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FOR ATTENTION:

The Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy

The Honourable Mr S.G. Mantashe

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Dear Honourable Minister Mantashe,

I write on behalf of the Federation for a Sustainable Environment (FSE).

The FSE is a federation of community based civil society organisations committed to the realisation of the constitutional right to an environment that is not harmful to health or well-being, and to having the environment sustainably managed and protected for future generations. Their mission is specifically focussed on addressing the adverse impacts of mining and industrial activities on the lives and livelihoods of vulnerable and disadvantaged communities who live and work near South Africa's mines and industries.

We refer to the attached letter, dated the 30th of September, 2019 in which the FSE requested the DMR to investigate whether the Dilokong Chrome Mine (DCM):

1. Is/was in possession of a Mining Right, which entitled it to sink a shaft and establish a Waste Dump on Portion 2 of the farm Mooihoek, 225?
2. Is/was in possession of an Environmental Management Programme Report, a Rehabilitation Plan and a Closure Plan pertaining to Portion 2 of the farm Mooihoek, 225?
3. Was granted an Environmental Authorisation in respect of the sinking of the TMT Shaft and the establishment of the Waste Dump in terms of the MPRDA and the NEMA?
4. Is/was in possession of a Waste Management Licence in terms of the NEM: Waste Act, 59 of 2008?
5. Is/was in possession of a Water Use Licence, which allowed it to dispose of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource ?
6. Has made sufficient financial provision for the rehabilitation and remediation of the TMT Shaft and Waste Dump?
7. Is in the position to transfer the TWT Shaft and Waste Dump to Cheetah or any other prospective purchaser if it is not the lawful owner of the mining right?

On the 2nd of December, 2019 the Regional Manager: Limpopo Region responded as follows (please see the second appended document):

1. DCM *“has an approved Environmental Management Programme that permit them to conduct all the activities which are of serious concern as raised by the FSE”*;
2. The DMR is in possession of the financial provision of the DCM for the rehabilitation of negative environmental impacts caused by its mining related activities.
3. DCM has an issued mining right.
4. Any third party *“who is taking the mining right for Dilokong mine will also be taking all the supporting documents to the annexure to the mining right.”*

We hereby wish to respectfully request whether the response by Mr Azwihangwisi Mulaudzi, the Regional Manager: Limpopo Region, was on your behalf?

Your prompt response to this request will be much appreciated.

Best Regards

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