
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND SHORT –TERM
INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS ACID MINE DRAINAGE (AMD) FROM THE WITWATERSRAND
GOLDFIELDS**

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) is applying to the Department of Environment Affairs (DEA) for Exemption from the EIA Regulations for the Short-Term Interventions to address Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) from the Witwatersrand Goldfields. The Exemption is made in terms of Section 24M of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 Of 1998) and regulations 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations [as corrected by "Correction Notice 1" (GN No. R. 660 of 30 July 2010) and "Correction Notice 2" (GN No. R. 1159 of 10 December 2010)].

The DWA is specifically applying for exemption from Regulations 31 (Environmental impact assessment reports), 32 (Specialist reports and reports on specialised processes), 33 b (iii),(iv) and (v) (operations, rehabilitation and closure requirements in the EMP) and 34 (Consideration of environmental impact assessment reports). The DWA commits to a full EIA process that will include both the short and the long term solutions and an EMP that addresses the operations, rehabilitation and closure requirements of the short term intervention.

Persons wishing to comment on this exemption application are requested to submit such comments to:

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Please note that the comment period ends on 28 November 2012.

Electronic copies of the Exemption Application are available on request from Ms Maimane.