

REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2017

News Media Interviews

- SABC (Channel 404) SABC Newsroom:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beZBTBIRhw0>
- Daily News:
<http://dailynews.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/showarticle.aspx?article=654e0d53-9dd0-4983-8843-7ee7cfd4707&key=8Oc%2b1Xe8A9VAWF%2f68LsC2w%3d%3d&issue=66712017112900000000001001>
- eTV – 7am News (28 November 2017)
- Channel Africa, African Dialogue

Academic Research Contributions

North West University – van Schaik Publishers – Community Engagement research

Submissions

- The State of the Department of Water and Sanitation Report
- The proposed regulations pertaining to financial provision for prospecting, mining, exploration and production operations published for comment on 10 November 2017 in Government Gazette 41236 under GN R1128 (Draft Regulations).
- Draft National Dust Regulations (verbal and written comments)
- Letter to Minister of Water and Sanitation on Catchment Management Agencies – reducing 9 CMA's to 1 CMA
- Complaints re Protea Mine, HVH Mine, Mintails to DWS, DMR and DEA

Appeals

- Appeal of Integrated Environmental Authorisation for the Construction and Operation of Proposed Doornhoek Fluorspar Mine And Associated Infrastructure for SA Fluorite (Pty) Ltd and Southern Palace Investments 398 (Pty) Ltd for the Mining of Copper Ore, Diamonds, Fluorspar, Lead, Tin Ore, Vanadium Ore And Zinc Ore in respect of the Various Properties Situated in the Magisterial District of Marico, North West Region
- Comments and objection to the application of Langkloof Coal

Mining Industry - Meetings

- Blyvoor Gold Capital (Peter Skeat): Blyvooruitzicht Gold Mining Company
- Naseem Chohan – Gold Fields (community meetings) (29 November 2017)
- Sven Lunche – Gold Fields (risk assessment) (29 November 2017)

Government – Meetings

Department of Environmental Affairs: Participation in Workshop on Draft Dust Regulations (13 November 2018)

Book launch

Development Bank of South Africa. (6 November 2018)

Launch of AIDC new One Million Climate Jobs booklet. This booklet presents well-researched solutions for South Africa to begin a just transition away from the Minerals-Energy Complex to avoid climate catastrophe.

Forums

- Rietspruit Catchment Management Forum (7 November 2018) – Written and verbal submissions
- Wonderfonteinspruit Catchment Management Forum (28 November 2018) – Written submissions and legal opinion on apportionment of liabilities when a mine is liquidated
- Mooi River Catchment Management Forum (30 November 2018) – Written submissions

Integrated Development Plans

West Rand District Municipality (8 November 2018) – Written and verbal submissions

Community Meetings

- Facilitation of Open Day – Bekkersdal Community and Gold Fields (South Deep Mine) (9 November 2017)
- Facilitation of Open Day – Simunye Community and Gold Fields (South Deep Mine) (23 November 2017)
- SAVE the VAAL: Presentation regarding sewage pollution of the VAAL and discussion on legal interventions (26 November 2017)

Other

- Participation in conversation on “The Challenge of Social Justice in the United States and South Africa” between the 82nd Attorney General of the United States, Eric H. Holder, Jr., and Thandile Thandi Orleyn, Chairperson, Legal Resources Trust. The event was moderated by Teresa Clarke, Chair & CEO of Africa.com, and included introductory remarks by Tim Hester, Chair, Covington. (15 November 2017)
- Moderation of the Examination Papers for the Environmental Management Module: University of Johannesburg’s Mining Department, Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment

Tours

Tour of the West Rand gold fields with Dr Diob (Council of Geoscience) and African and International hydrogeologists and geologists

Academic Conferences

1. Presentation at the North West University's 8th ANNUAL ECO-HEALTH AND WELLBEING CONFERENCE on "Rehabilitation of Mine Contaminated Eco-Systems: A contribution to a just transition to a low carbon economy to combat unemployment and climate change" (16 & 17 November 2017)
2. Presentation on "Mining Affected Communities: Risks, Expectations and Opportunities" at the ASSAF; Leopoldina and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research's Conference on "Sustainable Use of Abandoned Mines in SADC Region". (28- 30 November 2017)
3. Etc.
 - **Assistance**
Magaliesburg Community – Protea Mine
 - Wallaston Labuschagne and Enfuleni Community – HVH Gold Mine
 - Elke Haas – mining applications (Laezonia community)
 - Terry Rubenstein: Ekurhuleni Municipality – Pomona Wetland
 - Etc.

