

Appendix D7_Notification Letters
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Dear Stakeholder

**BASIC ASSESSMENT AND WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESSES FOR THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF MINING RIGHT 80 MR FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE KWEZI
MINING OPERATIONS THROUGH THE INCLUSION OF THE UG SHALLOWS BLOCKS,
RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

DMRE Reference: NW30/5/1/2/2/80MR

Notification of Additional Extended Public Participation Process

Availability of the Final Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTIFICATION LETTER

The purpose of this document is to inform Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) of the **additional extended public participation process** supporting the **existing application for the Kwezi Mining Operations project**, specifically concerning the amendment of Mining Right NW 80 MR and the expansion of the Kwezi Mining Operations through the inclusion of the Underground Shallows Blocks (A&B).

This process builds upon previous engagements held since the initial application was submitted on 14 November 2024.

In the 14 November 2024 application, the total area of expansion was 325.45ha, with mining operations focused on the Underground Shallows Blocks (A&B) measuring 33.91ha. This additional public participation process is only over 33.91ha of Blocks A&B as the rest of the area will no longer be included into the mining right of NW 80 MR for the Kwezi Mining Operations project. The S102 Application has been approved for the Underground Shallows Block (A&B).

The Public Participation Process (PPP) forms an integral part of any environmental authorisation process. This document provides basic information regarding the proposed project and offers the reader an opportunity to obtain further information on the project so as to make informed comments, raise issues of concern and generally contribute positively towards the realisation of the project. The distribution of this document is a crucial step in advising the reader on how to become involved in the PPP. This document details the following:

- Project background and description.
- Availability of existing final documentation.
- An overview of the environmental regulatory processes undertaken in accordance with the South African legislation; and
- Provide details of the PPP and how Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) can become involved.

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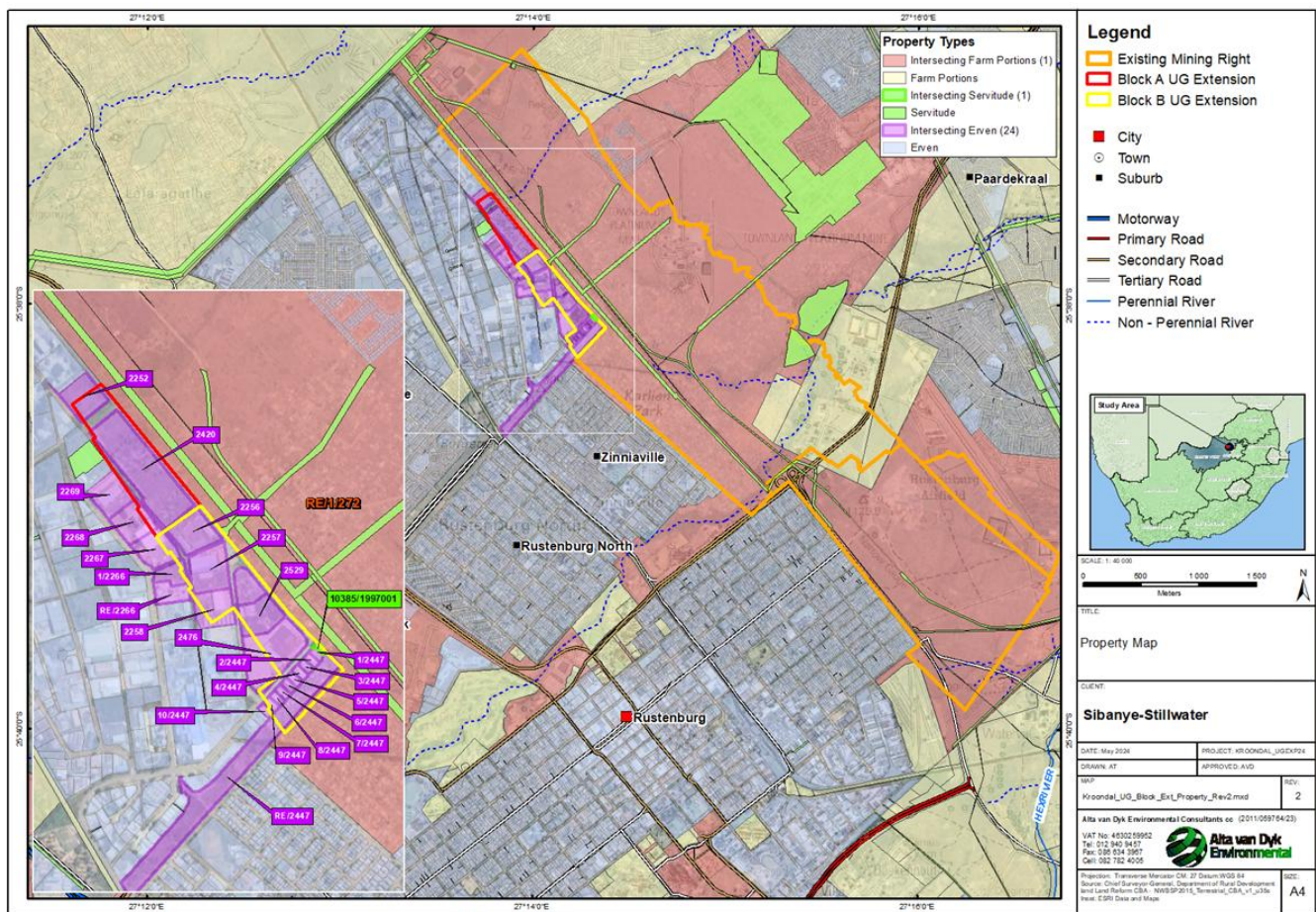
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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Sibanye Rustenburg Platinum Mines (Pty) Ltd (SRPM) is a subsidiary entity within the Sibanye-Stillwater Limited group of companies. Kwezi Shaft is owned and operated by Sibanye Rustenburg Platinum Mine (Pty) Ltd. The Kwezi Shaft is mining the UG2 reserve as within the mining lease limits described under the mining right NW 30/5/1/2/2/80 MR. The shaft is considered to be on its production decline phase with the expected life of mine to be until 2027.

It is the intention of SRPM to expand the Mining Right Area (NW 30/5/1/2/2/80 MR) within Rustenburg, in the North West Province. The proposed expansion area lies at the border of the SRPM mining right and can be mined from the Kwezi Shaft. In addition to the expansion of the Mining Right Area, SRPM intends to mine the UG2 Shallows Blocks (Blocks A and B). Timely addition of the UG2 Shallows blocks to the existing Kwezi production profile is required to optimise existing critical mass before decline in early 2025.

Alta van Dyk Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd (AvDE) have been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the projects to undertake the environmental related authorisations and associated public participation process.



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AUTHORISATIONS REQUIRED

The following authorisations are required per the applicable legislation:

- Basic Assessment (BA) Process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act 107 of 1998) and the National Environmental Management Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008) supporting a S102 Application as defined within the MPRDA. The competent authority for this process is the North West Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR).
- Water Use Licence Application (WULA) in terms of the National Water Act (NWA) (Act 36 of 1998). The Competent Authority is the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

As this process builds upon previous engagements held since the initial application was submitted on 14 November 2024, the **Final Basic Assessment Report** will be made available again to the public for a period of 30 days.

- Once the comment period lapses, all comments will be included within an updated Comments and Response Report appended to the Final Basic Assessment that will be submitted to the competent authority for final decision-making.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

The **Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR)** will be made available for public comments for a period of 30 days from **22 July 2026 to 21 August 2026**. Copies of the FBAR are available at the following public places:

Public Place	Locality	Physical Address
Rustenburg Local Library	Rustenburg	Corner of President Mbeki Dr and Heystek Street
Kwezi Mine Security Offices	Rustenburg	Rustenburg
Alta van Dyk Environmental Consultants Office	Midstream	9 Mount Sherman Crescent Midlands Estate

In addition to the above-mentioned venues, the report is available electronically on the Alta van Dyk Environmental (Pty) Ltd website: <https://altavandykenvironmental.co.za/public-documents/> and on the Sibanye Stillwater data free app Ulwazi: <https://ulwazi.datafree.co/>

Kindly provide your comments by the **21 August 2026**

If you would like more information on the proposed project, or comment on the proposed project, please direct all enquiries to:

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It is the intention of SRPM to expand the Mining Right Area (NW 30/5/1/2/2/80 MR) through the incorporation of an area over a portion of remainder of portion 1 and portion 127 (now known as Rustenburg Ext 9) of the farm Rustenburg Town and Townlands 272 JQ (various erven) within Rustenburg, in the North West Province. The proposed expansion area lies at the border of the SRPM mining right and can be mined from the Kwezi Shaft (Figure 1). In addition to the expansion of the Mining Right Area, SRPM intends to mine the UG2 Shallows Blocks (Blocks A and B). Timely addition of the UG2 Shallows blocks to the existing Kwezi production profile is required to optimise existing critical mass before decline in early 2025.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This application supports the inclusion of an area (325.45 ha) into the Existing approved Mining Right with the intention to mine the UG2 Shallows blocks (A&B) in order to increase the production and life of mine for the Kwezi shaft (**Figure 1**).

No new surface infrastructure will be required as the existing shaft will be utilised to access the additional blocks. UG2 Shallows Blocks will be accessed via the existing underground mining area via the Kwezi Shaft decline. Mining activities in the UG2 Shallows Blocks are planned 40m below surface. All mining takes place on the reef horizon, and all the ore is transported to surface via an underground conveyor system. Ore will be hauled via existing surface rail network to the Kroondal Concentrators.

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The UG2 Shallow blocks have experienced some significant environmental disturbances already. Block A has an area of 130 473 square meters. There are no building structures above Block A. Block B has area of 219 663 square meters. This area is highly developed and has several warehouses and office blocks directly above the target UG2 mineral deposit.

Location

The proposed expansion project is located in the Rustenburg Local Municipality as well as within the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality. Kwezi shaft is situated on Portion 1 of Town and Townlands of Rustenburg 272 JQ. The proposed expansion area is situated below on a portion of remainder of portion 1 and portion 127 (now known as Rustenburg Ext 9) of the farm Rustenburg Town and Townlands 272 JQ over various erven (**Figure 2 & Figure 3**).

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AVALIBILITY OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Draft Basic Assessment report will be made available for public comment for a period of 30 days. Registered Interested and Affected Parties will be informed on the availability of the document for review and comment.

If you would like more information on the proposed project, or comment on the proposed project, please direct all enquires to Kirthi Peramaul.

Kind regards,

Kirthi Peramaul

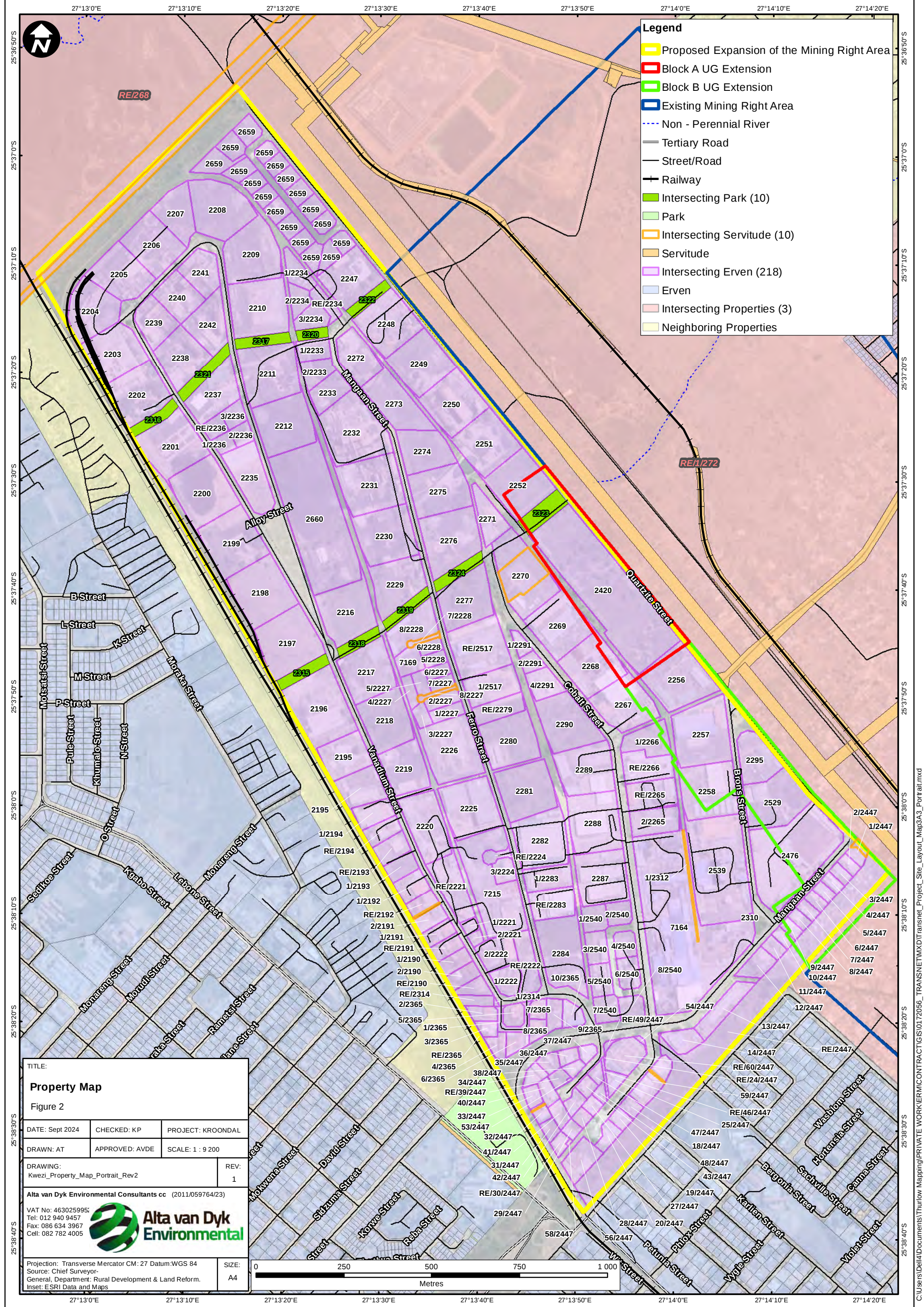
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Property Map

Figure 2

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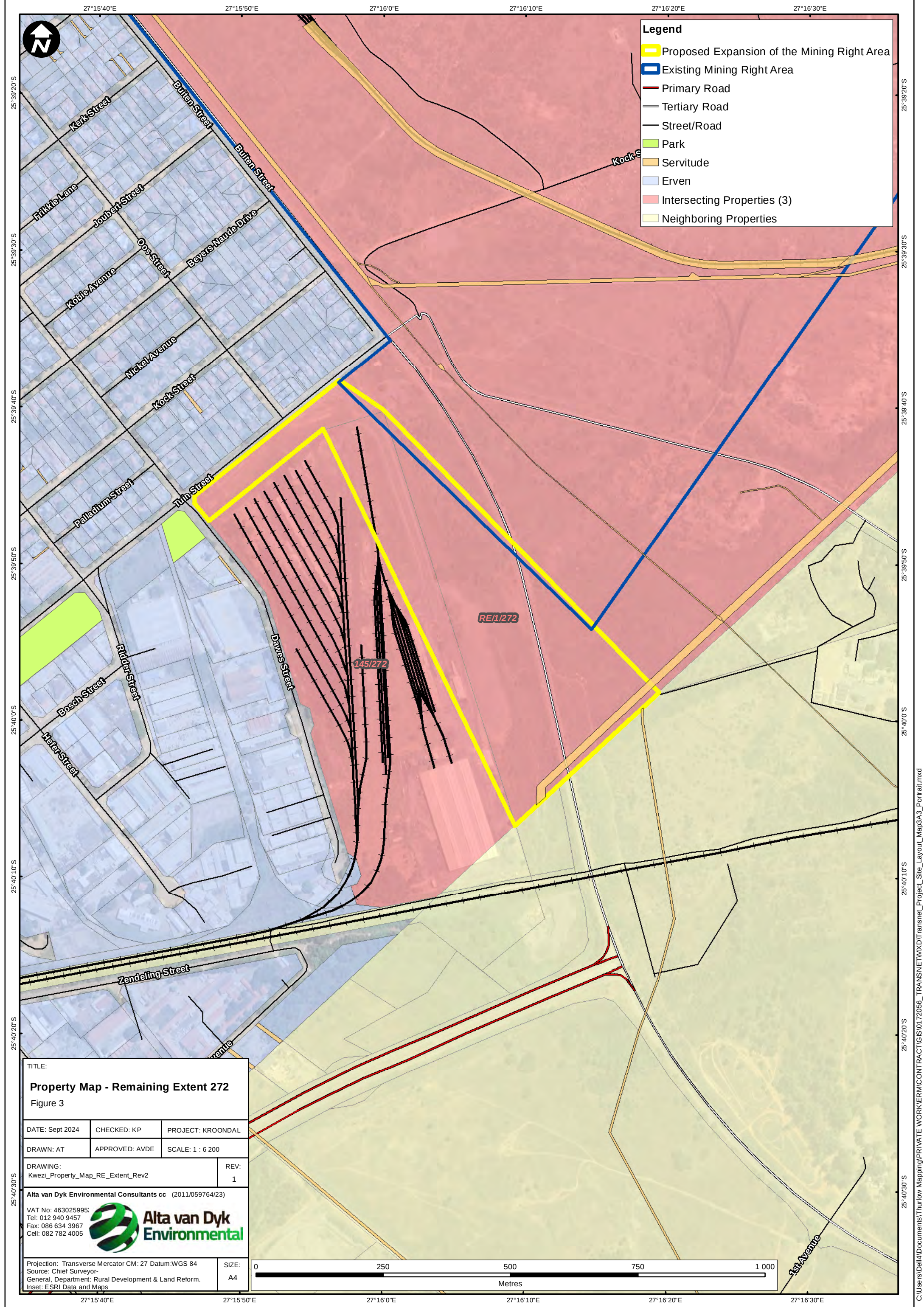
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Property Map - Remaining Extent 272

Figure 3

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