intended to take part in the meeting scheduled to take place on **17 April 2021**, at **07:00**, and;
  - 2.1.10.2. Who were unable to attend the further meeting scheduled for **17 April 2021** at **13h00**, and;
  - 2.1.10.3. Who were also unable to attend the two meetings scheduled for **24 April 2021**;
- 2.1.11. I&APs were invited to attend this Wednesday **21 April 2021** meeting, by way of the abovementioned Greenmined email sent to I&APs on Saturday **17 April 2021** at **10h49**;

**SATURDAY 24 APRIL 2021 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETINGS – BARRAGE AND LINDEQUESDRIF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS**

2.1.12. The circumstances surrounding the calling of a meeting at the Barrage and Lindequesdrift Informal Settlements at **09h00** and **11h00** respectively on Saturday **24 April 2021**, were as follows:

2.1.12.1. The abovementioned I&APs were included in the Notification by way of signs erected on **10 April 2021**;

2.1.12.2. We include a copy of a report, clearly showing where the abovementioned signs were erected on **10 April 2021** (such signs advising of the **24 April 2021** meetings at the abovementioned Informal Settlements);

2.1.13. During the Public Participation Process, we were advised, that it was inconvenient for I&APs living in Informal Settlements or Rural Areas, to attend meetings via Zoom (due to a lack of Wi-Fi and computers) or at the Venue at Vaal Eden Road;

2.1.14. We accordingly out of abundant caution, and in order to fully protect the interests of Informal Settlement and Rural dwelling I&APs, scheduled additional physical meetings at Barrage and Lindequesdrift Informal Settlements on Saturday **24 April 2021** (even though on a strict interpretation of the law we were not obliged to do so);

2.1.14.1. Please also note that the meetings held on **24 April 2021**, at the Barrage and Lindequesdrift informal settlements were arranged:

2.1.14.1.1. For the sole purpose of Informing the community members, who do not have access to computers nor Wi-Fi, of this project and to obtain their comments and concerns;

2.1.14.1.2. Specifically, due to comments received from certain I&APs that many community members do not have access to these resources;

**I&APS GIVEN PROPER ADEQUATE NOTICE OF ALL MEETINGS**

2.1.15. We place on record, that relevant I&APs, were given notice:

2.1.15.1. Of the Public Participation Meeting on **24 April 2021**, as early as **10 April 2021**. I enclose herewith copies:

2.1.15.1.1. Of the Site Notices erected in relation to this matter;

2.1.15.1.2. Of a report in respect of the Placement of the above Site Notices;

2.1.15.1.3. Invitation sent to I&APs on **10 April 2021**;

2.2. You and other I&APs, can accordingly not validly assert, that you have not been given adequate notice for the **24 April 2021** Public Participation Meeting;

2.3. Furthermore, you and other I&APs, who attended the **07h00** Meeting on **Saturday 17 April 2021**, were clearly also invited to attend, the Additional Public Participation Meetings, as set out hereunder:

2.3.1. The **13h00 meeting on Saturday 17 April 2021** (I enclose herewith a copy of an email sent to yourself and other I&AP's in Saturday **17 April 2021** at **10h49**);

2.3.2. Furthermore, the Managing Director of MCCP, personally invited both yourself and all other I&APs:

2.3.2.1. To attend the **13h00** meeting on Saturday **17 April 2021**;

2.3.2.2. To attend The **Saturday 24 April 2021 09h00** Public Participation Meeting at the **Barrage Informal Settlement**;

2.3.2.3. To attend The **Saturday 24 April 2021 11h00** Public Participation Meeting at the **Lindequesdrift Informal Settlement**;

*“In January 2018, SLR Consulting was asked to do an EAP for mining rights for the Woodland Farms, directly across river from my place of business. I immediately registered as an I&AP and voiced my concerns. JC Pretorius was supposed to prove that it will have a positive impact on both direct and indirect business as well as employment. Water for the mine was to come from the river. Transportation was to be via Vaal Eden Rd, and an access road was to be established at the start of the project.”*

2.4. SLR was appointed in respect of a Mining Right Application on behalf of an Applicant known as Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd. This Application was withdrawn;

2.5. Greenmined were appointed in 2021, to attend to the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and related issues in respect of a Mining Right Application submitted by MCCP;

*“In the report, Mr Pretorius stated that potential environmental impacts were identified. I would like to find out if these were ever addressed? Were the specialist assessments ever done? A scoping report for review was to be made public in about mid-February 2018 for 30 days – was this ever done?”*

2.6. See **2.5** and **2.6** above;

2.7. We confirm, that detailed Specialist Reports were obtained by MCCP and have been utilised to inform this Environmental Impact Assessment (and in fact, form part thereof). As you are aware:

2.7.1. These reports have been made available to I&APs (including yourself);

2.7.2. The Specialists who compiled these reports, were available during the Public Participation Process, to answer questions raised by I&APs.

*“I sent several emails to Mr Pretorius, voicing my objections, and to date I have heard nothing.”*

2.8. Greenmined can unfortunately not speak for Mr Pretorius, as we have no association with him.

*“In September 2018, Shango Solutions came on board as EAP for a new company called Monte Cristo and I again registered as an I&AP. To date, I have not seen their assessment.”*

2.9. Greenmined can similarly not speak for Shango, or their actions or omissions.

*“We are now in April 2021, and I was informed at the beginning of the month that there was to be a meeting with another EAP for Monte Cristo, namely Greenmined, and that there would be a public participation meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> April...the same day at the public participation meeting of Sweet Sensations.”*

2.10. From the above, we accordingly can confirm, that:

2.10.1. You were clearly aware of the compilation of the new MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report, related processes and the Public Participation Process being conducted in respect thereof, by Greenmined;

2.10.2. Our **10 April 2021** MCCP Public Participation Meeting was scheduled at **09h00**. We are aware:

- 2.10.2.1. That Sweet Sensations also had a Public Participation Meeting on **10 April 2021**;
- 2.10.2.2. Due to no fault of our own and inadequate notice by Sweet Sensations, neither ourselves nor MCCP, were made or became aware of the Sweet Sensations meeting on **10 April 2021**, until well after we had notified I&APs, of the **10 April 2021** meeting date on **19 March 2021**;
- 2.10.3. We have taken all reasonable steps, to ensure that all I&APs were given adequate opportunity to attend one or more of the six Public Participation Meetings, scheduled by Greenmined during **April 2021**, all as is more fully set out, in detail, in paragraph 2 above;

*“Although I have now registered twice as an IAP, no one from Greenmined let me know about this meeting. When I contacted you, I was informed that the meeting would now fall on the 17<sup>th</sup> April, and you urged me to attend via Zoom due to COVID. I sent you a message this morning stating that I could not attend said meeting, but I have since discovered that the meeting did not take place due to the Zoom not being set up on time.”*

2.11. We confirm, that as per the above, you were aware:

2.11.1. Of the meeting on **10 April 2021**, since you confirmed that you would attend;

2.11.2. A further email was sent to all I&APs on **10 April 2021**, notifying I&APs:

2.11.2.1. Of both of the meetings on **17 April 2021**, at **07h00** and **13h00**, respectively;

2.11.2.2. Of both of the meetings on Saturday **24 April 2021**, at the Barrage Informal Settlement at **09h00** and the Lindequesdrift Informal Settlement at **11h00**, respectively;

*“We have now been given options of attending another Zoom meeting this afternoon, or alternatively a meeting in informal settlements. Please understand that despite COVID and other challenges (water issues, electricity issues), I am relieved to say that I still have a business to run and cannot afford to have my weekends wasted by meetings that do not take place, especially meetings that further challenge my investment.”*

2.12. We confirm, that as per your comments above, that you were invited to the Zoom Meeting at **17h00** on **21 April 2021**:

2.12.1. The **17h00** time slot, was specifically chosen, in order to allow I&APs to attend the meeting outside Business Hours;

2.12.2. Your assertions above, provide no clear reason as to why you saw fit not to attend the meeting scheduled on Wednesday **24 April 2021**, or the two meetings scheduled on Saturday **24 April 2021**;

2.12.3. We confirm, that Mr Bobby Hartslielief (perhaps known to yourself on local community groups, as “The Mighty Quinn”), an I&AP like yourself, despite a hectic social schedule, attended at both meetings, and vociferously contributed to one of the meetings on **24 April 2021**;

*“I would also like to know what the farm where the mining is to take place is zoned for?”*

2.13. We refer you to a letter forwarded to the DMR RMDEC on **25 April 2019** by Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd (copy of same enclosed herewith);

*“Please find my two previous IAP applications, as well as a letter sent by me to the Chairman of the Protect Vaal Eden Committee, by me in November 2018, raising my concerns/objections to the proposed mine, due to me not being given an opportunity to voice them in a public participation meeting, and to which I have yet to receive the answers. He has advised me to forward the letter to you, in the hopes someone will take notice.”*

2.14. The above letters relate to the current Application. At that stage, the Mining Right Application was being dealt with by Shango Solutions.

3. In the interests of clarity, I have, where relevant, responded hereto ad seriatim to the unnumbered paragraphs of your letter to Mr Gavin Aboud, allegedly sent by you to Mr Aboud in **November 2018**.

## **YOUR LETTER TO GAVIN ABOUD**

*Hi Gavin*

*From the attendance at yesterday's meeting, it seems to me that affected parties are finally waking up – thank you Gavin, and sorry you had to threaten to gain attention.*

*Unfortunately, I couldn't stay later than 12 as I have a business to run, so please accept my apologies. I did have a couple of concerns that I wished to raise, but didn't find the right time, as there were so many people far more informed than me that were raising their concerns and I felt it was more important for them to have their say.*

*“As an owner of a business which specializes in tourism on the banks of the Vaal River, directly across from the proposed mining area, I am particularly concerned about the following issues, and while I know most of these issues were on the agenda for yesterday's meeting, I would like your help in correcting me on a couple of issues before I bring them to the attention of Shango Solutions, in the hopes that I can get an honest response:*

1. *The sand mining just suddenly appeared on the farm directly across from us and without our knowledge, and as far as I understand, without the correct mining rights – why were we not consulted?*

3.1. *Goosebay Farm (Pty ) Ltd was granted Mining Permits and a Prospecting Right, during 2009. Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd exercised its rights validly in terms of the foregoing Mining Permits (which were renewed on three occasions), and expired in January 2018.*

2. *They then applied for, and were given mining rights, without any public participation – is this legal?*

3.2. *Please see above.*

3. *Their mining permit expired earlier this year, and they are in the process of getting it renewed – have they started rehabilitation and if so, why not – surely this would give them the opportunity to prove to the affected parties that they have our interests, as well as the interests of the environment in mind?*

3.3. *Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd has fully rehabilitated the Mining Permit Areas, as required by Law. The current Applicant for a Mining Right is M CCP.*

4. *I googled the effects of silica on the environment, and below is what I found:*

*Silica is a known carcinogen. The most common disease resulting from overexposure to silica is silicosis. Silicosis is a disease that scars the tissue of the lung, making breathing a burden because the lung's ability to extract oxygen from the air is impeded. The scarring occurs as a result of the body's continual and unsuccessful fight to rid the silica particles. This can eventually lead to other diseases and death. As a matter of fact, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) estimates that 300 people die each year from silica-related disease.*

*Symptoms are fairly well known. The most common is shortness of breath, even with simple activities, and related coughing or wheezing. Others include fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, and occasional bluish coloring of the skin at the ear lobes or lips. Subsequently, silicosis makes the sufferer more susceptible to other diseases and infections such as*

tuberculosis and lung cancer. There are three different types of silicosis. All have similar symptoms but different "latency" periods, as described in the following exhibit.

<b>Types of Silicosis</b>
<b>Chronic Silicosis.</b> <i>The most common of all types of silicosis. Symptoms usually occur after 10 years of mild exposure. It is not uncommon for symptoms to arise up to 45 years after exposure. A common chest X-ray can reveal symptoms in the lungs.</i>
<b>Accelerated Silicosis.</b> <i>Also known as progressive massive fibrosis, accelerated silicosis is most likely the rarest form of silicosis. Symptoms develop quicker than Chronic Silicosis—5 to 10 years—and typically result from moderate overexposure. Usually results in death after only a few years of its development.</i>
<b>Acute Silicosis.</b> <i>Acute silicosis is the most rapidly developing of the three—causing massive lung damage in a very short period of time. Symptoms typically develop within weeks up to 5 years of inhaling very large amounts of silica. Acute silicosis does not progress to the chronic stages. There is limited hope for patients with acute silicosis—typically including a lung transplant.</i>

- 3.4. The Applicant M CCP, was greatly concerned about the possibility that Mining Silica sand, could affect the health of its Staff and Neighbours to Goosebay Farm and persons resident on the Farm:
- 3.5. The Applicant M CCP, accordingly engaged the following Professional Consultants:
  - 3.5.1. Mr Marius Meintjies of Cimbidium, to Monitor Dust Levels during Mining Processes;
  - 3.5.2. Mr Nick Grobler of Airshed to report on Dust and Noise Levels and potential Mitigation Measures to be implemented;
  - 3.5.3. Dr Willie van Niekerk of Infotox, a world renowned Toxicologist;
- 3.6. All of the above Consultants provided comprehensive documentation and reports, to which you are respectfully referred.
- 3.7. The above Consultants were available to interact with I&APs at the Public Participation Meetings, which you were aware of, but elected not to attend on 6 occasions.
- 3.8. An important conclusion to be drawn from the observations, measurements, calculations, studies and reports of the above Consultants, was that should the Mitigation Measures outlined by said Specialists be applied, the relevant Environmental and Health Risks associated with Mining, could be mitigated to acceptable levels.
- 5. *They are proposing to establish an open pit mine. Not understanding what this meant, I googled open pit mining, and it's impact on the environment. This is what I found:*
- 3.9. You are incorrect. M CCP's documents and the Presentation Materials provided by Greenmined, confirm that Mining will be conducted as follows:
  - 3.9.1. Open Cast Surface Mining;
  - 3.9.2. Rollover Method with concurrent rehabilitation;

3.9.3. A very limited area, equivalent to less than 2% of Goosebay Farm's Surface Area, of more than 850 hectares, to be mined at any given time;

3.10. An Eco Estate to be developed simultaneously with the Mining Process, in order to maximise synergies and optimise the rehabilitation process.

From Wikipedia - The **environmental impact of mining** includes erosion in the **environment**, formation of sinkholes, loss of biodiversity, and contamination of soil, groundwater, and surface water by chemicals from **mining** processes.

<https://www.quora.com/What-impact-does-open-pit-mining-has-on-the-environment>

Aug 17, 2016 - **Open pit mines** have a huge **impact on the environment**. ... When the **mine** was closed, the pumping stopped, allowing groundwater levels to rise and the infilling of the **pit**. Water in the **pit** formed a pH 2.5 acid lake with high levels of metals and is a source of contamination to surrounding surface and groundwater.

I then took this a step further, and found this article below from environment.co.za which terrified me!:

3.11. Had you attended any of the Public Participation Meetings, you would have been able to put these questions to Specialist Consultants:

3.11.1. You are again referred to the Reports of the Specialist Consultants.

South Africa has failed to meet its human rights obligations to address the environmental and health effects of gold mining in and around Johannesburg, the Harvard Law School International Human Rights Clinic (IHRC) said in a new [report released today \(click to download it\)](#).

The 113-page report, *The Cost of Gold*, documents the threats posed by water, air, and soil pollution from mining in the West and Central Rand. Acid mine drainage has contaminated water bodies that residents use to irrigate crops, water livestock, wash clothes, and swim. Dust from mine waste dumps has blanketed communities. The government has allowed homes to be built near and sometimes on those toxic and radioactive dumps.

3.12. The Mining Right does not cover Gold.

3.13. Since there are no chemicals to be used in the Mining Process, there is no question of Chemicals contaminating Water Bodies or the Soil.

3.14. As stated above, potential Air Pollution is measured and regulated.

Examining the situation through a human rights lens, the report finds that South Africa has not fully complied with constitutional or international law. The government has not only inadequately mitigated the harm from abandoned and active mines, but it has also offered scant warnings of the risks, performed few scientific studies about the health effects, and rarely engaged with residents on mining matters.

3.15. As stated above, the Applicant MCCP, has conducted extensive scientific studies, which studies have detailed mitigation measures. All of these issues have been canvassed in detail with I&APs, during all of the Public Participation Meetings.



*Young children who live and play on Radioactive Uranium Mine Tailings at the Tudor Shaft Settlement, West Rand, Gauteng Province, South Africa. Acid Mine Drainage is a problem that has been ignored through sheer complacency for over 130 years.*

- 3.16. Open Cast Mining for Silica, Aggregates and Diamonds, does not have any radioactive component or consequence. Furthermore, it has an extremely low impact on the Environment, particularly where small areas are mined and concurrent rehabilitation takes place.



*This derelict landscape of the Robinson Dam in Randfontein, South Africa is all that remains of what was once a popular vacation spot. Raw and highly toxic mine effluent, highly radioactive and toxic, was pumped into this dam for years by nearby Gold mining companies. The area is now devoid of all forms of life and no current remediation is being done to clean up this environmental disaster. Acid mine drainage is a serious problem in the Gauteng province of South Africa as a result of over 130 years of Gold mining. Poor governance and complacency have led to an environmental disaster of epic proportion.*

- 3.17. MCCP does not propose to Mine Gold.



*Informational Warning sign in four Languages warning of the Water Contamination in the Wonderfonteinspruit due to Acid Mine Drainage, Carletonville, Gauteng Province, South Africa. Acid mine drainage (AMD) is the flow, or seepage, of polluted water from old mining areas. Depending on the area, the water may contain toxic heavy metals and radioactive particles. These are dangerous for people's health, as well as plants and animals. On the West Rand, toxic water has already destroyed life in the , WonderfonteinSpruit, Tweelopiespruit, Tudor Dam and the Robinson Lake near Randfontein. Even some borehole water is polluted. In some areas the water has polluted the soil, so people cannot grow vegetables. The Tweelopiespruit is part of the Crocodile River system and the Limpopo River catchment area.*

*“Gold mining has both endangered and disempowered the people of the West and Central Rand,” said Bonnie Docherty, senior clinical instructor at IHRC and the report's lead author. “Despite some signs of progress, the government's response to the crisis has been insufficient and unacceptably slow.”*

*The report is based on three research trips to the region and more than 200 interviews with community members, government officials, industry representatives, civil society advocates, and scientific and legal experts. It provides an in-depth look at gold mining's adverse impacts and examines the shortcomings of the government's reaction.*



*The Radioactive Robinson Lake back in 2010 when the area was still fenced off with warning signs. The area today is now devoid of all life as seen in the photo in the paragraph above. For years raw acid mine drainage from nearby gold mines was pumped into this once thriving holiday spot. As of 2016 all fencing has been removed and all poison warning signs have been removed by either the gold mining company responsible for this disaster or the government themselves. See photo below of the fencing and warning signs posted back in 2010.*

*For example, although acid mine drainage reached the surface of the West Rand in 2002, the government waited 10 years before establishing a plant that could stem its flow. In addition, the government has not ensured the implementation of dust control measures and has left industry to determine how to remove the waste dumps dominating the landscape.*

*The Cost of Gold calls on South Africa to develop a coordinated and comprehensive program that deals with the range of problems associated with gold mining in the region. While industry and communities have a significant role to play, the report focuses on the responsibility of the government, which is legally obliged to promote human rights.*



*Poison warning signs notifying the public of the toxicity levels of the Robinson Lake which were photographed here in 2010. As of 2016 all fencing and signs have been removed and anyone has unhindered access to this highly toxic and radioactive wasteland.*

*The government has taken some positive steps to deal the situation in the West and Central Rand. This year, it pledged to improve levels of water treatment by 2020. In 2011, it relocated residents of the Tudor Shaft informal settlement living directly on top of a tailings dam. The government along with industry has also made efforts to increase engagement with communities.*

*Nevertheless, The Cost of Gold finds that the government's delayed response and piecemeal approach falls short of South Africa's duties under human rights law. As a result, the impacts of mining continue to infringe on residents' rights to health, water, and a healthy environment, as well as rights to receive information and participate in decision making.*



*Clear signs of the effects of Acid Mine Drainage on the Witwatersrand of South Africa as photographed from an aircraft just outside the city of Johannesburg, South Africa. Leaching of heavy metals such as iron pyrite and radioactive uranium cause what is termed acid mine drainage. Acid mine drainage is a serious problem in the Gauteng province of South Africa as a result of over 130 years of Gold mining. Poor governance and complacency have led to an environmental disaster of epic proportion.*

*“The government should act immediately to address the ongoing threats from gold mining, and it should develop a more complete solution to prevent future harm,” Docherty said. “Only then will South Africa live up to the human rights commitments it made when apartheid ended.”*

*The full Harvard Report can be downloaded by clicking on this link >>> [cost-of-gold-mining-south-africa-acid-mine-drainage-amd-environmental-disaster-harvard-report](https://www.harvard.edu/press-office/2012/02/20/cost-of-gold-mining-south-africa-acid-mine-drainage-amd-environmental-disaster-harvard-report)*

*For more information or a copy of the full report, please contact:*

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Robinson Lake Radioactive Uranium Wasteland from Acid Mine Drainage AMD West Rand Gold Fields Randfontein South Africa. The Cost of Gold Mining in South Africa – The Effects of Acid Mine Drainage on the West Rand Goldfields of South Africa Viewed from Google Earth – Copyright Google Inc



*While I know this pertains mainly to the gold mines of Gauteng and it's environs – what guarantee do we have that this will not happen with our drinking water (a constitutional right!) with Acid mine drainage created by open cast mining?! The government have allowed the above mines to do what they please, why not do the same with this mine? We already have a river that is dying from all the pollution that is being dumped into it above us, what is going to happen on our doorstep if they let the mine go ahead?!*

- 4. MCCP is as stated above, not involved in Gold Mining or Mining that produces or utilises radioactive waste:
  - 4.1. MCCP has engaged Surface and Groundwater Specialists, and their reports inform the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report, to be submitted to the DMRE;
  - 4.2. There will be no “Acid Mine Drainage”;
  - 4.3. Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd and MCCP have common Shareholding and Directorship. The Land Owner and Mining Right Applicant will work closely to ensure that no Environmental degradation takes place. As was explained in detail in the Public Participation meetings, which you unfortunately elected not to attend, both of the aforementioned Companies, during the Rehabilitation process, intend to upgrade the historically overgrazed veld and restock same with indigenous game and other Fauna and Flora. The relevant experts have already been appointed for several years and currently monitor the rehabilitation.
  - 4.4. Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd intends the End Land use of Goosebay Farm post mining to be a Eco, River and Lifestyle Estate.

Kind Regards,

**Anne Wilson**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:30 PM

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**Attachments:** MCCP DEIAR Notification; Location Public Notices 10 April Public Part MCCP 6 Apr 2021 v2 bp.pdf; RE: MONTE CRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK (PTY) LTD ("MCCP") MINING PROJECT - DEIAR NOTIFICATION – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING 10 APRIL 2021; Notification Letter additional meeting 24 April 2021 - Amended

Dear Anne

## PART 2

### Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation – PART 2

1. Please find Part 2.

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Dear Anne

### **PART 3 of 4**

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**Attachments:** Location Publ Notices for 24 Apr 2021 Publ Part Meeting MCCP Pty Ltd Mining Right App 21 April 2021 v3 bp.pdf; On site notice AFR Physical Meeting V8 10 April 2021 - Final.pdf; On site notice - ENG Physical Meeting - V7 10 April 2021 - Final.pdf; On site notice - SESOTHO Physical Meeting - V7 10 April 2021 - Final.pdf; Notification Letter additional meeting 24 April 2021 - Amended; GB Min Obj Mining 2019 Lett DMR Re RMDEC 10048MR GB Resp 25 Apr 2019 v15 BP.pdf

Dear Anne

### **PART 4**

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# ARAGEA HOLLAND-FREDERICKS

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Gea Holland <hollandgea@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 06 April 2021 10:25 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit  
**Cc:** Mariette Liefferink; Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer; Bob; Chris; Craig; Dina; liz; Louis Kruger; Pieter; Renee; warrin; Marlene Lingenfelder; Martin Struwig; Gavin Aboud; Simon Nyofane; goosebay@mweb.co.za; Scholtz, Carl (C); Angelslight; Heather Meyers; Tsuoise Mokete; Fagmie Fredericks; wayne.kevern.wk  
**Subject:** Re: MONTE CRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK (PTY) LTD ("MCCP") MINING PROJECT - DEIAR NOTIFICATION - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING 10 APRIL 2021  
**Attachments:** image003.png

Dear Sonette

On behalf of the Vaaloewer Ratepayers Association and the Vaaloewer Community the date for the Monte Christol Public participation meeting is objected to due to:

- a clashing Public Participation meeting with Sweet Sensations.
- insufficient notice
- insufficient advertisement
- not all members have access to computers for a virtual session

Your organisation is herewith requested to address the concerns highlighted above.

Best regards  
Aragea Holland-Fredericks  
Chairperson  
Vaaloewer Ratepayers Association  
0823327655

On Tue, 06 Apr 2021, 07:29 Gavin Aboud, <[gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za](mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za)> wrote:

Good Day All Registered IAPs,

I refer mail below.

You are requested to voice your concerns regarding the mail below sent by Greenminded.

Regards

Gavin Aboud

Chairman:Protect Vaal Eden Committee



Dear Interested and Affected Party;

**NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING PERTAINING TO THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (“DEIAR”) FOR THE MINING RIGHT APPLICATION BY MONTE CRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK (PTY) LTD OVER THE REMAINING EXTENT, REMAINDER OF PORTION 1 AND PORTION 3 OF THE FARM WOODLANDS 407, NGWATHE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE**

1. The above matter as well as public participation process followed in terms of the above Mining Right Application, refers.
2. It has been brought to our attention, that some interested and affected parties (I&AP's), do not have the relevant resources and therefore will not have access to the virtual **Public Participation Meetings** to be held on **10 April 2021** and **17 April 2021**.
3. In view of the Regulations and other issues pertaining to the National State of Disaster, currently in place, and the Covid-19 pandemic, separate Public Participation meetings have been arranged, to discuss the contents of the DEIAR on 10 April 2021 (Virtual Meeting Only) as well as on 17 April 2021 (Virtual & Physical Meeting – the physical meeting location shall be communicated to all IAP's shortly).
4. In the event that any I&AP is unable to attend the above meetings, or does not have the resources to attend the virtual meetings (or to travel to, the Physical Meeting on the 17 April 2021), both as above, **additional Physical Meetings** will be held on **24 April 2021** at the following locations, and at the following times:
  - 4.1. **Barrage Informal Settlement** – On open Land in front of Barrage Primary School, located at Area 577 Kaalplaats Barrage 1900 Gauteng Province, (open space approximately 100m South west from Barrage Police Station) - GPS Co-ordinates 26.762991 - 27.678541 at **9:00 – 10:00**
  - 4.2. **Lindequesdrift/Vaal Oewer Informal Settlement** – On open Land immediately adjacent to Lindequesdrift (Vaal Oewer) informal settlement, North West Province, on main road (Open Space approximately 750m south from the Vaal Oewer entrance - GPS Co-ordinates -26,7309250, 27,5842210 at **11:00 – 12:00**

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5. The above mentioned **Additional Physical Meetings** on the **24<sup>th</sup> of April 2021** have been arranged, solely for the purposes of accommodating Qualifying I&AP's, who may potentially be unable to attend the meetings on 10 April 2021 and 17 April 2021 and do not have access to computers or Wi-Fi. Accordingly:
  - 5.1. Please do not attend these meetings, if you are able to attend any of the previous meetings, as set out above.
  - 5.2. Please note that this request, is to provide an opportunity specifically for those I&AP's, who do not have access to the above mentioned resources (as set out more fully in clause 2 above), to participate in the process, and not be excluded due to a lack of resources.
  - 5.3. It is intended that these Additional Meetings, to be held on 24 April 2021 (as set out above) will enable said Qualifying Rural and Informal Settlement Dwelling I&AP's, to participate in the public consultation and information provision process. (Especially in light of the restrictions imposed on Gatherings by the COVID-19 Regulations).
6. We thank you in advance for your cooperation, look forward to interacting with you.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Smit', is written over a horizontal line.

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Comments and Objections from Aragea Holland Fredericks pertaining to the Monte Christo Environmental Impact Assessment Application Public Participation session for mining -held on Saturday, 17 April 2021 from 13:00 to 04:51

1. In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, the required studies and licencing requirements for **roads, rezoning, water use licence, economic and tourism impact studies, road studies** must:

- feed into a mining application
- must be performed prior to a mining application.

Obtaining approval for the mining licence without approval of the **roads, rezoning, water use licence, economic and tourism impact studies** above will place pressure on the specific government agencies to approve the mining licence.

2. **Zoning:** The area is zoned for tourism and agriculture and not mining. A rezoning application has not been done. The zoning application will also require a public participation process which has not been performed. The zoning application should feed into the mining application.
3. **Water:** The water use licence has not been performed either and is also an input into the mining application. Public participation will also be required.
4. The water use impact was not included in the Public Participation session on Saturday, 17 April 2021 due to a lack of time allowance by the EAP/ applicant.
5. **Studies on economic and tourism** impact has not yet been performed and was not discussed at the public participation meeting on 17 April 2021. This should also be an input into the mining application and also requires public participation.
6. **Additional road studies** will be required to establish where the 150 trucks for silica and 50 trucks for sand will park while they line up.
7. Was **mining rights** obtained? Can proof / the certificate be provided?
8. The applicant advises that the aforementioned studies/ applications and approval from the various government agencies will be obtained after the mining licence has been obtained. According to the case study: "Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa v Minister of Finance and Development Planning (Western Cape): Minister of Environmental and Cultural Affairs: Municipality of Stellenbosch and Paradyskloof Golf Estate." APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE DONE PIECE MEAL". An application reasonably should include all the facts for consideration of a decision.
9. It is not reasonable for a mining application decision to be reviewed empirically or granted if all the information on the impact cumulatively and individually on the community or environment has not been established.
10. The noise test was not performed for a residential area. Vaaloewer is a residential area and under one kilometre away from the closest operations.
11. The environmental authorisation for Prospecting and establishment of an Eco Estate did not include a public participation process.

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 24 April 2021 07:24 PM  
**To:** Aragea Holland-Fredericks  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Holland-Fredericks Response - Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") - Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report – Public Participation Process  
**Attachments:** Comments and Objections from Aragea Holland Fredericks pertaining to the Monte Cristo EIA.docx  
**Importance:** High

Dear Ms Holland-Fredericks

### Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") - Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report – Public Participation Process

1. The above matter, as well as your email dated **17 April 2021, 21:29 PM**, refer.
2. We hereby respond seriatim, in **red font**, to the written comments annexed to your abovementioned email, as set out hereunder:

#### AD YOUR PARAGRAPH 1

*“1. In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, the required studies and licencing requirements for roads, rezoning, water use licence, economic and tourism impact studies, road studies must:*

- *feed into a mining application*
- *must be performed prior to a mining application.*

*Obtaining approval for the mining licence without approval of the roads, rezoning, water use licence, economic and tourism impact studies above will place pressure on the specific government agencies to approve the mining licence.”*

**2.1. We take note of your comment that the roads, rezoning, water use licence, economic and tourism impact studies must feed into a mining application, and that such studies must be performed prior to a mining application;**

**2.2. We believe that all requisite Specialist Studies have been properly conducted**

#### AD YOUR PARAGRAPH 2

*“2. Zoning: The area is zoned for tourism and agriculture and not mining. A rezoning application has not been done. The zoning application will also require a public participation process which has not been performed. The zoning application should feed into the mining application.”*

**2.3. With regards to your comments in relation to zoning, we wish to draw your attention to Schedule 2 of The Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (“SPLUMA”) which provides that:**

*“where no town planning or land use scheme applies to a piece of land before a land use scheme is approved in terms of this Act, such land may be used only for the purposes listed in Schedule 2 of this Act and for which*

*such land was lawfully used or could lawfully have been used immediately prior to the commencement of the Act”.*

2.4. It should be noted that the Ngwathe Municipality has not yet adopted a Land Use Scheme in terms of SPLUMA, and therefore Schedule 2 of SPLUMA applies to this matter. We wish to record that Schedule 2 of SPLUMA includes “Mining Purposes”.

2.5. Therefore, no need exists, at this stage, to apply for the rezoning of the Application Area.

#### **AD YOUR PARAGRAPHS 3, 4, 5 and 6**

“3 **Water:** *The water use licence has not been performed either and is also an input into the mining application. Public participation will also be required.*

4 *The water use impact was not included in the Public Participation session on Saturday, 17 April 2021 due to a lack of time allowance by the EAP/ applicant.*

5 **Studies on economic and tourism** *impact has not yet been performed and was not discussed at the public participation meeting on 17 April 2021. This should also be an input into the mining application and also requires public participation.*

6 **Additional road studies** *will be required to establish where the 150 trucks for silica and 50 trucks for sand will park while they line up.”*

2.6. Please note that the preliminary studies, as referred to above by yourself, were submitted simultaneously with the abovementioned Mining Right Application. These preliminary studies were subject to a public participation process during the scoping phase.

2.7. Furthermore, the abovementioned studies were finalised and expanded, as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment phase, which studies were once again subject to a public participation process.

2.8. Furthermore, we also confirm, that MCCC has applied for a Water Use License (“WULA”), which WULA is currently in process.

#### **AD YOUR PARAGRAPH 7**

“7. Was **mining rights** obtained? Can proof/ the certificate be provided?”

2.9. We confirm, that MCCC does not currently hold an existing mining right over the application area. We are therefore unable to provide you with the requested proof/certificate, as the MCCC Mining Right Application, is still in process.

#### **AD YOUR PARAGRAPHS 8 and 9**

“8. *The applicant advises that the aforementioned studies/ applications and approval from the various government agencies will be obtained after the mining licence has been obtained. According to the case study: “Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa v Minister of Finance and Development Planning (Western Cape): Minister of Environmental and Cultural Affairs: Municipality of Stellenbosch and Paradyskloof Golf Estate.” APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE DONE PIECE MEAL”. An application reasonably should include all the facts for consideration of a decision.*

9. *It is not reasonable for a mining application decision to be reviewed empirically or granted if all the information on the impact cumulatively and individually on the community or environment has not been established”*

- 2.10. The Applicant takes note of the above contentions, without admitting the correctness of same, or the applicability of said contentions to the MCCP Application.

**AD YOUR PARAGRAPHS 10 and 11**

*“10. The noise test was not performed for a residential area. Vaaloewer is a residential area and under one kilometre away from the closest operations.”*

- 2.11. We would like to reiterate that MCCP and the landowner share common directorship and shareholding, therefore it is in the interests of both the applicant and the landowner that the impacts to the environment and roads are minimised, and that all mitigation measures, including noise levels, are adhered to;

*“11. The environmental authorisation for Prospecting and establishment of an Eco Estate did not include a public participation process.”*

- 2.12. MCCP has not submitted an application for a Prospecting Right;

- 2.13. Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd obtained an Environmental Authorisation for an Eco Estate.

3. Kindly also note that once the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report, which shall include your valued comments, is submitted to the competent authority, the application will be processed for final decision making, after which process the mining right will either be refused or granted.

4. We thank you for your participation in this process.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete  
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[<Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)

**Subject:** Comments on DEIAR Public Participation session, 17/4/21

Dear Sonette

Attached, please find my comments and objections.

Regards

Gea Holland-Fredericks

## **Marlene Lingenfelder**

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 24 April 2021 07:25 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Holland-Fredericks Response - Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") - Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report – Public Participation Process

**Your message has been delivered to the following recipients:**

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Subject: FW: Holland-Fredericks Response - Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") - Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report – Public Participation Process

**BOB HARTSLIEF**



## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 12 April 2021 07:39 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: MONTE CRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK (PTY) LTD ("MCCP") MINING PROJECT - DEIAR NOTIFICATION – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING 10 APRIL 2021

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**From:** Bob Hartsliet [mailto:bobh@dullies.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 3, 2021 3:41 PM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>  
**Cc:** Gavin Aboud <gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za>  
**Subject:** Re: MONTE CRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK (PTY) LTD ("MCCP") MINING PROJECT - DEIAR NOTIFICATION – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING 10 APRIL 2021

Please ...

Mr. Aboud represents ( speaks for )

ALL IAPS in this matter.

However if you want to be pedantic- and dare i say - insensitive and quite unreasonable- which may in of itself render the eintire process illegal in terms of the rights of people who do not have smart phones- cannot afford data- have no access to wifi- then be advised hereby that ALL iaps in the community want to attend a public meeting- myself included and my 49 staff members.

Thanks

Bob Hartsliet

Sent from my iPhone

On 03 Apr 2021, at 11:23, Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)> wrote:

Good day Gavin,

**MONTE CRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK (PTY) LTD ("MCCP") MINING PROJECT - DEIAR NOTIFICATION – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING 10 APRIL 2021**

1. Your emails dated **30 March 2021 3:54 PM** and **31 March, 2021 7:26 AM** (copies of same enclosed herewith), refer.

**Sweet Sensation / Digby Wells Focus Group Meetings to be held on 10 April 2021 – Clash with MCCP Virtual Public Participation Meeting on Saturday 10 April 2021.**

2. We take note of your email dated **30 March, 2021 3:54 PM**, wherein you stated as follows:

*"Good Day Greenminded and Digby Wells,*

*You both have informed the IAP's registered for Sweet Sensations and Pure Source that they must save the date for a PPP meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> April.*

*Please be advised we cannot be in both places at the same time?*

*Someone will have to change their date?"*

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 23 April 2021 07:43 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 8:10 PM  
**Subject:** Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Dear registered I&APs

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**FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048MR**

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TO: M/s Sonette Smit  
Managing Director  
Greenmined Environmental  
SOMERSET WEST

Good day M/s Smit

My requests to you to obtain an agenda for your so called Public Participation meeting tomorrow, with IAP's have gone unanswered. This request was in order to allow us to prepare our experts to attend the meeting, to hear the submissions from your experts and to engage them on their assertions, suggestions and findings. Considering your Environmental plan alone ( on your web site) is 451 pages long, with 49 Appendices, to work through that report tomorrow at say 30 seconds per page, would take 3,75 hrs.

On your web site there are over 50 reports.

However, it would seem that many of these reports date back to 2018 and were prepared for totally different entities, such as Shango , Van Wyk Land Development Corporation Pty Ltd and Goosebay. I would expect that many of these reports are now outdated given the economic growth in the area over the past three years , and therefore those reports can be of no force nor effect today.

That said, we asked a representative of our committee to visit the venue this morning in the hope of meeting you and or your staff to ascertain the agenda and procedures for tomorrow's public participation meeting only to find you had not arrived and from all indications there would only be electronic interaction with you and your team. ( I sent you a what's app in this regard)

Therefore, let me set some objections out to you in this letter as it is uncertain if this will be possible tomorrow.

The 128-page application tabled by Greenmined Environmental, on behalf of Monte Cristo Commercial Park Pty Ltd titled MINING WORK PROGRAMME which we were hoping to discuss with you tomorrow, is fatally flawed and should not be considered for (amongst others) the following reasons :

1. The land in question remains zoned for agricultural purposes and therefore NO SUCH application can be presently considered --as it is in direct contravention of the Constitutional Court Ruling as handed down by Judge Jafta of the Constitutional Court, in the MAC SANDS vs CAPE TOWN matter on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2012—wherein it was ruled that mining can only take place on land zoned for mining.

**Judge Jafta ordered:**

**“(18) Therefore in terms of LUPO, mining may only be undertaken on land if the zoning permits it (or departure is granted). If not, ZONING OF THE LAND MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF MINING OPERATIONS –(NOT AFTER )**

**The zoning that permits that land to be used for mining does not however, license mining nor does it determine mining rights. The role played by LUPO is limited to the control and regulation of the use of the land.”**

GREENMINED SAY on page 33, when it is pointed out to you that the land is NOT zoned for mining:

*“Noted. According to the Zoning Certificate for the three affected properties, the area is zoned for agriculture. However, other permitted uses include shops, business premises, dwelling houses, residential buildings, places of worship, places of instruction and farming. Upon granting of the Mining Right, the Applicant will engage with the local Authority and apply for consent to include mining as an additional permitted use.”*

**GREENMINED make this assertion twice more on page 257 and page 41:**

*The client will initiate the process of applying for consent to include mining as an additional permitted land use on the three properties, in the event that the Mining Right is granted by the DMR.”*

**This is in direct contravention of Judge Jafta’s ruling.**

GREENMINED THEN SAY:

*5. It is our instruction that silica sand mining has been conducted on the property since the 1970’s and was accordingly not subject to a land use scheme at its commencement.*

*6. You will appreciate that the Ngwathe Local Municipality has yet to adopt a land use scheme as contemplated in Section 24(1) of The Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act of 2013 (“SPLUMA”) nor does its current Land Use Scheme make provision for the zoning of farmland.*

*7. Consequently the property in question falls squarely within the ambit of Section 26(3) of SPLUMA which is quoted hereunder for your ease of reference:*

*“Where no town planning or land use scheme applies to a piece of land before a land use scheme is approved in terms of this Act, such land may be used only for the purposes listed in Schedule 2 of this Act and for which such land was lawfully used or could lawfully have been used immediately prior to the commencement of the Act.”*

*8. Schedule 2 of the Act in turn includes “mining purposes”.*

*9. In the premises the mining activities conducted on the property in question is not in contravention of any Law and we reiterate that the owners are under no obligation to rezone the property as alleged by the members of the community.*

We strongly disagree with the conclusion you arrive at.

We refer you again to Judge Jafta's ruling item (38) wherein he states:

**“The issues arising in this matter are NOT confined to the Western Cape Province. As national legislation, the MPRDA applies throughout the country. LUPO on the other hand applies in three provinces: The Western Cape: parts of the Eastern Cape: and parts of the Northwest Province. HOWEVER there are similar provincial laws in other provinces as well. Therefore the final determination of this dispute will have an effect beyond the present parties”**

**The ORANGE FREE STATE's TOWNSHIP Ordinance 9 of 1969 is applicable in the Free State Province.**

This ordinance predates your clients allegation that because silica sand was being mined on that property (illegally) in 1970 the property “*was accordingly not subject to a land use scheme at its commencement.*”

The land under discussion, by the applicant's own admission, are farms and **Mining rights cannot be granted to land zoned as FARMS.**

We are NOT lawyers, nor advocates but have interacted with South African Cities Network and will engage their services going forwards. SACN commissioned a report titled:

## **Provincial Land Use Legislative Reform Free State Province: Status Report**

The report was written by Professor Verna Nel of University of the Free State and produced by the South African Cities Network secretariat consisting Sithole Mbanga, Letlhogonolo Dibe, Supriya Kalidas, Sadhna Bhana and Nenekazi Jukuda

Dr. Henning Stapelberg of Free State Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Sub-directorate of Spatial Planning, served as an external reader and provided useful comments to the report.

This report deals in depth with LAND USE and zoning in the Free State and Professor Nel's report categorically refutes your assertion that:

*“the property in question falls squarely within the ambit of Section 26(3) of SPLUMA”*

2. We are told that the application is made in the name of Monte Cristo Commercial Park Pty Ltd (formerly known as Eagle Creek Investments 664 Pty Ltd) and Monte Cristo is **WHOLLY** owned by a company called Van Wyk Land Corporation Pty Ltd . In terms of the mining charter this is illegal, as mines require a 26% black shareholding. Considering Monte Cristo Commercial Park Pty Ltd has **NOT**

presented any empowerment credentials with regard to “meaningful economic participation of back people “ as required, their application cannot be considered.

***the Mineral Resources Department stated that mine-right holders must ensure their empowerment credentials are “consistent with the amended 2016 Mining Charter”, which states that producers “must achieve a minimum target of 26 percent ownership per mining right to enable meaningful economic participation of black people”.***

3. The title DEEDS presented show that the owner of the land in question, is a Company called Winners Point 117 Pty Ltd with no indication of who owns that company. The title deed is in direct contradiction with what is said by Greenmined on page 64 of the application which says “ on a FARM (NOTE FARM) which is wholly owned by Goosebay Farm Pty Ltd. No indication is given as to who owns this entity. **Under these conflicting and contradictory statements, we have no idea who actually owns the land or has the mineral rights.**
  
4. On page 64 the applicants say “ there will be **NO SOCIO-ECONOMIC** Impact study (costs) for the PURE SOURCE Mine project as there are **NO COMMUNITIES** in the immediate surrounding areas **THAT COULD BE AFFECTED”** which shows either complete ignorance of the surrounding areas or complete disrespect for all the affected IAP’s. **Considering there are businesses and 300 private homes less than 1000m from the proposed mine, there will most definitely be HUGE socio-economic impact which HAS to be assessed.**

These are my preliminary objections to your application.

Personally, I would request a physical PARTICIPATION meeting with your team as opposed to what seems to be an electronic interaction, where we sit and look at talking heads on a screen. As you are no longer responding to my what’s app messages, I cannot be sure of what your plans are for tomorrow and have no idea what will be discussed or whether I and my staff will be allowed to participate.

Therefore , I will not be physically attending your so called “public participation” meeting tomorrow .

I kindly request that you address the abovementioned issues. Please be advised these are not all the issues we have concerns about as NO AGENDA has been forth coming from you.

Finally, I would like to place on record that I have been unable to locate a letter from the Free State roads department, in any of your submissions, addressed to your clients, wherein they oppose mining on the properties you refer to.

Yours sincerely

Bob Hartslief  
Member of Protect Vaal Eden Committee

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 22 April 2021 04:10 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder; Elsaine Costerus Mohr  
**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report  
**Attachments:** Greenmined MCCP Presentation Agenda.pdf

**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2021 6:54 PM  
**To:** Philip Hartsliet <bobh@dullies.com>  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder <admin@greenmined.co.za>  
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Good day Mr Hartsliet,

Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

1. Please see arrangements for the physical meetings at Eden Manor on Saturday 17 April 2021 at 07H00 and 13H00, respectively.
2. I have also attached the agenda as requested.

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 14 April 2021 06:32 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

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**Cc:** Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer; Anne Wilson; Aragea Holland-Fredericks; Chakane; Chris Campbell; Cindy Aboud; Craig Richardson; Di Stevens (Vaaloewer); Dina; Duan Jacobs; Frans Van der Merwe; Gavin Aboud; Hanlie Stander; Liz; Louis Kruger; Magda Rijksen; Marianne Bilsland; Mariette Liefferink; Martin Struwig; Mcebo Mkhathshwa; Nardus Buys; Paul Kgole; Pieter Hattingh; Protect Vaal Eden; Renee Hartslielief; Sampie van Rooyen; Kobus Swart; Sean Hunter and Heather Ubsdell; Selma Kok; Stephan Fick / Johan and Susan Malan; Veronica Withers; Warrin; Yusuf Dadabhay; Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** Re: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

Sonette

Your email of 10;46am on 17th refers wherein you say:

5. **We wish to again re-iterate and stress that the well-being of the I&APs, is of utmost concern to us.**

You are well aware that most of our committee members attended the physical meeting that YOU proposed on the 17th at 7-00am at EDEN MANOR and then due to NO fault of any of us- YOU cancelled the meeting as YOU were not prepared to proceed

The alternative PHYSICAL meeting offered is as set out below

1. On open land in front of a school —for ONE HOUR with no agenda.

OR

2. Open land adjacent to an informal settlement also FOR ONE hour. Also with no agenda.

Please explain to us how this is possibly addressing and showing concern for THE WELL -BEING of the IAP'S?

On the contrary, given the facts, it now seems that GREENMINED have orchestrated a well thought out plan NOT to PHYSICALLY meet members of the PROTECT VALL EDEN committee, Which is exactly what you have proposed from the outset.

We request your urgent response

Bob Hartslielief

Nevertheless, we invite all I&APs, that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, Physically or Virtually, to also attend the further Meetings to be held by us, on 24 April 2021, as follows:

- 4.1. **Barrage Informal Settlement** – On open Land in front of Barrage Primary School, located at Area 577 Kaalplaats Barrage 1900 Gauteng Province, (open space approximately 100m South west from Barrage Police Station) - GPS Co-ordinates 26.762991 - 27.678541 **at 9:00 – 10:00;**

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**Sent:** 21 April 2021 07:08 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit  
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Dear Sonette

You sent us an email on the 17th in which you said:

### Additional Virtual Meeting To Be Held 21 April 2021 At 17h00

6. We have accordingly arranged a further Meeting, to be held Virtually on Wednesday 21 April 2021, at 17h00, which I&APs that intended on taking part in the Meeting scheduled to take place 17 April 2021 at 07h00 may attend,

### EMPHASIS ON 17h00

**Your email below certainly comes as a surprise--- I would imagine to all of us--- as it says:**

Kindly confirm your attendance by **10:00 am on Wednesday** 21 April 2021 in order for us to provide you with the relevant Zoom link.

**1) Are we seeing this correctly ? you are now making the meeting at 10;00am today? (In three hours time?)**

**THIS HAS TO BE AN ERROR AS YOU AND THE PEOPLE AT MCCP ARE WELL AWARE THAT MOST OF THE PERSONS COPIED ON THIS EMAIL HAVE JOBS THAT THEY HAVE TO ATTEND DAILY and the EXPERTS we have on stand by cannot possibly be ready in the next 3 hours?**

**2) YOU THEN GO ON TO SAY:**

.Please note that no additional information will be presented during this meeting.

Please send an agenda of WHAT will be presented

I await your URGENT response.

Please be advised that I reserve my legal rights

Thank you  
Bob Hartsliet

On 20 Apr 2021, at 21:14, Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)> wrote:

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**From:** Sonette Smit

**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 10:46 AM

**To:** Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer <[marlene@kruppeng.co.za](mailto:marlene@kruppeng.co.za)>; Anne Wilson <[candyz@iafrica.com](mailto:candyz@iafrica.com)>; Aragea Holland-Fredericks <[hollandgea@gmail.com](mailto:hollandgea@gmail.com)>; Chakane <[chakanes@feziledabi.gov.za](mailto:chakanes@feziledabi.gov.za)>; Chris Campbell <[chris@cesa.co.za](mailto:chris@cesa.co.za)>; Cindy Aboud <[cindy.aboud@vodamail.co.za](mailto:cindy.aboud@vodamail.co.za)>; Craig Richardson <[cmrich@mweb.co.za](mailto:cmrich@mweb.co.za)>; Di Stevens (Vaaloewer) <[edstevens@telkomsa.net](mailto:edstevens@telkomsa.net)>; Dina <[dina.henstock@gmail.com](mailto:dina.henstock@gmail.com)>; Duan Jacobs <[duan.jacobs@sasol.com](mailto:duan.jacobs@sasol.com)>; Frans Van der Merwe <[frans.vandermerwe@telkomsa.net](mailto:frans.vandermerwe@telkomsa.net)>; Gavin Aboud <[gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za](mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za)>; Hanlie Stander <[HanlieS@jse.co.za](mailto:HanlieS@jse.co.za)>; Liz <[liz.tuux@gmail.com](mailto:liz.tuux@gmail.com)>; Louis Kruger <[krugerskroon@gmail.com](mailto:krugerskroon@gmail.com)>; Magda Rijkse <[mrijksen@telkomsa.net](mailto:mrijksen@telkomsa.net)>; Marianne Bilsland <[marianne@fixeng.co.za](mailto:marianne@fixeng.co.za)>; Mariette Liefferink

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 22 April 2021 09:07 AM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Extension

-----Original Message-----

From: Philip Hartslief [mailto:bobh@dullies.com]  
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 7:11 AM  
To: Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>  
Subject: Extension

Good Morning Sonette

I have a request for your kind consideration.

You have said you require all written objections by close of business today.

Now that I have a better understanding of the processes, I would like to consult professionals to day. as I am more confused than ever and need to obtain clarity on some key issues.

That said, may I please submit my revised objections on Saturday morning.

Thank you  
BobH

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Elsaine Costerus Mohr  
**Sent:** 22 April 2021 02:58 PM  
**To:** bobh@dullies.com  
**Cc:** Sonette Smit; Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Extension

**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Hartsliet,

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd (MCCP) Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Public Participation**

1. The above matter as well as your request for extension below, dated 22 April 2021 refers.
2. Please note that the abovementioned Public Participation Process was initiated on 19 March 2021, and that the mining right application has been in progress since 24 August 2018.
3. There has accordingly been sufficient opportunity for I&APs to review, engage on, and comment on, the DEIAR.
4. Please take note that such an extension as requested by you will require that revised Public Participation Process notices be delivered to all I&APs, failing which, such extension will result in the remaining I&APs being prejudiced, including I&APs that have already submitted comments and objections to be included in the FEIAR.
5. Having regard to the lateness of the request, in that it has been made on the final day in which you, as an I&AP, have been requested to submit comments, it is objectively not possible for us to provide sufficient notice of the extension to all I&APs.
6. We are accordingly not in a position to grant your request below.
7. You are, however, welcome to provide your revised objections on Saturday 24 April 2021, which objections will be submitted to the DMRE as a separate document.
8. Furthermore, we would like to refer to your WhatsApp messages to our Sonette Smit in which you requested clarification as to which specialist studies/reports will be submitted to the DMRE as part of the final report. Kindly note that all the studies conducted as part of this process, which will be submitted to the DMRE for final decision-making can be found on our website under Appendix F at <https://www.greenmined.com/environmental-impact-assessments/>.
9. We trust you will find the above in order and we thank you for your participation in this process.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**  
**Managing Director**

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 26 April 2021 03:29 AM  
**To:** Philip Hartsliel  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: BOB HARTSLIEF 1 - Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP" or "the applicant") - Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report – Public Participation Process  
**Attachments:** OBJECTIONS .docx; GB Min Obj Mining 2019 Lett DMR Re RMDEC 10048MR GB Resp 25 Apr 2019 v15 BP.pdf

Dear Mr. Hartsliel,

### Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP" or "the applicant") - Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report – Public Participation Process

1. The above matter and your email, dated **16 April 2021 16:44 PM**, refer.
2. We hereby respond *ad seriatim* in **red font** to the unnumbered paragraphs of the Objections enclosed with your abovementioned email, as set out below:

*"My requests to you to obtain an agenda for your so called Public Participation meeting tomorrow, with IAP's have gone unanswered. This request was in order to allow us to prepare our experts to attend the meeting, to hear the submissions from your experts and to engage them on their assertions, suggestions and findings. Considering your Environmental plan alone ( on your web site) is 451 pages long, with 49 Appendices, to work through that report tomorrow at say 30 seconds per page, would take 3,75 hrs."*

- 2.1. We would like to confirm that the agenda for the public participation meeting held on **17 April 2021** was sent to all registered I&APs on **16 April 2021**.

*"On your web site there are over 50 reports.*

*However, it would seem that many of these reports date back to 2018 and were prepared for totally different entities, such as Shango , Van Wyk Land Development Corporation Pty Ltd and Goosebay. I would expect that many of these reports are now outdated given the economic growth in the area over the past three years , and therefore those reports can be of no force nor effect today."*

- 2.2. Herewith we would like to note your concerns with regards to the amount of Specialist Reports and the extensive Environmental Impact Assessment Report;
  - 2.2.1. Please take into account that, for the sake of comprehensiveness and transparency, we had no other option than to include all relevant information into the report;
  - 2.2.2. As clarified in detail, in response to repeated and protracted questions from yourself to Mark van Wyk during the Public Participation Meeting held on **17 April 2021**, Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP"), Van Wyk Land Development Corporation (Pty) Ltd ("VLDC") and Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd, are all companies within the VLDC Group, which companies share common directorship and shareholding;
  - 2.2.3. It should be noted that Shango Solutions was the previous Environmental Consultant of the applicant, MCCP. Shango is currently not affiliated, nor involved, in any way with the Applicant, nor the VLDC Group nor Greenmined.

*“That said, we asked a representative of our committee to visit the venue this morning in the hope of meeting you and or your staff to ascertain the agenda and procedures for tomorrow’s public participation meeting only to find you had not arrived and from all indications there would only be electronic interaction with you and your team. ( I sent you a what’s app in this regard)”*

*“Therefore, let me set some objections out to you in this letter as it is uncertain if this will be possible tomorrow.”*

**2.3. We note with regret, that you did not have the curtesy to notify ourselves or the applicant that you intended to visit the venue. We find it difficult to understand what you hope to achieve by accosting us at the venue.**

*“The 128-page application tabled by Greenmined Environmental, on behalf of Monte Cristo Commercial Park Pty Ltd titled MINING WORK PROGRAMME which we were hoping to discuss with you tomorrow, is fatally flawed and should not be considered for (amongst others) the following reasons :”*

**2.4. It should be noted that the 128 page MWP referred to by you has indeed been submitted on behalf of the applicant in support of this mining right application. However, the pages you are referring to (i.e. pg. 33, 41 and 257) do not refer to the MWP, but rather to excerpts from Shango’s comments and response report in relation to the scoping phase public participation process. Therefore, your assertions that Greenmined made these comments is incorrect.**

*“1. The land in question remains zoned for agricultural purposes and therefore NO SUCH application can be presently considered --as it is in direct contravention of the Constitutional Court Ruling as handed down by Judge Jafta of the Constitutional Court, in the MAC SANDS vs CAPE TOWN matter on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2012—wherein it was ruled that mining can only take place on land zoned for mining.*

**Judge Jafta ordered:**

***“(18) Therefore in terms of LUPO, mining may only be undertaken on land if the zoning permits it (or departure is granted). If not, ZONING OF THE LAND MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF MINING OPERATIONS – (NOT AFTER )***

***The zoning that permits that land to be used for mining does not however, license mining nor does it determine mining rights. The role played by LUPO is limited to the control and regulation of the use of the land.”***

*GREENMINED SAY on page 33, when it is pointed out to you that the land is NOT zoned for mining:*

*“Noted. According to the Zoning Certificate for the three affected properties, the area is zoned for agriculture. However, other permitted uses include shops, business premises, dwelling houses, residential buildings, places of worship, places of instruction and farming. Upon granting of the Mining Right, the Applicant will engage with the local Authority and apply for consent to include mining as an additional permitted use.”*

**GREENMINED make this assertion twice more on page 257 and page 41:**

*The client will initiate the process of applying for consent to include mining as an additional permitted land use on the three properties, in the event that the Mining Right is granted by the DMR.”*

***This is in direct contravention of Judge Jafta’s ruling.***

*GREENMINED THEN SAY:*

*5. It is our instruction that silica sand mining has been conducted on the property since the 1970’s and was accordingly not subject to a land use scheme at its commencement.*

6. You will appreciate that the Ngwathe Local Municipality has yet to adopt a land use scheme as contemplated in Section 24(1) of The Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act of 2013 (“SPLUMA”) nor does its current Land Use Scheme make provision for the zoning of farmland.

7. Consequently the property in question falls squarely within the ambit of Section 26(3) of SPLUMA which is quoted hereunder for your ease of reference:

“Where no town planning or land use scheme applies to a piece of land before a land use scheme is approved in terms of this Act, such land may be used only for the purposes listed in Schedule 2 of this Act and for which such land was lawfully used or could lawfully have been used immediately prior to the commencement of the Act.”

8. Schedule 2 of the Act in turn includes “mining purposes”.

9. In the premises the mining activities conducted on the property in question is not in contravention of any Law and we reiterate that the owners are under no obligation to rezone the property as alleged by the members of the community.

We strongly disagree with the conclusion you arrive at.

We refer you again to Judge Jafta’s ruling item (38) wherein he states:

**“The issues arising in this matter are NOT confined to the Western Cape Province. As national legislation, the MPRDA applies throughout the country. LUPO on the other hand applies in three provinces: The Western Cape: parts of the Eastern Cape: and parts of the Northwest Province. HOWEVER there are similar provincial laws in other provinces as well. Therefore the final determination of this dispute will have an effect beyond the present parties”**

**The ORANGE FREE STATE’s TOWNSHIP Ordinance 9 of 1969 is applicable in the Free State Province.**

This ordinance predates your clients allegation that because silica sand was being mined on that property (illegally) in 1970 the property “was accordingly not subject to a land use scheme at its commencement.

The land under discussion, by the applicant’s own admission, are farms and **Mining rights cannot be granted to land zoned as FARMS.**

We are NOT lawyers, nor advocates but have interacted with South African Cities Network and will engage their services going forwards. SACN commissioned a report titled:

**Provincial Land Use Legislative Reform Free State Province: Status Report**

The report was written by Professor Verna Nel of University of the Free State and produced by the South African Cities Network secretariat consisting Sithole Mbanga, Letlhogonolo Dibe, Supriya Kalidas, Sadhna Bhana and Nenekazi Jukuda

Dr. Henning Stapelberg of Free State Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Sub-directorate of Spatial Planning, served as an external reader and provided useful comments to the report.

This report deals in depth with LAND USE and zoning in the Free State and Professor Nel’s report categorically refutes your assertion that:

“the property in question falls squarely within the ambit of Section 26(3) of SPLUMA””

2.5. With regards to your rezoning comment, we would like to refer you to Schedule 2 of The Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (“SPLUMA”) which provides that “where no town planning or land use scheme applies to a piece of land before a land use scheme is approved in terms of this Act, such land may be used only for the purposes listed in Schedule 2 of this Act and for which such land was lawfully used or could lawfully have been used immediately prior to the commencement of the Act”;

2.5.1. It should be noted that the Ngwathe Municipality has not yet adopted a Land Use Scheme and therefore Schedule 2 of SPLUMA applies to this matter, which schedule includes mining

2.5.2. Therefore, no need exist at this stage to apply for the rezoning of the application area;

2.5.3. The abovementioned issue was canvassed in depth at the RMDEC Meeting in Welkom **25 April 2019**, as we believe you are well aware. We again enclosed herewith a letter compiled by Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd and submitted to the RMDEC at the abovementioned meeting.

## **Provincial Land Use Legislative Reform Free State Province: Status Report**

*"2 We are told that the application is made in the name of Monte Cristo Commercial Park Pty Ltd (formerly known as Eagle Creek Investments 664 Pty Ltd) and Monte Cristo is **WHOLLY** owned by a company called Van Wyk Land Corporation Pty Ltd. In terms of the mining charter this is illegal, as mines require a 26% black shareholding. Considering Monte Cristo Commercial Park Pty Ltd has **NOT** presented any empowerment credentials with regard to "meaningful economic participation of black people" as required, their application cannot be considered.*

***the Mineral Resources Department stated that mine-right holders must ensure their empowerment credentials are "consistent with the amended 2016 Mining Charter", which states that producers "must achieve a minimum target of 26 percent ownership per mining right to enable meaningful economic participation of black people".***

*3 The title DEEDS presented show that the owner of the land in question, is a Company called Winners Point 117 Pty Ltd with no indication of who owns that company. The title deed is in direct contradiction with what is said by Greenmined on page 64 of the application which says "on a FARM (NOTE FARM) which is wholly owned by Goosebay Farm Pty Ltd. No indication is given as to who owns this entity. **Under these conflicting and contradictory statements, we have no idea who actually owns the land or has the mineral rights.**"*

2.6. It is correct that MCCP and Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd have common Directors and Shareholding:

2.6.1. This was also confirmed to all I&APs who attended the public participation meeting held on **17 April 2021**;

2.6.2. MCCP is aware of the Mining Charter provisions in terms of meaningful economic participation of historically disadvantaged South Africans, and MCCP hereby confirms that the Mining Right may not be granted, until the provisions of the Mining Charter has been complied with;

2.7. The title deeds in respect of the application area, will reflect that Winners Point 117 (Pty) Ltd is still the owner of the relevant portions of Goosebay Farm;

2.7.1. However, the name of the company holding the Farm, was changed to Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd for obvious reasons of commercial utility. The application area is therefore held by Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd, (previously known as Winners Point 117 (Pty) Ltd);

2.7.2. The abovementioned facts are neither contradictory, nor conflicting, as improperly asserted by yourself above. As you yourself have admitted, you are not legally trained, and it ill behoves you to draw improper and unfounded conclusions.

*"4. On page 64 the applicants say " there will be **NO SOCIO-ECONOMIC** Impact study (costs) for the PURE SOURCE Mine project as there are NO COMMUNITIES in the immediate surrounding areas **THAT COULD BE AFFECTED**" which shows either complete ignorance of the surrounding areas or complete disrespect for all the affected IAP's. **Considering there are businesses and 300 private homes less than 1000m from the proposed mine, there will most definitely be HUGE socio-economic impact which HAS to be assessed.**"*

2.8. Out of abundant caution a Socio Economic Impact Assessment Study was conducted. This study can be found on the Greenmined Website.

*“These are my preliminary objections to your application.*

*Personally, I would request a physical PARTICIPATION meeting with your team as opposed to what seems to be an electronic interaction, where we sit and look at talking heads on a screen. As you are no longer responding to my what’s app messages, I cannot be sure of what your plans are for tomorrow and have no idea what will be discussed or whether I and my staff will be allowed to participate.*

2.9. Six Public Participation Meetings were arranged. You participated in several of the Meetings as follows;

2.9.1. Virtually in the Public Participation Meeting on **17 April 2021 at 13H00**;

2.9.2. Virtually in the Public Participation Meeting on **21 April 2021 at 17H00**;

2.9.3. In person, physically at the Public Participation Meeting on **24 April 2021 at 11H00**.

*Therefore, I will not be physically attending your so called “public participation” meeting tomorrow.*

2.10. You provide no reasons for not physically attending either of the meetings on **17 April 2021**;

2.11. We confirm however, that you attended the **17 April 2021** meeting held at **13H00** virtually.

*I kindly request that you address the abovementioned issues. Please be advised these are not all the issues we have concerns about as NO AGENDA has been forth coming from you.”*

2.12. Further to the meeting held on **17 April 2021**, an additional virtual meeting was arranged for **21 April 2021**, as well as further physical meetings on **24 April 2021**, which notifications were sent on **17 April 2021**. We confirm that you attended all of these meetings as set out above.

*“Finally, I would like to place on record that I have been unable to locate a letter from the Free State roads department, in any of your submissions, addressed to your clients, wherein they oppose mining on the properties you refer to.”*

2.13. I am uncertain what is meant by the above. I confirm however, that Greenmined will make an application to the relevant Free State Authority with regards to access from the proposed mine to Public Roads.

3. We would like to make use of this opportunity to thank you for your participation in this process.

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Sent: 16 April 2021 16:44

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Subject: My Initial Participation Points

Good Afternoon Sonette

As I have no clue (nor have I been advised) how I and my staff will be able to participate in tomorrow's PUBLIC PARTICIPATION meeting VIA ZOOM nor whether we will be able to voice our views-VIA ZOOM -I have decided to submit my initial participation points to you in writing.

Regards

BobH

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 26 April 2021 03:36 AM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: BOB HARTSLIEF 1 - Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP" or "the applicant") - Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report – Public Participation Process

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Dear Mr. Hartsliel,

### Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Public Participation

1. The abovementioned matter and your email dated **21 April 2021 07:31 AM**, refer.
2. We hereby respond *seriatim* in **red font** to the unnumbered paragraphs of your abovementioned email, as set out hereunder.

*"Sonette"*

*"Your email of 10;46am on 17th refers wherein you say:*

5. *5 We wish to again re-iterate and stress that the well-being of the I&APs, is of utmost concern to us."*

**2.1. We confirm the above.**

**2.2. We would like to thank you for attending:**

**2.2.1. The meeting held on 17 April 2021 at 13h00;**

**2.2.2. The virtual meeting which was held on 21 April 2021 at 17h00, and;**

**2.2.3. The physical meeting held on Saturday 24 April 2021 at 11h00;**

**2.3. We value your participation and engagement with the specialists in this process.**

*"You are well aware that most of our committee members attended the physical meeting that YOU proposed on the 17th at 7-00am at EDEN MANOR and then due to NO fault of any of us- YOU cancelled the meeting as YOU were not prepared to proceed"*

**2.4. Please note that numerous requests to be patient, were made by the Chairman to I&APs who attended the meeting to be held on Saturday 17 April 2021 at 07h00, as the IT Contractor was in the process of attending to the technological issues:**

- 2.4.1. The Chairman requested, that I&APs who were on Zoom, continue with the meeting Virtually. Without providing any reasons, Virtual attendees to the meeting voted that the meeting be cancelled;
- 2.4.2. I&APs had begun leaving, prior to the meeting facilitator reaching any conclusions;
- 2.4.3. Although most of the physical attendees left the meeting, the Chairman was prepared to continue with the Zoom meeting, but the attendees to the Zoom meeting voted that the meeting be cancelled, as apparently the attendees to the physical meeting were their spokesmen;
- 2.5. All I&APs who attended the meeting on Saturday, **17 April 2021**, at **07h00**, were again invited to attend the meeting held on Saturday, **17 April 2021**, at **13h00**, either physically or virtually, as follows:
- 2.5.1. In person by the Managing Director of MCCP, Mark van Wyk at the meeting held on Saturday **17 April 2021** at **07h00**;
- 2.5.2. By way of an email sent to you by Greenmined on Saturday **17 April 2021** at **10h49** (copy of same enclosed herewith);
- 2.5.3. By way of a telephone call and SMS, likewise on Saturday **17 April 2021** at approximately **12h00**.

#### **Further Issues Relating to the Proposed Meeting on 07h00 on 17 April 2021**

2.6. Greenmined are informed, as follows:

- 2.6.1. That, Mr Gavin Aboud, instigated the other I&AP's to summarily leave the **07h00** meeting, notwithstanding that you were well aware that Greenmined had gone to a great deal of expense to arrange all of the following:
- 2.6.1.1. A comfortable venue, in top condition, and located in close proximity to all I&APs;
  - 2.6.1.2. Comfortable Seating, properly spaced at least 1.5 meters apart;
  - 2.6.1.3. Water as a refreshment (Covid-19 made the serving of tea and coffee inadvisable);
  - 2.6.1.4. Proper Covid-19 Signage;
  - 2.6.1.5. Adequate hand sanitizer;
  - 2.6.1.6. A proper Covid-19 compliant attendance register (copy of same enclosed herewith);
  - 2.6.1.7. "Gun Type" Thermometers to take the temperatures of I&APs attending, for their safety (such temperatures recorded on the abovementioned Covid-19 compliant attendance register);
  - 2.6.1.8. Sufficient uniformed personnel, to ensure all of the above;
  - 2.6.1.9. High quality colour copies of the presentation material, all of which was handed to I&APs;
  - 2.6.1.10. Security personnel to ensure the safety of I&APs;
  - 2.6.1.11. A highly qualified and experienced Meeting Facilitator (qualified with a PhD), to act as Chairman of the meeting, physically present at the Meeting Venue;
  - 2.6.1.12. The Landscape Architect (qualified with a Master's Degree), who has been on a retainer to MCCP, for at least the last six years, to advise on, guide and monitor the rehabilitation process;

- 2.6.1.13. A panel of Specialist Professional Consultants (all highly qualified, including some with Masters Degrees and PhD's – many of whom are recognised as leaders in their fields), to answer all of I&AP's questions, relating to Environmental issues;
- 2.6.1.14. A state of the art electronic system to facilitate a simultaneous Virtual and Physical Meeting via Zoom (we are advised that certain I&APs, by unnecessarily joining the Zoom Virtual Meeting, whilst attending the Physical Meeting, via Zoom, caused the interference on Zoom, which prevented the meeting going ahead – this action by the I&APs, could not be guarded against or prevented by Greenmined);
- 2.6.1.15. The provision of a strong Internet Link at the Venue, by installation of a temporary Satellite Dish;

2.6.2. That, Mr Gavin Aboud, by so acting, improperly influenced other gullible and susceptible I&APs, to leave the meeting prematurely, thus unnecessarily depriving them of the opportunity to engage with MCCP and its Team of Specialist Consultants, all as set out above.

*“The alternative PHYSICAL meeting offered is as set out below*

*1. On open land in front of a school —for ONE HOUR with no agenda.*

*OR*

*2. Open land adjacent to an informal settlement also FOR ONE hour. Also with no agenda.*

*Please explain to us how this is possibly addressing and showing concern for THE WELL -BEING of the IAP'S?”*

2.7. Please also note that the meetings to be held on **24 April 2021**, at the Barrage and Lindequesdrift informal settlements were arranged for the sole purpose of informing the community members, who do not have access to computers nor WiFi, of this project and to obtain their comments and concerns. These meetings were specifically arranged due to comments received from certain I&APs that many community members do not have access to these resources.

#### **SATURDAY 24 APRIL 2021 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETINGS – BARRAGE AND LINDEQUESDRIF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS**

2.8. The circumstances surrounding the calling of a meeting at the Barrage and Lindequesdrift Informal Settlements at **09h00** and **11h00** respectively on Saturday **24 April 2021**, were as follows:

2.8.1. The abovementioned I&APs were included in the Notification by way of signs erected on **10 April 2021**;

2.8.2. We include a copy of a report, clearly showing where the abovementioned signs were erected on **10 April 2021** (such signs advising of the **24 April 2021** meetings at the abovementioned Informal Settlements);

2.8.3. During the Public Participation Process, we were advised, that it was inconvenient for I&APs living in Informal Settlements or Rural Areas, to attend meetings via Zoom (due to a lack of Wi-Fi and computers) or at the Venue at Vaal Eden Road;

2.8.4. We accordingly out of abundant caution, and in order to fully protect the interests of Informal Settlement and Rural dwelling I&APs, scheduled additional physical meetings at Barrage and Lindequesdrift Informal Settlements on Saturday **24 April 2021** (even though on a strict interpretation of the law we were not obliged to do so);

2.8.4.1. Please also note that the meetings held on **24 April 2021**, at the Barrage and Lindequesdrift informal settlements were arranged:

2.8.4.1.1. For the sole purpose of Informing the community members, who do not have access to computers nor Wi-Fi, of this project and to obtain their comments and concerns;

2.8.4.1.2. Specifically, due to comments received from certain I&APs that many community members do not have access to these resources;

#### **I&APS GIVEN PROPER ADEQUATE NOTICE OF ALL MEETINGS**

2.9. We place on record, that relevant I&APs, were given notice:

2.9.1. Of the Public Participation Meeting on **24 April 2021**, as early as **10 April 2021**. I enclose herewith copies:

2.9.1.1. Of the Site Notices erected in relation to this matter;

2.9.1.2. Of a report in respect of the Placement of the above Site Notices;

2.9.1.3. Invitation sent to I&APs on **10 April 2021**;

2.10. You and other I&APs, can accordingly not validly assert, that you have not been given adequate notice for the **24 April 2021** Public Participation Meeting;

2.11. Furthermore, you and other I&APs, who attended the **07h00** Meeting on **Saturday 17 April 2021**, were clearly also invited to attend, the Additional Public Participation Meetings, as set out hereunder:

2.11.1. The **13h00 meeting on Saturday 17 April 2021** (I enclose herewith a copy of an email sent to yourself and other I&AP's in Saturday **17 April 2021 at 10h49**);

2.11.2. Furthermore, the Managing Director of MCCP, personally invited both yourself and all other I&APs:

2.11.3. To attend the **13h00** meeting on Saturday **17 April 2021**;

2.11.3.1. To attend The **Saturday 24 April 2021 09h00** Public Participation Meeting at the **Barrage Informal Settlement**;

2.11.3.2. To attend The **Saturday 24 April 2021 11h00** Public Participation Meeting at the **Lindequesdrift Informal Settlement**;

*"On the contrary, given the facts, it now seems that GREENMINED have orchestrated a well thought out plan NOT to PHYSICALLY meet members of the PROTECT VALL EDEN committee, Which is exactly what you have proposed from the outset."*

2.12. Your allegations that Greenmined have "orchestrated a well thought out plan NOT to PHYSICALLY meet" is therefore unfounded, as in total **6** meetings (whether virtual or physical) were arranged to provide all registered I&APs with the opportunity to raise their concerns/objections and to engage with the specialists appointed on the project.

3. We hereby confirm that all your comments and concerns raised during this DEIAR process, which public participation period ends today, will be included in the final report for submission to the competent authority.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete  
**Sonette Smit**  
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**Subject:** Re: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

Sonette

Your email of 10:46am on 17th refers wherein you say:

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We request your urgent response

Nevertheless, we invite all I&APs, that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, Physically or Virtually, to also attend the further Meetings to be held by us, on 24 April 2021, as follows:

- 4.1. **Barrage Informal Settlement** – On open Land in front of Barrage Primary School, located at Area 577 Kaalplaats Barrage 1900 Gauteng Province, (open space approximately 100m South west from Barrage Police Station) - GPS Co-ordinates 26.762991 - 27.678541 **at 9:00 – 10:00;**
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On 20 Apr 2021, at 21:14, Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)> wrote:

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

**Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) Notification – Public Participation Meeting**

1. The email sent to you on 17 April 2021 at 10:46 am as enclosed below refers.
2. Kindly confirm your attendance by 10:00 am on Wednesday 21 April 2021 in order for us to provide you with the relevant Zoom link.
3. Please note that no additional information will be presented during this meeting. The materials to be presented and discussed will be the same materials presented and discussed at the public participation meetings held on 10 and 17 April 2021 by Greenmined.
4. We confirm that the MCCP Managing Director, Management and Specialist Consultants (whose reports were utilized in compiling the DEIAR ), will be in attendance, to answer I&APs questions, and provide information.
5. The meeting will be chaired by Dr Dawid de Vaal.
6. We trust that you find the above in order.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**  
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**Subject:** Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) Notification – Public Participation

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

**Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) Notification – Public Participation Meeting**

1. The above matter as well as the Public Participation Meeting scheduled to take place Virtually and Physically on 17 April 2021 at 07h00 refer.
2. We must, at the outset, apologise profusely for the technological difficulties experienced by us at the aforementioned scheduled Meeting, which resulted in many I&APs electing to leave such Meeting.
3. In the event that any I&APs that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to be held on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, wish to attend the additional Meeting to be held today, 17 April 2021, at 13h00, we invite such I&APs to do so, Physically or Virtually.
  - 3.1. For the avoidance of any doubt, we confirm that the aforementioned technological difficulties, have been rectified, and the Meeting Scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021, at 13h00, is expected to proceed without difficulty and/or delay.
  - 3.2. We shall, via SMS and Telephone Call, attempt to contact all such I&APs that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to be held on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, in order to notify and invite such I&APs to the Meeting scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021 at 13h00, and to the further Meetings on 21 April 2021 and 24 April 2021.
4. Nevertheless, we invite all I&APs, that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, Physically or Virtually, to also attend the further Meetings to be held by us, on 24 April 2021, as follows:
  - 4.1. **Barrage Informal Settlement** – On open Land in front of Barrage Primary School, located at Area 577 Kaalplaats Barrage 1900 Gauteng Province, (open space approximately 100m

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5. We wish to again re-iterate and stress that the well-being of the I&APs, is of utmost concern to us.

#### **Additional Virtual Meeting To Be Held 21 April 2021 At 17h00**

6. We have accordingly arranged a further Meeting, to be held Virtually on Wednesday 21 April 2021, at 17h00, which I&APs that intended on taking part in the Meeting scheduled to take place 17 April 2021 at 07h00 may attend, in the event that are unable to attend the Virtual and Physical Meetings scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 13h00 and/or 24 April 2021.

6.1. A Zoom link, to the aforementioned meeting to be held on 21 April 2021 at 17h00, shall be sent to such I&APs that were present, at the Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, which did not proceed.

6.2. We are, however, not in a position to arrange any further Meetings, in addition to the Meetings to be held on 21 April 2021 and on 24 April 2021.

6.3. We respectfully urge all relevant I&APs to attend one of the four abovementioned Meetings as again set out hereunder:

6.3.1.the Meeting to be held on 17 April 2021 at 13h00;

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8. We trust that you find the above in order and once again thank you for your valued engagement with Greenmined.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**  
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## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 26 April 2021 03:53 AM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: BOB HARTSLIEF 2 - Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

**From:** Mail Delivery System [mailto:Mailer-Daemon@spe7.ucebox.co.za]

**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 3:38 AM

**To:** Sonette Smit

**Subject:** Delivered: BOB HARTSLIEF 2 - Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

**Your message has been delivered to the following recipients:**

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# CINDY ABOUD

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** cindy.aboud@vodamail.co.za  
**Sent:** 07 April 2021 04:43 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** Re: M CCP DEIAR Notification - FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048 MR

Good day,

Kindly note that I am NOT in favor of the proposed granting of a mining right for Monte Cristo Commercial Park or any mining project in that area.

I am totally against any forms of mining operations close to residential areas, in this case, Vaaloewer where I am the owner of a house right on the banks of the Vaal River.

Regards  
Cindy Aboud  
Cell:0836354049

----- Original Message -----

Subject: M CCP DEIAR Notification - FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048 MR  
From: Marlene Lingenfelder  
To:  
CC:

Good day,

### M CCP DEIAR Notification

1. The notification send to you on Friday 19th March 2021 returned unopened.
2. Herewith please receive the second and final attempt to notify you of the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") for the proposed granting of a Mining Right in favour of Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd over the following three farm portions: The Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm Woodlands 407, Portion 3 of the Farm Woodlands 407 and the Remaining Extent of the Farm Woodlands 407 in the Ngwathe Municipal District, Free State Province (approximately 25 kilometres northeast of the Town of Parys)

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Marlene Lingenfelder**  
**Project Administrator**



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## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 16 April 2021 09:18 AM  
**To:** Cindy Aboud  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: MCCP DEIAR Notification - FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048 MR

Good day,

### MCCP DEIAR Notification - FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048 MR

1. Your email below dated 07 April 2021 refers.
2. We take note of your concerns and objections, which will be included in the comments and responses report to be incorporated in the Final Basic Assessment Report for submission to DMRE for consideration.
3. Thank you for your participation in this process.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**  
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**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder <[admin@greenmined.co.za](mailto:admin@greenmined.co.za)>  
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**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: MCCP DEIAR Notification - FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048 MR

**From:** Mail Delivery System [mailto:MAILER-DAEMON@vodamail.co.za]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2021 9:18 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit  
**Subject:** Expanded: MCCP DEIAR Notification - FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048 MR

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Subject: FW: MCCP DEIAR Notification - FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048 MR

# CHRIS CAMPBELL

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 30 March 2021 11:42 AM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: MCCP DEIAR Notification

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**From:** Chris Campbell [mailto:chris@cesa.co.za]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 10:49 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>  
**Cc:** protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com; Martin Struwig <martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za>  
**Subject:** RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification

Dear Sonette

Please register me for this meeting as well.  
Thanks

**Christopher (Chris) Campbell Pr. Eng.**

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**From:** [protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com](mailto:protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com) <[protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com](mailto:protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com)> **On Behalf Of** Martin Struwig  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 March 2021 9:44 AM  
**To:** 'Sonette' <[sonette.s@greenmined.co.za](mailto:sonette.s@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Cc:** [protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com](mailto:protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com)  
**Subject:** RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification  
**Importance:** High

Good day,

Please register me for the public participation meeting.

Regards

**Martin Struwig**  
**[martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za](mailto:martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za)**  
**083 457 1430**  
**086 457 3397 Fax**

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**From:** Sonette <[sonette.s@greenmined.co.za](mailto:sonette.s@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 March 2021 16:16  
**To:** [martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za](mailto:martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za)  
**Subject:** MCCP DEIAR Notification

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 30 March 2021 11:51 AM  
**To:** Chris Campbell  
**Cc:** protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com; Martin Struwig; Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification

Good day Chris,

MCCP DEIAR Notification – Meeting registration.

1. Thank you for registering for the public participation meeting of 10 April 2021 for the above mentioned project.
2. A link to the meeting will be send to you after the closing of the meeting registration period.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information,

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**  
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**From:** Chris Campbell <chris@cesa.co.za>  
**Sent:** 06 April 2021 03:39 PM  
**To:** Craig Richardson; Claire Wannenburg; Gavin Aboud; Sonette Smit  
**Cc:** 'Mariette Liefferink'; Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer; Bob; Dina; liz; Louis Kruger; Pieter; Renee; warrin; Janet Mkhabela; Lerato Ratsoenyane; Lucy Stevens; Stakeholder Engagement  
**Subject:** [Forwarded from RazorSafe] [Sun Apr 25 12:44:30 2021] RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification

Dear Sonette

I confirm my preference for 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021 for the same reasons cited by others. I am happy with the online version but do believe that you should possibly convene an in-person session for persons with poor connectivity (limited to Covid 19 Regulations) as such online sessions require a lot more connectivity than email and Whatsapp messages so cannot be compared.

Also, what is the capacity of the online system that you plan to use as that may be a challenge for all in one session as well, so you might have to be a bit more flexible in your arrangements anyway.

Thanks & Regards

Chris Campbell

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**From:** Craig Richardson <craigrichardson100@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 06 April 2021 11:40 AM  
**To:** Claire Wannenburg <Claire.Wannenburg@digbywells.com>; Gavin Aboud <gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za>; 'Sonette' <sonette.s@greenmined.co.za>  
**Cc:** 'Mariette Liefferink' <mariette@pea.org.za>; Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer <marlene@kruppeng.co.za>; Bob <bobh@dullies.com>; Chris Campbell <chris@cesa.co.za>; Dina <dina.henstock@gmail.com>; liz <liz.tuux@gmail.com>; Louis Kruger <krugerskroon@gmail.com>; Pieter <pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com>; Renee <renee@bundunet.com>; warrin <warrinf@gmail.com>; Janet Mkhabela <Janet.Mkhabela@digbywells.com>; Lerato Ratsoenyane <Lerato.Ratsoenyane@digbywells.com>; Lucy Stevens <Lucy.Stevens@digbywells.com>; Stakeholder Engagement <sh@digbywells.com>  
**Subject:** RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification

Dear Sonette

Please see emails below from Gavin Aboud and Claire Wannenburg regarding the clashing of dates.

As some of us had committed to attend the Digby Wells meeting, the notification of which was sent out before Greenminded's notification I feel your argument that if we did not reply to attend we forfeit our rights as I&AP's as your email suggests.

How can we commit to attending 2 different meetings on the same date.

As this was brought to your attention by Mr Aboud prior to your deadline I would assume in the interest of all parties to engage regarding this mining application in a fair and transparent manner all parties should try to negotiate a fair compromise.

**CRAIG RICHARDSON**

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 23 March 2021 03:46 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: MCCP DEIAR Notification

**Importance:** High

Dear Craig

### MCCP DEIAR Notification

1. Your email dated **23 March 2021 9:19 AM**, as set out hereunder refers.
2. It is with some surprise that we received your abovementioned email.
3. The relevant website address is most definitely [www.greenmined.com](http://www.greenmined.com) and does not end with .co.za.
4. In order to assist you, we have again, set out the relevant link (as contained in the DEIAR Notification) hereunder:

<https://www.greenmined.com/environmental-impact-assessments/>

5. Please note however, that the date for IAP's to comment, will accordingly not be extended.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

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**From:** Craig Richardson [<mailto:cmrich@mweb.co.za>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 9:19 AM

**To:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>

**Cc:** Gavin Aboud <[gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za](mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za)>

**Subject:** RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification

Good Morning Sonette

The links you have in your email to access this documentation are not accessible and your web page is given as .com when it is a .co.za.

Please could you resend the correct information to all I&AP's and ensure that dates to comment are also extended.

Regards

Craig Richardson

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**From:** [Sonette](#)

**Sent:** Friday, 19 March 2021 16:16

**To:** [cmrich@mweb.co.za](mailto:cmrich@mweb.co.za)

**Subject:** MCCP DEIAR Notification

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Elsaine Costerus Mohr  
**Sent:** 17 April 2021 07:11 AM  
**To:** cmrich@mweb.co.za  
**Cc:** Sonette Smit; Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental ImpactAssessment Report

Good day Craig,

### Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

1. Your email of Wednesday, 14 April 2021 at 10:06 AM and telephonic conversation of Friday 16 April 2:54 pm refers.
2. We confirm that we are not authorised to disclose the requested information at this stage.
3. Please note, however, that compliance with the relevant provisions relating to BBBEE, as well as the relevant Mining Charter provisions, is a requirement for the granting of a Mining Right.
4. We trust that you find the above in order and thank you for your engagement with us.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 10:06 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental ImpactAssessment Report

Good Morning Sonette

Please can you confirm who the BEE partners/beneficiaries in this mining venture are and will they be present at the meetings this weekend?

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**Subject:** [Forwarded from RazorSafe] [Sun Apr 25 11:55:24 2021] RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification  
**Attachments:** image002.png; image003.png

Dear Sonette

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How can we commit to attending 2 different meetings on the same date.

As this was brought to your attention by Mr Aboud prior to your deadline I would assume in the interest of all parties to engage regarding this mining application in a fair and transparent manner all parties should try to negotiate a fair compromise.

As I am sure you are aware the previous PP meeting regarding the mine drew a very large number of people and as under level 1 restrictions public meetings are allowed, although with restricted venue capacity, I see no reason for the insistence of a virtual meeting in a matter which affects over a 1000 I&AP's.

Please could I attend the MMCP's virtual meeting on the 17th and request that you allow all other I&AP's who wish to attend be allowed to do so?

Many thanks

Craig Richardson

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**From:** [Claire Wannenburg](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 31 March 2021 09:12  
**To:** [Gavin Aboud](#); ['Sonette'](#)  
**Cc:** ['Mariette Liefferink'](#); [Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer](#); [Bob](#); [Chris](#); [Craig](#); [Dina](#); [liz](#); [Louis Kruger](#); [Pieter](#); [Renee](#); [warrin](#); [Janet Mkhabela](#); [Lerato Ratsoenyane](#); [Lucy Stevens](#); [Stakeholder Engagement](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification

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**From:** [Sonette Smit](#)

**Sent:** Saturday, 17 April 2021 11:02

**To:** [Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer](#); [Anne Wilson](#); [Aragea Holland-Fredericks](#); [Chakane](#); [Chris Campbell](#); [Cindy Aboud](#); [Craig Richardson](#); [Di Stevens \(Vaaloewer\)](#); [Dina](#); [Duan Jacobs](#); [Frans Van der Merwe](#); [Gavin Aboud](#); [Hanlie Stander](#); [Liz](#); [Louis Kruger](#); [Magda Rijksen](#); [Marianne Bilsland](#); [Mariette Liefferink](#); [Martin Struwig](#); [Mcebo Mkhathshwa](#); [Nardus Buys](#); [Paul Kgole](#); [Philip Hartslief](#); [Pieter Hattingh](#); [Protect Vaal Eden](#); [Renee Hartslief](#); [Sampie van Rooyen](#); [Sean Hunter and Heather Ubsdell](#); [Stephan Fick / Johan and Susan Malan](#); [Veronica Withers](#); [Warrin](#); [Yusuf Dadabhay](#)

**Cc:** [Marlene Lingenfelder](#)

**Subject:** Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) Notification – Public Participation

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

**Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) Notification – Public Participation Meeting**

1. The above matter as well as the Public Participation Meeting scheduled to take place Virtually and Physically on 17 April 2021 at 07h00 refer.
2. We must, at the outset, apologise profusely for the technological difficulties experienced by us at the aforementioned scheduled Meeting, which resulted in many I&APs electing to leave such Meeting.
3. In the event that any I&APs that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to be held on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, wish to attend the additional Meeting to be held today, 17 April 2021, at 13h00, we invite such I&APs to do so, Physically or Virtually.
  - 3.1. For the avoidance of any doubt, we confirm that the aforementioned technological difficulties, have been rectified, and the Meeting Scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021, at 13h00, is expected to proceed without difficulty and/or delay.
  - 3.2. We shall, via SMS and Telephone Call, attempt to contact all such I&APs that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to be held on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, in order to notify and invite such I&APs to the Meeting scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021 at 13h00, and to the further Meetings on 21 April 2021 and 24 April 2021.
4. Nevertheless, we invite all I&APs, that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, Physically or Virtually, to also attend the further Meetings to be held by us, on 24 April 2021, as follows:
  - 4.1. **Barrage Informal Settlement** – On open Land in front of Barrage Primary School, located at Area 577 Kaalplaats Barrage 1900 Gauteng Province, (open space approximately 100m South west from Barrage Police Station) - GPS Co-ordinates 26.762991 - 27.678541 **at 9:00 – 10:00**;
  - 4.2. **Lindequesdrift/Vaal Oewer Informal Settlement** – On open Land immediately adjacent to Lindequesdrift (Vaal Oewer) informal settlement, North West Province, on main road (Open Space approximately 750m south from the Vaal Oewer entrance - GPS Co-ordinates -26,7309250, 27,5842210 **at 11:00 – 12:00**.
5. We wish to again re-iterate and stress that the well-being of the I&APs, is of utmost concern to us.

**Additional Virtual Meeting To Be Held 21 April 2021 At 17h00**

6. We have accordingly arranged a further Meeting, to be held Virtually on Wednesday 21 April 2021, at 17h00, which I&APs that intended on taking part in the Meeting scheduled to take place 17 April 2021 at 07h00 may attend, in the event that are unable to attend the Virtual and Physical Meetings scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 13h00 and/or 24 April 2021.
  - 6.1. A Zoom link, to the aforementioned meeting to be held on 21 April 2021 at 17h00, shall be sent to such I&APs that were present, at the Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, which did not proceed.
  - 6.2. We are, however, not in a position to arrange any further Meetings, in addition to the Meetings to be held on 21 April 2021 and on 24 April 2021.
  - 6.3. We respectfully urge all relevant I&APs to attend one of the four abovementioned Meetings as again set out hereunder:
    - 6.3.1. the Meeting to be held on 17 April 2021 at 13h00;
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**Sonette Smit**

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**Sent:** 23 April 2021 09:12 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental ImpactAssessment Report

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Craig Richardson

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**From:** [Sonette Smit](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 April 2021 20:12  
**Subject:** Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental ImpactAssessment Report

Dear registered I&APs

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd (“MCCP”) Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) Notification**

#### **FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048MR**

1. In order to accommodate I&APs, MCCP has arranged **Meetings** on **Saturday 17 April 2021**, which I&APs will be able to attend either Virtually, or Physically, subject to what is set out in detail hereunder.
  - 1.1 Participants attending the Meetings Virtually will be able to interact with participants attending the Meetings Physically, as well as the MCCP Representatives, Specialist Team, Greenmined and the Meeting Facilitator.
  - 1.2 Participants attending the Meetings Physically will be able to interact with participants attending the Meetings Virtually, as well as the MCCP Representatives, Specialist Team, Greenmined and the Meeting Facilitator, since the Physical Meeting will be livestreamed to Virtual Meeting Participants.
  - 1.3 **I&APs are respectfully requested to advise, whether they will be attending the Meetings, Virtually or Physically, and at what times.**

#### **Zoom Virtual Public Participation Meeting**

2. In the event that you wish to attend either meeting Virtually, please find herewith the Zoom links to the **Virtual Public Participation Meetings** to be held on **17 April 2021** to discuss the **Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”)** and **Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”)** for the proposed Mining Right application by Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd over the following three farm portions: The Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm Woodlands 407, Portion 3 of the Farm Woodlands

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 23 April 2021 09:16 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental ImpactAssessment Report

**From:** Elsaine Costerus Mohr  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 7:11 AM  
**To:** cmrich@mweb.co.za  
**Cc:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>; Marlene Lingenfelder <admin@greenmined.co.za>  
**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental ImpactAssessment Report

Good day Craig,

### Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

1. Your email of Wednesday, 14 April 2021 at 10:06 AM and telephonic conversation of Friday 16 April 2:54 pm refers.
2. We confirm that we are not authorised to disclose the requested information at this stage.
3. Please note, however, that compliance with the relevant provisions relating to BBBEE, as well as the relevant Mining Charter provisions, is a requirement for the granting of a Mining Right.
4. We trust that you find the above in order and thank you for your engagement with us.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**  
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**From:** Craig Richardson [<mailto:cmrich@mweb.co.za>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 10:06 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental ImpactAssessment Report

Good Morning Sonette

Please can you confirm who the BEE partners/beneficiaries in this mining venture are and will they be present at the meetings this weekend?

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Craig Richardson <cmrich@mweb.co.za>  
**Sent:** 20 April 2021 01:32 PM  
**To:** Sonette Smit; Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer; Anne Wilson; Aragea Holland-Fredericks; Chakane; Chris Campbell ; Cindy Aboud; Di Stevens (Vaaloewer); Dina; Duan Jacobs; Frans Van der Merwe; Gavin Aboud; Hanlie Stander; Liz; Louis Kruger; Magda Rijksen; Marianne Bilsland; Mariette Liefferink; Martin Struwig; Mcebo Mkhathswa; Nardus Buys; Paul Kgole; Philip Hartslief; Pieter Hattingh; Protect Vaal Eden; Renee Hartslief; Sampie van Rooyen; Sean Hunter and Heather Ubsdell; Stephan Fick / Johan and Susan Malan; Veronica Withers; Warrin ; Yusuf Dadabhay  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** RE: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation  
**Attachments:** image002.png

Good Afternoon Sonette

At the Public Participation meeting it was confirmed both by yourself and the Applicants legal representative that the properties would have to be rezoned for mining to take place.

Please could you explain what circumstances have changed since this was not a requirement when the Applicant mined previously on an approved Eco Estate?

I would also like to place on record that the time allocated for a Public Participation meeting regarding an application of this nature with such wide ranging and potentially devastating consequences for so many people was totally inadequate. Surely as an experienced EAP and knowing about the history of the previous application being withdrawn due to the unprecedented number of objections you should have known that a 2 hour time frame was totally unrealistic.

The scheduling of a meeting at 7 o clock on a Saturday morning is also totally unacceptable.

It would appear that these were intentionally done just to inconvenience and get as few I&AP's to partake and limit voicing their concerns.

Please confirm when the deadline for submissions is, as I would assume it would have to be after the meeting scheduled for the 24 of April 2021?

Regards

Craig Richardson

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 25 April 2021 01:30 PM  
**To:** Craig Richardson  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: RICHARDSON 1 - Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation  
**Attachments:** Transcript 17 April 2021 Public Participation Meeting.pdf; MCCP DEIAR Notification; RE: MONTE CRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK (PTY) LTD ("MCCP") MINING PROJECT - DEIAR NOTIFICATION – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING 10 APRIL 2021; Location Publ Notices for 24 Apr 2021 Publ Part Meeting MCCP Pty Ltd Mining Right App 21 April 2021 v3 bp.pdf; On site notice AFR Physical Meeting V8 10 April 2021 - Final.pdf; On site notice - ENG Physical Meeting - V7 10 April 2021 - Final.pdf; On site notice - SESOTHO Physical Meeting - V7 10 April 2021 - Final.pdf; Notice of Public Participation Meeting; Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

Dear Mr. Richardson,

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Public Participation**

1. The abovementioned matter and your email, dated **20 April 2021 01:32 PM**, refers.
2. We take note of your comments and concerns, and we confirm that same will be incorporated into the final report for submission to the DMRE.
3. We hereby respond seriatim in **red font** to the unnumbered paragraphs of your abovementioned email, as set out below:

*"At the Public Participation meeting it was confirmed both by yourself and the Applicants legal representative that the properties would have to be rezoned for mining to take place.*

**3.1. We are extremely concerned with regards to you abovementioned blatant misstatement of what was said by ourselves and the Applicant's Legal Representative:**

**3.1.1. As you are aware, the meeting on Saturday 17 April 2021 at 13h00, was recorded and transcribed. A copy of the transcription is enclosed herewith;**

**3.1.2. We respectfully invite you to correct your misinterpretation of what was said, by closely and carefully reading the transcript of the recorded proceedings.**

*Please could you explain what circumstances have changed since this was not a requirement when the Applicant mined previously on an approved Eco Estate?"*

**3.2. We were not involved with the Applicant or this matter at the following times:**

**3.2.1. When Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd was granted its Mining Permits in 2009;**

**3.2.2. When Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd mined between 2009 and 2017;**

3.2.3. When Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd was granted the Record of Decision for the Environmental Authorization in respect of the Eco Estate, during **2011**;

“I would also like to place on record that the time allocated for a Public Participation meeting regarding an application of this nature with such wide ranging and potentially devastating consequences for so many people was totally inadequate.”

3.3. We note your discontent with regards to the meeting arranged for Saturday, **17 April 2021**, at **07h00**:

3.3.1. For the purpose of some clarity on the time allocation of said meeting, we would like to confirm that the virtual meeting held on Saturday, **10 April 2021**, was conducted in a period of approximately 2 hours. The decision, to allocate approximately 2 hours each, for further subsequent meetings, was at that point reasonably made by Greenmined, in the interests of not burdening I&APs with meetings, scheduled for overly and unnecessarily lengthy meeting periods;

3.3.2. Please note that due to amount of questions and concerns raised, and the engagement between the I&APs and the specialists, we were unable to remain within the time allocation of 2 hours at the meeting held on **17 April 2021** at **13h00**;

3.3.3. As you are aware (since you were invited), we scheduled further Public Participation Meetings on Wednesday **21 April 2021** at **17h00** and Saturday **24 April 2021** (2 meetings);

3.3.4. At no point did you notify us that you wished to attend any of the other 5 Public Participation meetings held (save for the meeting held on **17 April 2021** at **07h00**);

“Surely as an experienced EAP and knowing about the history of the previous application being withdrawn due to the unprecedented number of objections you should have known that a 2 hour time frame was totally unrealistic.”

3.4. As you attended both the meetings held on **17 April 2021** at **13h00** and **21 April 2021** at **17h00**, you will be aware, that the Applicant and Specialists attempted to address all the concerns, objections and issues raised by I&APs. Accordingly, we provided more time, to ensure that none of the I&APs attending these meetings were prejudiced and that all I&APs, including yourself, were able to voice their concerns and receive feedback from ourselves, the Applicant and the Specialists.

*“The scheduling of a meeting at 7 o clock on a Saturday morning is also totally unacceptable.*

3.5. The meeting was scheduled at **07h00** of Saturday **17 April 2021**, in order to accommodate Mr Gavin Aboud who claimed to have another engagement between 10h00 and 12h00 on the same day;

3.6. A further meeting was scheduled at **13h00** on the same Saturday **17 April 2021**, likewise to accommodate *inter alia* Mr Gavin Aboud.

*It would appear that these were intentionally done just to inconvenience and get as few I&AP's to partake and limit voicing their concerns”*

3.7. We strongly reject any assertion of impropriety by either ourselves or the Applicant in this regard:

3.7.1. We refer you to our explanation regarding the timing of the meetings as set out above;

3.7.2. We place on record, that we have scheduled not less than 6 Public Participation Meetings, to ensure that as many IAP's as possible could be part of the process, give voice to their concerns and receive feedback from ourselves and the Applicant.

*“Please confirm when the deadline for submissions is, as I would assume it would have to be after the meeting scheduled for the 24 of April 2021?”*

3.8. We take note of your confirmation that you were aware of the meetings scheduled for Saturday **24 April 2021**:

3.8.1. The meetings were scheduled for Saturday **24 April 2021**, were advertised on Saturday **10 April 2021**;

#### **SATURDAY 17 APRIL 2021 MEETINGS**

3.8.2. You first attended a Public Participation meeting on Saturday **17 April 2021** at **13h00**. In this regard:

3.8.2.1. I&APs (including yourself), were first notified of a Public Participation Meeting to be held on Saturday **10 April 2021** at **09h00** on **19 March 2021**;

3.8.2.2. A copy of the abovementioned **19 March 2021** Notification is enclosed herewith. Same clearly states, that the 30-day Public Participation Period, was to end on Thursday **22 April 2021**;

3.8.2.3. You were first notified of the meetings to be held on Saturday **17 April 2021**, as follows:

3.8.2.3.1. By way of an email, dated Saturday **3 April 2021** (copy of same enclosed herewith);

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETINGS 24 APRIL 2021 – BARRAGE AND LINDEQUESDRIF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS**

3.8.2.4. The circumstances surrounding the calling of a meeting at the Barrage and Lindequesdrift Informal Settlements at **09h00** and **11h00** respectively on Saturday **24 April 2021**, were as follows:

3.8.2.4.1. The abovementioned I&APs were included in the Notification by way of signs erected on **10 April 2021**;

3.8.2.4.2. We include a copy of a report, clearly showing where the abovementioned signs were erected on **10 April 2021** (such signs advising of the **24 April 2021** meetings at the abovementioned Informal Settlements);

3.8.2.4.3. During the Public Participation Process, we were advised, that it was inconvenient for I&APs living in Informal Settlements or Rural Areas, to attend meetings via Zoom (due to a lack of Wi-Fi and computers) or at the Venue at Vaal Eden Road;

3.8.2.4.4. We accordingly out of abundant caution, and in order to fully protect the interests of Informal Settlement and Rural dwelling I&APs, scheduled additional physical meetings at Barrage and Lindequesdrift Informal Settlements on Saturday **24 April 2021** (even though on a strict interpretation of the law we were not obliged to do so);

3.8.2.4.5. Please also note that the meetings held on **24 April 2021**, at the Barrage and Lindequesdrift informal settlements were arranged:

3.8.2.4.5.1. For the sole purpose of Informing the community members, who do not have access to computers nor Wi-Fi, of this project and to obtain their comments and concerns;

3.8.2.4.5.2. Specifically, due to comments received from certain I&APs that many community members do not have access to these resources;

## **I&APS GIVEN PROPER ADEQUATE NOTICE OF ALL MEETINGS**

3.8.3. We place on record, that you (and other I&APs), were given notice:

3.8.3.1. Of the Public Participation Meeting on **24 April 2021**, as early as **10 April 2021**. I enclose herewith copies:

3.8.3.1.1. Of the Site Notices erected in relation to this matter;

3.8.3.1.2. Of a report in respect of the Placement of the above Site Notices;

3.8.3.1.3. Invitation sent to I&APs on **10 April 2021**;

3.9. You and other I&APs, can accordingly not validly assert, that you have not been given adequate notice for the **24 April 2021** Public Participation Meeting;

3.10. Furthermore, you and other I&APs, who attended the **07h00** Meeting on **Saturday 17 April 2021**, were clearly also invited to attend, the Additional Public Participation Meetings, as set out hereunder:

3.10.1. The **13h00 meeting on Saturday 17 April 2021** (I enclose herewith a copy of an email sent to yourself and other I&AP's in Saturday **17 April 2021** at **10h49**);

3.10.2. Furthermore, the Managing Director of MCCP, personally invited both yourself and all other I&APs:

3.10.2.1. To attend the **13h00** meeting on Saturday **17 April 2021**;

3.10.2.2. To attend The **Saturday 24 April 2021 09h00** Public Participation Meeting at the **Barrage Informal Settlement**;

3.10.2.3. To attend The **Saturday 24 April 2021 11h00** Public Participation Meeting at the **Lindequesdrift Informal Settlement**;

3.11. Please note that the submission date for the final report is Monday, **26 April 2021**.

4. We trust you will find the above in order and we thank you for your participation in this regard.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

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**From:** Craig Richardson [<mailto:cmrich@mweb.co.za>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:32 PM

**To:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>; Abrie Hanekom Vaalower <[marlene@kruppeng.co.za](mailto:marlene@kruppeng.co.za)>; Anne

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 25 April 2021 01:34 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: RICHARDSON 1 - Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

**From:** Mail Delivery System [mailto:Mailer-Daemon@smtpcorp.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 1:30 PM

**To:** Sonette Smit

**Subject:** Delivered: RICHARDSON 1 - Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

**Your message has been delivered to the following recipients:**

[cmrich@mweb.co.za](mailto:cmrich@mweb.co.za)

Subject: FW: RICHARDSON 1 - Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 22 April 2021 02:49 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental ImpactAssessment Report - 21 April 2021

**From:** Craig Richardson [mailto:cmrich@mweb.co.za]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 2:29 PM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental ImpactAssessment Report - 21 April 2021

Hi Sonette

I would just like to place on record my total disgust how this supposed Public Participation is being conducted by yourself and Greenminded.

I am yet to see minutes of Saturday afternoons Zoom session and I understand that the deadline to comment is today!

Please remember we have jobs and lives and don't have unlimited time to appease all your demands in your totally unrealistic time frames.

Please note I am currently discussing the laying of a formal complaint against yourself and Greenminded in how this matter is being dealt with.

I have just seen that Tja Naledi, was granted a 3 month extension to submit their Revised Financial Provisions regarding their Amendment Application! They previously missed a deadline and again were given the opportunity to submit documents late. We are fully aware that this certainly isn't a level playing field! So the DMR gave an employed professional, for Tja Naledi over 6 months to provide this information, when we as I&AP's are given days to wade through an excessive volume of documentation to dispute the work of payed Professionals! If it wasn't so serious it would be laughable. I think it time that this entire process is reviewed and I am in discussion with some of the best legal minds in South Africa as to the fairness of the process.

I am still waiting for replies to my email requesting information on how the Applicant was permitted to mine in an approved Eco Estate, but you and the Applicant are all so busy playing smoke and mirrors that the ones whose lives are being directly affected have no chance to get their voices herd.

The Applicant was also going to respond to me how he got the rights for an Eco Estate without Public Participation.

I remind you of what Mariette said in her email to yourself of the role of an EAP! It boggles the mind how every potential issue can be miraculously mitigated! I guess not really too surprising when the Applicant is paying the bills! Please remember the Socio Economic Study Enviroworks did for Greenminded about the cumulative effect of the mines on the area and please take note of their recommendations.

I certainly hope that Greenmined has dotted all their i's and crossed all their t's in this application because they have dropped the ball in another application. I am currently getting legal opinion on getting all the mining applications in the area reviewed.

I hope you are now becoming aware that there are serious objections to mining in the area and we will take it as high as we need to have our voices heard!

Regards

Craig Richardson

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**From:** [Sonette Smit](#)

**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 April 2021 14:40

**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental ImpactAssessment Report - 21 April 2021

Dear registered I&APs

**Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification**

**FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048MR**

1. In order to accommodate I&APs that wished to attend the meeting on Saturday 17 April 2021, MCCP has arranged **an additional meeting on Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 17h00**, which I&APs will be able to attend Virtually, subject to what is set out in detail hereunder.
2. Please find herewith the Zoom link to the **Virtual Public Participation Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 17h00** to discuss the **Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR")** and **Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR")** for the proposed Mining Right application by Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd over the following three farm portions: The Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm Woodlands 407, Portion 3 of the Farm Woodlands 407 and the Remaining Extent of the Farm Woodlands 407 in the Ngwathe Municipal District, Free State Province.

**Date: Wednesday 21 April 2021**

**Time: 17h00**

**Topic: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

**Time: Apr 21, 2021 05:00 PM Harare, Pretoria**

Join Zoom Meeting

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**3. Please ensure**

3.1 You are online and connected 10 minutes before the meeting starts.

3.2 You have the most recent version of Zoom, as with an older version you may have connection or audio/video issues and be unable to participate effectively or at all.

3.3 That the device you are logging in with has a registered name to permit access.

**4.** We thank you in advance for your cooperation, and look forward to interacting with you.

**5.** If you are experiencing problems on the day, please be kind enough to send a message via **WHATSAPP to 084 585 5706**, as we will be unable to take calls while administering a meeting.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

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**Sent:** 25 April 2021 01:34 PM  
**To:** Craig Richardson  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Richardson 2 - Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Public Participation  
**Attachments:** Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation ; Transcript 17 April 2021 Public Participation Meeting.pdf  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Richardson,

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Public Participation**

1. The above matter as well as your email correspondence below dated **22 April 2021**, which was received at **14h29** refers.
2. We hereby respond seriatim in **red font** to the unnumbered paragraphs of your abovementioned email, as set out below:

*"I would just like to place on record my total disgust how this supposed Public Participation is being conducted by yourself and Greenminded."*

- 2.1. We take note of your discontent in terms of the public participation conducted during this DEAIR phase. We hereby confirm that your comments will be recorded and included into the final report for submission to the DMRE;
- 2.2. We assume, that your discontent relates to the Public Participation meeting held on **17 April 2021 at 07h00** and state as follows:
  - 2.2.1. Please note that numerous requests to be patient, were made by the Chairman to I&APs who attended the meeting to be held on Saturday **17 April 2021 at 07h00**, as the IT Contractor was in the process of attending to the technological issues:
    - 2.2.1.1. The Chairman requested, that I&APs who were on Zoom, continue with the meeting Virtually. Without providing any reasons, Virtual attendees to the meeting voted that the meeting be cancelled;
    - 2.2.1.2. I&APs had begun leaving, prior to the meeting facilitator reaching any conclusions.
  - 2.2.2. All I&APs who attended the meeting on Saturday, **17 April 2021, at 07h00**, were again invited to attend the meeting held on Saturday, **17 April 2021, at 13h00**, either physically or virtually, as follows:
    - 2.2.2.1. In person by the Managing Director of MCCP, Mark van Wyk at the meeting held on Saturday **17 April 2021 at 07h00**;
    - 2.2.2.2. By way of an email sent to you by Greenmined on Saturday **17 April 2021 at 10h49** (copy of same enclosed herewith);

2.2.2.3. By way of a telephone call and SMS, likewise on Saturday **17 April 2021** at approximately **12h00**.

*"I am yet to see minutes of Saturday afternoons Zoom session and I understand that the deadline to comment is today!"*

2.3. Please note that the transcription of the meeting which was held on Saturday, **17 April 2021**, at **13h00**, was provided to all registered I&APs during the course of the morning of **22 April 2021** (we confirm, that the transcription of the meeting of **10 April 2021**, was also sent to all I&AP's);

2.4. Therefore, at the time that your email under reply was sent to us, you had already received said transcription (your unfounded attacks on our integrity and competence, are unnecessary and prevent us doing our job fairly and properly);

2.5. However, for ease of reference, please find attached hereto, once again the transcription which was sent to you on **22 April 2021**.

*"Please remember we have jobs and lives and don't have unlimited time to appease all your demands in your totally unrealistic time frames."*

2.6. We have previously, on numerous occasions, requested the DMRE to provide us with further extensions for the submission of the final DEIAR, but the DMRE refuses to provide said extension. Therefore, as the appointed EAP on this matter, we have to abide by the DMRE's instructions.

*"Please note I am currently discussing the laying of a formal complaint against yourself and Greenminded in how this matter is being dealt with."*

2.7. We note your intention to lay a complaint against Greenminded:

2.7.1. We hereby request, that you provide us with the grounds for said intended complaint;

2.7.2. As an EAP, we have not only a legislated duty, but also a moral and ethical duty, to advise that all Applicants for Mining Rights, adhere to the laws, rules, and regulations which have been established in order to protect the Environment (and by extension, the planet);

2.7.3. As such, our goal isn't to obtain as many Mining Rights as possible, but to ensure that as many Applicants for Mining Rights as possible, are held to the standards which have been legislated to protect the Environment.

*"I have just seen that Tja Naledi, was granted a 3 month extension to submit their Revised Financial Provisions regarding their Amendment Application! They previously missed a deadline and again were given the opportunity to submit documents late. We are fully aware that this certainly isn't a level playing field! So the DMR gave an employed professional, for Tja Naledi over 6 months to provide this information, when we as I&AP's are given days to wade through an excessive volume of documentation to dispute the work of paid Professionals! If it wasn't so serious it would be laughable. I think it time that this entire process is reviewed and I am in discussion with some of the best legal minds in South Africa as to the fairness of the process."*

2.8. With regards to the alleged Tja Naledi extension of time for the submission of financial provision, we are unable to comment thereon, as:

2.8.1. Greenminded is no longer the consultant for Tja Naledi;

2.8.2. The Tja Naledi Application, and the conduct thereof is irrelevant to the Application under consideration.

*"I am still waiting for replies to my email requesting information on how the Applicant was permitted to mine in an approved Eco Estate, but you and the Applicant are all so busy playing smoke and mirrors that the ones whose lives are being directly affected have no chance to get their voices heard."*

2.9. As stated in response to your earlier email, dated **20 April 2021**, Greenmined were not involved with the Applicant or this matter at the following times:

2.9.1. When Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd was granted its Mining Permits in **2009**;

2.9.2. When Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd mined between **2009** and **2017**;

2.9.3. When Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd was granted the Record of Decision for the Environmental Authorization in respect of the Eco Estate; during **2011**;

*"The Applicant was also going to respond to me how he got the rights for an Eco Estate without Public Participation."*

2.10. During the Meeting on Saturday **17 April 2021** at **13h00**, the Applicant informed you as follows:

2.10.1. Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd, appointed an independent Consultant to obtain the Environmental Authorisation for the Eco Estate, during **2011**, approximately a decade ago;

2.10.2. Neither the Applicant, nor Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd, was directly involved, in the obtaining of the Environmental Authorisation, or any of the processes associated therewith;

2.10.3. This Public Participation Process relates to Environmental Authorisation for Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd.

*"I remind you of what Mariette said in her email to yourself of the role of an EAP! It boggles the mind how every potential issue can be miraculously mitigated! I guess not really too surprising when the Applicant is paying the bills! Please remember the Socio Economic Study Enviroworks did for Greenminded about the cumulative effect of the mines on the area and please take note of their recommendations."*

2.11. In response to your comment regarding mitigation measures it should be noted that all relevant Specialist studies have been conducted by M CCP, and the prescribed mitigation measures will be strictly enforced by M CCP;

2.12. It should also be noted that all mitigation measures as proposed by the relevant Specialist Consultants become conditions to the approval of the Mining Right Application, which conditions (mitigation measures), must be adhered to;

2.13. In the event that the conditions are not complied with, the competent authority will issue a compliance notice, which may result in the suspension of all mining activities by M CCP;

*"I certainly hope that Greenmined has dotted all their i's and crossed all their t's in this application because they have dropped the ball in another application. I am currently getting legal opinion on getting all the mining applications in the area reviewed."*

2.14. Greenmined's performance in any other Application, is irrelevant to the M CCP Application. We look forward to being enlightened by any Opinion, which you may wish to share with ourselves and the Applicant.

*I hope you are now becoming aware that there are serious objections to mining in the area and we will take it as high as we need to have our voices heard!"*

2.15. The Applicant believes that it is acting strictly within the ambit of the Law, and will abide by the decisions of the Authorities and the Courts (and not your wishes and opinions), with regards to this matter.

3. Once again we would like to thank you for your participation in this process as well as your valued comments, which will be incorporated into the final report for submission.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**

**Managing Director**



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**From:** Craig Richardson [<mailto:cmrich@mweb.co.za>]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 2:29 PM

**To:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>

**Subject:** RE: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental ImpactAssessment Report - 21 April 2021

Hi Sonette

I would just like to place on record my total disgust how this supposed Public Participation is being conducted by yourself and Greenminded.

I am yet to see minutes of Saturday afternoons Zoom session and I understand that the deadline to comment is today!

Please remember we have jobs and lives and don't have unlimited time to appease all your demands in your totally unrealistic time frames.

Please note I am currently discussing the laying of a formal complaint against yourself and Greenminded in how this matter is being dealt with.

I have just seen that Tja Naledi, was granted a 3 month extension to submit their Revised Financial Provisions regarding their Amendment Application! They previously missed a deadline and again were given the opportunity to submit documents late. We are fully aware that this certainly isn't a level playing field! So the DMR gave an employed professional, for Tja Naledi over 6 months to provide this information, when we as I&AP's are given days to wade through an excessive volume of documentation to dispute the work of payed Professionals! If it wasn't so serious it would be laughable. I think it time

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 25 April 2021 01:37 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Richardson 2 - Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Public Participation

**From:** Mail Delivery System [mailto:Mailer-Daemon@smtpcorp.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 1:35 PM

**To:** Sonette Smit

**Subject:** Delivered: Richardson 2 - Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Public Participation

**Your message has been delivered to the following recipients:**

[cmrich@mweb.co.za](mailto:cmrich@mweb.co.za)

Subject: FW: Richardson 2 - Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Public Participation

**DIANE STEVENS**

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 23 April 2021 09:47 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

**From:** Diane Stevens [mailto:dianestevens175@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 7:48 AM  
**To:** Gea Holland <hollandgea@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** Mariette Liefferink <mariette@pea.org.za>; Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>; Simon Nyofane <cmon.gp@gmail.com>; liz@lizcharles.co.za; Angelslight <angelslight@telkomsa.net>; Scholtz, Carl (C) <carl.scholtz@natref.com>; Heather Meyers <heatherkate63@gmail.com>; candyz@iafrica.com; Goosebay <goosebay@mweb.co.za>; Sue <susan@utlfs.co.za>; Fagmie Fredericks <fagmiefredericks@gmail.com>; theoldecharm <theoldecharm@gmail.com>; gerhard.vandermerwe@averda.com; corrievdm@pkfoctagon.com; wayne.kevern.wk <wayne.kevern.wk@gmail.com>; prsmith1218 <prsmith1218@gmail.com>; Pieter <pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com>; Zoa <zoabag26@gmail.com>; francios <francios@nowtech.co.za>; Tsuoise Mokete <tsuoise.mokete@gmail.com>; Dennis@greenfog.co.za; homansafe@yahoo.com; Dawn Schepers <dawn.schepers@gmail.com>; Hunter, Sean <shunter@colserve.co.za>; conradvdm18@gmail.com; kyle.loxton@lixil.com; stacey@corruseal.co.za; Bob <bobh@dullies.com>; mcbeathdennis@gmail.com; Marianne Bilsland <Marianne@fixeng.co.za>; mvandyk0822@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Dear Sonette,

I will be attending the 7o'clock via the Zoom meeting.

Regards  
Diane Stevens  
175 Hadida St, Vaaloewer

On Wed, 14 Apr 2021, 19:48 Gea Holland, <[hollandgea@gmail.com](mailto:hollandgea@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Sonette

My husband and I will attend the 7 o clock session on Saturday morning.

Best regards

Aragea Holland-Fredericks

On Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 5:27 PM Mariette Liefferink <[mariette@pea.org.za](mailto:mariette@pea.org.za)> wrote:

Dear Sonette,

I thank you for the notification. I, on behalf of the FSE, hereby confirm my attendance and participation in the virtual meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant.

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 12 April 2021 08:11 PM  
**Subject:** Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Dear registered I&APs

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd (“MCCP”) Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) Notification**

**FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048MR**

1. In order to accommodate I&APs, MCCP has arranged **Meetings on Saturday 17 April 2021**, which I&APs will be able to attend either Virtually, or Physically, subject to what is set out in detail hereunder.
  - 1.1 Participants attending the Meetings Virtually will be able to interact with participants attending the Meetings Physically, as well as the MCCP Representatives, Specialist Team, Greenmined and the Meeting Facilitator.
  - 1.2 Participants attending the Meetings Physically will be able to interact with participants attending the Meetings Virtually, as well as the MCCP Representatives, Specialist Team, Greenmined and the Meeting Facilitator, since the Physical Meeting will be livestreamed to Virtual Meeting Participants.
  - 1.3 **I&APs are respectfully requested to advise, whether they will be attending the Meetings, Virtually or Physically, and at what times.**

#### **Zoom Virtual Public Participation Meeting**

2. In the event that you wish to attend either meeting Virtually, please find herewith the Zoom links to the **Virtual Public Participation Meetings** to be held on **17 April 2021** to discuss the **Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”)** and **Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”)** for the proposed Mining Right application by Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd over the following three farm portions: The Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm Woodlands 407, Portion 3 of the Farm Woodlands 407 and the Remaining Extent of the Farm Woodlands 407 in the Ngwathe Municipal District, Free State Province.

**Kindly confirm which one of the two (2) Virtual Meetings you would like to attend:**

#### **Meeting 1**

**Date: Saturday 17 April 2021**

**Time: 07h00-9h00**

**Topic: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

**Time: Apr 17, 2021 07:00 AM Harare, Pretoria**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://raubex.zoom.us/j/97205183467?pwd=ck00UHFuR0lYTUpENnQxSkVKYjhlZz09>

Meeting ID: 972 0518 3467

Passcode: 383153

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## **Meeting 2**

**Date: Saturday 17 April 2021**

**Time: 13h00-15h00**

**Topic: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

**Time: Apr 17, 2021 01:00 PM Harare, Pretoria**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://raubex.zoom.us/j/95708237905?pwd=V29NNFF1bkg2NktKc3ZRWGZMQjIRZz09>

Meeting ID: 957 0823 7905

Passcode: 348742

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### **3. Please ensure**

3.1 You are online and connected 10 minutes before the meeting starts.

3.2 You have the most recent version of Zoom, as with an older version you may have connection or audio/video issues and be unable to participate effectively or at all.

3.3 That the device you are logging in with has a registered name to permit access.

### **Physical Public Participation Meeting – Eden Manor situate at Plots 1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road).**

4. In the event that any I&AP does not have the resources to attend the Meetings Virtually, the following provisions have been made, for attending the Meeting on the **17 April 2021** Physically at the following times, at the location set out hereunder:
  - 4.1 **7:00 – 9:00** – **Eden Manor** situate at **Plots1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road)**, District Parys GPS Coordinates - **26.771611S, 27.642725E**
  - 4.2 **13:00 – 15:00** – **Eden Manor** situate at **Plats 1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road)**, District Parys GPS Coordinates - **26.771611S, 27.642725E**
5. The arrangement for Qualifying I&APs to attend the **Meetings** on **17 April 2021** Physically has been scheduled, solely for the purposes of accommodating Qualifying I&AP's, to facilitate their participation in the Meetings, in the event that such I&APs do not have access to computers or Wi-Fi. Accordingly:
  - 5.1 Please do not attend the Meetings Physically, if you are able to attend any of the **meetings Virtually**.
  - 5.2 Please note that this request, is to provide an opportunity specifically for those I&AP's, who do not have access to the above mentioned resources (as set out more fully in clause 2 above), to participate in the process, and not be excluded due to a lack of resources.

5.3 It is intended that the ability of I&APs to attend the meetings be held on **17 April 2021** (as set out above) Physically will enable said I&AP's, to participate in the public consultation and information provision process. (Especially in light of the restrictions imposed on Gatherings by the COVID-19 Regulations).

6. We thank you in advance for your cooperation, look forward to interacting with you.

7. If you are experiencing problems on the day, please be kind enough to send a message via **WHATSAPP to 084 585 5706**, as we will be unable to take calls while administering a meeting.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**

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**From:** Diane Stevens [mailto:[dianestevens175@gmail.com](mailto:dianestevens175@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** 21 April 2021 02:32 PM

**To:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>

**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder <[admin@greenmined.co.za](mailto:admin@greenmined.co.za)>; Gavin Aboud <[gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za](mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za)>

**Subject:** Re: FW: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

Good day Sonette,

I did not receive your email sent on the 20 April 2021 as it was sent to my old email address.

Thank you for changing my email address as I did receive your notification about the meeting at 17:00. Unfortunately I am not able to attend the Zoom meeting today due to the short notice (1day) you have afforded us and prior commitments.

My telephone is unchanged and remains 072 146 4750

Regards

Diane Stevens

On Wed, 21 Apr 2021, 14:10 Sonette Smit, <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)> wrote:

Good day Mrs. Stevens,

**Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation Meeting**

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Diane Stevens <dianestevens175@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 21 April 2021 02:52 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation  
**Attachments:** image001.png

Hi Marlene,

Apologies, finger error.

072 147 4750

Regards  
Diane Stevens

On Wed, 21 Apr 2021, 14:45 Marlene Lingenfelder, <[admin@greenmined.co.za](mailto:admin@greenmined.co.za)> wrote:

Dear Mrs Stevens,

Kindly confirm your cell phone number. I tried to call you and the number seems to be incorrect.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Marlene Lingenfelder**

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 23 April 2021 09:53 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation  
**Attachments:** 210410 1st Pub Participate.pdf; Greenmined MCCP Presentation 17.04.21 MSC.pdf

**From:** Sonette Smit

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:11 PM

**To:** Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer <marlene@kruppeng.co.za>; Anne Wilson <candyz@iafrica.com>; Aragea Holland-Fredericks <hollandgea@gmail.com>; Chakane <chakanes@feziledabi.gov.za>; Chris Campbell <chris@cesa.co.za>; Cindy Aboud <cindy.aboud@vodamail.co.za>; Craig Richardson <cmrich@mweb.co.za>; Di Stevens (Vaaloewer) <edstevens@telkomsa.net>; Dina <dina.henstock@gmail.com>; Duan Jacobs <duan.jacobs@sasol.com>; Frans Van der Merwe <frans.vandermerwe@telkomsa.net>; Gavin Aboud <gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za>; Hanlie Stander <HanlieS@jse.co.za>; Liz <liz.tuux@gmail.com>; Louis Kruger <krugerskroon@gmail.com>; Magda Rijkse <mrijksen@telkomsa.net>; Marianne Bilsland <marianne@fixeng.co.za>; Mariette Liefferink <mariette@pea.org.za>; Martin Struwig <martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za>; Mcebo Mkhathshwa <mcebom@feziledabi.gov.za>; Nardus Buys <nardus@braccanix.co.za>; Paul Kgole <paulkg@vodamail.co.za>; Philip Hartslielief <bobh@dullies.com>; Pieter Hattingh <pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com>; Protect Vaal Eden <protectvaal@googlegroups.com>; Renee Hartslielief <renee@bundunet.com>; Sampie van Rooyen <svr@envmvp.com>; Sean Hunter and Heather Ubsdell <heatherkate63@gmail.com>; Selma Kok <littlegreenprojectsK@gmail.com>; Stephan Fick / Johan and Susan Malan <stephanfick@gmail.com>; Veronica Withers <nickiwithers@gmail.com>; Warrin <warrinf@gmail.com>; Yusuf Dadabhay <YusufD@plazaboard.co.za>  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder <admin@greenmined.co.za>

**Subject:** Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

### Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation Meeting

1. The email sent to you on 17 April 2021 at 10:46 am as enclosed below refers.
2. Kindly confirm your attendance by 10:00 am on Wednesday 21 April 2021 in order for us to provide you with the relevant Zoom link.
3. Please note that no additional information will be presented during this meeting. The materials to be presented and discussed will be the same materials presented and discussed at the public participation meetings held on 10 and 17 April 2021 by Greenmined.
4. We confirm that the MCCP Managing Director, Management and Specialist Consultants (whose reports were utilized in compiling the DEIAR), will be in attendance, to answer I&APs questions, and provide information.
5. The meeting will be chaired by Dr Dawid de Vaal.
6. We trust that you find the above in order.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**

**Managing Director**

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 23 April 2021 09:59 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Objection\_Monte Christo Commercial Park mining application  
**Attachments:** OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED MONTE CHRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK MINING APPLICATION.docx; Monte Christo Commercial Park\_17 April 2021 meeting.docx

**From:** Diane Stevens [<mailto:dianestevens175@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:29 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Cc:** Gavin Aboud <[gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za](mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za)>  
**Subject:** Objection\_Monte Christo Commercial Park mining application

Dear Sonette,

Attached, please find the following attachments:

1. My comments on the unsuccessful Zoom meeting that you attempted to hold on Saturday 17 April at 07:00.

So many of us were not afforded an opportunity to voice our concerns and ask questions from the panel assembled by Greenmined to advocate for the Monte Cristo Commercial Park mining application.

I therefore insist that we be given another opportunity to participate in a full Public Participation meeting.

2. My objections to the Monte Christo Commercial Park mining application.

Regards  
Diane Stevens  
175 HAdida Street.

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 23 April 2021 10:03 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Objection\_Monte Christo Commercial Park mining application  
**Attachments:** Monte Christo Commercial Park \_17 April 2021 meeting.docx; OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED MONTE CHRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK MINING APPLICAT....docx; Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation ; Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation ; Re: FW: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 4:45 PM  
**To:** 'Diane Stevens' <dianestevens175@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder <admin@greenmined.co.za>  
**Subject:** RE: Objection\_Monte Christo Commercial Park mining application

Dear Mrs. Stevens

**Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") DEIAR Public Participation – Meetings on Saturday 17 April 2021 at 07h00 and 13h00, respectively, today Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 17h00 – 21:00 via zoom, and Saturday 24 April 2021 09h00 (Barrage Informal Settlement) and 11h00 (Lindique's Drift Informal Settlement) physical meetings**

1. Your email dated Wednesday, **April 21, 2021 10:29 AM**, as set out hereunder (and the attachments thereto), refer.
2. I have set out the contents of your above mentioned email, and respond in red font, to the partially numbered paragraphs of your abovementioned email, hereunder and the annexures thereto.

*"1. My comments on the unsuccessful Zoom meeting that you attempted to hold on Saturday 17 April at 07:00."*

**1.1. We thank you for your comments.**

*"So many of us were not afforded an opportunity to voice our concerns and ask questions from the panel assembled by Greenmined to advocate for the Monte Cristo Commercial Park mining application."*

**2.1. During the 07h00 meeting on Saturday 17 April 2021 (which you attended via Zoom), you were specifically invited, by the Managing Director of the Applicant MCCP, to attend the meeting on Saturday 17 April 2021 at 13h00 via Zoom, and the further abovementioned physical meetings at the Informal Settlements;**

**2.2. You were also contacted via telephone and SMS, on Saturday 17 April 2021, advising you of the further meetings to be held, and respectfully urging you to attend the meeting on Saturday 17 April 2021 at 13h00 (via Zoom). We set out hereunder, a copy of the SMS sent to you on Saturday 17 April 2021 at 12h17:**

***“Good day Monte Cristo Mining Application I&AP, we invite you to attend the Public Participation Meeting Virtually or Physically (at Eden Manor ) today 17 April at 13H00”***

2.3. Without providing any reason:

- 2.3.1. You provided no response to the above SMS or Email;
- 2.3.2. You failed to attend the meeting on Saturday **17 April 2021** at **13h00** via Zoom (we record, that the full Specialist team, was available to answer your questions on that day, as you are well aware);
- 2.3.3. To date, you have provided no reason for not attending the abovementioned Zoom meeting on Saturday **17 April 2021** at **13h00** via Zoom.

2.4. In addition:

- 2.4.1. You were invited by via an email sent to you on Saturday **17 April 2021** at **10h50** (copy of such email enclosed herewith), to attend both:
  - 2.4.1.1. All of the abovementioned meetings, and;
  - 2.4.1.2. The Zoom meeting to be held tonight Wednesday **21 April 2021** at **17h00**;
- 2.4.2. Furthermore, you were sent an email on Tuesday **20 April 2021 21h15**, requesting that you confirm your attendance at the Zoom meeting on Wednesday **21 April 2021** at **17h00**;
- 2.4.3. We note that you have not as of yet accepted;
- 2.4.4. Please confirm, that we may send you a Zoom link and that you will be attending tonight’s meeting;

2.5. We respectfully urge you to attend tonight’s Zoom meeting, and that we again, have arranged for a panel of experts to deal with your questions relating to the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report;

*“I therefore insist that we be given another opportunity to participate in a full Public Participation meeting.”*

2.6. We take note of your concerns and again invite you to attend the Public Participation Meeting to be held tonight **21 April 2021** at **17h00** via Zoom, or the physical Public Participation Meetings at the Barrage and Lindequesdrift Informal Settlements;

2.7. We also record, that you have not provided any reason for failing to attend the first Public Participation Meeting scheduled via Zoom, on Saturday **10 April 2021**. We point out, that we likewise had a Specialist team in attendance to answer questions;

*“2. My objections to the Monte Christo Commercial Park mining application.”*

2.8. We are unclear what the intention of this sentence is. You have not provided any grounds whatsoever for your supposed objection to the M CCP Mining Right Application.

3. We take note of your request for another Public Participation Meeting, where you can engage with the expert Consultants, and again confirm that you have been invited to tonight’s Wednesday **21 April 2021** Zoom Meeting at **17h00**.

4. We have set out below, *in toto*, the annexure to your abovementioned email, dated **21 April 2021**. We also respond thereto seriatim in red font below:

*“OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED MONTE CHRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK MINING APPLICATION*

*Mrs Diane Stevens  
175 Hadida Street  
Vaalower  
21 April 2021”*

*“I live in Vaalower Gauteng, directly across the river from the proposed mine and therefore have a direct interest in the changes in my quality of life that the mine will bring about.”*

4.1. Noted;

4.2. For reasons which will become apparent from the input of Specialists, we do not believe there will be any changes in your quality of life

*“I suffer from Asthma and when I retired I moved to Vaalower for the benefit of clean air with no pollution and to live in a rural country setting.”*

4.3. MCCP has retained the services of Airshed Planning Professionals and Infotox (Pty) Ltd:

4.3.1. The expert studies completed by the above Specialists, indicate that the Mining Activities will not affect the Air Quality of I&AP's.

*“1. Air Pollution*

- A mining operation on the scale Monte Christo proposes will adversely affect the air quality in Vaalower. Dust particles from the mine will be deposited in Vaalower.”*

4.4. Please see paragraph 4.3 above;

4.5. We respectfully again urge you, to attend today's **21 April 2021** Public Participation Meeting at **17h00**.

*“2. Noise pollution*

- The use of a mechanical sand separator that will run 24/7 will carry across the river to the Vaalower residential area. This will impact on homes and the tourism venues.”*

4.6. The Sand Screening apparatus, will only run between **06h00** and **18h00**;

4.7. Airshed Planning Professionals has conducted Noise Level studies, to show that noise will be kept within acceptable levels.

*“3. Water Pollution*

- The water in Vaalower is drawn directly out of the Vaal River and is processed in Vaalower by the Emfuleni Local Municipality at a water plant downstream of the proposed mine.”*

4.8. Noted.

*“Any mining by Monte Christo has the potential to negatively impact our water security.”*

4.9. MCCP's Mining Activities, will have no effect on Vaal River Water Security;

- 4.10. In any event, MCCP is in the process of applying for a Water Use License from the relevant Authorities. Greenmined is attending to this process, which will also be informed by Expert Studies.

*“South Africa is a water scarce country and the Vaal River is already under stress.”*

- 4.11. Noted.

*“4. Housing values*

- *Being situated directly across the river from a mine running 24/7 will negatively impact on my property value.”*

- 4.12. The MCCP Mine will only run between **06h00** and **18h00**;

- 4.13. The MCCP Mine will have no effect on your property values;

- 4.14. The Goosebay River and Eco Estate, to be developed by the VLDC Group, will have a substantial positive impact on your property value. A Brochure entitled Goosebay Eco River and Lifestyle Estate, dated **29 May 2020**, same explaining the proposed development of the Eco River and Lifestyle Estate can be forwarded to you upon request.

*“The mine’s life span is projected to be 40 years and I will be 106 before the mining is complete and the Eco Estate is in place.”*

- 4.15. The Mining Right applied for is only **30 years**;

*“Many, many people in Vaaloewer, Lindequesdrift and Parys will be affected by this.”*

- 4.16. We are uncertain what is meant by this sentence.

*“5. Tourism/Employment*

- *Vaaloewer is a tourism destination and 6 tourist operations in the area. There will be a loss of employment from these venues.”*

- 4.17. MCCP Mining Operations, will have no effect on Tourist Operations in the area.

- 4.18. Goosebay Farm, on which the MCCP Mine is to be located, has operated an Eco Tourism Venue, for more than a decade, currently continues to do so, and will substantially expand this Eco Tourism operation.

*“The mine will employ less people than are currently employed by the local the local community.”*

- 4.19. The Mine will employ more than **50** people directly, which jobs will support many multiples of this number. The Mine will also have a substantial positive Economic effect and benefit on the National Economy by way of Royalties and Taxes payable to the Fiscus.

*“6. Loss of the Character of Vaaloewer and the surrounding areas*

- *The character of Vaaloewer will be radically changed by the mining operations.”*

4.20. The Mine will have no impact on the Character of Vaal Oewer, as at any given time the MCCP Mine, will Mine not more than **12 Hectares** of the surface area of Goosebay Farm, which is less than **2%** of the total surface area of **850 Hectares**.

*“The ambiance we sought moving here will be lost.”*

4.21. The ambiance of Vaaloewer will be substantially enhanced by the Eco Estate, which is to be built on Goosebay Farm:

4.21.1. The planning and preliminary Development of the Eco Estate has already commenced;

4.21.2. The construction of the many of the physical features making the Eco Estate, will continue to take place simultaneously with the Mining of the sand and aggregate deposits.

5. We again urge you to attend tonight’s **21 April 2021** Public Participation Meeting at **17h00**, in order that you can:

5.1. Raise your concerns;

5.2. Obtain information from the MCCP Specialist Consultants;

5.3. Receive input directly from the Managing Director of MCCP, with regards to the proposed development of the proposed Goosebay Eco River and Lifestyle Estate, as referred to herein.

6. I also refer you to your email to Greenmined, dated **21 April 2021 14h32 PM** (copy of same enclosed herewith). I respond seriatim hereunder, in red font to the unnumbered paragraphs in your **21 April 2021 14h32 PM** email:

*Good day Sonette,*

*“I did not receive your email sent on the 20 April 2021 as it was sent to my old email address.”*

6.1. We find it passing strange, that your email address has allegedly recently changed, but that you corresponded with us from your old email address, until very recently;

6.2. Furthermore, we note that Mr Gavin Aboud is still corresponding with you via your old email address;

6.3. In addition, you have informed us that you are still receiving emails on your old email address, but that you now suddenly prefer to receive emails on a new address, which you provided to us **ONLY TODAY**.

*“Thank you for changing my email address as I did receive your notification about the meeting at 17:00.”*

6.4. We confirm, that you have received our notification about the MCCP Public Participation Meeting at **17h00 on 21 April 2021** and that you are clearly aware of same.

*“Unfortunately I am not able to attend the Zoom meeting today due to the short notice (1day) you have afforded us and prior commitments.”*

6.5. We note, that you were also unable unfortunately to attend the meeting on **17 April 2021 at 13h00**;

6.6. We respectfully suggest to you, that were these meetings sufficiently important to you, you would have made yourself available:

6.6.1. For either of these meetings;

6.6.2. For the First Public Participation Meeting held on **10 April 2021**; and/or

6.6.3. The Public Participations meetings to be held at the Barrage and Lindequesdrift Informal Settlement on **Saturday 24 April 2021**.

*"My telephone is unchanged and remains 072 146 4750*

*Regards  
Diane Stevens"*

We trust you find the above in order,

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**  
**Managing Director**



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**From:** Diane Stevens [<mailto:dianestevens175@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:29 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Cc:** Gavin About <[gavinabout@vodamail.co.za](mailto:gavinabout@vodamail.co.za)>  
**Subject:** Objection\_Monte Christo Commercial Park mining application

Dear Sonette,

Attached, please find the following attachments:

1. My comments on the unsuccessful Zoom meeting that you attempted to hold on Saturday 17 April at 07:00.

So many of us were not afforded an opportunity to voice our concerns and ask questions from the panel assembled by Greenmined to advocate for the Monte Cristo Commercial Park mining application.

I therefore insist that we be given another opportunity to participate in a full Public Participation meeting.

2. My objections to the Monte Christo Commercial Park mining application.

Regards

# DUAN JACOBS

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 08 April 2021 03:57 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Pure source mine

Good day.

I want to attend the Public participation meeting that is mentioned in the mail I received. Please forward me the details regarding the meeting. My details is as follows.

D Jacobs.  
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Regards.  
Duan.

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 08 April 2021 04:02 PM  
**To:** Jacobs, Duan (D)  
**Cc:** 'duanjacobs1@gmail.com'; Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** RE: Pure source mine

Good day Duan,

MCCP DEIAR Notification – Meeting registration.

1. We refer to your email dated **8 April, 2021 3:43 PM**
2. You were registered for the public participation meeting to be held on 10 April 2021 for the above mentioned project.
3. Please note that the registration period for the public participation meeting is now closed.
4. A link to the meeting will be send to you in due course.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information,

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**  
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**From:** Jacobs, Duan (D) [mailto:duan.jacobs@sasol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 3:43 PM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>  
**Cc:** 'duanjacobs1@gmail.com' <duanjacobs1@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Pure source mine

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 23 April 2021 10:09 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report Notification Reference No: FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048 MR AND FS 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/10048 EM

**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** Friday, April 9, 2021 2:52 PM  
**Subject:** Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report Notification Reference No: FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048 MR AND FS 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/10048 EM

Dear registered I&AP

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) Notification**

1. Please find herewith the Zoom link to the virtual public participation meeting to be held on the 10th of April 2021 to discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) for the proposed Mining Right application by Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd over the following three farm portions: The Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm Woodlands 407, Portion 3 of the Farm Woodlands 407 and the Remaining Extent of the Farm Woodlands 407 in the Ngwathe Municipal District, Free State Province:

**Date: Saturday 10 April 2021**

**Time: 08h00-10h00**

#### **Please ensure**

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- That the device you are logging in with has a registered name to permit access.
- Join the webinar on Zoom here:

**Topic: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report Notification Reference No: FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048 MR AND FS 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/10048 EM**  
**Time: Apr 10, 2021 08:00 AM Harare, Pretoria**

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://raubex.zoom.us/j/94537974742?pwd=M0cwaFE1TkdVTG1XLzVXWUdBWmVNUT09>

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With many thanks

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

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# FRANS VAN DER MERWE

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 24 April 2021 02:36 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: MCCP DEIAR Notification  
**Attachments:** MCCP DEIAR Notification 19 Mar 2021 V9 BP.PDF

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 2:02 PM  
**To:** frans.vandermerwe@telkomsa.net  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder <admin@greenmined.co.za>  
**Subject:** MCCP DEIAR Notification

Good day Frans,

### MCCP DEIAR Notification

1. Please find the notification as send on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 as requested telephonically, also see the link for the documentation below for your convenience.

<https://www.greenmined.com/environmental-impact-assessments/>

2. You are hereby registered for the public participation meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 and will receive details hereof as soon as it is available.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

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# GALLIE VAN RENSBURG

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 17 April 2021 08:25 PM  
**To:** 'Brian Macgregor (Secretary)'; Elsaine Costerus Mohr; Goosebay Canyon Farm; Ilse Dicks; Marlene Lingenfelder; mdvldc (mdvldc@vldc.co.za); Michael Cocks; Peter Roux; Robert Schimpers; VLDC Secretary; Zoe Norwal  
**Subject:** FW: Greenmind : Monte Christo

Comments received.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

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**From:** Liz Charles [mailto:liz.tuxx@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 1:34 PM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>  
**Subject:** Greenmind : Monte Christo

Middag Sonette

Ek wil graag my misnoe uitspreek met julle poging om 'n vergadering te bele vir publieke deelname oor Monte Christo. Dit is ongeoorloof en 'n eerste in my bestaan om 'n openbare vergadering om 07:00 te hou op 'n Saterdag en te verwag dat ons al om 06:15 daar op te daag by die venue.

Die venue was onvoorbereid. Geen toiletpapier, geen koffie of verversings, geen papierwerk of ordentlike kommunikasie vir die voorsitter om mee voort te gaan nie.

Die venue was onvoldoende en ek sal graag statistiek van die aantal IAP's wou he wat hulle teenwoordigheid aangedui het. Twee aparte vergaderings soos die, vir dieselfde doel, kan nie as 'n vergadering geklassifiseer word nie.

Volgens my word die metode deur julle gebruik om die weerstand af te weer, en die probleem te verdoesel tot julle voordeel.

Hierdie vergadering is vir ons LEWENS BELANGRIK aangesien ons gesondheid, ons lewensgehalte, ons lewensstyl, ons besighede en ons grooste bates, (ons huise en kantore) hier ter sprake is.

Ek gaan ook voorstel dat iedere en elke IAP wat hulle tyd opgeoffer het om die vergadering by te woon vrugtelose uitgawes gehad het en dat hulle eise vir reiskostes teen julle moet instel.

Doen aan andere wat jy wil he aan jou gedoen moet word.

Ek wag vir jou terugvoering.

Groete  
Gallie van Rensburg

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 17 April 2021 10:49 AM  
**To:** Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer; Anne Wilson; Aragea Holland-Fredericks; Chakane; Chris Campbell ; Cindy Aboud; Craig Richardson; Di Stevens (Vaaloewer); Dina; Duan Jacobs; Frans Van der Merwe; Gavin Aboud; Hanlie Stander; Liz; Louis Kruger; Magda Rijksen; Marianne Bilsland; Mariette Liefferink; Martin Struwig; Mcebo Mkhathshwa; Nardus Buys; Paul Kgole; Philip Hartsliet; Pieter Hattingh; Protect Vaal Eden; Renee Hartsliet; Sampie van Rooyen; Sean Hunter and Heather Ubsdell; Stephan Fick / Johan and Susan Malan; Veronica Withers; Warrin ; Yusuf Dadabhay  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation  
**Attachments:** 210410 1st Pub Participate.pdf; Greenmined MCCP Presentation 17.04.21 MSC.pdf

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation Meeting**

1. The above matter as well as the Public Participation Meeting scheduled to take place Virtually and Physically on 17 April 2021 at 07h00 refer.
2. We must, at the outset, apologise profusely for the technological difficulties experienced by us at the aforementioned scheduled Meeting, which resulted in many I&APs electing to leave such Meeting.
3. In the event that any I&APs that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to be held on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, wish to attend the additional Meeting to be held today, 17 April 2021, at 13h00, we invite such I&APs to do so, Physically or Virtually.
  - 3.1. For the avoidance of any doubt, we confirm that the aforementioned technological difficulties, have been rectified, and the Meeting Scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021, at 13h00, is expected to proceed without difficulty and/or delay.
  - 3.2. We shall, via SMS and Telephone Call, attempt to contact all such I&APs that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to be held on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, in order to notify and invite such I&APs to the Meeting scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021 at 13h00, and to the further Meetings on 21 April 2021 and 24 April 2021.
4. Nevertheless, we invite all I&APs, that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, Physically or Virtually, to also attend the further Meetings to be held by us, on 24 April 2021, as follows:
  - 4.1. **Barrage Informal Settlement** – On open Land in front of Barrage Primary School, located at Area 577 Kaalplaats Barrage 1900 Gauteng Province, (open space approximately 100m South west from Barrage Police Station) - GPS Co-ordinates 26.762991 - 27.678541 **at 9:00 – 10:00;**
  - 4.2. **Lindequesdrift/Vaal Oewer Informal Settlement** – On open Land immediately adjacent to Lindequesdrift (Vaal Oewer) informal settlement, North West Province, on main road (Open Space approximately 750m south from the Vaal Oewer entrance - GPS Co-ordinates -26,7309250, 27,5842210 **at 11:00 – 12:00.**

5. We wish to again re-iterate and stress that the well-being of the I&APs, is of utmost concern to us.

**Additional Virtual Meeting To Be Held 21 April 2021 At 17h00**

6. We have accordingly arranged a further Meeting, to be held Virtually on Wednesday 21 April 2021, at 17h00, which I&APs that intended on taking part in the Meeting scheduled to take place 17 April 2021 at 07h00 may attend, in the event that are unable to attend the Virtual and Physical Meetings scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 13h00 and/or 24 April 2021.

6.1. A Zoom link, to the aforementioned meeting to be held on 21 April 2021 at 17h00, shall be sent to such I&APs that were present, at the Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, which did not proceed.

6.2. We are, however, not in a position to arrange any further Meetings, in addition to the Meetings to be held on 21 April 2021 and on 24 April 2021.

6.3. We respectfully urge all relevant I&APs to attend one of the four abovementioned Meetings as again set out hereunder:

6.3.1.the Meeting to be held on 17 April 2021 at 13h00;

6.3.2.the Meeting to be held on 21 April 2021 at 17h00;

6.3.3.the Meeting to be held on 24 April 2021 at 09h00; and

6.3.4.the Meeting to be held on 24 April 2021 at 11h00.

7. In addition to the Meetings to be held, and in the interests of transparency, we attach hereto the Transcription of the Meeting held on 10 April 2021, together with the Presentation Material used in the Public Participation Meetings, in order for I&APs to have access to all relevant information, which I&APs may require, in order to provide Greenmined with comments in relation to the DEIAR.

7.1. We shall, in due course and upon receipt of same, distribute the Transcription of the Meeting scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021 at 13h00.

7.2. We wish to point out that the Presentation Material herewith provided, has been produced from, and in accordance with, the DEIAR and Specialist Studies as attached thereto, and as such, does not constitute any new Material, which was not included in the DEIAR.

7.3. The Presentation Material, is provided to I&APs, in order to provide I&APs with a concise and succinct summary of the Material Facts of MCCP's Application.

8. We trust that you find the above in order and once again thank you for your valued engagement with Greenmined.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**

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Dear Interested and Affected Party,

### Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation Meeting

1. The email sent to you on 17 April 2021 at 10:46 am as enclosed below refers.
2. Kindly confirm your attendance by 10:00 am on Wednesday 21 April 2021 in order for us to provide you with the relevant Zoom link.
3. Please note that no additional information will be presented during this meeting. The materials to be presented and discussed will be the same materials presented and discussed at the public participation meetings held on 10 and 17 April 2021 by Greenmined.
4. We confirm that the MCCP Managing Director, Management and Specialist Consultants (whose reports were utilized in compiling the DEIAR) , will be in attendance, to answer I&APs questions, and provide information.
5. The meeting will be chaired by Dr Dawid de Vaal.
6. We trust that you find the above in order.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 21 April 2021 02:38 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report - 21 April 2021

Dear registered I&APs

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd (“MCCP”) Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) Notification**

**FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048MR**

1. In order to accommodate I&APs that wished to attend the meeting on Saturday 17 April 2021, MCCP has arranged **an additional meeting on Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 17h00**, which I&APs will be able to attend Virtually, subject to what is set out in detail hereunder.
2. Please find herewith the Zoom link to the **Virtual Public Participation Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 17h00** to discuss the **Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”)** and **Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”)** for the proposed Mining Right application by Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd over the following three farm portions: The Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm Woodlands 407, Portion 3 of the Farm Woodlands 407 and the Remaining Extent of the Farm Woodlands 407 in the Ngwathe Municipal District, Free State Province.

**Date: Wednesday 21 April 2021**

**Time: 17h00**

**Topic: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

**Time: Apr 21, 2021 05:00 PM Harare, Pretoria**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://raubex.zoom.us/j/96890738995>

Meeting ID: 968 9073 8995

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Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete  
**Sonette Smit**

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 24 April 2021 06:23 PM  
**To:** Liz  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** RE: Mr Gallie van Rensburg Response - Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") - Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report – Public Participation Process  
**Attachments:** MCCP Covid Indemnity List Meet Attendees 17 Apr 2021 Publ Part Meeting 1....jpg; Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

Dear Mr. Van Rensburg

### Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") - Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report – Public Participation Process

1. The above matter and your email, dated **17 April 2021 13:34 PM**, as set out below, refer.
2. For ease of departmental reference we hereby address your comments in English, which we trust you will find in order.
3. We hereby respond seriatim in **red font** to the unnumbered paragraphs of your abovementioned email, as set out below:

*“Ek wil graag my misnoe uitspreek met julle poging om 'n vergadering te bele vir publieke deelname oor Monte Christo. Dit is ongeoorloofd en 'n eerste in my bestaan om 'n openbare vergadering om 07:00 te hou op 'n Saterdag en te verwag dat ons al om 06:15 daar op te daag by die venue.”*

**3.1. We note your discontent with regards to the meeting arranged for Saturday, 17 April 2021, at 07:00.**

*“Die venue was onvoorbereid. Geen toiletpapier, geen koffie of verversings, geen papierwerk of ordentlike kommunikasie vir die voorsitter om mee voort te gaan nie.”*

**3.2. Furthermore, we also note your assertion that the venue was not prepared for the meeting. We herewith once again apologize for any inconvenience caused in this regard. Please note that due to the current pandemic, only bottled water was provided, as the provision of any further refreshments would have been in contravention of the Covid-19 restrictions;**

#### **Venue**

**3.3. We must however take issue with certain of the factual inaccuracies stated by yourself. In particular, we wish to pace on record, the following steps taken with regards to the Venue:**

**3.3.1.1. A comfortable venue, in top condition, and located in close proximity to all I&APs;**

**3.3.1.2. Comfortable Seating, properly spaced at least 1.5 meters apart;**

**3.3.1.3. Water as a refreshment (Covid-19 made the serving of tea and coffee inadvisable);**

**3.3.1.4. Proper Covid-19 Signage;**

- 3.3.1.5. Adequate hand sanitizer;
- 3.3.1.6. A proper Covid-19 compliant attendance register (copy of same enclosed herewith);
- 3.3.1.7. “Gun Type” Thermometers to take the temperatures of I&APs attending, for their safety (such temperatures recorded on the abovementioned Covid-19 compliant attendance register);
- 3.3.1.8. Sufficient uniformed personnel, to ensure all of the above;
- 3.3.1.9. High quality colour copies of the presentation material, all of which was handed to I&APs;
- 3.3.1.10. Security personnel to ensure the safety of I&APs;
- 3.3.1.11. A highly qualified and experienced Meeting Facilitator (qualified with a PhD), to act as Chairman of the meeting, physically present at the Meeting Venue;
- 3.3.1.12. The Landscape Architect (qualified with a Master’s Degree), who has been on a retainer to MCCP, for at least the last six years, to advise on, guide and monitor the rehabilitation process;
- 3.3.1.13. A panel of Specialist Professional Consultants (all highly qualified, including some with Masters Degrees and PhD’s – many of whom are recognised as leaders in their fields), to answer all of I&AP’s questions, relating to Environmental issues;
- 3.3.1.14. A state of the art electronic system to facilitate a simultaneous Virtual and Physical Meeting via Zoom (we are advised that certain I&APs, by unnecessarily joining the Zoom Virtual Meeting, whilst attending the Physical Meeting, via Zoom, caused the interference on Zoom, which prevented the meeting going ahead – this action by the I&APs, could not be guarded against or prevented by Greenmined);
- 3.3.1.15. The provision of a strong Internet Link at the Venue, by installation of a temporary Satellite Dish;

### Papierwerk

3.4. The following “paperwork” was prepared for the benefit of I&APs:

- 3.4.1. Comprehensive 50 Page Double Sized A4 Brochures in color were made available to all I&APs, including yourself;
- 3.4.2. Extensive Covid-19 signs in A2 format were displayed in and around the Venue;
- 3.4.3. A detailed register (Covid compliant), was placed at the door and should have been signed by yourself prior to entry at the Venue.

*“Die venue was onvoldoende en ek sal graag statistiek van die aantal IAP's wou hê wat hulle teenwoordigheid aangedui het. Twee aparte vergaderings soos die, vir dieselfde doel, kan nie as 'n vergadering geklassifiseer word nie.”*

3.5. We would like to refer you to our correspondence sent on **17 April 2021**, at **10:49**, and more specifically paragraphs **2 to 7** thereof, which correspondence is attached hereto for your ease of reference. You will note that all I&APs who intended to attend the meeting on **17 April 2021, at 07:00**, were again invited to attend the meeting scheduled for **13:00**.

*“Volgens my word die metode deur julle gebruik om die weerstand af te weer, en die probleem te verdoesel tot julle voordeel.”*

3.6. An additional virtual meeting was also arranged for Wednesday, **21 April 2021** at **17:00** to make provision for those I&APs, who intended to take part in the meeting scheduled to take place on **17 April 2021**, at **07:00**, and:

3.6.1. Who were unable to attend the further meeting scheduled for **17 April 2021** at **13h00**, and;

3.6.2. Who were also unable to attend the two meetings scheduled for **24 April 2021**.

3.7. It is difficult to understand how the Applicant or Greenmined, by arranging several meetings to accommodate all I&AP's, can be accused of attempting to "verdoesel" (our interpretation *confound, mislead or confuse*) I&APs.

*"Hierdie vergadering is vir ons LEWENS BELANGRIK aangesien ons gesondheid, ons lewensgehalte, ons lewensstyl, ons besighede en ons grooste bates, (ons huise en kantore) hier ter sprake is."*

3.8. The Applicant is well aware of the above and appreciates these sentiments of I&AP's. This is why the Applicant has arranged for numerous Specialist Studies with regards to all of the above;

3.9. MCCP and the Landowner share common directorship and shareholding, therefore it is in the interests of both the Applicant and the landowner, that the impacts to the environment are minimised, and that all mitigation measures are implemented;

3.10. We also draw to your attention to the fact, that it is intended that the end use of the land be an Eco River and Lifestyle Estate. A Brochure entitled Goosebay Eco River and Lifestyle Estate, dated **29 May 2020**, same explaining the proposed development of the Eco River and Lifestyle Estate, is available on the Greenmined Website: [www.greenmined.com](http://www.greenmined.com).

*"Ek gaan ook voorstel dat iedere en elke IAP wat hulle tyd opgeoffer het om die vergadering by te woon vrugtelose uitgawes gehad het en dat hulle eise vir reiskostes teen julle moet instel."*

3.11. We take note of the above sentiments, without accepting or admitting the correctness of same.

*"Doen aan andere wat jy wil he aan jou gedoen moet word."*

3.12. We, like yourself are familiar with this Biblical Injunction.

*"Ek wag vir jou terugvoering."*

4. We would like to thank you for your participation in this process.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete  
**Sonette Smit**  
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## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 24 April 2021 06:35 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Mr Gallie van Rensburg Response - Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") - Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report – Public Participation Process

**Your message has been delivered to the following recipients:**

[liz.tuxx@gmail.com](mailto:liz.tuxx@gmail.com)

Subject: RE: Mr Gallie van Rensburg Response - Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") - Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report – Public Participation Process

# GAVIN ABOUD

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**Subject:** RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification

Good Day Sonette,

I hope you are well?

I refer your mail below.

I refer attached.

The details of IAP's in the attachment were registered in the previous application and must be registered as IAP's in this application.

Please confirm,

Kind Regards

Gavin Aboud  
Chairman:Protect Vaal Eden Committee  
Non-Executive Director : FSE

**FJE**

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**From:** Sonette [<mailto:sonette.s@greenmined.co.za>]

**Sent:** 19 March 2021 04:16 PM

**To:** [gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za](mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za)

**Subject:** MCCP DEIAR Notification

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 26 March 2021 12:19 PM  
**To:** gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification

Good day Gavin,

I am very well thank you and yourself?

### MCCP DEIAR Notification

1. Your email dated **24 March 2021 1:58 PM**, as set out hereunder refers.
2. Thank you for taking part in the public participation process and providing us with your attached list of IAP's, that were registered in the previous application and must be registered as IAP's, in this application.
3. Please note that this is not a new application, but only the continuation of the process, this stage of the process known as the DEIAR (Draft Environmental Impact Assessment) phase.
4. We have cross checked the contents of your list of I&AP's attached to your email set out hereunder, with our database, and can confirm that the said list and our database corresponds 100%.
5. We further confirm that all I&AP's referred to above have been notified.

We trust that you find this confirmation in order,

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**  
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**"the goal isn't to live forever, it is to protect a planet that will"**

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**From:** Gavin About [<mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 1:58 PM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Cc:** Abrie Hanekom Vaalower <[marlene@kruppeng.co.za](mailto:marlene@kruppeng.co.za)>; Bob <[bobh@dullies.com](mailto:bobh@dullies.com)>; Chris <[chrisc@cesa.co.za](mailto:chrisc@cesa.co.za)>; Craig <[craigrichardson100@gmail.com](mailto:craigrichardson100@gmail.com)>; Dina <[dina.henstock@gmail.com](mailto:dina.henstock@gmail.com)>; liz <[liz.tuux@gmail.com](mailto:liz.tuux@gmail.com)>; Louis Kruger <[krugerskroon@gmail.com](mailto:krugerskroon@gmail.com)>; Pieter <[pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com](mailto:pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com)>; Renee <[renee@bundunet.com](mailto:renee@bundunet.com)>; warrin <[warrinf@gmail.com](mailto:warrinf@gmail.com)>; 'Mariette Liefferink' <[mariette@pea.org.za](mailto:mariette@pea.org.za)>  
**Subject:** RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification

Good Day Sonette,

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 24 April 2021 07:10 AM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: MCCP DEIAR Notification  
**Attachments:** MCCP DEIAR Notification 19 Mar 2021 V9 BP.PDF

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**From:** Gavin Aboud [<mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 3:54 PM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>; 'Claire Wannenburg' <[Claire.Wannenburg@digbywells.com](mailto:Claire.Wannenburg@digbywells.com)>  
**Cc:** 'Mariette Liefferink' <[mariette@pea.org.za](mailto:mariette@pea.org.za)>; Abrie Hanekom Vaaloeuw <[marlene@kruppeng.co.za](mailto:marlene@kruppeng.co.za)>; Bob <[bobh@dullies.com](mailto:bobh@dullies.com)>; Chris <[chrisc@cesa.co.za](mailto:chrisc@cesa.co.za)>; Craig <[craigrichardson100@gmail.com](mailto:craigrichardson100@gmail.com)>; Dina <[dina.henstock@gmail.com](mailto:dina.henstock@gmail.com)>; liz <[liz.tuux@gmail.com](mailto:liz.tuux@gmail.com)>; Louis Kruger <[krugerskroon@gmail.com](mailto:krugerskroon@gmail.com)>; Pieter <[pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com](mailto:pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com)>; Renee <[renee@bundunet.com](mailto:renee@bundunet.com)>; warrin <[warrinf@gmail.com](mailto:warrinf@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: MCCP DEIAR Notification

Good Day Greenminded and Digby Wells,

You both have informed the IAP's registered for Sweet Sensations and Pure Source that they must save the date for a PPP meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Please be advised we cannot be in both places at the same time?

Someone will have to change their date?

Gavin Aboud  
Chairman:Protect Vaal Eden Committee  
Non-Executive Director : FSE

  
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**From:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Sent:** 29 March 2021 04:49 PM  
**To:** [mariette@pea.org.za](mailto:mariette@pea.org.za)  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder <[admin@greenmined.co.za](mailto:admin@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Subject:** MCCP DEIAR Notification

Good day Mariette,

### MCCP DEIAR Notification

1.Please find the notification as send on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 as requested telephonically, also see the link for the documentation below for your convenience.

<https://www.greenmined.com/environmental-impact-assessments/>

2. You are hereby registered for the public participation meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 and will receive details hereof as soon as it is available.

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 24 April 2021 07:07 AM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: MCCP DEIAR Notification

**From:** Gavin Aboud [<mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 7:26 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Cc:** 'Mariette Liefferink' <[mariette@pea.org.za](mailto:mariette@pea.org.za)>; Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer <[marlene@kruppeng.co.za](mailto:marlene@kruppeng.co.za)>; Bob <[bobh@dullies.com](mailto:bobh@dullies.com)>; Chris <[chrisc@cesa.co.za](mailto:chrisc@cesa.co.za)>; Craig <[craigrichardson100@gmail.com](mailto:craigrichardson100@gmail.com)>; Dina <[dina.henstock@gmail.com](mailto:dina.henstock@gmail.com)>; liz <[liz.tuxx@gmail.com](mailto:liz.tuxx@gmail.com)>; Louis Kruger <[krugerskroon@gmail.com](mailto:krugerskroon@gmail.com)>; Pieter <[pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com](mailto:pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com)>; Renee <[renee@bundunet.com](mailto:renee@bundunet.com)>; warrin <[warrinf@gmail.com](mailto:warrinf@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: MCCP DEIAR Notification

Good Day Sonette,

I refer attached and your mail below.

You say due to Covid regulations only a virtual meeting will be held.

I am afraid that you will have to have a real meeting as well.

You see Covid regulations allow you to have a 100 people at an indoor meeting and 250 at an outdoor meeting.

Many IAP's have been moaning that they do not have access to computers and Wi Fi. You must realise that you are dealing with a rural community, an informal settlement, and not everyone has access to WiFi.

Kindly thus inform us when the meeting will take place and I refer you to the fact that we already have a meeting planned for the 10<sup>th</sup> April with Digby Wells,

regards

Gavin Aboud  
Chairman:Protect Vaal Eden Committee  
Non-Executive Director : FSE



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**Sent:** 29 March 2021 04:49 PM  
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**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder <[admin@greenmined.co.za](mailto:admin@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Subject:** MCCP DEIAR Notification

Good day Mariette,

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 24 April 2021 07:17 AM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: MONTE CRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK (PTY) LTD ("MCCP") MINING PROJECT - DEIAR NOTIFICATION – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING 10 APRIL 2021  
**Attachments:** FW: MCCP DEIAR Notification; FW: MCCP DEIAR Notification; MCCP DEIAR Notification 19 Mar 2021 V9 BP.pdf; Digby Wells Notification.jpg; GB Min Obj Mining 2019 Lett DMR Re RMDEC 10048MR GB Resp 25 Apr 2019 v15 BP.pdf  
**Importance:** High

**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 3, 2021 11:20 AM  
**To:** 'gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za' <gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za>  
**Cc:** 'Mariette Liefferink' <mariette@pea.org.za>; Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer <marlene@kruppeng.co.za>; Bob <bobh@dullies.com>; Chris <chrisc@cesa.co.za>; Craig <craigrichardson100@gmail.com>; Dina <dina.henstock@gmail.com>; liz <liz.tuux@gmail.com>; Louis Kruger <krugerskroon@gmail.com>; Pieter <pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com>; Renee <renee@bundunet.com>; warrin <warrinf@gmail.com>; Marlene Lingenfelder <admin@greenmined.co.za>; 'Martin Struwig' <martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za>  
**Subject:** RE: MONTE CRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK (PTY) LTD ("MCCP") MINING PROJECT - DEIAR NOTIFICATION – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING 10 APRIL 2021  
**Importance:** High

Good day Gavin,

### **MONTE CRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK (PTY) LTD ("MCCP") MINING PROJECT - DEIAR NOTIFICATION – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING 10 APRIL 2021**

1. Your emails dated **30 March 2021 3:54 PM** and **31 March, 2021 7:26 AM** (copies of same enclosed herewith), refer.

### **Sweet Sensation / Digby Wells Focus Group Meetings to be held on 10 April 2021 – Clash with MCCP Virtual Public Participation Meeting on Saturday 10 April 2021.**

2. We take note of your email dated **30 March, 2021 3:54 PM**, wherein you stated as follows:

*“Good Day Greenminded and Digby Wells,*

*You both have informed the IAP’s registered for Sweet Sensations and Pure Source that they must save the date for a PPP meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> April.*

*Please be advised we cannot be in both places at the same time?*

*Someone will have to change their date?”*

- 2.1. We wish to further, respectfully but clearly advise you as follows, with regards to your above statement and concerns:

- 2.1.1. Both Greenmined and the Applicant, only became aware of the Proposed Sweet Sensations meeting on **Friday 26 March 2021**, pursuant to a telephone call from Sweet Sensation's Mr Graham Rodgers to the Applicant's Mr Robert Schimpers;
- 2.1.2. The time period for I&AP's who wished to register for the MCCP Virtual Public Participation Meeting on **Saturday 10 April 2021** (as specified in the Greenmined MCCP Notification Letter dated **19 March 2021**, copy of same enclosed), expired at **24h00 on 31 March 2021**;
- 2.1.3. We refer you, to paragraphs 3 and 4 of our MCCP notification letter dated **19 March 2021**, which paragraphs are set out hereunder for your ease of reference:
- "3. Details of this **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING**, will be provided to I&AP's upon Greenmined receiving I&AP's **individual requests for registration** for the said meeting (I&AP's are requested to contact the relevant Greenmined Consultant hereunder, by no later than **31 March 2021**, should they wish to attend the meeting).
4. In the event that any I&AP, would prefer a **different meeting format** then, the relevant I&AP is **requested to advise Greenmined** accordingly, as per the contents of, and date set out in, paragraph 3 above:
- 4.1 **Greenmined will attempt to do everything necessary, to accommodate any such reasonable request;**
- 4.2 I&AP's are however requested, to **bear in mind the limitations placed on the Public Participation Process by the COVID regulations** (specifically, but not limited to, constraints and issues relating to Public gatherings) and other obvious practical considerations." (**Our underlining for Emphasis**).
- 2.1.4. Since the closing date for I&AP's to Register for the abovementioned MCCP Virtual Public Participation Meeting on **Saturday 10 April 2021** has now passed, we are now in a Position to revert to all parties who have advised us that they wish to be registered for attendance at the said MCCP Virtual Public Participation Meeting on **Saturday 10 April 2021**. We will accordingly revert to all such parties shortly.
- 2.1.5. We can however, in the interim, confirm that a number of I&AP's, in respect of the MCCP Mining Project, have already registered for the MCCP Virtual Public Participation Meeting on **Saturday 10 April 2021**;
- 2.1.6. We shall make the necessary arrangements to accommodate all reasonable requests, received from any qualifying I&AP's, who cannot attend the MCCP Virtual Public Participation Meeting on **Saturday 10 April 2021**, for the reasons which you have set out (or any other valid reasons advanced by such I&AP's);
- 2.1.7. We place on record however, that:
- 2.1.7.1. We have only received objections and advice from yourself and Mr Struwig, that you would not be able to attend the MCCP Virtual Public Participation Meeting on **Saturday 10 April 2021** (as you both had already agreed to attend the Sweet Sensations Focus Meetings on the same day);
- 2.1.7.2. We have not received any advice or objections from any other I&AP's on this basis;

#### **Arrangements with regards to yourself and Mr Struwig**

- 2.2. With regards to you specifically (and in accordance with what we have clearly set out hereinabove), we have taken note of the contents of the unnumbered third and fourth lines of your email dated **30 March 2021 3:54 PM** above, which we again set out hereunder, for the purposes of clarity:

*“Please be advised we cannot be in both places at the same time?*

*Someone will have to change their date?”*

2.2.1. We will accordingly make suitable arrangements for an alternative meeting to accommodate you, once we have had a sufficient opportunity to properly consider, all requests and comments from the I&AP’s referred to above, bearing in mind that the cut-off time for such requests and comments, was **24h00** on **Wednesday 31 March 2021**, and the Easter Break commenced on the evening of **Thursday 1 April 2021**;

2.2.2. As we have clearly stated herein, we will do everything possible to accommodate yourself and such I&AP’s;

2.2.3. We pause to reiterate, that to date we have not received any objection or advice, from any other I&AP who may be involved with the Sweet Sensations Focus Group Meetings on **Saturday 10 April 2021**.

2.3. Out of abundant caution, and to prevent inconvenience to yourself and any other I&AP, who may not be available to attend the MCCP Virtual Public Participation Meeting on **Saturday 10 April 2021**, we hereby notify you:

2.3.1. Of an intended further MCCP Public Participation Meeting, which we at this time (on the information currently available to ourselves), advise you will be held on **Saturday 17 April 2021**;

2.3.2. It must be noted, that this meeting will be an **Additional MCCP Public Participation Meeting** (in addition to the **Saturday 10 April 2021 Virtual MCCP Public Participation Meeting**).

2.3.3. This **Additional MCCP Public Participation Meeting** on **Saturday 17 April 2021**:

2.3.3.1. Will also be attended by all relevant MCCP Consultants and other necessary functionaries;

2.3.3.2. Has been scheduled to accommodate those I&AP’s who have registered their interest to attend the **Saturday 10 April 2021 Virtual MCCP Public Participation Meeting** (but who have to attend the Focus Group for the Sweet Sensation Public Participation Meeting, also scheduled for **Saturday 10 April 2021**);

#### **Similar Comments Received from Mr Martin Struwig**

3. We also refer you to the email of Mr Martin Struwig (an I&AP from Vaaloeuw), such email dated **31 March 02:25 PM**:

3.1. We note that this email was also copied to yourself. Mr Struwig expressed his concern as follows:

*“Hi,*

*As per attached it’s going to be impossible to attend two mining meetings on the same date which is a huge problem to all affected parties.*

*Regards”*

3.2. This response will be copied to Mr Struwig, and what is set out herein, applies *mutatis mutandis* to the issue raised by Mr Struwig.

#### **Virtual Public Participation Meeting instead of Physical Public Participation Meeting (due to advent of COVID-19 Virus and Regulations Promulgated as a result thereof)**

4. We refer to your email dated **31 March 2021 7:26 AM**, as set out hereunder.
5. We take note of your comments pertaining to the desirability of a physical Public Participation Meeting. We must however, clearly bring the following (respectfully but firmly), to your attention:
  - 5.1. We take both the COVID regulations, and the health and wellbeing of all I&AP's registered in respect of this Project, very seriously;
  - 5.2. As has been previously clearly indicated by yourself, we have to date, had in excess of **1200** people registered as I&AP's in respect of this project;
  - 5.3. The applicable COVID regulations, most certainly do not make provision for any public meeting (indoor or outdoor), that will lawfully accommodate so many potential attendees;
  - 5.4. Please bear in mind that the purpose of a public meeting is to inform and address concerns of I&AP's. We believe, that the steps and measures proposed by ourselves will fully and properly achieve this purpose, without:
    - 5.4.1. Jeopardizing the health and safety of any I&AP (many of the I&AP's are essentially the neighbors of the Farm over which the Mining Right is being sought);
    - 5.4.2. Breaking any of the Covid Regulations or any other Legislative Enactment.
  - 5.5. After careful consideration, we have therefore decided to deal with specific requests received from individual I&AP's, who do not have the requisite access to facilities for a virtual meeting, in order to accommodate each such I&AP's specific circumstances and requirements;

**Your Concerns Raised in your email dated Wednesday 31 March 2021 7:26 AM**

6. In particular I wish to refer to the following unnumbered paragraphs from your email dated **31 March 2021 7:26 AM**.

*"I am afraid that you will have to have a real meeting as well"*

- 6.1. You provide no authority for this proposition;

*"Many IAP's have been moaning that they do not have access to computers and Wi Fi. You must realise that you are dealing with a rural community, an informal settlement, and not everyone has access to WiFi."*

- 6.2. We wish to raise the following:

- 6.2.1. Since "many" I&AP's have been "moaning" (as alleged by yourself without any supporting evidence), they clearly have knowledge of the MCCP Virtual Public Participation Meeting to be held on **Saturday 10 April 2021**, but have nonetheless failed to contact Greenmined, as per paragraphs 3 and 4 of our notice

- 6.2.2. Greenmined and MCCP, attempted to contact every I&AP on the list annexed to the MCCP DEIAR, in order to inform them of the Proposed Public Participation Meeting and the need to register for the meeting to be held on **10 April 2021**;

- 6.2.3. Not one of the I&AP's contacted, complained that they did not have access to computers or Wi-Fi;

- 6.2.4. Many of the IAP's contacted, expressed surprise at the telephone call, and requested that they not be troubled any further, with regards to this matter;

- 6.3. We have not been contacted by any I&AP's, who have objected to the MCCP Virtual Public Participation Meeting to be held on **Saturday 10 April 2021**, on the basis that they do not have access to Computers and or Wi-Fi.
- 6.4. In the circumstances, we hereby request, that you provide us with a list of the contact details, including telephone numbers (and where possible email addresses), of those I&AP's who you allege, claim to have been prejudiced ("moaning" as per your email), for the reasons set out in your abovementioned email;
- 6.5. We shall then contact such I&AP's and make the necessary arrangements to meet with them, and to generally provide them with the opportunity to exercise their rights, in terms of the Public Participation Process.
7. In conclusion we further wish to place on record that you had not provided us with any evidence whatsoever, of any mandate, authorisation or entitlement, which enables you to act on a representative capacity on behalf on any I&AP other than yourself:
- 7.1. This selfsame issue, of your not being entitled or authorized to represent anyone other than yourself, has already been raised with you, by the Applicant at the RMDEC Meeting held at Welkom on **25 April 2019** (a copy of the MCCP Letter to RMDEC, dated **25 April 2019**, is enclosed herewith);
- 7.2. Accordingly, nothing contained herein, is to be construed or interpreted as being an acceptance, by Greenmined or MCCP that you are entitled to act any representative capacity as set out above;
- 7.3. In all instances I&AP's who wish to be part of the Public Participation Process, must contact us directly as set out herein, in our notification letter and our many Public Notices erected at 20 Locations around the proposed MCCP Mining Area.
8. We trust that you find this in order.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete  
**Sonette Smit**  
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**From:** Gavin Aboud [<mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 7:26 AM

**To:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>

**Cc:** 'Mariette Liefferink' <[mariette@pea.org.za](mailto:mariette@pea.org.za)>; Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer <[marlene@kruppeng.co.za](mailto:marlene@kruppeng.co.za)>; Bob <[bobh@dullies.com](mailto:bobh@dullies.com)>; Chris <[chrisc@cesa.co.za](mailto:chrisc@cesa.co.za)>; Craig <[craigrichardson100@gmail.com](mailto:craigrichardson100@gmail.com)>; Dina <[dina.henstock@gmail.com](mailto:dina.henstock@gmail.com)>; liz <[liz.tuxx@gmail.com](mailto:liz.tuxx@gmail.com)>; Louis Kruger <[krugerskroon@gmail.com](mailto:krugerskroon@gmail.com)>; Pieter <[pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com](mailto:pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com)>; Renee <[renee@bundunet.com](mailto:renee@bundunet.com)>; warrin <[warrinf@gmail.com](mailto:warrinf@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** FW: MCCP DEIAR Notification

Good Day Sonette,

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 24 April 2021 07:24 AM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: MONTE CRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK (PTY) LTD ("MCCP") MINING PROJECT - DEIAR NOTIFICATION - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING 10 APRIL 2021

**Importance:** High

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**From:** Gavin About [<mailto:gavinabout@vodamail.co.za>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 7:41 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>; Kalipa Kewuti <[Kalipa.Kewuti@dmre.gov.za](mailto:Kalipa.Kewuti@dmre.gov.za)>  
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**Subject:** RE: MONTE CRISTO COMMERCIAL PARK (PTY) LTD ("MCCP") MINING PROJECT - DEIAR NOTIFICATION - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING 10 APRIL 2021

Good Day Sonette,

I refer your mail below.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the PPP process is an inclusive one and that with your planning you would have realised that in a rural community not everyone will have access to Wi Fi,

Should you not accommodate this you leave me no option to approach the DMR in this regard,

Gavin About  
Chairman:Protect Vaal Eden Committee  
Non-Executive Director : FSE



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**To:** [gavinabout@vodamail.co.za](mailto:gavinabout@vodamail.co.za)  
**Cc:** 'Mariette Liefferink'; Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer; Bob; Chris; Craig; Dina; liz; Louis Kruger; Pieter; Renee; warrin; Marlene Lingenfelder; 'Martin Struwig'  
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Good Day Sonette,

I refer your mail below.

I refer documentation attached.

I have on the 28<sup>th</sup> March been informed that I must attend a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> April which I have accepted.

Please ensure your meeting does not clash with this meeting,

Gavin Aboud  
Chairman:Protect Vaal Eden Committee  
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**Importance:** High

Good day Gavin,

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Gavin Aboud <gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za>  
**Sent:** 14 April 2021 07:25 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit  
**Cc:** 'Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer'; 'Bob'; 'Chris'; 'Craig'; 'Dina'; 'liz'; 'Louis Kruger'; 'Pieter'; 'Renee'; 'warrin'; 'Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer'; 'Cindy'; Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** RE: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Wi fi not good enough,

Besides Covid instructions allow meetings of 100 people inside

Gavin Aboud  
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**From:** Sonette Smit [mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za]  
**Sent:** 13 April 2021 05:51 PM  
**To:** Gavin Aboud  
**Cc:** Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer; Bob; Chris; Craig; Dina; liz; Louis Kruger; Pieter; Renee; warrin; Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer; Cindy; Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** RE: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Good day Gavin,

1. The above matter as well as the email received from you dated 13 April 2021 at 3:54 PM refers.
2. We refer you to paragraph 4 and 5 of our notification dated 12 April 2021 at 8:10 PM and also copied hereunder:

*“4. In the event that any I&AP does not have the resources to attend the Meetings Virtually, the following provisions have been made, for attending the Meeting on the **17 April 2021** Physically at the following times, at the location set out hereunder:*

***4.1 7:00 – 9:00 – Eden Manor situate at Plots1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road), District Parys GPS Coordinates - 26.771611S, 27.642725E***

***4.2 13:00 – 15:00 – Eden Manor situate at Plats 1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road), District Parys GPS Coordinates - 26.771611S, 27.642725E***

*5. The arrangement for Qualifying I&APs to attend the **Meetings** on **17 April 2021** Physically has been scheduled, solely for the purposes of accommodating Qualifying I&AP's, to facilitate their participation in the Meetings, in the event that such I&APs do not have access to computers or Wi-Fi.”*

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 12 April 2021 08:11 PM  
**Subject:** Public Meeting to discuss the M CCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Dear registered I&APs

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd (“MCCP”) Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) Notification**

**FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048MR**

1. In order to accommodate I&APs, MCCP has arranged **Meetings on Saturday 17 April 2021**, which I&APs will be able to attend either Virtually, or Physically, subject to what is set out in detail hereunder.
  - 1.1 Participants attending the Meetings Virtually will be able to interact with participants attending the Meetings Physically, as well as the MCCP Representatives, Specialist Team, Greenmined and the Meeting Facilitator.
  - 1.2 Participants attending the Meetings Physically will be able to interact with participants attending the Meetings Virtually, as well as the MCCP Representatives, Specialist Team, Greenmined and the Meeting Facilitator, since the Physical Meeting will be livestreamed to Virtual Meeting Participants.
  - 1.3 **I&APs are respectfully requested to advise, whether they will be attending the Meetings, Virtually or Physically, and at what times.**

#### **Zoom Virtual Public Participation Meeting**

2. In the event that you wish to attend either meeting Virtually, please find herewith the Zoom links to the **Virtual Public Participation Meetings** to be held on **17 April 2021** to discuss the **Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”)** and **Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”)** for the proposed Mining Right application by Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd over the following three farm portions: The Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm Woodlands 407, Portion 3 of the Farm Woodlands 407 and the Remaining Extent of the Farm Woodlands 407 in the Ngwathe Municipal District, Free State Province.

**Kindly confirm which one of the two (2) Virtual Meetings you would like to attend:**

#### **Meeting 1**

**Date: Saturday 17 April 2021**

**Time: 07h00-9h00**

**Topic: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

**Time: Apr 17, 2021 07:00 AM Harare, Pretoria**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://raubex.zoom.us/j/97205183467?pwd=ck00UHFuR0lYTUpENnQxSkVKYjhlZz09>

Meeting ID: 972 0518 3467

Passcode: 383153

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## **Meeting 2**

**Date: Saturday 17 April 2021**

**Time: 13h00-15h00**

**Topic: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

**Time: Apr 17, 2021 01:00 PM Harare, Pretoria**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://raubex.zoom.us/j/95708237905?pwd=V29NNFF1bkg2NktKc3ZRWGZMQjIRZz09>

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### **3. Please ensure**

3.1 You are online and connected 10 minutes before the meeting starts.

3.2 You have the most recent version of Zoom, as with an older version you may have connection or audio/video issues and be unable to participate effectively or at all.

3.3 That the device you are logging in with has a registered name to permit access.

### **Physical Public Participation Meeting – Eden Manor situate at Plots 1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road).**

4. In the event that any I&AP does not have the resources to attend the Meetings Virtually, the following provisions have been made, for attending the Meeting on the **17 April 2021** Physically at the following times, at the location set out hereunder:
  - 4.1 **7:00 – 9:00** – **Eden Manor** situate at **Plots1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road)**, District Parys GPS Coordinates - **26.771611S, 27.642725E**
  - 4.2 **13:00 – 15:00** – **Eden Manor** situate at **Plats 1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road)**, District Parys GPS Coordinates - **26.771611S, 27.642725E**
5. The arrangement for Qualifying I&APs to attend the **Meetings** on **17 April 2021** Physically has been scheduled, solely for the purposes of accommodating Qualifying I&AP's, to facilitate their participation in the Meetings, in the event that such I&APs do not have access to computers or Wi-Fi. Accordingly:
  - 5.1 Please do not attend the Meetings Physically, if you are able to attend any of the **meetings Virtually**.
  - 5.2 Please note that this request, is to provide an opportunity specifically for those I&AP's, who do not have access to the above mentioned resources (as set out more fully in clause 2 above), to participate in the process, and not be excluded due to a lack of resources.

5.3 It is intended that the ability of I&APs to attend the meetings be held on **17 April 2021** (as set out above) Physically will enable said I&AP's, to participate in the public consultation and information provision process. (Especially in light of the restrictions imposed on Gatherings by the COVID-19 Regulations).

6. We thank you in advance for your cooperation, look forward to interacting with you.

7. If you are experiencing problems on the day, please be kind enough to send a message via **WHATSAPP to 084 585 5706**, as we will be unable to take calls while administering a meeting.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**

**Managing Director**



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**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation  
**Attachments:** 210410 1st Pub Participate.pdf; Greenmined MCCP Presentation 17.04.21 MSC.pdf

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation Meeting**

1. The above matter as well as the Public Participation Meeting scheduled to take place Virtually and Physically on 17 April 2021 at 07h00 refer.
2. We must, at the outset, apologise profusely for the technological difficulties experienced by us at the aforementioned scheduled Meeting, which resulted in many I&APs electing to leave such Meeting.
3. In the event that any I&APs that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to be held on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, wish to attend the additional Meeting to be held today, 17 April 2021, at 13h00, we invite such I&APs to do so, Physically or Virtually.
  - 3.1. For the avoidance of any doubt, we confirm that the aforementioned technological difficulties, have been rectified, and the Meeting Scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021, at 13h00, is expected to proceed without difficulty and/or delay.
  - 3.2. We shall, via SMS and Telephone Call, attempt to contact all such I&APs that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to be held on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, in order to notify and invite such I&APs to the Meeting scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021 at 13h00, and to the further Meetings on 21 April 2021 and 24 April 2021.
4. Nevertheless, we invite all I&APs, that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, Physically or Virtually, to also attend the further Meetings to be held by us, on 24 April 2021, as follows:
  - 4.1. **Barrage Informal Settlement** – On open Land in front of Barrage Primary School, located at Area 577 Kaalplaats Barrage 1900 Gauteng Province, (open space approximately 100m South west from Barrage Police Station) - GPS Co-ordinates 26.762991 - 27.678541 **at 9:00 – 10:00;**
  - 4.2. **Lindequesdrift/Vaal Oewer Informal Settlement** – On open Land immediately adjacent to Lindequesdrift (Vaal Oewer) informal settlement, North West Province, on main road (Open Space approximately 750m south from the Vaal Oewer entrance - GPS Co-ordinates -26,7309250, 27,5842210 **at 11:00 – 12:00.**

5. We wish to again re-iterate and stress that the well-being of the I&APs, is of utmost concern to us.

**Additional Virtual Meeting To Be Held 21 April 2021 At 17h00**

6. We have accordingly arranged a further Meeting, to be held Virtually on Wednesday 21 April 2021, at 17h00, which I&APs that intended on taking part in the Meeting scheduled to take place 17 April 2021 at 07h00 may attend, in the event that are unable to attend the Virtual and Physical Meetings scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 13h00 and/or 24 April 2021.

6.1. A Zoom link, to the aforementioned meeting to be held on 21 April 2021 at 17h00, shall be sent to such I&APs that were present, at the Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, which did not proceed.

6.2. We are, however, not in a position to arrange any further Meetings, in addition to the Meetings to be held on 21 April 2021 and on 24 April 2021.

6.3. We respectfully urge all relevant I&APs to attend one of the four abovementioned Meetings as again set out hereunder:

6.3.1.the Meeting to be held on 17 April 2021 at 13h00;

6.3.2.the Meeting to be held on 21 April 2021 at 17h00;

6.3.3.the Meeting to be held on 24 April 2021 at 09h00; and

6.3.4.the Meeting to be held on 24 April 2021 at 11h00.

7. In addition to the Meetings to be held, and in the interests of transparency, we attach hereto the Transcription of the Meeting held on 10 April 2021, together with the Presentation Material used in the Public Participation Meetings, in order for I&APs to have access to all relevant information, which I&APs may require, in order to provide Greenmined with comments in relation to the DEIAR.

7.1. We shall, in due course and upon receipt of same, distribute the Transcription of the Meeting scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021 at 13h00.

7.2. We wish to point out that the Presentation Material herewith provided, has been produced from, and in accordance with, the DEIAR and Specialist Studies as attached thereto, and as such, does not constitute any new Material, which was not included in the DEIAR.

7.3. The Presentation Material, is provided to I&APs, in order to provide I&APs with a concise and succinct summary of the Material Facts of MCCP's Application.

8. We trust that you find the above in order and once again thank you for your valued engagement with Greenmined.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

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**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder; 'Kalipa Kewuti'  
**Subject:** RE: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation

Sonette,

In Copy DMR Regional manager,

I refer your mail below.

I have now for two weeks in a row attended Public Participation meetings.

I cannot attend a meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> in such short notice as I attended the meeting this Saturday. We did not elect to leave the meeting as you state. We were instructed by your facilitator that the meeting has been cancelled. Anyway there is no way you can cover everything in an hour in the veld.

I cannot attend a virtual meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> April for the same reasons I could attend other virtual meetings .

Please advise when I and my committee, who were present on Saturday ,can attend a meeting in this regard . With sufficient notice,

Failing which this public participation process will be flawed,

Gavin Aboud  
Chairman:Protect Vaal Eden Committee  
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Reginal Manager DMR Welkom,

Ms Kalipa Kewuti,

I refer my mail below.

I refer email attached.

My Committee and I attend a PPP meeting on 17 April 2021.

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This is ridiculous.

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I request your intervention here, please,

Kind Regards

Gavin Aboud  
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You continue to ignore my mails.

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Dear Gavin,

1. Your previous emails and in particular your email dated April 21, 2021 10:34 AM, refers.
2. Please note that I am not ignoring your emails as suggested in your email dated Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:34 AM.
3. I shall revert to you in detail in due course.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**  
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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 25 April 2021 08:43 AM  
**To:** Gavin Aboud  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Gavin Aboud Response - Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation  
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Dear Gavin

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation**

1. The abovementioned matter and your emails referred to hereunder, refer:
  - 1.1 Email dated **19 April 2021 7:36 AM** (copy of this mail enclosed hereunder);
  - 1.2 Email dated **21 April 2021 10:34 AM** (copy of this mail enclosed herewith).
2. For the purposed of clarity, I hereby respond seriatim, in red font hereunder, to the unnumbered paragraphs of your above mentioned **19 April 2021 7:36 AM** email, set out hereunder:

*"In Copy DMR Regional manager"*

2.1 We take note that you have copied in the DMRE Regional Manager. Since this document will form part of the Comments Response Report appendix E of the DEIAR, it is not necessary to burden the aforesaid DMRE Regional Manager with our response, at this time.

*"I refer your mail below."*

2.2 Noted.

*"I have now for two weeks in a row attended Public Participation meetings."*

2.3 Noted:

- 2.3.1 We wish to record however, that only one of the aforementioned Public Participation Meetings that you have attended (i.e. the meeting on **17 April 2021 at 07:00 AM**), was in relation to the abovementioned MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR").

*“I cannot attend a meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> in such short notice as I attended the meeting this Saturday.”*

2.4 We place on record, that you (and other I&As), were given notice:

2.4.1 Of the Public Participation Meeting on **24 April 2021**, as early as **10 April 2021**. I enclose herewith copies:

2.4.1.1 Of the Site Notices erected in relation to this matter;

2.4.1.2 Of a report in respect of the Placement of the above Site Notices;

2.4.1.3 Invitation sent to I&As on **10 April 2021**;

2.5 You and other I&As, can accordingly not validly assert, that you have not been given adequate notice for the **24 April 2021** Public Participation Meeting;

2.6 Furthermore, you and other I&As, who attended the **07h00** Meeting on **Saturday 17 April 2021**, were clearly also invited to attend, the Additional Public Participation Meetings, as set out hereunder:

2.6.1 The **13h00 meeting on Saturday 17 April 2021** (I enclose herewith a copy of an email sent to yourself and other I&A's in Saturday **17 April 2021** at **10h49**);

2.6.2 Furthermore, the Managing Director of M CCP, personally invited both yourself and all other I&As:

2.6.2.1 To attend the **13h00** meeting on Saturday **17 April 2021**;

2.6.2.2 The **Saturday 24 April 2021 09h00** Public Participation Meeting at the **Barrage Informal Settlement**;

2.6.2.3 The **Saturday 24 April 2021 11h00** Public Participation Meeting at the **Lindequesdrift Informal Settlement**;

*“We did not elect to leave the meeting as you state.”*

2.7 Greenmined are informed, as follows:

2.7.1 That you, Mr Gavin Aboud, instigated the other I&A's to summarily leave the **07h00** meeting, notwithstanding that you were well aware that Greenmined had gone to a great deal of expense to arrange all of the following:

2.7.1.1 A comfortable venue, in top condition, and located in close proximity to all I&As;

2.7.1.2 Comfortable Seating, properly spaced at least 1.5 meters apart;

2.7.1.3 Water as a refreshment (Covid-19 made the serving of tea and coffee inadvisable);

2.7.1.4 Proper Covid-19 Signage;

2.7.1.5 Adequate hand sanitizer;

2.7.1.6 A proper Covid-19 compliant attendance register (copy of same enclosed herewith);

2.7.1.7 “Gun Type” Thermometers to take the temperatures of I&As attending, for their safety (such temperatures recorded on the abovementioned Covid-19 compliant attendance register);

- 2.7.1.8 Sufficient uniformed personnel, to ensure all of the above;
  - 2.7.1.9 High quality colour copies of the presentation material, all of which was handed to I&APs;
  - 2.7.1.10 Security personnel to ensure the safety of I&APs;
  - 2.7.1.11 A highly qualified and experienced Meeting Facilitator (qualified with a PhD), to act as Chairman of the meeting, physically present at the Meeting Venue;
  - 2.7.1.12 The Landscape Architect (qualified with a Master's Degree), who has been on a retainer to MCCP, for at least the last six years, to advise on, guide and monitor the rehabilitation process;
  - 2.7.1.13 A panel of Specialist Professional Consultants (all highly qualified, including some with Masters Degrees and PhD's – many of whom are recognised as leaders in their fields), to answer all of I&AP's questions, relating to Environmental issues;
  - 2.7.1.14 A state of the art electronic system to facilitate a simultaneous Virtual and Physical Meeting via Zoom (we are advised that certain I&APs, by unnecessarily joining the Zoom Virtual Meeting, whilst attending the Physical Meeting, via Zoom, caused the interference on Zoom, which prevented the meeting going ahead – this action by the I&APs, could not be guarded against or prevented by Greenmined);
  - 2.7.1.15 The provision of a strong Internet Link at the Venue, by installation of a temporary Satellite Dish;
- 2.7.2 That you, Mr Gavin Aboud, by so acting, improperly influenced other gullible and susceptible I&APs, to leave the meeting prematurely, thus unnecessarily depriving them of the opportunity to engage with MCCP and its Team of Specialist Consultants, all as set out above.

*“We were instructed by your facilitator that the meeting has been cancelled.”*

- 2.8. Please note that numerous requests to be patient, were made by the Chairman to I&APs who attended the meeting to be held on Saturday **17 April 2021 at 07h00**, as the IT Contractor was in the process of attending to the technological issues:
- 2.8.1. The Chairman requested, that I&APs who were on Zoom, continue with the meeting Virtually. Without providing any reasons, Virtual attendees to the meeting voted that the meeting be cancelled;
  - 2.8.2. I&APs had begun leaving, prior to the meeting facilitator reaching any conclusions.
- 2.9. All I&APs who attended the meeting on Saturday, **17 April 2021, at 07h00**, were again invited to attend the meeting held on Saturday, **17 April 2021, at 13h00**, either physically or virtually, as follows:
- 2.9.1. In person by the Managing Director of MCCP, Mark van Wyk at the meeting held on Saturday **17 April 2021 at 07h00**;
  - 2.9.2. By way of an email sent to you by Greenmined on Saturday **17 April 2021 at 10h49** (copy of same enclosed herewith);
  - 2.9.3. By way of a telephone call and SMS, likewise on Saturday **17 April 2021** at approximately **12h00**.

*“Anyway there is no way you can cover everything in an hour in the veld.”*

2.10. We are uncertain what is meant by this comment:

2.10.1. We have no meeting scheduled in the veld;

2.10.2. We place on record that both you and other relevant I&APs were repeatedly invited to attend the second physical and zoom meeting on **Saturday 17 April 2021 at 13h00**;

2.10.2.1. You inexplicably failed to do so, despite having previously indicated to Greenmined in writing, that you were only unavailable between **10h00** and **12h00**;

2.10.2.2. This was the very reason why two meeting options were scheduled at **07h00** and **13h00**, respectively on **Saturday 17 April 2021** (i.e. to accommodate you);

2.10.3. We conducted a successful Zoom meeting on **21 April 2021**, from **17h00** until after **21h00**:

2.10.3.1. You and other relevant I&Ps, were urged to attend same;

2.10.3.2. We confirm that both you and such I&APs have been notified of this meeting repeatedly;

2.10.3.3. We confirm, that you may view the Presentation Material, which has been discussed with I&APs on the Greenmined Website: [www.greenmined.com](http://www.greenmined.com);

2.10.4. We also conducted meetings at the Vaal Oewer and Barrage Informal Settlements on **Saturday 24 April 2021** (both you and all other IAPs were advised of the times and locations of these meetings):

2.10.4.1. At the meeting, we explained the requisite material to the attending I&APs, in a manner appropriate to the said meetings, until the IAPs were satisfied that the material had been fully explained to them. This took longer than the anticipated 1 hour;

*“I cannot attend a virtual meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> April for the same reasons I could attend other virtual meetings.”*

2.11. You have not to date, provided us with a substantial and satisfactory reason, as to why you are unable to attend virtual meetings:

2.11.1. You have however advised us, that I&APs who live in informal settlements and in rural areas, may be challenged with access to computers and Wi-Fi;

2.11.2. To accommodate the above mentioned I&APs who live in informal settlements and in rural areas, we arranged **2** meetings on **Saturday 24 April 2021** at the Barrage (**09h00**) and Lindequesdrift (**11h00**) Informal Settlements. These meetings were extremely productive and we were able to conduct highly informative meetings with the local communities, during which:

2.11.2.1. Our presentation material was explained to the two respective Informal Settlement’s Communities in detail;

2.11.2.2. We discussed the two respective Informal Settlement’s Communities concerns and expectations in detail;

2.11.2.3. We received specific feedback from the two Informal Settlement’s Communities, with regards to steps that can be taken to improve their living conditions in the short term and longer term;

2.11.3. I respectfully suggest to you that you are being untruthful, duplicitous and disingenuous, by attempting to mislead the DMRE and frustrate the Public Participation Process, in suggesting that a person of your means has neither access to a computer nor WIFI.

*“Please advise when I and my committee, who were present on Saturday ,can attend a meeting in this regard .  
With sufficient notice,”*

- 2.12. Despite you having been requested (including a request in writing to you, at the RMDEC meeting held at Welkom **25 April 2019** (copy of same enclosed herewith), that you provide the DMRE and other relevant parties, with any proof that you are entitled to act in a reprehensive capacity, you have failed to do so.

*“Failing which this public participation process will be flawed,”*

- 2.13. Greenmined believes that the Public Participation Process has been thorough and robust:

- 2.13.1. We have gone to considerable effort and expense to ensure that the Public Participation Process has been inclusive and informative. **We have arranged not less than 6 Public Participation Meetings** in an effort to accommodate all I&AP’s;
- 2.13.2. You unfortunately have attempted to do everything in your ability to ensure that the process has been frustrated;
- 2.13.3. Your assertions that the Public Participation Process is flawed are groundless and untrue.

3. We trust the above is in order we thank you for your engagements.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete  
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3. In the event that any I&APs that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to be held on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, wish to attend the additional Meeting to be held today, 17 April 2021, at 13h00, we invite such I&APs to do so, Physically or Virtually.
  - 3.1. For the avoidance of any doubt, we confirm that the aforementioned technological difficulties, have been rectified, and the Meeting Scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021, at 13h00, is expected to proceed without difficulty and/or delay.
  - 3.2. We shall, via SMS and Telephone Call, attempt to contact all such I&APs that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to be held on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, in order to notify and invite such I&APs to the Meeting scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021 at 13h00, and to the further Meetings on 21 April 2021 and 24 April 2021.
4. Nevertheless, we invite all I&APs, that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, Physically or Virtually, to also attend the further Meetings to be held by us, on 24 April 2021, as follows:
  - 4.1. **Barrage Informal Settlement** – On open Land in front of Barrage Primary School, located at Area 577 Kaalplaats Barrage 1900 Gauteng Province, (open space approximately 100m South west from Barrage Police Station) - GPS Co-ordinates 26.762991 - 27.678541 **at 9:00 – 10:00;**
  - 4.2. **Lindequesdrift/Vaal Oewer Informal Settlement** – On open Land immediately adjacent to Lindequesdrift (Vaal Oewer) informal settlement, North West Province, on main road (Open Space approximately 750m south from the Vaal Oewer entrance - GPS Co-ordinates -26,7309250, 27,5842210 **at 11:00 – 12:00.**
5. We wish to again re-iterate and stress that the well-being of the I&APs, is of utmost concern to us.

**Additional Virtual Meeting To Be Held 21 April 2021 At 17h00**

6. We have accordingly arranged a further Meeting, to be held Virtually on Wednesday 21 April 2021, at 17h00, which I&APs that intended on taking part in the Meeting scheduled to take place 17 April 2021 at 07h00 may attend, in the event that are unable to attend the Virtual and Physical Meetings scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 13h00 and/or 24 April 2021.
  - 6.1. A Zoom link, to the aforementioned meeting to be held on 21 April 2021 at 17h00, shall be sent to such I&APs that were present, at the Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, which did not proceed.
  - 6.2. We are, however, not in a position to arrange any further Meetings, in addition to the Meetings to be held on 21 April 2021 and on 24 April 2021.
  - 6.3. We respectfully urge all relevant I&APs to attend one of the four abovementioned Meetings as again set out hereunder:
    - 6.3.1.the Meeting to be held on 17 April 2021 at 13h00;
    - 6.3.2.the Meeting to be held on 21 April 2021 at 17h00;
    - 6.3.3.the Meeting to be held on 24 April 2021 at 09h00; and

6.3.4.the Meeting to be held on 24 April 2021 at 11h00.

7. In addition to the Meetings to be held, and in the interests of transparency, we attach hereto the Transcription of the Meeting held on 10 April 2021, together with the Presentation Material used in the Public Participation Meetings, in order for I&APs to have access to all relevant information, which I&APs may require, in order to provide Greenmined with comments in relation to the DEIAR.
  - 7.1. We shall, in due course and upon receipt of same, distribute the Transcription of the Meeting scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021 at 13h00.
  - 7.2. We wish to point out that the Presentation Material herewith provided, has been produced from, and in accordance with, the DEIAR and Specialist Studies as attached thereto, and as such, does not constitute any new Material, which was not included in the DEIAR.
  - 7.3. The Presentation Material, is provided to I&APs, in order to provide I&APs with a concise and succinct summary of the Material Facts of MCCP's Application.
8. We trust that you find the above in order and once again thank you for your valued engagement with Greenmined.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**

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## Sonette Smit

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 8:38 AM  
**To:** Gavin Aboud  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Gavin Aboud Response - Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation  
**Attachments:** FW: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation ; On site notice - AFR Physical Meeting - V8 10 April 2021 - Final (Postnet).pdf; On site notice - ENG Physical Meeting - V7 10 April 2021 - Final.pdf; On site notice - SESOTHO Physical Meeting - V7 10 April 2021 - Final.pdf; Location Publ Notices for 24 Apr 2021 Publ Part Meeting MCCP Pty Ltd Mining Right App 21 April 2021 v3 bp.pdf; Notice Letter MCCP Additional Meeting 24 April 2021.pdf; Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation ; GB Min Obj Mining 2019 Lett DMR Re RMDEC 10048MR GB Resp 25 Apr 2019 v15 BP.pdf

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	Gavin Aboud	
	Marlene Lingenfelder	Read: 4/25/2021 8:46 AM
	VLDC Secretary	

Dear Gavin

### Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd ("MCCP") Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation

1. The abovementioned matter and your emails referred to hereunder, refer:
  - 1.1 Email dated **19 April 2021 7:36 AM** (copy of this mail enclosed hereunder);
  - 1.2 Email dated **21 April 2021 10:34 AM** (copy of this mail enclosed herewith).
2. For the purposed of clarity, I hereby respond seriatim, in red font hereunder, to the unnumbered paragraphs of your above mentioned **19 April 2021 7:36 AM** email, set out hereunder:

*"In Copy DMR Regional manager"*

2.1 We take note that you have copied in the DMRE Regional Manager. Since this document will form part of the Comments Response Report appendix E of the DEIAR, it is not necessary to burden the aforesaid DMRE Regional Manager with our response, at this time.

*"I refer your mail below."*

2.2 Noted.

*"I have now for two weeks in a row attended Public Participation meetings."*

# HANLIE STANDER

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 24 April 2021 09:29 AM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

**From:** Hanlie Stander [mailto:HanlieS@jse.co.za]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:15 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Good morning Sonette,

Please note that I will be attending the 13:00 meeting via ZOOM.

Kind regards

**Hanlie Stander**

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**From:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 April 2021 20:11  
**Subject:** Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Dear registered I&APs

### Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd (“MCCP”) Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) Notification

**FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048MR**

1. In order to accommodate I&APs, MCCP has arranged **Meetings** on **Saturday 17 April 2021**, which I&APs will be able to attend either Virtually, or Physically, subject to what is set out in detail hereunder.
  - 1.1 Participants attending the Meetings Virtually will be able to interact with participants attending the Meetings Physically, as well as the MCCP Representatives, Specialist Team, Greenmined and the Meeting Facilitator.
  - 1.2 Participants attending the Meetings Physically will be able to interact with participants attending the Meetings Virtually, as well as the MCCP Representatives, Specialist Team, Greenmined and the Meeting Facilitator, since the Physical Meeting will be livestreamed to Virtual Meeting Participants.
  - 1.3 **I&APs are respectfully requested to advise, whether they will be attending the Meetings, Virtually or Physically, and at what times.**

#### Zoom Virtual Public Participation Meeting

2. In the event that you wish to attend either meeting Virtually, please find herewith the Zoom links to the **Virtual Public Participation Meetings** to be held on **17 April 2021** to discuss the **Draft Environmental Impact**

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 24 April 2021 09:27 AM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Attendance today - Hanlie Stander - RE: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

**From:** Hanlie Stander [mailto:HanlieS@jse.co.za]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:01 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>  
**Subject:** Attendance today - Hanlie Stander - RE: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

Good morning Sonette – trust that you are well and coping with all the pressure and sometimes inconsiderate individuals. ☺

I did not manage to connect to the 17<sup>th</sup>'s meeting at 13:00 so opt to rather attend today's session at 17:00 and I believe it is ok if I request attendance before 10:00 AM today in order to receive the Zoom link.

Thanking you kindly

Kind regards

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**From:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 20 April 2021 21:15  
**To:** Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer <[marlene@kruppeng.co.za](mailto:marlene@kruppeng.co.za)>; Anne Wilson <[candyz@iafrica.com](mailto:candyz@iafrica.com)>; Aragea Holland-Fredericks <[hollandgea@gmail.com](mailto:hollandgea@gmail.com)>; Chakane <[chakanes@feziledabi.gov.za](mailto:chakanes@feziledabi.gov.za)>; Chris Campbell <[chris@cesa.co.za](mailto:chris@cesa.co.za)>; Cindy Aboud <[cindy.aboud@vodamail.co.za](mailto:cindy.aboud@vodamail.co.za)>; Craig Richardson <[cmrich@mweb.co.za](mailto:cmrich@mweb.co.za)>; Di Stevens (Vaaloewer) <[edstevens@telkomsa.net](mailto:edstevens@telkomsa.net)>; Dina <[dina.henstock@gmail.com](mailto:dina.henstock@gmail.com)>; Duan Jacobs <[duan.jacobs@sasol.com](mailto:duan.jacobs@sasol.com)>; Frans Van der Merwe <[frans.vandermerwe@telkomsa.net](mailto:frans.vandermerwe@telkomsa.net)>; Gavin Aboud <[gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za](mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za)>; Hanlie Stander <[HanlieS@jse.co.za](mailto:HanlieS@jse.co.za)>; Liz <[liz.tuux@gmail.com](mailto:liz.tuux@gmail.com)>; Louis Kruger <[krugerskroon@gmail.com](mailto:krugerskroon@gmail.com)>; Magda Rijksen <[mrijksen@telkomsa.net](mailto:mrijksen@telkomsa.net)>; Marianne Bilsland <[marianne@fixeng.co.za](mailto:marianne@fixeng.co.za)>; Mariette Liefferink <[mariette@pea.org.za](mailto:mariette@pea.org.za)>; Martin Struwig <[martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za](mailto:martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za)>; Mcebo Mkhathswa <[mcebom@feziledabi.gov.za](mailto:mcebom@feziledabi.gov.za)>; Nardus Buys <[nardus@braccanix.co.za](mailto:nardus@braccanix.co.za)>; Paul Kgole <[paulkg@vodamail.co.za](mailto:paulkg@vodamail.co.za)>; Philip Hartslief <[bobh@dullies.com](mailto:bobh@dullies.com)>; Pieter Hattingh <[pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com](mailto:pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com)>; Protect Vaal Eden <[protectvaal eden@googlegroups.com](mailto:protectvaal eden@googlegroups.com)>; Renee Hartslief <[renee@bundunet.com](mailto:renee@bundunet.com)>; Sampie van Rooyen <[svr@envmgp.com](mailto:svr@envmgp.com)>; Sean Hunter and Heather Ubsdell <[heatherkate63@gmail.com](mailto:heatherkate63@gmail.com)>; Selma Kok <[littlegreenprojectsK@gmail.com](mailto:littlegreenprojectsK@gmail.com)>; Stephan Fick / Johan and Susan Malan <[stephanfick@gmail.com](mailto:stephanfick@gmail.com)>; Veronica Withers <[nickiwithers@gmail.com](mailto:nickiwithers@gmail.com)>; Warrin <[warrinf@gmail.com](mailto:warrinf@gmail.com)>; Yusuf Dadabhay <[YusufD@plazaboard.co.za](mailto:YusufD@plazaboard.co.za)>  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder <[admin@greenmined.co.za](mailto:admin@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Subject:** Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 12 April 2021 08:11 PM  
**Subject:** Public Meeting to discuss the M CCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Dear registered I&APs

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd (“MCCP”) Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) Notification**

**FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048MR**

1. In order to accommodate I&APs, MCCP has arranged **Meetings on Saturday 17 April 2021**, which I&APs will be able to attend either Virtually, or Physically, subject to what is set out in detail hereunder.
  - 1.1 Participants attending the Meetings Virtually will be able to interact with participants attending the Meetings Physically, as well as the MCCP Representatives, Specialist Team, Greenmined and the Meeting Facilitator.
  - 1.2 Participants attending the Meetings Physically will be able to interact with participants attending the Meetings Virtually, as well as the MCCP Representatives, Specialist Team, Greenmined and the Meeting Facilitator, since the Physical Meeting will be livestreamed to Virtual Meeting Participants.
  - 1.3 **I&APs are respectfully requested to advise, whether they will be attending the Meetings, Virtually or Physically, and at what times.**

#### **Zoom Virtual Public Participation Meeting**

2. In the event that you wish to attend either meeting Virtually, please find herewith the Zoom links to the **Virtual Public Participation Meetings** to be held on **17 April 2021** to discuss the **Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”)** and **Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”)** for the proposed Mining Right application by Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd over the following three farm portions: The Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm Woodlands 407, Portion 3 of the Farm Woodlands 407 and the Remaining Extent of the Farm Woodlands 407 in the Ngwathe Municipal District, Free State Province.

**Kindly confirm which one of the two (2) Virtual Meetings you would like to attend:**

#### **Meeting 1**

**Date: Saturday 17 April 2021**

**Time: 07h00-9h00**

**Topic: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

**Time: Apr 17, 2021 07:00 AM Harare, Pretoria**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://raubex.zoom.us/j/97205183467?pwd=ck00UHFuR0lYTUpENnQxSkVKYjhlZz09>

Meeting ID: 972 0518 3467

Passcode: 383153

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## **Meeting 2**

**Date: Saturday 17 April 2021**

**Time: 13h00-15h00**

**Topic: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

**Time: Apr 17, 2021 01:00 PM Harare, Pretoria**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://raubex.zoom.us/j/95708237905?pwd=V29NNFF1bkq2NktKc3ZRWGZMQjIRZz09>

Meeting ID: 957 0823 7905

Passcode: 348742

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### **3. Please ensure**

3.1 You are online and connected 10 minutes before the meeting starts.

3.2 You have the most recent version of Zoom, as with an older version you may have connection or audio/video issues and be unable to participate effectively or at all.

3.3 That the device you are logging in with has a registered name to permit access.

### **Physical Public Participation Meeting – Eden Manor situate at Plots 1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road).**

4. In the event that any I&AP does not have the resources to attend the Meetings Virtually, the following provisions have been made, for attending the Meeting on the **17 April 2021** Physically at the following times, at the location set out hereunder:
  - 4.1 **7:00 – 9:00** – **Eden Manor** situate at **Plots1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road)**, District Parys GPS Coordinates - **26.771611S, 27.642725E**
  - 4.2 **13:00 – 15:00** – **Eden Manor** situate at **Plats 1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road)**, District Parys GPS Coordinates - **26.771611S, 27.642725E**
5. The arrangement for Qualifying I&APs to attend the **Meetings** on **17 April 2021** Physically has been scheduled, solely for the purposes of accommodating Qualifying I&AP's, to facilitate their participation in the Meetings, in the event that such I&APs do not have access to computers or Wi-Fi. Accordingly:
  - 5.1 Please do not attend the Meetings Physically, if you are able to attend any of the **meetings Virtually**.
  - 5.2 Please note that this request, is to provide an opportunity specifically for those I&AP's, who do not have access to the above mentioned resources (as set out more fully in clause 2 above), to participate in the process, and not be excluded due to a lack of resources.

5.3 It is intended that the ability of I&APs to attend the meetings be held on **17 April 2021** (as set out above) Physically will enable said I&AP's, to participate in the public consultation and information provision process. (Especially in light of the restrictions imposed on Gatherings by the COVID-19 Regulations).

6. We thank you in advance for your cooperation, look forward to interacting with you.

7. If you are experiencing problems on the day, please be kind enough to send a message via **WHATSAPP to 084 585 5706**, as we will be unable to take calls while administering a meeting.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**

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## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Hanlie Stander <HanlieS@jse.co.za>  
**Sent:** 22 April 2021 10:55 AM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** Dankie .. RE: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Meeting Transcriptions

☺ Mooi dag.

### Hanlie Stander

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**From:** Marlene Lingenfelder <[admin@greenmined.co.za](mailto:admin@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 22 April 2021 10:44  
**Subject:** Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Meeting Transcriptions

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

### Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation Meeting

Please find attached hereto the Transcription of the Meetings held on 10 April 2021 and 17 April 2021.

We trust that you find the above in order and once again thank you for your valued engagement with Greenmined.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Marlene Lingenfelder**  
**Project Administrator**



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## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 22 April 2021 02:23 PM  
**To:** Hanlie Stander  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** RE: Brochures of Goose Bay eco park ... RE: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report - 21 April 2021

Good day Hanlie,

Your positive participation in this application it is recognised and highly appreciated,

I will send the brochure as requested in a wetransfer as the document is 24mb.

I trust you will find this in order.

We thank you for your participation in this process.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete  
**Sonette Smit**  
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**From:** Hanlie Stander [<mailto:HanlieS@jse.co.za>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 7:15 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Subject:** Brochures of Goose Bay eco park ... RE: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report - 21 April 2021

Good morning Sonette,

Trust that you are well this morning and survived last night's meeting without any scars. ☺

Please would you be so kind and share the POST mining planned eco estate details (or rather the parallel mining planned eco estate), the brochures that Mark scanned through with the unit details last night and the overall Eco Estate plan. I've browsed your site this morning but cannot seem to find it unless they are hidden in one of the Appendix's then perhaps just provide the reference and I will gladly go and find them myself.

*So after last night's meeting and having gone through most of the documentation now I feel better informed and have appreciation for both sides of this coin (even as resident and working from home in Vaaloever) but would also like to*

*congratulate you on the efforts, the quality of the deliverables and professional way that this process and especially last night's meeting was handled and I thank you for the opportunity to have been part of it.*

I hope you have a tremendous Thursday.

Kind regards

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**From:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 April 2021 14:38

**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report - 21 April 2021

Dear registered I&APs

**Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd (“MCCP”) Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) Notification**

**FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048MR**

1. In order to accommodate I&APs that wished to attend the meeting on Saturday 17 April 2021, MCCP has arranged **an additional meeting on Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 17h00**, which I&APs will be able to attend Virtually, subject to what is set out in detail hereunder.
2. Please find herewith the Zoom link to the **Virtual Public Participation Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 17h00** to discuss the **Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”)** and **Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”)** for the proposed Mining Right application by Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd over the following three farm portions: The Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm Woodlands 407, Portion 3 of the Farm Woodlands 407 and the Remaining Extent of the Farm Woodlands 407 in the Ngwathe Municipal District, Free State Province.

**Date: Wednesday 21 April 2021**

**Time: 17h00**

**Topic: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

**Time: Apr 21, 2021 05:00 PM Harare, Pretoria**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://raubex.zoom.us/j/96890738995>

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3. **Please ensure**

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**ISMAIL EBRAHIM ABDULLAH**

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 01 April 2021 11:07 AM  
**To:** Ismail Roma Bricks; 'Manfred Muell'; yusufD@plazaboard.co.za  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** RE: Pure Source Mine

Good day Ismail Ebrahim Abdullah, Yusuf Dadabhay, and Manfred Muell

MCCP DEIAR Notification – Meeting registration.

1. We refer to your email dated **31 March, 2021 8:26 PM**
2. Thank you for registering for the public participation meeting of 10 April 2021 for the above mentioned project.
3. A link to the meeting will be send to you after the closing of the meeting registration period of **31 March 2021**.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information,

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**  
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**From:** Ismail Roma Bricks [mailto:ismail@romabricks.co.za]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 8:26 PM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>  
**Cc:** 'Manfred Muell' <manfred.muell@scientrix.com>; yusufD@plazaboard.co.za  
**Subject:** Pure Source Mine  
**Importance:** High

Good Day Sonette

I wish to register as an interested and affected party in relation to the proposed Pure Source Mine. Kindly note that I wish to be informed of all developments in relation to this project, including but not limited to being invited to the virtual public participation meeting.

Name: Ismail Ebrahim Abdullah  
Contact Details: [ismail@romabricks.co.za](mailto:ismail@romabricks.co.za) / 082 317 0154  
Reason for interest: landowner of plot opposite the proposed project

# GERHARD & JACQUES VAN RENSBURG

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 24 April 2021 09:49 AM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: MCCP DEIAR Notification

**From:** van Rensburg, Jacques [mailto:jacques.van.rensburg@merck.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 10:10 AM  
**To:** Martin Struwig <martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za>; Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>  
**Cc:** protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com  
**Subject:** RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification

### Proprietary

Good day,

Please register me for the public participation meeting.

Regards

**Jacques van Rensburg**  
[jacques.van.rensburg@merck.com](mailto:jacques.van.rensburg@merck.com)  
C: 072 617-5951

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**From:** Sonette <[sonette.s@greenmined.co.za](mailto:sonette.s@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 March 2021 16:16  
**To:** [martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za](mailto:martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za)  
**Subject:** MCCP DEIAR Notification



## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** van Rensburg, Jacques <jacques.van.rensburg@merck.com>  
**Sent:** 30 March 2021 12:53 PM  
**To:** Sonette Smit; Martin Struwig  
**Cc:** protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com; Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification

### Proprietary

Dankie Sonette

Ek is ongelukkig die 10de April nie beskikbaar om die vergadering self by te woon nie.

Kan ek asb verskoning maak en my stem/proxy vir Martin Struwig oor gee?

**Kind regards/Vriendelike groete**

**Jacques van Rensburg**  
MSD Animal Health  
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**From:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 March 2021 12:45  
**To:** van Rensburg, Jacques <jacques.van.rensburg@merck.com>; Martin Struwig <martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za>  
**Cc:** protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com; Marlene Lingenfelder <admin@greenmined.co.za>  
**Subject:** RE: MCCP DEIAR Notification

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Good day Jacques,

MCCP DEIAR Notification – Meeting registration.

1. Thank you for registering for the public participation meeting of 10 April 2021 for the above mentioned project.
2. A link to the meeting will be send to you after the closing of the meeting registration period.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information,

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete  
**Sonette Smit**  
**Managing Director**



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**Sent:** 22 April 2021 12:45 PM  
**To:** Gavin Aboud; Sonette Smit  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder; 'Kalipa Kewuti'  
**Subject:** RE: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation

Public

Dear Sonette

I agree and support the written concerns of Gavin Aboud as stated below.

Jacques van Rensburg

**Concerned Property owner - Vaaloewer**

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**From:** protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com <protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com> **On Behalf Of** Gavin Aboud  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 April 2021 10:34  
**To:** 'Sonette Smit' <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>; 'Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer' <marlene@kruppeng.co.za>; 'Anne Wilson' <candyz@iafrica.com>; 'Aragea Holland-Fredericks' <hollandgea@gmail.com>; 'Chakane' <chakanes@feziledabi.gov.za>; 'Chris Campbell' <chris@cesa.co.za>; 'Cindy Aboud' <cindy.aboud@vodamail.co.za>; 'Craig Richardson' <cmrich@mweb.co.za>; 'Di Stevens (Vaaloewer)' <edstevens@telkomsa.net>; 'Dina' <dina.henstock@gmail.com>; 'Duan Jacobs' <duan.jacobs@sasol.com>; 'Frans Van der Merwe' <frans.vandermerwe@telkomsa.net>; 'Hanlie Stander' <HanlieS@jse.co.za>; 'Liz' <liz.tuxx@gmail.com>; 'Louis Kruger' <krugerskroon@gmail.com>; 'Magda Rijkse' <mrijksen@telkomsa.net>; 'Marianne Bilsland' <marianne@fixeng.co.za>; 'Mariette Liefferink' <mariette@pea.org.za>; 'Martin Struwig' <martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za>; 'Mcebo Mkhathshwa' <mcebom@feziledabi.gov.za>; 'Nardus Buys' <nardus@braccanix.co.za>; 'Paul Kgole' <paulkg@vodamail.co.za>; 'Philip Hartslief' <bobh@dullies.com>; 'Pieter Hattingh' <pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com>; 'Protect Vaal Eden' <protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com>; 'Renee Hartslief' <renee@bundunet.com>; 'Sampie van Rooyen' <svr@envmgrp.com>; 'Sean Hunter and Heather Ubsdell' <heatherkate63@gmail.com>; 'Stephan Fick / Johan and Susan Malan' <stephanfick@gmail.com>; 'Veronica Withers' <nickiwithers@gmail.com>; 'Warrin' <warrinf@gmail.com>; 'Yusuf Dadabhay' <YusufD@plazaboard.co.za>  
**Cc:** 'Marlene Lingenfelder' <admin@greenmined.co.za>; 'Kalipa Kewuti' <Kalipa.Kewuti@dmre.gov.za>  
**Subject:** RE: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation

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Sonette,

I refer mail below.

You continue to ignore my mails.

Please reply

Gavin Aboud

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 23 April 2021 09:08 AM  
**To:** van Rensburg, Jacques  
**Cc:** Elsaine Costerus Mohr; Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** RE: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation

Good day Mr van Rensburg,

Your email below is noted.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

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**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:05 AM  
**To:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>  
**Cc:** Elsaine Costerus Mohr <Elsaine.CM@greenmined.co.za>; Marlene Lingenfelder <admin@greenmined.co.za>  
**Subject:** RE: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation

Public

Hi Sonette

My apologies, I was referring to another mail.  
Please ignore?

Regards

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**From:** Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 22 April 2021 14:51  
**To:** van Rensburg, Jacques <[jacques.van.rensburg@merck.com](mailto:jacques.van.rensburg@merck.com)>  
**Cc:** Elsaine Costerus Mohr <[Elsaine.CM@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Elsaine.CM@greenmined.co.za)>; Marlene Lingenfelder <[admin@greenmined.co.za](mailto:admin@greenmined.co.za)>  
**Subject:** RE: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation

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**To:** Liz Charles; Sonette Smit  
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**Subject:** RE: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation  
**Attachments:** RE: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification - Public Participation

### Public

Dear Sonette

I agree and support the written concerns of Liz Charles and Candy's Lodge as attached.

Jacques van Rensburg

### Cocerned Property owner - Vaalower

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**From:** protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com <protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com> **On Behalf Of** Liz Charles  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 April 2021 18:54  
**To:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>  
**Cc:** Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer <marlene@kruppeng.co.za>; Anne Wilson <candyz@iafrica.com>; Aragea Holland-Fredericks <hollandgea@gmail.com>; Chakane <chakanes@feziledabi.gov.za>; Chris Campbell <chris@cesa.co.za>; Cindy Aboud <cindy.aboud@vodamail.co.za>; Craig Richardson <cmrich@mweb.co.za>; Di Stevens (Vaaloewer) <edstevens@telkomsa.net>; Dina <dina.henstock@gmail.com>; Duan Jacobs <duan.jacobs@sasol.com>; Frans Van der Merwe <frans.vandermerwe@telkomsa.net>; Gavin Aboud <gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za>; Hanlie Stander <HanlieS@jse.co.za>; Louis Kruger <krugerskroon@gmail.com>; Magda Rijksen <mrijksen@telkomsa.net>; Marianne Bilslan <marianne@fixeng.co.za>; Mariette Liefferink <mariette@pea.org.za>; Martin Struwig <martin.vaaloewer@vodamail.co.za>; Mcebo Mkhathshwa <mcebom@feziledabi.gov.za>; Nardus Buys <nardus@braccanix.co.za>; Paul Kgole <paulkg@vodamail.co.za>; Philip Hartsliet <bobh@dullies.com>; Pieter Hattingh <pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com>; Protect Vaal Eden <protectvaaleden@googlegroups.com>; Renee Hartsliet <renee@bundunet.com>; Sampie van Rooyen <svr@envmvp.com>; Sean Hunter and Heather Ubsdell <heatherkate63@gmail.com>; Stephan Fick / Johan and Susan Malan <stephanfick@gmail.com>; Veronica Withers <nickiwithers@gmail.com>; Warrin <warrinf@gmail.com>; Yusuf Dadabhay <YusufD@plazaboard.co.za>; Marlene Lingenfelder <admin@greenmined.co.za>  
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Good afternoon Sonette

I am not able to attend any Zoom meetings and am not willing to sit for an hour in the veld (I am 66 and husband 73) I was also at the meeting on 17 April where we were told by the Chairman that the meeting was cancelled, plus the timing of the meeting was insane!

However, I would like to put the following objection on record.

I have been an active estate agent in Vaaloewer for 18 years. During this time I've sold many houses as well as vacant properties.

People who buy are overwhelmingly those who are in search of an element that cannot be found in cities. This is something that can't be quantified, nor measured.

It is an internal state of mind of peace and quiet

Tranquility

Serenity

A stillness and calmness

You may even be interested to know we actually have a complex in Vaaloewer which is named 'Tranquility Paradise' Some of our clients expressed the feeling that as they drive through those entrance gates a feeling of peace envelopes them.

Just as a matter of interest I did a little survey amongst previous clients and gave the choice of 8 reasons, (of which they could choose more than 1) why they bought in Vaaloewer

These were the results

72% said they mainly bought here for the peacefulness, only after that came things like Nature, etc.

The proposed mine, as the crow flies, is only around 1 km from the banks of our river. Only an extremely uninformed person could think this will not affect the residents of Vaaloewer in a bad way. The very reason we bought here will be lost.

I would also like to add, that in terms of law, every agent must disclose to a purchaser possible defects in a property or location.

I have personally already lost a buyer who was on the point of signing a purchase agreement for a stand and two houses but changed their mind when they were informed about the proposed mine (this in 2018) What on earth will be the reaction if I must tell buyers of the possibility of a huge mine which could last for 40 YEARS!

Our Sense of Place will be destroyed.

I STRONGLY OBJECT TO ANY MINING ACTIVITY SO CLOSE TO HOME... and by the way your logo is a joke ... **"the goal isn't to live forever, it is to protect a planet that will"**

Regards,

Elizabeth Janse van Rensburg  
Owner of Liz Charles Estates

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 22 April 2021 02:54 PM  
**To:** Jacques van Rensburg  
**Cc:** Elsaine Costerus Mohr; Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** RE: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

Dear Mr. Van Rensburg,

The above matter as well as your correspondence below dated 22 April 2021, received at 12:43pm refers.

We take note that you agree and support the written comments received from Mrs. Elizabeth Janse Van Rensburg and Mrs. Anne Wilson, which shall be noted accordingly in the final report to be submitted to the DMRE on 26 April 2021.

Thank you for your participation in this process.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**  
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**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:43 PM  
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## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Liz Charles <liz.tuxx@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 14 April 2021 07:55 AM  
**To:** Philip Hartsliel  
**Cc:** Gavin Aboud; Sonette Smit; Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer; Chris; Craig; Dina; Louis Kruger; Pieter; Renee; warrin; Cindy; Marlene Lingenfelder; Gea Holland; Mariette Liefferink  
**Subject:** Re: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Good morning Sonette  
We will also be at the meeting at 7:00

Gallie and Liz van Rensburg

On Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 7:44 AM Philip Hartsliel <[bobh@dullies.com](mailto:bobh@dullies.com)> wrote:

Morning Sonette

Just to confirm I will be attending the 7-00am presentation by Greenmined at Eden Manor another local resident and 5 of my staff.

Look forward to receiving the agenda for the meeting.

Thank you

Bob Hartsliel

On 14 Apr 2021, at 07:24, Gavin Aboud <[gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za](mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za)> wrote:

Wi fi not good enough,

Besides Covid instructions allow meetings of 100 people inside

Gavin Aboud

Chairman:Protect Vaal Eden Committee

Non-Executive Director : FSE

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**From:** Sonette Smit [<mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>]

**Sent:** 13 April 2021 05:51 PM

**To:** Gavin Aboud

**Cc:** Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer; Bob; Chris; Craig; Dina; liz; Louis Kruger; Pieter; Renee; warrin; Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer; Cindy; Marlene Lingenfelder

**Subject:** RE: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Good day Gavin,

1. The above matter as well as the email received from you dated 13 April 2021 at 3:54 PM refers.



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**From:** Liz Charles [<mailto:liz.tuxx@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:49 AM

**To:** Gavin Aboud <[gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za](mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za)>; Mariette Liefferink <[mariette@pea.org.za](mailto:mariette@pea.org.za)>;  
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**Subject:** Re: Public Meeting to discuss the M CCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Good day Ms Smit and others

I would just like to put the following on record.

I have access to information (Deeds Office info from Lightstone) which indicates the average income for the Vaaloewer area is between R11 000 - R22 000

- Never assume the overwhelming majority have internet access nor wifi.
- Many may also not have the funds to travel half an hour to the location, although our area consists of well over 300 houses, we are little more than a kilometer from the proposed mine
- 54% Owners are aged 50+, also difficult to attend a meeting stacked with garden chairs and be expected to sit for a few hours.

A physical meeting at a location in keeping with the above should be organized.

Regards

Liz Janse van Rensburg

Liz Charles Estates

On Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 7:21 AM Gavin Aboud <[gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za](mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za)> wrote:

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Besides Covid instructions allow meetings of 100 people inside

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 24 April 2021 10:11 AM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 6:02 AM  
**To:** 'Liz Charles' <liz.tuxx@gmail.com>; Gavin Aboud <gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za>; Mariette Liefferink <mariette@pea.org.za>; hollandgea@gmail.com  
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**Subject:** RE: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Dear Me. Charles,

1. The above matter as well as your correspondence dated 15 April 2021, received at 10:49am, refers.
2. We take note of your valued comments, which will be included in the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report, for consideration by the competent authority.
3. As you are aware, virtual as well as physical meetings will be held today, 17 April 2021. Additional physical meetings have also been arranged, to be held on 24 April 2021, at the following locations:
  - 3.1. Barrage Informal Settlement** – On open Land in front of Barrage Primary School, located at Area 577 Kaalplaats Barrage 1900 Gauteng Province, (open space approximately 100m South west from Barrage Police Station) - GPS Co-ordinates 26.762991 - 27.678541 at **9:00 – 10:00**
  - 3.2. Lindequesdrift/Vaal Oewer Informal Settlement** – On open Land immediately adjacent to Lindequesdrift (Vaal Oewer) informal settlement, North West Province, on main road (Open Space approximately 750m south from the Vaal Oewer entrance - GPS Co-ordinates -26,7309250, 27,5842210 at **11:00 – 12:00**
4. We record that the Vaal Oewer Informal Settlement (where the abovementioned meeting is to be held on 24 April 2021 at 11h00 to 12h00) is located at very close proximity to the entrance of the Vaal Oewer.
5. Please indicate whether you will attend the physical meeting to be held tomorrow, 17 April 2021, alternatively which meeting you intend to attend on Saturday, 24 April 2021.
6. We again respectfully remind I&APs (especially those over 50 years of age) of the dangers of attending physical meetings, due to Covid-19, and we urge ALL I&APs to avail themselves to the Zoom virtual meeting wherever possible.
7. We thank you for your participation in this process.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**  
**Managing Director**

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 17 April 2021 10:49 AM  
**To:** Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer; Anne Wilson; Aragea Holland-Fredericks; Chakane; Chris Campbell ; Cindy Aboud; Craig Richardson; Di Stevens (Vaaloewer); Dina; Duan Jacobs; Frans Van der Merwe; Gavin Aboud; Hanlie Stander; Liz; Louis Kruger; Magda Rijksen; Marianne Bilsland; Mariette Liefferink; Martin Struwig; Mcebo Mkhathshwa; Nardus Buys; Paul Kgole; Philip Hartsliet; Pieter Hattingh; Protect Vaal Eden; Renee Hartsliet; Sampie van Rooyen; Sean Hunter and Heather Ubsdell; Stephan Fick / Johan and Susan Malan; Veronica Withers; Warrin ; Yusuf Dadabhay  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation  
**Attachments:** 210410 1st Pub Participate.pdf; Greenmined MCCP Presentation 17.04.21 MSC.pdf

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation Meeting**

1. The above matter as well as the Public Participation Meeting scheduled to take place Virtually and Physically on 17 April 2021 at 07h00 refer.
2. We must, at the outset, apologise profusely for the technological difficulties experienced by us at the aforementioned scheduled Meeting, which resulted in many I&APs electing to leave such Meeting.
3. In the event that any I&APs that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to be held on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, wish to attend the additional Meeting to be held today, 17 April 2021, at 13h00, we invite such I&APs to do so, Physically or Virtually.
  - 3.1. For the avoidance of any doubt, we confirm that the aforementioned technological difficulties, have been rectified, and the Meeting Scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021, at 13h00, is expected to proceed without difficulty and/or delay.
  - 3.2. We shall, via SMS and Telephone Call, attempt to contact all such I&APs that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to be held on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, in order to notify and invite such I&APs to the Meeting scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021 at 13h00, and to the further Meetings on 21 April 2021 and 24 April 2021.
4. Nevertheless, we invite all I&APs, that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, Physically or Virtually, to also attend the further Meetings to be held by us, on 24 April 2021, as follows:
  - 4.1. **Barrage Informal Settlement** – On open Land in front of Barrage Primary School, located at Area 577 Kaalplaats Barrage 1900 Gauteng Province, (open space approximately 100m South west from Barrage Police Station) - GPS Co-ordinates 26.762991 - 27.678541 **at 9:00 – 10:00;**
  - 4.2. **Lindequesdrift/Vaal Oewer Informal Settlement** – On open Land immediately adjacent to Lindequesdrift (Vaal Oewer) informal settlement, North West Province, on main road (Open Space approximately 750m south from the Vaal Oewer entrance - GPS Co-ordinates -26,7309250, 27,5842210 at **11:00 – 12:00.**

5. We wish to again re-iterate and stress that the well-being of the I&APs, is of utmost concern to us.

**Additional Virtual Meeting To Be Held 21 April 2021 At 17h00**

6. We have accordingly arranged a further Meeting, to be held Virtually on Wednesday 21 April 2021, at 17h00, which I&APs that intended on taking part in the Meeting scheduled to take place 17 April 2021 at 07h00 may attend, in the event that are unable to attend the Virtual and Physical Meetings scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 13h00 and/or 24 April 2021.

6.1. A Zoom link, to the aforementioned meeting to be held on 21 April 2021 at 17h00, shall be sent to such I&APs that were present, at the Meeting scheduled to take place on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, which did not proceed.

6.2. We are, however, not in a position to arrange any further Meetings, in addition to the Meetings to be held on 21 April 2021 and on 24 April 2021.

6.3. We respectfully urge all relevant I&APs to attend one of the four abovementioned Meetings as again set out hereunder:

6.3.1.the Meeting to be held on 17 April 2021 at 13h00;

6.3.2.the Meeting to be held on 21 April 2021 at 17h00;

6.3.3.the Meeting to be held on 24 April 2021 at 09h00; and

6.3.4.the Meeting to be held on 24 April 2021 at 11h00.

7. In addition to the Meetings to be held, and in the interests of transparency, we attach hereto the Transcription of the Meeting held on 10 April 2021, together with the Presentation Material used in the Public Participation Meetings, in order for I&APs to have access to all relevant information, which I&APs may require, in order to provide Greenmined with comments in relation to the DEIAR.

7.1. We shall, in due course and upon receipt of same, distribute the Transcription of the Meeting scheduled to take place today, 17 April 2021 at 13h00.

7.2. We wish to point out that the Presentation Material herewith provided, has been produced from, and in accordance with, the DEIAR and Specialist Studies as attached thereto, and as such, does not constitute any new Material, which was not included in the DEIAR.

7.3. The Presentation Material, is provided to I&APs, in order to provide I&APs with a concise and succinct summary of the Material Facts of MCCP's Application.

8. We trust that you find the above in order and once again thank you for your valued engagement with Greenmined.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

**Sonette Smit**

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## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 15 April 2021 10:53 AM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

**From:** Liz Charles [mailto:liz.tuxx@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:49 AM  
**To:** Gavin Aboud <gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za>; Mariette Liefferink <mariette@pea.org.za>; hollandgea@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Sonette Smit <Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za>; Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer <marlene@kruppeng.co.za>; Bob <bobh@dullies.com>; Chris <chrisc@cesa.co.za>; Craig <craigrichardson100@gmail.com>; Dina <dina.henstock@gmail.com>; Louis Kruger <krugerskroon@gmail.com>; Pieter <pieter.hattingh@sibanyestillwater.com>; Renee <renee@bundunet.com>; warrin <warrinf@gmail.com>; Cindy <cindy.aboud@vodamail.co.za>; Marlene Lingenfelder <admin@greenmined.co.za>  
**Subject:** Re: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Good day Ms Smit and others

I would just like to put the following on record.

I have access to information (Deeds Office info from Lightstone) which indicates the average income for the Vaaloewer area is between R11 000 - R22 000

- Never assume the overwhelming majority have internet access nor wifi.
- Many may also not have the funds to travel half an hour to the location, although our area consists of well over 300 houses, we are little more than a kilometer from the proposed mine
- 54% Owners are aged 50+, also difficult to attend a meeting stacked with garden chairs and be expected to sit for a few hours.

A physical meeting at a location in keeping with the above should be organized.

Regards  
Liz Janse van Rensburg  
Liz Charles Estates

On Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 7:21 AM Gavin Aboud <[gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za](mailto:gavinaboud@vodamail.co.za)> wrote:

Wi fi not good enough,

Besides Covid instructions allow meetings of 100 people inside

Gavin Aboud

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Liz Charles <liz.tuxx@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 21 April 2021 06:54 PM  
**To:** Sonette Smit  
**Cc:** Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer; Anne Wilson; Aragea Holland-Fredericks; Chakane; Chris Campbell; Cindy Aboud; Craig Richardson; Di Stevens (Vaaloewer); Dina; Duan Jacobs; Frans Van der Merwe; Gavin Aboud; Hanlie Stander; Louis Kruger; Magda Rijksen; Marianne Bilslund; Mariette Liefferink; Martin Struwig; Mcebo Mkhathswa; Nardus Buys; Paul Kgole; Philip Hartsliet; Pieter Hattingh; Protect Vaal Eden; Renee Hartsliet; Sampie van Rooyen; Sean Hunter and Heather Ubsdell; Stephan Fick / Johan and Susan Malan; Veronica Withers; Warrin; Yusuf Dadabhay; Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** Re: Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

Good afternoon Sonette

I am not able to attend any Zoom meetings and am not willing to sit for an hour in the veld (I am 66 and husband 73)

I was also at the meeting on 17 April where we were told by the Chairman that the meeting was cancelled, plus the timing of the meeting was insane!

However, I would like to put the following objection on record.

I have been an active estate agent in Vaaloewer for 18 years. During this time I've sold many houses as well as vacant properties.

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Regards,

Elizabeth Janse van Rensburg  
Owner of Liz Charles Estates

On Sat, Apr 17, 2021 at 10:49 AM Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)> wrote:

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

**Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation Meeting**

1. The above matter as well as the Public Participation Meeting scheduled to take place Virtually and Physically on 17 April 2021 at 07h00 refer.
2. We must, at the outset, apologise profusely for the technological difficulties experienced by us at the aforementioned scheduled Meeting, which resulted in many I&APs electing to leave such Meeting.
3. In the event that any I&APs that intended to attend the aforementioned Meeting scheduled to be held on 17 April 2021 at 07h00, wish to attend the additional Meeting to be held today, 17 April 2021, at 13h00, we invite such I&APs to do so, Physically or Virtually.

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 24 April 2021 06:35 PM  
**To:** Liz  
**Cc:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Mrs Charles Response - Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation  
**Attachments:** Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation ; Transcript 10 April 2021 Public Participation Meeting.pdf; Transcript 17 April 2021 Public Participation Meeting.pdf; Transcript 21 April 2021 Public Participation Meeting.pdf

Dear Mrs. Charles,

1. The abovementioned and your email, dated **21 April 2021 6:55 PM**, refer.

### Confirmation of Receipt of Your Comments

2. Herewith, we confirm receipt of your comments set out more fully in your abovementioned correspondence, and we hereby also confirm that your comments have been noted and will be included in the final report for submission to the competent authority.

### Greenmined's Response to your Comments

3. We hereby respond seriatim in **red font** to the unnumbered paragraphs of your abovementioned email, as set out below:

*"I am not able to attend any Zoom meetings and am not willing to sit for an hour in the veld (I am 66 and husband 73)*

- 3.1. You have not provided any reason why you are "not able to attend any Zoom Meetings";
- 3.2. We confirm, that we arranged Zoom meetings, specifically to cater for Seniors and older I&AP's, to prevent them having to travel, and also to reduce the possibility of them contracting Covid-19 at a Public Participation Meeting;
- 3.3. In addition to the two meetings organised on Saturday **24 April 2021**, at the Barrage and Lindequesdrift Informal Settlements (I record that Lindequesdrift is very close to the entrance to Vaaloewer where you stay), there were three other Public Participation Meetings, in addition to the Public Participation Meeting at **07h00** on Saturday **17 April 2021**.

*I was also at the meeting on 17 April where we were told by the Chairman that the meeting was cancelled, plus the timing of the meeting was insane!"*

- 3.4. We note your discontent with regards to the meeting arranged for Saturday, **17 April 2021**, at **07h00**.
- 3.5. We must record that several tests of the technological systems and facilities to be used at the aforementioned Public Participation Meeting had been conducted on **16 April 2021**, which tests had indicated that the system and facilities would be more than sufficient;

- 3.5.1. It is accordingly unclear to us as to why we experienced the difficulties that we did at the meeting scheduled to take place on Saturday, **17 April 2021**, at **07h00**;
- 3.5.2. We are advised that certain I&APs, by unnecessarily joining the Zoom Virtual Meeting, whilst attending the Physical Meeting, via Zoom, caused the interference on Zoom, which prevented the meeting going ahead – this action by the I&APs, could not be guarded against or prevented by Greenmined;
- 3.5.3. Nonetheless, we herewith once again apologize for any inconvenience caused in this regard;
- 3.6. All I&APs who intended on attending the meeting on Saturday, **17 April 2021**, at **07h00**, were again invited to attend the meeting held on Saturday, **17 April 2021**, at **13h00**, either physically or virtually, as follows:
- 3.6.1. In person by the Managing Director of MCCP, Mark van Wyk at the meeting held on Saturday **17 April 2021** at **07h00**;
- 3.6.2. By way of an email sent to you by Greenmined on Saturday **17 April 2021** at **10h49** (copy of same enclosed herewith);
- 3.6.3. By way of a telephone call and SMS, likewise on Saturday **17 April 2021** at approximately **12h00**.
- 3.7. Furthermore, an additional virtual meeting was also held on **21 April 2021**, at **17h00**:
- 3.7.1. You were invited to attend this meeting, by way of the abovementioned Greenmined email sent to you on Saturday **17 April 2021** at **10h49**;
- 3.7.2. You never responded to the abovementioned invitation, nor did you attend the meeting
- 3.8. We confirm that in an effort to assist all I&APs, the transcriptions of the Public Participation Meetings held on **10 April 2021** and **17 April 2021** at **13h00**, have been made available to all registered I&APs;
- 3.8.1. The concerns raised by you in your aforementioned email, were dealt with during the Public Participation Meetings as above;
- 3.8.2. The transcriptions of the above meeting, clearly reflect the detail in which these issues were dealt with;
- 3.8.3. Only I&APs who were registered to attend the meetings were sent the transcriptions.
- 3.9. We attach the aforementioned Transcriptions, and the transcription of the meeting held on **21 April 2021**, for your ease of reference.
- 3.10. We refer you to the transcriptions of the meetings held as above, as your concerns have to a large extent been addressed during the Public Participation Meetings. To the extent that your concerns are not dealt with by the contents of the abovementioned transcriptions, we hereby deal with same herein.

*“However, I would like to put the following objection on record.*

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3.11. Noted.

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*You may even be interested to know we actually have a complex in Vaaloewer which is named 'Tranquility Paradise'*

*Some of our clients expressed the feeling that as they drive through those entrance gates a feeling of peace envelopes them.*

3.12. Noted. It is for this very reason, that Goosebay Farm (Pty) Ltd wishes to Develop, the Eco Estate.

*Just as a matter of interest I did a little survey amongst previous clients and gave the choice of 8 reasons, (of which they could choose more than 1) why they bought in Vaaloewer*

*These were the results*

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*The proposed mine, as the crow flies, is only around 1 km from the banks of our river. Only an extremely uninformed person could think this will not affect the residents of Vaaloewer in a bad way. The very reason we bought here will be lost.*

3.13. Had you attended the Public Participation Meetings, you would realise, that the Applicant:

3.13.1. Has retained the services of numerous Professional Consultants to advise it on mitigation measures, and;

3.13.2. Is committed to conducting mining, in such a manner, so as to minimise the disturbance to the utility and enjoyments of I&AP's properties;

3.13.3. The Managing Director of the Applicant, is often resident on Goosebay Farm, and shares all of your abovementioned sentiments.

*I would also like to add, that in terms of law, every agent must disclose to a purchaser possible defects in a property or location.*

*I have personally already lost a buyer who was on the point of signing a purchase agreement for a stand and two houses but changed their mind when they were informed about the proposed mine (this in 2018) What on earth will be the reaction if I must tell buyers of the possibility of a huge mine which could last for 40 YEARS!*

*Our Sense of Place will be destroyed."*

3.14. You will note from the transcriptions attached hereto that MCCP and the landowner share common directorship and shareholding, therefore it is in the interests of both the applicant and the landowner that the impacts to the environment is minimised, and that all mitigation measures are adhered to;

3.15. The period, in respect of which the Mining Right has been applied for, is 30 years;

3.16. We respectfully suggest that you familiarise yourself with the Brochure for the Development of Goosebay Farm into a Eco, River and Lifestyle Estate:

3.16.1. The Applicant and its associated Companies intend that the development of the Mine and the development of the Eco, River and Lifestyle Estate, take place simultaneously;

3.16.2. The total area which will be subject to active mining at any given time, will be not more than 12 hectares ((approximately 1.5% of the total Surface Area of Goosebay Farm (such total area of Goosebay Farm being not less than 850 Hectares)).

*"I STRONGLY OBJECT TO ANY MINING ACTIVITY SO CLOSE TO HOME... and by the way your logo is a joke ... "the goal isn't to live forever, it is to protect a planet that will""*

- 3.17. We wish to place on record that the involvement of Greenmined is limited to the preparation and submission of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report, and to facilitate and ensure that the Applicant, M CCP, adheres to the correct processes and procedures in compiling and submitting its application;
- 3.18. We are in no way affiliated with the Applicant, and accordingly do not have a vested interest in the outcome of the Application. We facilitate the process and are remunerated for our time and effort, regardless of the outcome of the application;
- 3.19. As an EAP, we have not only a legislated duty, but also a moral and ethical duty, to ensure that all Applicants for Mining Rights adhere to the laws, rules, and regulations which have been established in order to protect the environment, and by extension, the planet;
- 3.20. As such, Greenmined's goal isn't to obtain as many Mining Rights as possible, but to ensure that Applicants for the Mining Rights (in respect of which we file Applications), comply fully and completely with the Standards, which have been legislated to protect the Environment.

*"Regards,*

*Elizabeth Janse van Rensburg  
Owner of Liz Charles Estates"*

4. We thank you for your participation in this process.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete  
**Sonette Smit**  
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From: Liz Charles <[liz.tuxx@gmail.com](mailto:liz.tuxx@gmail.com)>

Date: Wed, 21 Apr 2021, 6:55 pm

To: Sonette Smit <[Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za](mailto:Sonette.S@greenmined.co.za)>

Cc: Abrie Hanekom Vaaloewer <[marlene@kruppeng.co.za](mailto:marlene@kruppeng.co.za)>, Anne Wilson <[candyz@iafrica.com](mailto:candyz@iafrica.com)>, Aragea Holland-Fredericks <[hollandgea@gmail.com](mailto:hollandgea@gmail.com)>, Chakane <[chakanes@feziledabi.gov.za](mailto:chakanes@feziledabi.gov.za)>, Chris Campbell <[chris@cesa.co.za](mailto:chris@cesa.co.za)>, Cindy About <[cindy.about@vodamail.co.za](mailto:cindy.about@vodamail.co.za)>, Craig Richardson <[cmrich@mweb.co.za](mailto:cmrich@mweb.co.za)>, "Di Stevens (Vaaloewer)" <[edstevens@telkomsa.net](mailto:edstevens@telkomsa.net)>, Dina

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Sonette Smit  
**Sent:** 24 April 2021 06:42 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Subject:** FW: Mrs Charles Response - Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

**From:** Mail Delivery System [mailto:Mailer-Daemon@smtpcorp.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, April 24, 2021 6:36 PM

**To:** Sonette Smit

**Subject:** Delivered: Mrs Charles Response - Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

**Your message has been delivered to the following recipients:**

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Subject: FW: Mrs Charles Response - Monte Cristo Commercial Park Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("DEIAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPR") Notification – Public Participation

# MCEBO MKHATSHWA

## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Mcebo Mkhathshwa <mcebom@feziledabi.gov.za>  
**Sent:** 14 April 2021 01:05 PM  
**To:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Cc:** Chakane D. Sibaya  
**Subject:** RE: Notification Letter additional meeting 24 April 2021 (100- 150)

Greetings Marlene

Thank you for the correspondence. Could you please send me the link for the meeting on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Regards  
Mcebo

  
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*"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." Psalm 24:1*

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**From:** Marlene Lingenfelder [mailto:admin@greenmined.co.za]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 10 April 2021 4:17 PM  
**Subject:** Notification Letter additional meeting 24 April 2021 (100- 150)

Good day

Please find attached hereto correspondence for your attention.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete  
**Marlene Lingenfelder**  
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## Marlene Lingenfelder

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**From:** Marlene Lingenfelder  
**Sent:** 14 April 2021 02:17 PM  
**To:** 'Mcebo Mkhathshwa'  
**Cc:** 'chakanes@feziledabi.gov.za'; Sonette  
**Subject:** Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report - Mcebo Mkhathshwa

Tracking:	Recipient	Delivery
	'Mcebo Mkhathshwa'	
	'chakanes@feziledabi.gov.za'	
	Sonette	Delivered: 2021/04/14 02:17 PM

Dear registered I&APs

### **Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd (“MCCP”) Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”) Notification**

**FS 30/5/1/2/2/10048MR**

1. In order to accommodate I&APs, MCCP has arranged **Meetings** on **Saturday 17 April 2021**, which I&APs will be able to attend either Virtually, or Physically, subject to what is set out in detail hereunder.
  - 1.1 Participants attending the Meetings Virtually will be able to interact with participants attending the Meetings Physically, as well as the MCCP Representatives, Specialist Team, Greenmined and the Meeting Facilitator.
  - 1.2 Participants attending the Meetings Physically will be able to interact with participants attending the Meetings Virtually, as well as the MCCP Representatives, Specialist Team, Greenmined and the Meeting Facilitator, since the Physical Meeting will be livestreamed to Virtual Meeting Participants.
  - 1.3 **I&APs are respectfully requested to advise, whether they will be attending the Meetings, Virtually or Physically, and at what times.**

#### **Zoom Virtual Public Participation Meeting**

2. In the event that you wish to attend either meeting Virtually, please find herewith the Zoom links to the **Virtual Public Participation Meetings** to be held on **17 April 2021** to discuss the **Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“DEIAR”)** and **Environmental Management Programme (“EMPR”)** for the proposed Mining Right application by Monte Cristo Commercial Park (Pty) Ltd over the following three farm portions: The Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm Woodlands 407, Portion 3 of the Farm Woodlands 407 and the Remaining Extent of the Farm Woodlands 407 in the Ngwathe Municipal District, Free State Province.

**Kindly confirm which one of the two (2) Virtual Meetings you would like to attend:**

#### **Meeting 1**

**Date: Saturday 17 April 2021**

**Time: 07h00-9h00**

**Topic: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

**Time: Apr 17, 2021 07:00 AM Harare, Pretoria**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://raubex.zoom.us/j/97205183467?pwd=ck00UHFuR0lYTUpENnQxSkVKYjhIZz09>

Meeting ID: 972 0518 3467

Passcode: 383153

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## **Meeting 2**

**Date: Saturday 17 April 2021**

**Time: 13h00-15h00**

**Topic: Public Meeting to discuss the MCCP Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

**Time: Apr 17, 2021 01:00 PM Harare, Pretoria**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://raubex.zoom.us/j/95708237905?pwd=V29NNFF1bkg2NktKc3ZRWGWZMQjIRZz09>

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### **3. Please ensure**

3.1 You are online and connected 10 minutes before the meeting starts.

3.2 You have the most recent version of Zoom, as with an older version you may have connection or audio/video issues and be unable to participate effectively or at all.

3.3 That the device you are logging in with has a registered name to permit access.

### **Physical Public Participation Meeting – Eden Manor situate at Plots 1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road).**

4. In the event that any I&AP does not have the resources to attend the Meetings Virtually, the following provisions have been made, for attending the Meeting on the **17 April 2021** Physically at the following times, at the location set out hereunder:
  - 4.1 **7:00 – 9:00** – **Eden Manor situate at Plots1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road), District Parys GPS Coordinates - 26.771611S, 27.642725E**
  - 4.2 **13:00 – 15:00** – **Eden Manor situate at Plats 1 & 2 Natures Valley On Vaal (Access off Vaal Eden Road), District Parys GPS Coordinates - 26.771611S, 27.642725E**

5. The arrangement for Qualifying I&APs to attend the **Meetings** on **17 April 2021** Physically has been scheduled, solely for the purposes of accommodating Qualifying I&AP's, to facilitate their participation in the Meetings, in the event that such I&APs do not have access to computers or Wi-Fi. Accordingly:
  - 5.1 Please do not attend the Meetings Physically, if you are able to attend any of the **meetings Virtually**.
  - 5.2 Please note that this request, is to provide an opportunity specifically for those I&AP's, who do not have access to the above mentioned resources (as set out more fully in clause 2 above), to participate in the process, and not be excluded due to a lack of resources.
  - 5.3 It is intended that the ability of I&APs to attend the meetings be held on **17 April 2021** (as set out above) Physically will enable said I&AP's, to participate in the public consultation and information provision process. (Especially in light of the restrictions imposed on Gatherings by the COVID-19 Regulations).
6. We thank you in advance for your cooperation, look forward to interacting with you.
7. If you are experiencing problems on the day, please be kind enough to send a message via **WHATSAPP to 084 585 5706**, as we will be unable to take calls while administering a meeting.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete  
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# MAGDA RIJKSEN

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Good day Magda,

### MCCP DEIAR Notification

1. Please find the notification as send on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 as requested telephonically, also see the link for the documentation below for your convenience.

<https://www.greenmined.com/environmental-impact-assessments/>

2. You are hereby registered for the public participation meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 and will receive details hereof as soon as it is available.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

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