

Environmental Authorisation for the KP2 Pipelines in the Rand West Local Municipality, West Rand District Municipality, Gauteng Province

Background Information Document

DMRE Reference to be assigned

PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

This Background Information Document (BID) aims to provide you with important information regarding:

- ❖ The intention of Far West Gold Recoveries (Pty) Ltd to authorise the KP2 pipelines in the Rand West Local Municipality (RWLM), Gauteng Province;
- ❖ The independent Basic Assessment (BA) and the Public Participation Process (PPP) to be undertaken as part of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) process;
- ❖ How you can register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and be kept informed about the project developments;
- ❖ The public review and comment period for the Basic Assessment Report (BAR).

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Far West Gold Recoveries (Pty) Limited (hereafter FWGR) has recently received an EA for the optimised pipeline route for FWGR's Tailings Retreatment Projects in the West Rand. It has since been identified that additional water and slurry pipelines are also required. These pipelines will tie into the authorised Regional Tailings Storage Facility (RTSF) pipelines and run approximately 2.16 km to the Kloof No. 2 Plant.

LOCALITY

The proposed location of the proposed pipeline route is near Westonaria, within Ward 30 of the RWLM as shown in **Figure 1**. The pipelines run southwest of the Kloof No. 2 TSF, and directly south of the Kopanang Hostel. **Table 1** shows details of the of the directly affected property.

Table 1: Directly affected property details

Farm Name & Number	Farm ID	Farm Portion	Farm owner
Leeudoorn 351	IQ	R/E	Sibanye Gold Limited

INFRASTRUCTURE

The following infrastructure is proposed:

- ❖ Two process water pipelines of 600 mm in diameter; and
- ❖ Four overland slurry pipelines of 550 mm in diameter.

The proposed pipelines will tie into the authorised RTSF pipeline route and run approximately 2.16 km to the Kloof No.2.

LIFE OF OPERATION

The life of the Proposed Project is expected to be approximately 30 years.

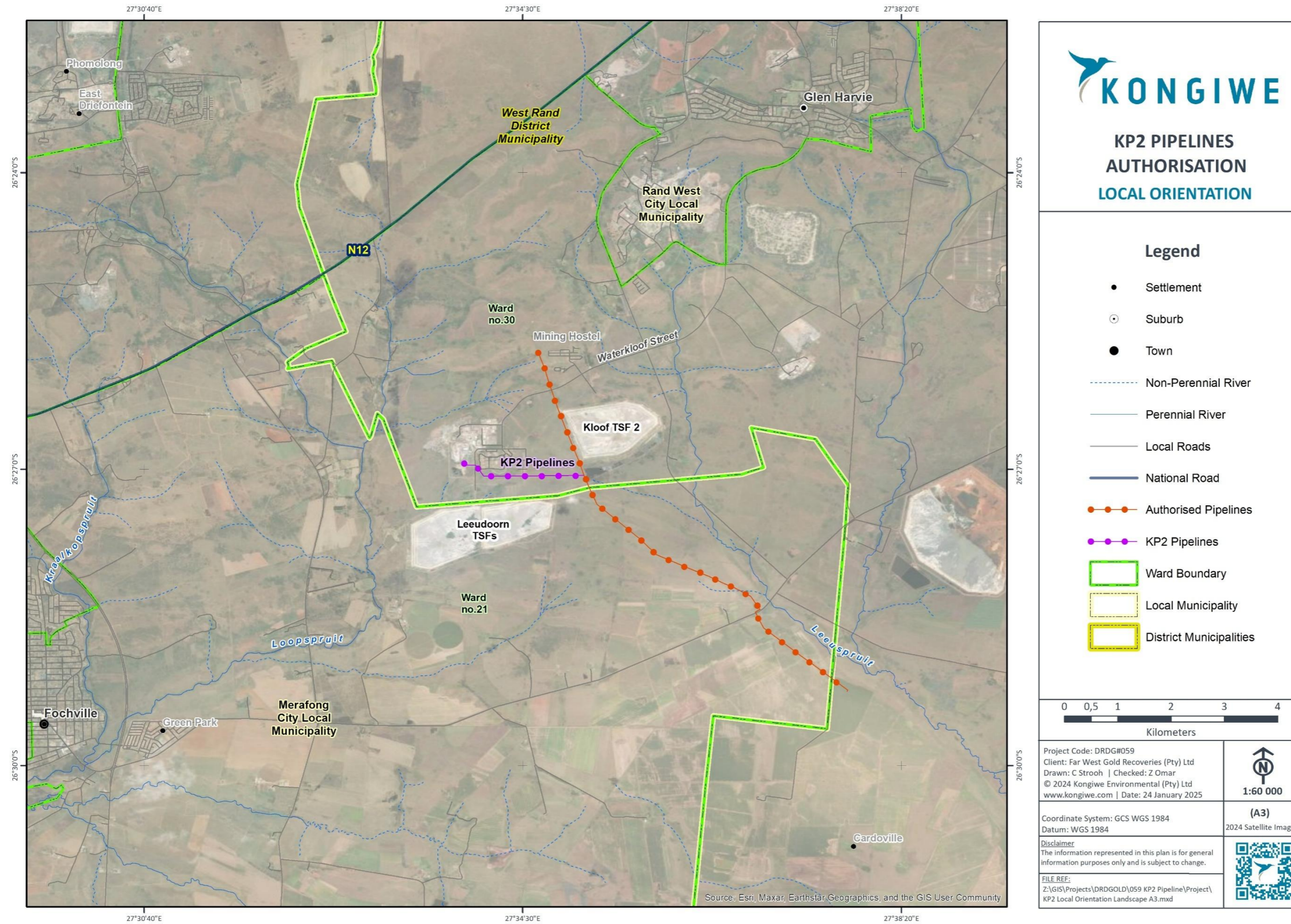


Figure 1: KP2 Pipelines Locality Map

LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

Kongiwe Environmental (Pty) Ltd (hereafter Kongiwe) has been appointed by FWGR, a subsidiary of DRDGOLD Limited, to undertake a BA process which evaluates the environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Project as part of an EA. The BA and the associated specialist studies to be undertaken will support the application for the required approvals. The following application will be made to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) for the Proposed Project:

1. **Environmental Authorisation (EA)** for listed activities triggered in Listing Notices GN R983 (as amended) in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA). The Competent Authority (CA) is the DMRE.

In addition, the following application will be made to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS):

2. **A General Authorisation (GA)**¹ application in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA). The application will be submitted to the DWS for any potential impact(s) to water resources by the Proposed Project.

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BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Kongiwe will conduct the BA process which is aimed at critically evaluating the potential environmental and social impacts of the Proposed Project. In accordance with the provisions of the EIA 2014 Regulations (as amended), the BA process for the Proposed Project will be carried out in the following phases:

¹ It should be noted that there is no legislative requirement for a Public Participation Process for a GA application. Details related to the GA application are included in this report purely for information purposes.

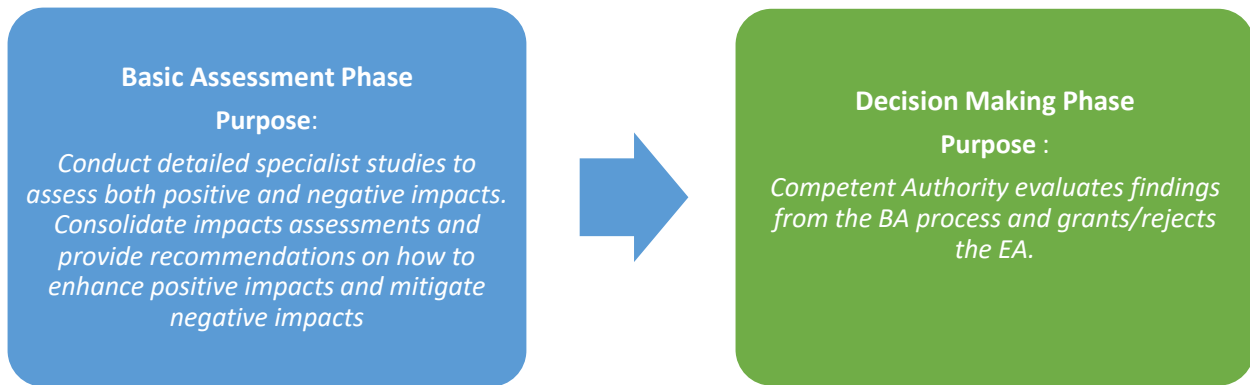


Figure 2: Basic Assessment Process

SPECIALIST STUDIES

A Wetland Impact Assessment has been undertaken as part of the BA process to assess the potential impacts associated with the Proposed Project.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP)

The PPP will form part of the EA process. The PPP offers stakeholders a fair opportunity to be informed about the proposed project, to raise issues and to make suggestions for enhanced project benefits. The project team will consider relevant issues and suggestions during the BA process.

Availability of the Basic Assessment Report for Public Review and Comment

The BAR for the Proposed Project will be made available for public review and comment for a **period of 30 days**, from **Wednesday, 19 March 2025 until Tuesday, 22 April 2025**.

The BAR will be made available as follows:

- ❖ Copies of the BAR will be made available for public review and comment on Kongiwe’s website: <https://kongiwe.com/projects/>
- ❖ A hard copy of the BAR will be made available at a public place within the project area as indicated in the table below:
- ❖ Copies of the non-technical summary of the BAR will be distributed electronically to all stakeholders on the database.

Location	Physical Address	Contact Person
Thusanang Public Library	Thusanang 2 Clinic, Thusanang, Westonia, 1779	Mr Clement Daniels, Librarian, (079) 500 9158

You can comment on the BAR in any of the following ways:

- ❖ By providing comments at the Open Day (please see details below);
- ❖ By writing a letter or sending an email to stakeholders@kongiwe.com; and
- ❖ By contacting our stakeholder engagement team telephonically.

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Stakeholders are invited to participate through online and in-person engagements. Consultation meetings will be held during the public review period using Microsoft Teams, telephonic discussions, and an Open Day. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the Proposed Project, the contents of the BAR and to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to raise their comments and to interact with the project team.

Please refer to **Table 2** for the proposed stakeholders' meeting schedule. Please confirm your attendance for both meetings by **Wednesday, 02 April 2025**.

Table 2: Proposed dates and methods of public engagement

Proposed dates	Available time slots	Method of Engagement
Online Meetings		
Wednesday, 9 April 2025	10H00 – 11H00	Microsoft Teams/ scheduled Telephonic discussions
In-person meeting: Open Day		
Saturday, 12 April 2025	09H00 – 11H00	Thusanang 2 Clinic, Thusanang Public Library, Westonaria, 1779

INVITATION TO BECOME INVOLVED AS AN I&AP

Kongiwe has put measures in place to ensure that all stakeholders are meaningfully consulted by using a wide range of media, documents and online tools. The proposed methods of engagement for the proposed project are planned as follows:

- ❖ Telephonic consultations;
- ❖ Short Message Services (SMSes);
- ❖ Email correspondence:
 - Stakeholders with access to email are requested to send their comments/queries via email;
 - Stakeholders can email their Registration and Comment Form.
- ❖ Online engagements:
 - Project information will be timeously uploaded on Kongiwe’s website;
 - Online Microsoft Teams meetings;
- ❖ In-person Engagements:
 - One-on-One consultation meetings;

- Open Day

The purpose of the above-mentioned methods of engagements is to encourage dialogue with stakeholders and provide stakeholders with opportunities to raise their comments. Minutes from all engagements with stakeholders will be compiled and recorded in the Comments and Responses Report (CRR). Stakeholders are encouraged to indicate their preferred method of engagement to the stakeholder engagement team; please see contact details below.

FOR CONSULTATION TO BE INCLUSIVE IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF STAKEHOLDERS TO:

- ❖ Register or ensure they are registered as an I&AP;
- ❖ Inform others whom they think may be interested and/or affected by the Proposed Project;
- ❖ Ensure comments are submitted within the allowed timeframes to Kongiwe’s Stakeholder Engagement office;
- ❖ Contribute information and/or knowledge of the environment;
- ❖ Provide comments on the Proposed Project; and
- ❖ Attend meetings scheduled throughout the process to participate and access information.

COMMENTS AND QUERIES:

Any person affected by or who may be interested in the Proposed Project is asked to register as an I&AP. Should you have any comments/queries, please contact the stakeholder engagement team.

Contact Details:		
Ms Vanessa Viljoen	+27 (10) 140 1725	stakeholders@kongiwe.com
Ms Thuli Phakathi	+27 (10) 140 1726	stakeholders@kongiwe.com

**Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward
to your involvement throughout this process**

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Stakeholder Registration and Comment Form

Please return a completed reply form to the Stakeholder Engagement Team:

Ms Vanessa Viljoen / Phone: (010) 140 1725 or Ms Thuli Phakathi Phone: (010) 140 1726 or

E-mail: stakeholders@kongiwe.com

Postal Address: PostNet Suite no 163, Private Bag X21, Bryanston, 2021

Please provide your complete contact details:

Landowner	Property			
Land occupier	Property		Property owner	

Title	Mr	Mrs	Ms	Dr	Prof	Other	
First Name							
Surname							
Organisation							
Position in organisation							
Contact Details	Cell Phone				Tel		
Email address							
Postal address							
Please indicate your preferred method of communication	Email				SMS		

I intend attending the stakeholders' meetings (Please indicate your preference)

Proposed dates	Available time slots	Method of Engagement	Yes	No
Virtual meeting				
Wednesday, 9 April 2025	10H00 - 11H00	Microsoft teams/scheduled telephonic discussions	Yes	No
Live meeting: Open Days				
Saturday, 12 April 2025	09H00 – 11H00	Thusanang 2 Clinic, Thusanag Public Library, Westonaria,1779	Yes	No

Do you have any comments/concerns regarding the project? If so, please complete the section below/ send your comments to the stakeholder engagement team (please see details above).

Comments/Concerns/Suggestions:

Please provide contact details of any other stakeholders we should consult.							
Title	Mr	Mrs	Ms	Dr	Prof	Other	
First name							
Surname							
Organisation/ Property / Business							
Cell phone							
Email							
Title	Mr	Mrs	Ms	Dr	Prof	Other	
First name							
Surname							
Organisation/ Farm / Business							
Cell phone							
Email							

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Signature:		Date:	
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