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2024 REPORT ON CONFORMANCE TO THE GLOBAL INDUSTRY STANDARD ON TAILINGS MANAGEMENT



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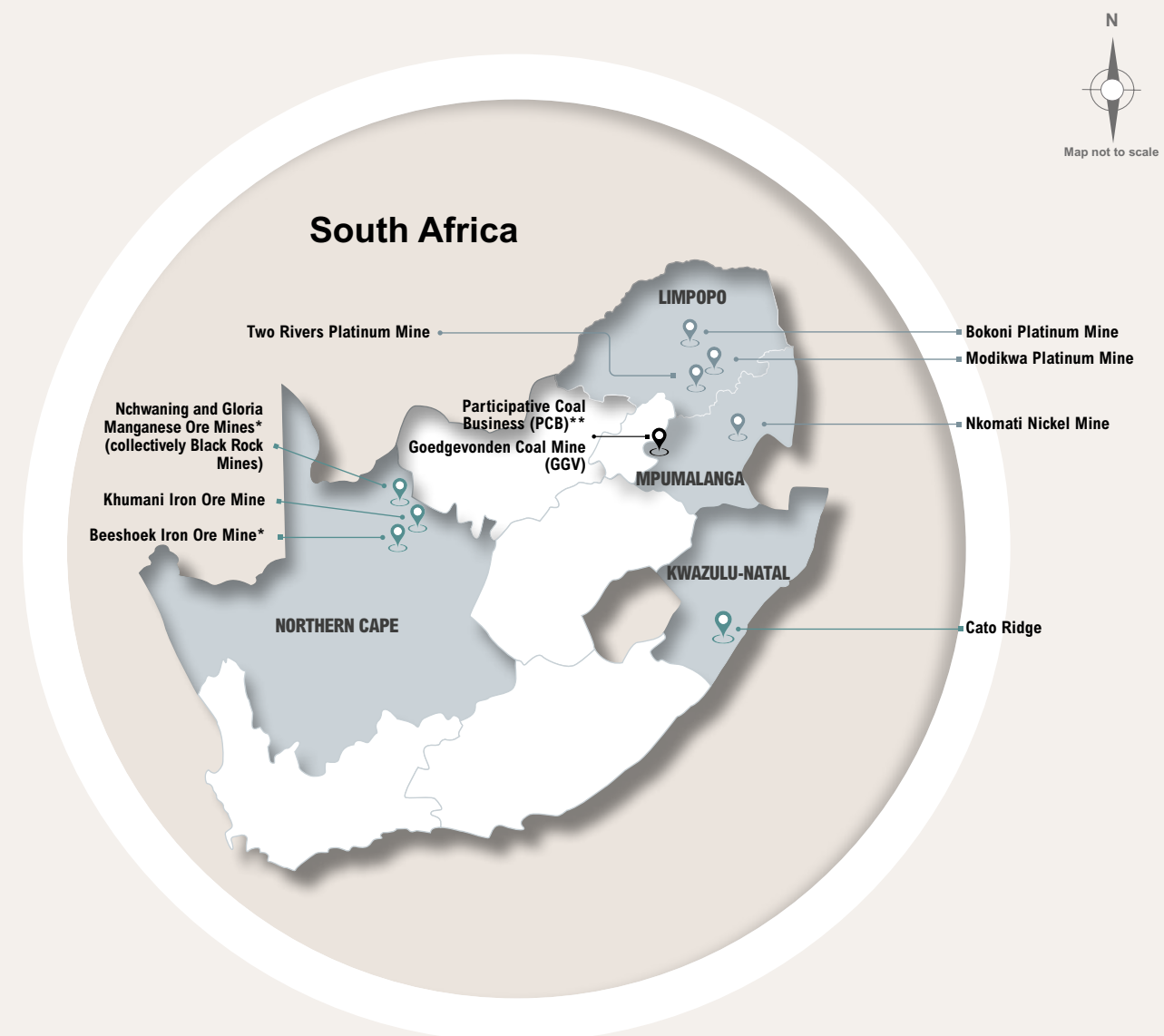
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# Report on conformance to the Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management (GISTM)

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\* GISTM conformance is only required in August 2025 given the low-risk classification as per GISTM.

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# Introduction

The Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management (GISTM or the standard) is the first global standard on tailings facility management and focuses on achieving the goal of “zero harm to people and the environment. It requires companies (operators) to take responsibility by prioritising the safety of their tailings storage facilities through all phases of the mine life cycle”. This goal is well aligned with ARM values, policies and standards.

The objective of the GISTM public disclosure document is to provide confirmation that ARM operations have implemented effective risk management processes and systems to ensure that tailings storage facilities (TSFs) are managed effectively and that any risk to people and the environment is identified and mitigated. ARM and its joint-venture (JV) partners have adopted GISTM at all its operations and good progress has been made in achieving full conformance. In the process of implementing GISTM, the level of awareness of mine personnel and surrounding communities of risks posed by TSFs was elevated. ARM and its JV partners will build on this foundation and ensure its TSFs continue to be operated in a safe and responsible manner to the benefit of all stakeholders involved.

**VP Tobias**  
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25 October 2024



Two Rivers Mine

# Definitions

The GISTM conformance protocols apply to tailings facilities as a whole, not just tailings embankments. They do not apply to riverine and deep-sea systems and other types of facilities such as fresh and process water dams, stockpiles, etc (which do not conform to the definition of a tailings facility within the standard). This distinction is important because while the design, construction and operation of embankments is a very important factor in influencing the safety of tailings facilities, it is not the only factor. For example, aspects related to water management (eg seepage, surface water, etc) can be very important in ensuring safe tailings management.

Tailings facility	A facility that is designed and managed to contain tailings produced by the mine. Although tailings can be placed in mined-out underground mines, for the purposes of the standard, tailings facilities refer to facilities that contain tailings in open-pit mines or on the surface (“external tailings facilities”). For the purposes of the standard, tailings facilities are higher than 2.5m measured from the elevation of the crest to the elevation of the toe of the structure or have a combined water and solids volume exceeding 30 000m <sup>3</sup> , unless the consequence classification is “high”, “very high” or “extreme”, in which case the structure is considered a tailings facility regardless of its size. For the purposes of this standard, existing tailings facilities are facilities that are accepting new mine tailings on the date that the standard takes effect or not currently accepting new mine tailings but are not in a state of safe closure. All other facilities will be treated as “new” for the purposes of this standard. [GISTM]
Tailings management system	<p>The site-specific tailings management system (TMS) comprises the key components for management and design of the tailings facility and is often referred to as the “framework” that manages these components. The TMS sits at the core of the standard and is focused on the safe operation and management of the tailings facility throughout its life cycle (see above). The TMS follows the well-established plan-do-check-act cycle. Each operator develops a TMS that best suits their organisation and tailings facilities.</p> <p>A TMS includes elements such as: establishing policies, planning, designing and establishing performance objectives, managing change, identifying and securing adequate resources (experienced and/or qualified personnel, equipment, scheduling, data, documentation and financial resources), conducting performance evaluations and risk assessments, establishing and implementing controls for risk management, auditing and reviewing for continual improvement, implementing a management system with clear accountabilities and responsibilities, preparing and implementing the OMS (operations, maintenance and surveillance) and EPRP (emergency preparedness and response plan). The TMS, and its various elements, must interact with other systems, such as the environmental and social management system (ESMS), the operation-wide management system, and the regulatory system. This interaction is fundamental to the effective implementation of the standard. [GISTM]</p>
Stakeholder	Persons or groups who are directly or indirectly affected by a project, as well as those who may have interests in a project and/or the ability to influence its outcome, positively or negatively. Stakeholders may include workers, organised labour, project-affected people or communities and their formal and informal representatives, national or local government authorities, politicians, religious leaders, civil society organisations and groups with special interests, the academic community, or other businesses. Different stakeholders will often have divergent views, both within and across stakeholder groupings. [GISTM]
Tailings facility life cycle	<p>The phases in the life of a facility, which may occur in linear or cyclical succession, consisting of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Project conception, planning and design</li><li>2 Initial construction</li><li>3 Operation and ongoing construction (may include progressive reclamation)</li><li>4 Interim closure (including care and maintenance)</li><li>5 Closure (regrading, demolition and reclamation)</li><li>6 Post-closure (including relinquishment, reprocessing, relocation, removal). [GISTM]</li></ol>
Tailings governance framework	<p>A framework that focuses on the key elements of management and governance necessary to maintain the integrity of TSFs and minimise the risk of catastrophic failures. The six key elements of this TSF governance framework are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Accountability, responsibility and competency</li><li>2 Planning and resourcing</li><li>3 Risk management</li><li>4 Change management</li><li>5 Emergency preparedness and response</li><li>6 Review and assurance. [GISTM]</li></ol>





Two Rivers Platinum Mine

ARM’s attributable beneficial interest in Two Rivers Platinum Mine operation is 54%. The other 46% is held by Impala Platinum.

Locality

Two Rivers Platinum Mine lies in the southern sector of the eastern limb of the Bushveld Complex. The mine is located on the farm Dwarsrivier 372 KT and extends to portions of the farms Kalkfontein 367 KT and Tweefontein 360 KT and the farm Buffelshoek 368 KT. At latitude 24°59”S and longitude 30°07”E, the mine is approximately 30km from Steelpoort and 60km from Mashishing, Mpumalanga province, South Africa. It is neighboured by Mototolo Platinum Mine and Dwarsrivier, Tweefontein and Thorncliff chromite mines.

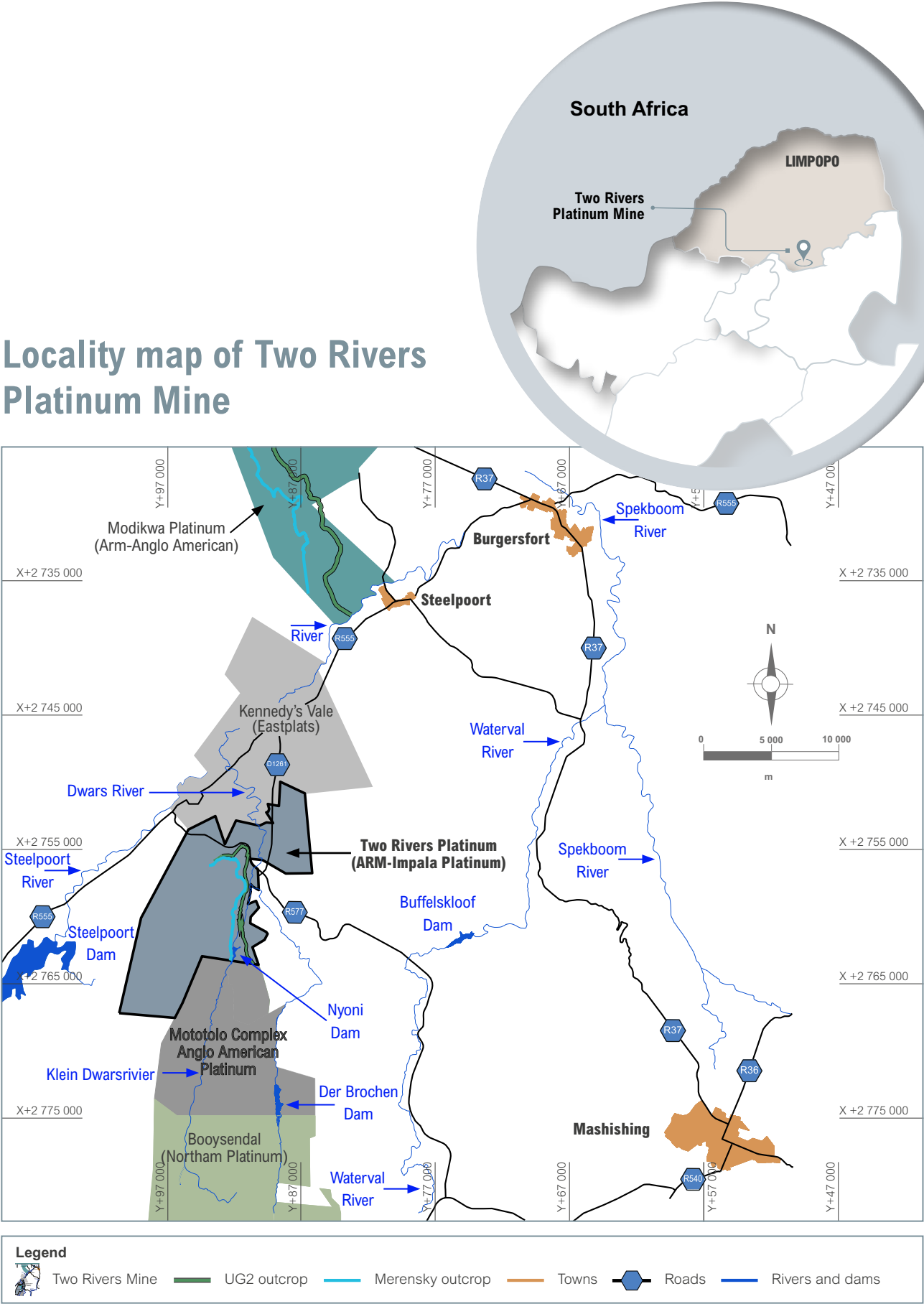
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Locality map of Two Rivers Platinum Mine





# Two Rivers Old TSF continued

## TSF public disclosure report continued

### Two Rivers Platinum – Old TSF public disclosure

To assess implementation of the GISTM requirements, we have used the ICMC conformance protocols for GISTM. This maps the GISTM's 77 requirements using 219 clear and concise assessment criteria. The GISTM conformance results are reported against the 77 GISTM requirements. Two Rivers started implementing GISTM in August 2020.

The Old TSF is currently under care and maintenance. The first step was to conduct a gap analysis between our current TSF standards and GISTM. This was followed by a detailed plan to address the social, environmental and technical gaps identified. Some of the challenges faced in implementation reflect the shortage of available technical skills in the field of tailings management. There were also initial concerns on how meaningful engagement with downstream communities could be handled without causing undue panic.

Two Rivers conducted a self-assessment in June 2024 to update actions from the third-party validation conducted by Jones & Wagener in July 2023.

### GISTM conformance results

Of the 77 GISTM requirements, 61 “meet” conformance and six “partially meet”. There are no requirements classified as “does not meet”. Ten of the requirements are not applicable to this asset.

The areas that are in partial conformance are related to “topic 2 – develop and maintain an interdisciplinary knowledge base to support safe tailings management throughout the tailings facility life cycle, including closure”.

### Description of the Two Rivers Old tailings storage facility

Two Rivers Mine operates as a joint venture between Impala Platinum and African Rainbow Minerals (ARM) Platinum. It is situated on the farm Dwarsrivier in the southern part of the eastern limb of the Bushveld Complex, 45km south-west of Burgersfort, in Limpopo province of South Africa. The location of the Two Rivers Old TSF is illustrated in figure 1-1; this facility reached end of operational life in early 2022 and was simultaneously decommissioned.

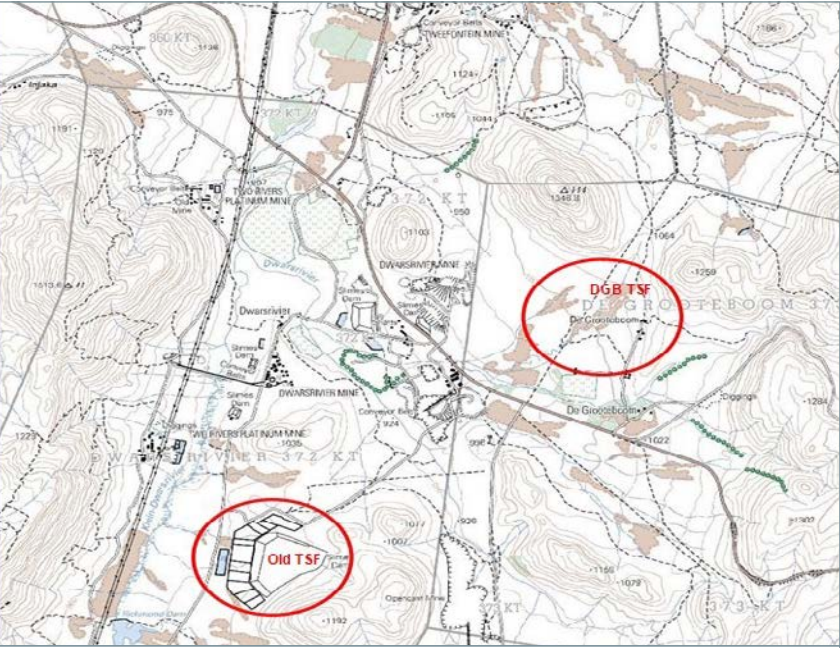


Figure 1-1: TRP tailings storage facilities locality map (De Grooteboom and Old TSFs)

The Old TSF has been designed for a maximum safe final height of some 50m with an overall outer slope of 1V:3H. The facility was designed to accommodate a tailings production rate of 300 000 tonnes per month until March 2022 when deposition ceased. The TSF has a return-water dam (RWD) and a stormwater dam with a combined storage capacity of around 88 000m³.

Pertinent general information about the facility is provided in table 2.

# Two Rivers Old TSF continued

## TSF public disclosure report continued



Figure 1-2: TRP tailings storage facilities locality map (Old TSF)

Table 2: TSF general information

Description	Details
The operation	Two Rivers Platinum Mine
TSF operator	Intasol Tailings
Engineer of record	Herman Venter from HVTS (Pty) Ltd
Business unit	ARM Platinum division
Magisterial district	Steelpoort, Limpopo province, South Africa
List of tailings storage facilities	Old TSF
TSF coordinates	24 57'17.79"S 30 06'23.52"E
TSF wall raise, initial earthworks and method of tailings deposition	Initially by downstream cyclone construction, subsequently redesigned and operated for upstream cyclone construction
Current height	50m
Current footprint area	70ha
Current storage volume	24 380 000m³
Method of deposition	The conventional cyclone method of deposition was employed on the tailings (storage facility) which has developed by upstream construction

### Site, tailings and foundation soils characteristics

The Bushveld Complex is divided into five limbs: the eastern, western, far western, northern and southwestern limbs. The principal platinum group element or PGE-bearing reefs in the Bushveld Complex are the Merensky Reef, UG2 and Platreef. These lie within the Rustenburg layered suite of the Bushveld Complex.

Two Rivers Mine is on the eastern limb of the Bushveld Complex in the Rustenburg layered suite and Dwarsrivier sub-suite. The geology of this sub-suite comprises primarily anorthosite and norite, with thin localised layers of chromite and pyroxenite. The strata dips to the west.

### Consequence classification

A multidisciplinary GISTM consequence classification matrix was used to assess potential downstream impacts in a tailings storage facility-failure scenario. Using this matrix, the TSF was classified as extreme.

### Summary of risk assessment findings relevant to the tailings storage facility

A risk assessment and control procedure was generated to proactively identify, understand and address risks related to operating the TSF throughout its life cycle.

Failure modes identified for the Old TSF are wall failure resulting from inadequate structural stability; wall failure due to internal or external erosion; wall failure due to foundation weakness; wall failure due to liquefaction; and failure due to overtopping.

Comprehensive risk assessments have been carried out for all failure modes and appropriate controls identified and put in place.



# Two Rivers Old TSF continued

## TSF public disclosure report continued

**Summary of impact assessments and human exposure and vulnerability to tailings facility credible flow-failure scenarios**

The tailings storage facility breach analysis (TDBA) study was undertaken to investigate potential downstream impacts in the event of a breach and sudden release of tailings and water downstream. Results included information on inundation extents, flood-wave travel times and maximum flow depths and velocities. These are intended to inform the consequence classification of the TSF in accordance with GISTM and for use in emergency preparedness and response planning.

The findings of this study provide the technical data to inform the TSF hazard classification based on potential incremental consequences and computational output used to prepare inundation maps in support of emergency preparedness and response planning.

Due to the potential variability of tailings material properties and uncertainty on certain input parameters, a sensitivity analysis was conducted.

In the unlikely event of a failure of the Old TSF, the tailings release is expected to flow into the Klein Dwarsrivier first, then downstream to the Steelpoort River for roughly 16km. The breached tailings flow from the Old TSF is mostly contained within the floodplain of the Klein Dwarsrivier and Groot Dwarsrivier.

**Description of the design for all phases of the tailings facility life cycle, including the current and final height**

**Current operation (current height)**  
The Old TSF has been operating since 2006. It was originally designed to be developed as a downstream side-hill cyclone tailings facility, with a floating decant pump system. However, difficulties in achieving the required downstream profile and concomitant stability risks prompted a modification to the design in 2010. The facility initially comprised a lower and upper downstream compartment, which were combined into a single facility in 2015-2016. From then until decommissioning in early 2022, the facility operated as one compartment with continuous upstream cyclone tailings deposition. A floating pumped decant was used to recover water. The structure currently has a maximum perimeter wall height of 50m.

**Final height design**  
Closure criteria are those required to mitigate identified closure risks. The measures involve removing infrastructure, erecting fencing, installing drainage structures, reshaping, topsoiling, ripping, seeding and planting, maintenance and monitoring.

Closure criteria are closely related to actual EMP (environmental management plan) commitments to actions required at closure as prescribed by the regulators.

The proposed closure criteria related to the Old TSF are detailed in the closure plan.

**Summary of material findings of annual performance reviews and DSR, including implementation of mitigation measures to reduce risk to ALARP (as low as reasonably practicable)**

In the 2022 annual performance review of the Old TSF, no material findings were made. Maintenance, surveillance and monitoring are continuing post decommissioning.

**Summary of material findings of the environmental and social monitoring programme, including implementation of mitigation measures**

There were no material environmental findings in the annual review. The focus is on irrigation to manage dust. Two Rivers keeps a register of all environmental and social complaints received from surrounding communities. These are recorded in the grievance register and feedback is provided to the complainant within 30 days of receipt.

**Summary version of the tailings facility EPRP for facilities that have a credible failure mode(s) that could lead to a flow-failure event**

Two Rivers Mine extensively engaged downstream communities to educate and create awareness of potential risks from a TSF breach.

# Two Rivers Old TSF continued

## TSF public disclosure report continued

The engagement sessions were with Dwarsrivier Chrome Mine and other stakeholders downstream of the facility. Subsequently, an EPRP was developed in consultation with downstream communities, local authorities and other private emergency services providers, eg Mine Rescue Services.

**Dates of most recent and next independent reviews**

An independent review for the Two Rivers Platinum tailings facilities was conducted by the Independent Tailings Review Board (ITRB) in July 2024. All findings from this review will be closed out.

The next ITRB is planned for July 2024 and will comprise the same members.

**Annual confirmation that the operator has adequate financial capacity to cover estimated costs**  
The mine conducts annual rehabilitation, remediation, decommissioning and closure liability assessments to determine financial liability as required by legislation. These assessments are conducted by independent service providers. A combination of financial instruments is used to provide for the assessed financial liability.



Please refer to audited financial statement on the indicated link: <https://arm-ir-reports.co.za/reports/arm-iar-2024/>

Also please refer to the 2024 integrated annual report where reference is made to the comprehensive risk financing and transfer programme in place as it relates to tailings storage facility cover.

Approved by accountable executive

**HL Mkatshana**  
Chief executive: ARM Platinum

25 October 2024



Two Rivers Mine



# Two Rivers De Grooteboom

## TSF public disclosure report

To assess implementation of GISTM requirements, we have used the ICMM conformance protocols for GISTM. This maps GISTM's 77 requirements using 219 clear and concise assessment criteria. The GISTM conformance results are reported against the 77 GISTM requirements.

Two Rivers began implementing GISTM in August 2020.

The first step was to conduct a gap analysis between our current TSF standards and GISTM. This was followed by a detailed plan to address the social, environmental and technical gaps identified. Some of the challenges faced in implementation reflect the shortage of available technical skills in the field of tailings management. There were also initial concerns on how meaningful engagement with downstream communities could be handled without causing undue panic.

Two Rivers conducted a self-assessment in June 2024 to update actions from the third-party validation conducted by Jones & Wagener in July 2023.

**GISTM conformance results**

Of the 77 GISTM requirements, 66 “meet” conformance and four “partially meet”. There are no requirements classified as “does not meet”. Seven of the requirements are not applicable to this asset.



Figure 1-1: TRP tailings storage facilities locality map (De Grooteboom and Old TSFs)

The areas that are in partial conformance are related to “topic 2 – develop and maintain an interdisciplinary knowledge base to support safe tailings management throughout the tailings facility life cycle, including closure.”

**Description of the Two Rivers De Grooteboom tailings storage facility**

Additional information is required for the estimation of the TSF closure design study. A detailed plan with allocated resources has been developed to ensure the work of TSF closure design is completed as per plan.

**Description of the Two Rivers De Grooteboom tailings storage facility**

The Two Rivers Platinum Mine is situated on the farm Dwarsrivier on the southern part of the eastern limb of the Bushveld Complex, 45km south-west of Burgersfort, in the Limpopo province of South Africa, as illustrated in figure 1-1.

Two Rivers has a newly constructed TSF, De Grooteboom (DGB TSF), that is expected to reach its design life by around 2042. The dam is designed to handle both UG2 and Merensky ore tailings.

The De Grooteboom TSF lies some 4km east of the UG2 concentrator plant on portion 2 and 7 of the farm De Grooteboom 372/KT.

The TSF has been designed for a maximum final safe height of around 85m at 1 072mamsl elevation with an overall outer slope of 1V:3.5H. The design tailings deposition is 300 000 tonnes per month for the first two years and 500 000 tonnes per month from year 3. The return-water dam has a standby and an operating compartment with a total capacity of 98 000m³.

# Two Rivers De Grooteboom continued

## TSF public disclosure report continued



Figure 1-2: TRP tailings storage facilities locality map (De Grooteboom)

Table 2: TSF general information

Description	Details
The operation	Two Rivers Platinum Mine
TSF operator	Intasol Tailings
Engineer of record	Herman Venter from HVTS (Pty) Ltd
Business unit	ARM Platinum division
Magisterial district	Steelpoort, Limpopo province, South Africa
List of tailings storage facilities	De Grooteboom TSF
TSF coordinates	24°55'42.41"S 30°08'13.56"E
TSF wall raise, initial earthworks and method of tailings deposition	Down and upstream cyclone
Current height	15.2m
Current footprint area	86ha
Current storage	4 500 000m³
Method of deposition	The conventional cyclone upstream method of deposition is used on the tailings facility. The cyclones are positioned on the crest of the facility

**Site, tailings and foundation soils characteristics**

The Bushveld Complex is divided into five limbs: the eastern, western, far western, northern and southwestern limbs. The principal platinum group element or PGE-bearing reefs in the Bushveld Complex are the Merensky Reef (MR), UG2 and Platreef. These lie within the Rustenburg layered suite (RLS) of the Bushveld Complex.

Two Rivers Platinum Mine is on the eastern limb of the Bushveld Complex in the Rustenburg layered suite and the Dwarsrivier sub-suite. The geology of this sub-suite comprises primarily anorthosite and norite with thin localised layers of chromite and pyroxenite. The strata dips to the west.

**Consequence classification**

A multidisciplinary team used the GISTM consequence classification matrix to assess potential downstream impacts in a TSF-failure scenario. Using the GISTM matrix, the De Grooteboom TSF was classified as extreme.

**Summary of risk assessment findings relevant to the tailings storage facility**

A workplace risk assessment and control procedure was generated to proactively identify, understand and address risks related to operating the TSF throughout its life cycle.

Risks identified for the De Grooteboom TSF are wall failure resulting from inadequate structural stability; wall failure due to internal or external erosion; wall failure due to foundation weakness; wall failure due to liquefaction; and failure due to overtopping.



# Two Rivers De Grooteboom continued

## TSF public disclosure report continued

In all cases, comprehensive risk assessments have been carried out from which appropriate controls have been identified and put in place. Details of the risks and controls are set out in the bowtie risk assessment.

**Summary of impact assessments and human exposure and vulnerability to tailings facility credible flow-failure scenarios**  
The tailings dam-breach analysis (TDBA) study investigated credible dam-breach scenarios and looked to identify potential downstream impacts in the event of a breach and sudden release of tailings and water downstream.

Results of the study include information on inundation extents, flood-wave travel times and maximum flow depths and velocities. These are intended to inform the consequence classification of the TSF in accordance with GISTM, and for use in emergency preparedness and response planning.

Due to the potential variability of the tailings' material properties and uncertainty on some input parameters, a sensitivity analysis was conducted.

**Description of the design for all phases of the tailings facility life cycle, including the current and final height**

**Current operation (current height)**  
In the initial stages of development, the De Grooteboom TSF is designed to be managed as an upstream facility. Later in its life cycle, some deposition will take place in the downstream direction to strengthen the facility as it increases in height and capacity. Tailings slurry is pumped through rubber-lined steel pipes.

Currently, the maximum height of the storage impoundment is 15.2m. It is designed to eventually reach a height of 85m. The current storage impoundment volume is some 4 500 000m<sup>3</sup>, while the planned storage impoundment volume is intended to reach 95 000 000m<sup>3</sup>.

Critical controls have been placed on the following aspects of the TSF's development:  
Rate of rise or deposition rates:

- Mitigate generating excess pore pressure in the tailings body and foundation material
- Mitigate elevation of phreatic surfaces
- Allow for densification and benefits of desiccative drying to take place (ie natural compaction that mitigates the potential for liquefaction, or strain softening)
- Allow appropriate cycling times of around 30 days that assist in safe construction of deposit walls.

Freeboard and pond location:

- The amount of available freeboard to contain/attenuate major storms on top of the TSF without spilling and promptly decanting excess water. The freeboard is designed for a 1:50-year storm plus 0.8m. This is verified quarterly with an accurate lidar survey of the TSF. The control of compliance to freeboard design ensures that beaching and freeboard generation are improved. Tailings are deposited so that the amount of fines near the outer perimeter of the TSF is minimised via the cyclone-deposition method which allows segregation of coarse tailings from fines to take place.

Regular inspections and reviews are performed on the following aspects of the TSF development and reviewed by the engineer of record (EoR) for any major changes or deviations from design assumptions:

- Slurry density, temperature, evaporation, RWD levels, piezometer levels and trends, drain flows and trends, surface-water quality, groundwater quality, update of slope stability factor of safety (FoS) by limit equilibrium methods, analysis of particle size distribution and tailings geotechnical characteristics, and piezocone (CPTu) probing and interpretation.

**Final height design**  
Closure criteria are the actions required to mitigate identified closure risks. This involves removing infrastructure, erecting fencing, installing drainage structures, reshaping, topsoiling, ripping, seeding and planting, maintenance and monitoring. The proposed closure criteria related to the TSF are summarised below.

Closure criteria are closely related to actual EMP commitments, ie actions to be carried out at closure as agreed with regulators. A summary of material findings of annual performance and dam-safety reviews, including implementation of mitigation measures to reduce risk to as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP) are implemented and closely monitored.

**Summary of material findings of annual performance reviews and DSR, including implementation of mitigation measures to reduce risk to ALARP**  
Considering De Grooteboom was commissioned in early 2022, any material findings will be indicated in the next annual performance review scheduled for November 2024.

# Two Rivers De Grooteboom continued

## TSF public disclosure report continued

**Summary of material findings of the environmental and social monitoring programme, including implementation of mitigation measures**  
There were no material environmental findings in the annual review. Focus is on irrigation to manage dust. Two Rivers keeps a register of all environmental and social complaints received from surrounding communities. These are recorded in the grievance register and feedback provided to the complainant within 30 days of receipt.


**Summary version of the tailings facility EPRP for facilities that have a credible failure mode(s) that could lead to a flow-failure event**  
Two Rivers extensively engaged downstream communities to educate and make them aware of potential risks of a TSF failure. Community engagement sessions were held with

Dwarsrivier Chrome Mine and other stakeholders on the downstream side. Subsequent to the engagement, an EPRP was generated in consultation with downstream communities, local authorities and other private emergency services providers, eg Mine Rescue Services.

**Dates of most recent and next independent reviews**  
An independent review for the Two Rivers Platinum tailings was conducted by the Independent Tailings Review Board (ITRB) in July 2024. All actions from this review will be closed out.

**Annual confirmation that the operator has adequate financial capacity (including insurance to the extent commercially reasonable) to cover estimated costs**  
Two Rivers conducts annual rehabilitation, remediation,

decommissioning and closure liability assessments to determine financial liability as required by legislation. These assessments are conducted by independent service providers. A combination of financial vehicles is used to provide for the assessed financial liability.

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Approved by accountable executive

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Chief executive: ARM Platinum

25 October 2024



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# ARM Platinum

## Modikwa Platinum Mine

ARM’s attributable beneficial interest in Modikwa’s operations is 41.5%; 8.5% is held by the Modikwa communities and 50% is held by Rustenburg Platinum Mines.

### Locality

Modikwa Platinum Mine lies some 15km north of Burgersfort and 15km north-west of Steelpoort, along the border between Mpumalanga and Limpopo provinces in South Africa. Located at latitude 24°40”S and longitude 30°10”E, the site is accessed via the R37 road between Polokwane and Burgersfort. The topography of the area is defined by a low-lying broad valley that strikes due north-south and is underlain by rock units of the upper critical zone of the Bushveld Complex.



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# Modikwa Platinum Mine

## Public disclosure on the Modikwa TSF

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Modikwa began implementing GISTM in August 2020. The first step was to conduct a gap analysis between current TSF standards and GISTM. This was followed by a detailed plan to address the social, environmental and technical gaps identified.

Some challenges were faced while implementing detailed plans to conform with the GISTM. These included the lack of availability of technical skilled personnel to

improve and support the existing Modikwa TSF management team, and availability of competent, reputable laboratories with the capacity to manage highly sensitive materials. There were also initial concerns on the ability to meaningfully engage with downstream communities without causing undue panic.

Following the third-party review conducted by Jones & Wagener in July 2023, Modikwa conducted its first annual self-assessment in June 2024.

Despite the noted challenges, Modikwa is pleased to report the following June 2024 GISTM conformance self-assessment results.

**GISTM conformance results**  
Of the 77 GISTM requirements, 67 “meet” conformance and two “partially meet”. There are no requirements classified as “does not meet”. Eight requirements are not applicable to this asset. The areas

in partial conformance relate to “topic 3 – design, construction, operation and monitoring of the tailings facility” and “topic 4 – management and governance”. These topics are being addressed in accordance with the updated plan.

**Description of the Modikwa Platinum Mine (MPM) tailings storage facility**  
MPM lies around 15km north-west of Burgersfort on the Polokwane-to-Burgersfort road (R37). The Modikwa TSF site is in a valley between the old Montrose and Winterveld chrome mines, some 3km east of the plant site (refer figure 1-1). The Modikwa TSF is an upstream embankment facility with a life-of-mine of 50 years.

The return-water dam associated with the Modikwa TSF has both operating and standby compartments from where return water to the concentrator plant is pumped. Pertinent general information about the operation is detailed in table 2 overleaf.





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Table 2: TSF general information

Description	Details
The operation	Modikwa Platinum Mine
TSF operator	Fraser Alexander Tailings
Engineer of record	SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd
Business unit	Platinum division
Magisterial district	Steelpoort, Limpopo, South Africa
List of tailings storage facilities	Modikwa TSF
TSF coordinates	Modikwa TSF: 24°38'58.4"S 30°09'10.4"E
List of water dams	Modikwa TSF return-water dam (RWD)
Water dam coordinates	RWD: 24°38'31.1"S 30°09'46.6"E
Current height	Modikwa TSF: 43m (910mamsl)
Current footprint area	Modikwa TSF: 101ha
Current storage	Modikwa TSF: 48.6 million tonnes
Other associated key infrastructures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Silt traps at inlet to RWD</li><li>• Solution trench at toe of facility</li><li>• Penstock intake tower and outlet pipeline</li><li>• Drains (main outlet drain, inner toe drain and elevated curtain drain).</li></ul>
Method of deposition	The conventional spigot method of deposition is used on the tailings facility. The spigot pipeline line is positioned on the perimeter of the crest of the facility

**TSF site description and geology, foundation soils and tailings characteristics**

The regional geology consists of basic and ultra-basic igneous rocks of the Rustenburg layered suite and Bushveld Complex. The bedrock comprises norite, pyroxenite and anorthosite of the Dwarsrivier sub-suite. The westward-dipping Merensky Reef and chromitite seams occur within this rock mass. The bedrock observed on site was norite and the soils encountered are mainly derived from the norite.

The residual black and dark-brown clay and silt observed have

developed from the weathering and decomposition of the norite bedrock. These fine-grained materials are highly expansive and heave as much as 100mm, as predicted in geotechnical reports. The clay and silt horizons are generally thinner or non-existent nearer to the mountains on the western and south-eastern sides of the tailings facility.

The plant residue comprises platinum tailings originating from mining and processing the UG2 reef.

**The consequence classification**

A multidisciplinary team was involved in a workshop to apply the GISTM consequence classification matrix to assess potential downstream impacts should a breach occur on the Modikwa TSF. Using this matrix, the Modikwa TSF was classified as extreme.

**Summary of risk assessment findings relevant to the TSF**

A workplace risk assessment and control procedure was initiated to proactively identify, understand and address risks related to operating the TSF throughout its life cycle. Risks identified for the Modikwa TSF are wall failure resulting from inadequate structural stability; wall failure due to internal or external erosion; wall failure due to foundation weakness; wall failure due to liquefaction; failure due to penstock failure; failure due to mechanical failure; and failure due to overtopping.

A comprehensive risk assessment was completed in 2024.

**Summary of impact assessments and human exposure and vulnerability to tailings facility credible flow-failure scenarios**

The dam breach analysis and inundation study were conducted for MPM to evaluate the potential downstream impact of a breach in the Modikwa TSF. The breach analysis was conducted for the current wall-crest elevation and for the expected final wall-crest elevation. Based on the TSF characteristics, critical potential breach locations were identified. The most likely failure modes were modelled and simulated for varying hydrologic conditions.

Based on population density maps and extents of inundation resulting from models in this dam breach analysis, the population at risk was estimated. The downstream

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community was meaningfully engaged to raise awareness about the impact of a failure of the Modikwa TSF in the unlikely event that it occurs. A study to assess the environmental impact, social impact and local economic impact was conducted to understand the full impact extent of a failure of the Modikwa TSF.

Mitigation measures such as the emergency preparedness and response plan were generated with involvement of the downstream community, local communities and Mine Rescue Services. An emergency environmental clean-up

procedure was developed to deal with environmental spillage containment and clean-up in case of a failure of the Modikwa TSF.

**Description of the design for all phases of the tailings facility life cycle including the current and final height**

**Current operation (current height)**

The Modikwa TSF is an upstream embankment facility. Initial containment was provided by a compacted clay starter dike. The TSF was raised using an approximate overall raise rate of 1.4m per year. The decant pool or pond is controlled in the centre of the TSF.

Modikwa TSF was designed to meet the recommended industry guidelines for factor of safety (FoS). While operating the tailings facility, the FoS is regularly reviewed through stability analyses. Proactive procedures for managing the TSF have been implemented, which implies that a “performance-based” approach has also been applied.

Critical controls have been placed on the following critical aspects of the Modikwa TSF’s development. These controls are monitored monthly and complemented by daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual reviews for any major changes or deviations from design



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assumptions. The reviews are conducted by a multidisciplinary team which involves the Modikwa TSF operator, EoR, environmental specialists, mine safety personnel, RTE (responsible tailings facility engineer) and ITRB.

### Tailings deposition strategy rate of rise and deposition rates

The operation of the Modikwa TSF involves a short and long-term deposition plan that is strictly followed and adjusted when required to control the pool position and ensure adequate freeboard. The deposition strategy is such that the rate of rise is limited to the designed rate. Tailings are deposited so that the amount of fines near the outer wall of the Modikwa TSF is reduced through the spigot deposition method which allows segregation of coarser tailings to take place.

### Freeboard and pool control

The Modikwa TSF is designed to comply with the government notice 704 freeboard requirement which is a 1:50-year storm plus 0.8m. This is verified monthly with accurate surveys of the TSF. Strategic deposition plans and pool control ensure that beaching and thus freeboard generation are improved. It is current practice at Modikwa to assess the impact of the probable maximum flood (24-hour) storm event on top of the TSF and then compare the two methods and adopt the more conservative requirement for the freeboard assessment.

### Wall drainage

Vertical curtain drains have been installed to control the phreatic surface in the TSF. The vertical curtain drain is constructed in lifts of 1-1.5m as the TSF progresses in height. The intent is to create a relatively dry structural wall zone (embankment) in the facility. Toe drains are installed around the Modikwa TSF to collect seepage from its base.

### Stormwater management

Stormwater diversion channels have been constructed on hills upstream slopes of the Modikwa TSF. These channels assist in diverting stormwater away from the Modikwa TSF basin and avoid clean water coming into contact with polluted water.

### Slope angle and benches

The side-slope angles and benches geometry are monitored and maintained regularly to ensure there are no deviations from the design intent during operation.

### Phreatic surface monitoring

The phreatic surface at Modikwa TSF is regularly monitored through both standpipe and vibrating wire piezometers (VWP). This is done through a dashboard that displays live results of VWP readings. Access to the dashboard is provided to the relevant Modikwa TSF operations and management personnel, including the EoR.

### Penstock structure

The structural and hydraulic integrity of the Modikwa TSF penstock pipeline is regularly monitored for any failures or debris. This is done through regular camera inspection of the entire penstock pipeline.

### Final height design

Closure criteria are the actions required to mitigate identified closure risks. This involves removing infrastructure, erecting fencing, installing drainage structures, reshaping, topsoiling, ripping, seeding and planting, maintenance and monitoring. Closure criteria are closely related to actual EMP commitments in that, as noted, they are the actions to be taken at closure as agreed with the regulators.

The identified design criteria and constraints, as stated in the Modikwa TSF closure technical

memorandum, will be used in developing prefeasibility closure-design options for the facility. The design criteria may need to be reviewed in a prefeasibility B-level stage if required and/or the feasibility stage, once additional information from geotechnical testing and other parallel studies are underway and concluded, and the operational stormwater management design completed.

### Summary of material findings of annual performance reviews and DSR, including implementation of mitigation measures to reduce risk to ALARP (as low as reasonably practicable)

Annual performance reviews are conducted by the EoR. The following observations was made in the last review:

- Slope stability (FoS): Initial stability analysis was conducted with limited information on the material characteristics of both the tailings and the foundation. An intensive geotechnical investigation programme to evaluate the characteristics of both the foundation material and tailings is underway.

### Summary of material findings of the environmental and social monitoring programme including implementation of mitigation measures

The following environmental and social findings were noted from the annual performance review:

- Dust fallout: Generally, dust fallout results were well within both residential and non-residential thresholds. MPM has a dust-suppression programme in place at the TSF
- Return-water dam: The RWD operating compartment was silted and full of vegetation. This compartment is planned to be desilted and vegetation cleared after a Bathymetric survey planned for this year

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- MPM keeps a register of all environmental and social complaints received from surrounding communities. These are recorded in the grievance register and feedback given to the complainant within 30 days of receipt.

### Summary version of tailings facility EPRP for facilities that have a credible failure mode(s) that could lead to a flow-failure event Emergency preparedness and response plan

Modikwa extensively engaged the downstream community to create awareness and educate residents on the potential risks of a failure of the Modikwa TSF. The engagement sessions were attended by local leaders, teachers, children and other members of the community.

Subsequent to this engagement, an EPRP was generated in consultation with downstream community, local authorities and other private emergency services providers such as Mine Rescue Services. The EPRP will be shared with local authorities. The EPRP at the Modikwa TSF involves early-warning systems, responding to any abnormalities, emergency evacuation plans, evacuation and environmental rapid response plan.

Following the completion of the EPRP, an emergency preparedness drill was conducted. A recovery plan is in place and the process of engagements is ongoing.

### Trigger action response plan (TARP)

MPM has developed a TARP that gives guidance on the type of response required for an event that could trigger an emergency. The TARP is a tool for managing crucial situations from the MPM operations' safety point of view. The TARP document sets out conditions or "triggers", with corresponding actions that MPM managers and supervisors must follow when those trigger events occur. The purpose of TARPs is to provide guidance and clarity when a situation deviates from the original plan or where there is a material change in conditions that could be hazardous.

### Dates of most recent and next independent reviews

An independent review of the Modikwa TSF was conducted by the ITRB in September 2023. The ITRB included two international members and two local members.

The next independent review for the Modikwa TSF is scheduled for September 2024 and will comprise the same ITRB members.

### Annual confirmation that the operator has adequate financial capacity to cover estimated costs

Modikwa conducts annual rehabilitation, remediation, decommissioning and closure liability assessments to determine financial liability as required by legislation. These assessments are conducted by independent service providers. A combination of financial vehicles is used to provide for the assessed financial liability.



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Also please refer to the 2024 integrated annual report where reference is made to the comprehensive risk financing and transfer programme in place for tailings storage facility cover.

Approved by accountable executive

**HJ Kruger**  
Business leader: Modikwa Platinum Mine

25 October 2024





# ARM Platinum continued

## Bokoni Platinum Mine

ARM’s attributable beneficial interest in Bokoni Platinum Mine operation is 100%.

### Locality

Bokoni Platinum Mine is located in the eastern limb of the Bushveld Complex in the Tubatse/Fetakgomo local municipality around 80km from Polokwane on the R37 road, 330km north-east of Johannesburg and 45km north-west of Burgersfort.

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## Public disclosure on the Consolidated TSF 1-5

To assess implementation of GISTM’s requirements, we have used the ICMM conformance protocols. This maps the GISTM’s 77 requirements using 219 clear and concise assessment criteria. The GISTM conformance results are reported against the 77 GISTM requirements.

Bokoni initiated GISTM implementation in January 2023, beginning with a thorough comparison between current TSF standards and GISTM, followed by a comprehensive gap analysis to address identified shortcomings in social, environmental and technical aspects.

During the implementation phase, several challenges arose, including a shortage of skilled technical personnel to bolster the existing Bokoni TSF management team and a scarcity of reputable geotechnical laboratories equipped to handle highly sensitive materials. Initial concerns also surfaced on meaningful engagement with downstream communities without causing unnecessary alarm.

Bokoni conducted its self-assessment in December 2023. Bokoni is pleased to report the following GISTM conformance third-party validation results as assessed by Jones & Wagener in June 2024.

**GISTM conformance results**  
Of the 77 GISTM requirements, 52 “meet” conformance and 16 “partially meet”. There is one requirement classified as “does not meet”. Eight of the requirements are not applicable to this operation.

**Description of the Consolidated TSF 1-5 tailings storage facility**  
The Bokoni Platinum Mine is located some 80km from Polokwane on the Polokwane-Burgersfort road (R37). The TSFs and water dams are 500m east of the plant on the farms Middelpunt 420 KS and Umkoanestad 419 KS. The mine has two TSFs: Consolidated TSF 1-5 and TSF 6.

The return-water dam (RWD) and stormwater dam (SWD) are adjacent to the TSFs, 500m east of the concentrator plant. The Consolidated TSF has been under care and maintenance since June 2018.  
  
Pertinent general information about the operation is detailed below:

Description	Details
The operation	Bokoni Platinum Mine
TSF operator	Fraser Alexander Tailings
Engineer of record	SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd
Business unit	ARM Platinum division
Magisterial district	Sekhukhune, South Africa
List of tailings storage facilities	Bokoni Consolidated TSF 1-5 and TSF 6
TSF coordinates	Bokoni Consolidated TSF 1-5: 29°87'80.9"E, -24°29'64.4"S
List of water dams	Bokoni return-water dam (RWD); Bokoni stormwater dam (SWD)
Water dam coordinates	RWD: -24°29'95.48"S, 29°87'17.68"E SWD: -24°29'75.82"S, 29°87'00.47"E
Current height	Bokoni Consolidated TSF 1-5: 42m
Current footprint area	Bokoni Consolidated TSF 1-5: 67ha
Current storage	Bokoni Consolidated TSF 1-5: 337 994m³
Other associated key infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Silt traps, solution trench</li><li>Penstock tower and outlet pipeline</li><li>TSF drains (main outlet drain, inner toe drain and elevated curtain drain).</li></ul>
Method of deposition	Conventional spigot method of deposition used on tailings dams. Spigot line is positioned on the crest of the slimes dam. Tailings are pumped via steel delivery piping to the complex's perimeters, from where they are distributed via steel spigot pipeline ring feed and deposition outlets
TSF wall raise, initial earthworks and method of tailings deposition	Consolidated TSF is an upstream wall raised facility. Initial earthworks comprise a compacted clay starter wall and toe wall for initial deposition during periods of a high rate of rise (RoR)



# Bokoni Platinum Mine continued

## Public disclosure on the Consolidated TSF 1-5 continued



Figure 1: Bokoni Platinum Mine tailings storage facilities and plant

### Consolidated TSF 1-5 site description and geology, foundation soils and tailings characteristics

Bokoni Platinum Mine lies in the eastern limb of the Bushveld Complex in the Rustenburg layered suite. The geology of this area comprises basic and ultra-basic igneous rocks of the Rustenburg layered suite in the Bushveld Complex. The bedrock comprises norite, pyroxenite and anorthosite and the strata dips west. The plant residue comprises platinum tailings originating from mining and processing the UG2 reef.

### Consequence classification

A multidisciplinary team used the GISTM consequence classification matrix to assess potential downstream impacts in a dam-failure scenario. Using the matrix, the Consolidated TSF at current and final height for both sunny and rainy-day scenarios is classified as extreme.

### A summary of risk assessment findings relevant to the tailings facility

A workplace risk assessment and control procedure was generated to proactively identify, understand and address risks related to operating the Consolidated TSF throughout its life cycle. The major risk identified through a bowtie risk assessment is loss of containment in a TSF. This can occur as a result of poor design and construction, which can lead to weakness and instability in the TSF. Other factors include inadequate slope stability, failure of drainage systems, overtopping, seepage, internal erosion, liquefaction and the impact of extreme weather events such as heavy rainfall, intense storms, or prolonged periods of precipitation. Additionally, seismic activity such as earthquakes, tremors or blasting impact may cause the facility to lose its strength and stability.

In all cases, comprehensive risk assessments have been completed and identified risks were assessed and evaluated. Mitigation measures have been determined and appropriate controls identified and put in place. Details of the risks and controls are set out in the bowtie risk assessment.

### Summary of impact assessments and human exposure and vulnerability to tailings facility credible flow-failure scenarios

The dam-breach analysis and inundation study were conducted for Bokoni Platinum Mine to evaluate the potential downstream impact of a breach in the Consolidated TSF. The breach analysis was conducted for the current crest-wall elevation and for the expected final crest-wall elevation. Based on the TSF geometry and material characteristics, critical potential breach locations were identified. The most likely failure modes were modelled and simulated for varying hydrologic conditions.

In the unlikely event of a failure of the Bokoni Consolidated TSF, the tailings release is expected to flow and discharge into the Rapholo River which flows into the Olifants River. Contamination by tailings may extend further downstream of the facility after breaching. Based on density population maps and extents of inundation resulting from models in this dam-breach analysis, the population at risk was estimated. A study to assess the environmental impact, social impact and local economic impact was conducted to understand the full extent of a failure of the Consolidated TSF.

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## Public disclosure on the Consolidated TSF 1-5 continued

### Description of the design for all phases of the tailings facility life cycle including the current and final height

#### Current operations (current height)

The Bokoni Platinum Mine Consolidated TSF is constructed as an upstream embankment facility. The TSF is raised using an approximate overall maximum raise rate of 2m per year. The Consolidated TSF is still under care and maintenance.

The Consolidated TSF was designed to meet recommended industry guidelines for factor of safety (FoS). While operating the tailings facility, the FoS is continually monitored and reviewed through stability analyses. Proactive procedures for managing the TSF have been implemented,

implying a “performance-based” approach has also been applied.

Critical controls have been placed on the following critical aspects of the Consolidated TSF’s development. These controls are monitored monthly and complemented by daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual reviews for any major changes or deviations from design assumptions. The reviews are conducted by a multidisciplinary team which involves the Consolidated TSF operator, EoR, environmental specialists, mine safety personnel, RTFE and ITRB.

#### Tailings deposition strategy rate of rise or deposition rates:

The Consolidated TSF is currently under care and maintenance and no deposition is taking place.

#### Freeboard and pool control:

The Consolidated TSF is designed to comply with the GN 704 freeboard requirement for a 1:50-year storm plus 800mm. This is verified monthly with accurate surveys of the TSF. It is planned to align the freeboard design to GISTM requirements in conjunction with the stability assessment.

#### Wall drainage

Curtain drains have been installed to control the phreatic surface in the Consolidated TSF. The intent is to create a drained, relatively dry structural wall zone (embankment) in the facility. Toe drains are installed around the Consolidated TSF to collect seepage from its base.



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## Public disclosure on the Consolidated TSF 1-5 continued

### Slope angle and benches

The side-slopes angles and bench geometry are monitored and maintained regularly to ensure there are no deviations from the design intent during operation.

### Phreatic surface monitoring

The phreatic surface in the Consolidated TSF is regularly monitored through both standpipe and vibrating wire piezometers (VWPs). This is done through a dashboard that displays live results of VWP readings and monthly readings of standpipes. Access to the dashboard is provided to the relevant Bokoni Platinum Mine TSF operations and management personnel, including the EoR.

### Penstock structure

The structural and hydraulic integrity of the Consolidated TSF penstock tower and outlet pipeline is regularly monitored for any failures or debris. This is done through regular camera inspection of the entire penstock intake and outfall pipeline.

### Final height

Closure criteria are the actions required to mitigate identified closure risks. This involves removing infrastructure, erecting fencing, installing drainage structures, reshaping, topsoiling, ripping, seeding and planting, maintenance and monitoring. Closure criteria are closely related to actual EMP commitments in that, as noted, they are the actions to be taken at closure as agreed with the regulators.

The identified design criteria and constraints will be included in the Bokoni Platinum Mine Consolidated TSF closure study currently underway.

### Summary of material findings of annual performance reviews and DSR, including implementation of mitigation measures to reduce risk to ALARP

Annual performance reviews are conducted by the EoR. The following observation was made in the last review:

- Slope stability (FoS): Initial stability analysis was conducted with limited information on the material characteristics of both the tailings and the foundation. An intensive geotechnical investigation programme to evaluate the characteristics of both the foundation material and tailings has been completed
- Once these results are available and the analysis complete, if required, a comprehensive and appropriate solution will be recommended to address any aspect adversely impacting the stability of the facility.

### Summary of material findings of the environmental and social monitoring programme including implementation of mitigation measures

The following environmental and social findings were noted from the annual performance review:

- Dust fallout: Generally, dust fallout results are still a concern within both residential and non-residential thresholds. Bokoni Platinum Mine is reviewing its dust-suppression system to address identified gaps

- Return-water dam and stormwater dam: The RWD and SWD operating compartments were silted and heavily vegetated. The SWD has been desilted and vegetation removed while the RWD compartment is scheduled to be desilted and vegetation removed this year
- Bokoni Platinum Mine keeps a register of all environmental and social complaints received from surrounding communities. These are recorded in the grievance register and feedback given to the complainant within 30 days of receipt.

### Summary version of tailings facility EPRP for facilities that have a credible failure mode(s) that could lead to a flow-failure event

#### Emergency preparedness and response plan

The EPRP has been drafted and Bokoni has engaged downstream communities to create awareness and educate residents on the potential risks of a failure of the Consolidated TSF. The engagement sessions were attended by local leaders, teachers, children and other members of the communities. Subsequently, the final EPRP was generated in consultation with downstream communities, local authorities and other private emergency services providers like Mine Rescue Services. The EPRP will be shared with local authorities. The EPRP at the Bokoni Consolidated TSF involves early-warning systems, responding to any abnormalities, emergency evacuation plans, evacuation and environmental rapid response plan.

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## Public disclosure on the Consolidated TSF 1-5 continued

### Trigger action response plan (TARP)

The EoR has developed a TARP for Bokoni Platinum Mine that gives guidance on the type of response required for an event that could trigger an emergency. The TARP is a tool for managing crucial situations from the BPM operations safety point of view. The TARP document sets out a set of conditions or 'triggers', with corresponding actions that BPM managers and supervisors must follow when those trigger events occur. The purpose of TARPs is to provide guidance and clarity when a situation deviates from the original plan or where there is a material change in conditions that could be hazardous.

### Dates of most recent and next independent reviews

An independent review of the Bokoni Consolidated TSF was conducted by the ITRB in August 2024.

### Annual confirmation that the operator has adequate financial capacity (including insurance to the extent commercially reasonable) to cover estimated costs

Bokoni Platinum Mine conducts annual rehabilitation, remediation, decommissioning and closure activities assessments to determine financial liability as required by legislation. These assessments are conducted by independent auditors. A combination of financial vehicles is used to provide for the assessed financial liability.



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Also please refer to the 2024 integrated annual report where reference is made to the comprehensive risk financing and transfer programme in place for tailings storage facility cover.

Approved by accountable executive

**HL Mkatshana**  
Chief executive: ARM Platinum

25 October 2024



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## Public disclosure on the Bokoni TSF 6

Bokoni initiated GISTM implementation in January 2023, beginning with a thorough comparison between current TSF standards and GISTM. This was followed by a comprehensive gap analysis to address identified shortcomings in social, environmental and technical aspects.

Jones & Wagener conducted a third-party review on GISTM conformance at Bokoni in June 2024.

Bokoni is pleased to report the following GISTM conformance results:

**GISTM conformance results**  
Of the 77 GISTM requirements, 52 “meet” conformance and 16 “partially meet”. One requirement is classified as “does not meet”. Eight requirements are not applicable to this operation. A detailed action plan with allocated resources has been developed to address areas that are currently not fully conformant.

**Description of TSF 6**  
The Bokoni Platinum Mine is located some 80km from Polokwane on the Polokwane-Burgersfort road (R37). The TSFs and water dams are 500m east of the plant on the farms Middelpunt 420 KS and Umkoanestad 419 KS. The mine has two TSFs: Consolidated TSF 1-5 and TSF 6. The return-water dam (RWD) and stormwater dam (SWD) are adjacent to the TSFs, around 500m east of the concentrator plant. TSF 6 was recommissioned for operations in November 2023.



Figure 1: Bokoni Platinum Mine tailings storage facilities and plant

Pertinent general information about the operation is detailed below:

Description	Details
The operation	Bokoni Platinum Mine
TSF operator	Fraser Alexander Tailings
Engineer of record	SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd
Business unit	ARM Platinum division
Magisterial district	Sekhukhune, South Africa
List of tailings storage facilities	Bokoni TSF 6 and Consolidated TSF 1-5
TSF coordinates	Bokoni TSF 6: 29°88'82.4"E, -24°30'03.3"S
List of water dams	Bokoni return-water dam (RWD); Bokoni stormwater dam (SWD)
Water dam coordinates	RWD: -24°29'95.48"S, 29°87'17.68"E SWD: -24°29'75.82"S, 29°87'00.47"E
Current height	Bokoni TSF 6: 23.7m
Current footprint area	Bokoni TSF 6: 56.5ha
Current storage	Bokoni TSF 6: 3 793 420m³
Other associated key infrastructures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Silt traps, solution trench</li><li>Penstock tower and outlet pipeline</li><li>Drains (main outlet drain, inner toe drain and elevated curtain drain).</li></ul>
Method of deposition	Conventional spigot method of deposition is used on the tailings dam. The spigot line is positioned on the crest of the slimes dam. Tailings are pumped via steel delivery piping to the complex's perimeter, from where it is distributed via steel spigot pipeline ring feed and deposition outlets
TSF wall raise, initial earthworks and method of tailings deposition	TSF6 is an upstream wall raised facility. Initial earthworks comprise a compacted clay starter wall and toe wall for initial deposition during periods of a high rate of rise (RoR)

# Bokoni Platinum Mine continued

## Public disclosure on the Bokoni TSF 6 continued

### Summary of material findings of annual performance reviews and DSR, including implementation of mitigation measures to reduce risk to ALARP

Annual performance reviews are conducted by the EoR. The following observation was made in the last review:

- Slope stability (FoS): The initial stability analysis was conducted with limited information on the material characteristics of both the tailings and the foundation. An intensive geotechnical investigation programme to evaluate the characteristics of both the foundation material and tailings has been completed
- Once these results are available and the updated analysis complete, if required, a more comprehensive and appropriate solution will be recommended to address any aspects adversely impacting the stability of the facility.

### Summary of material findings of the environmental and social monitoring programme, including implementation of mitigation measures

The following environmental and social findings were noted from the annual performance review:

- Dust fallout: Generally, dust fallout results are still a concern within both residential and non-residential thresholds. Bokoni Platinum Mine is reviewing its dust-suppression system to address identified gaps
- Return-water dam and stormwater dam: The RWD and SWD operating compartments were silted and heavily vegetated. The SWD has been desilted and vegetation removed while the RWD compartment is scheduled to be desilted and vegetation removed for this year

- Bokoni Platinum Mine keeps a register of all environmental and social complaints received from surrounding communities. These are recorded in the grievance register and feedback given to the complainant within 30 days of receipt.

### Summary version of tailings facility EPRP for facilities that have a credible failure mode(s) that could lead to a flow-failure event Emergency preparedness and response plan

The EPRP has been drafted and Bokoni has engaged downstream communities to create awareness and educate residents on the potential risks of a failure of its TSF 6. The engagement sessions were attended by local leaders, teachers, children and other members of the communities. Subsequently, the final EPRP was generated in consultation with downstream communities, local authorities, and other private emergency services providers like Mine Rescue Services. The EPRP will be shared with local authorities. The EPRP at Bokoni TSF 6 involves early-warning systems, responding to any abnormalities, emergency evacuation plans, evacuation and environmental rapid response plan.

**Trigger action response plan (TARP)**  
The EoR has developed a TARP for Bokoni Platinum Mine that gives guidance on the type of response required for an event that could trigger an emergency. The TARP is a tool for managing crucial situations from the Bokoni operations' safety point of view. The TARP document sets out conditions or “triggers”, with corresponding actions that managers and supervisors must follow when those trigger events occur. The purpose of TARPs is to provide guidance and clarity when a situation deviates from the original plan or where there is a material change in conditions that could be hazardous.

### Dates of most recent and next independent reviews

An independent review of Bokoni TSF 6 was conducted by the ITRB in May 2023. The next independent tailings review is scheduled for August 2024 and will comprise the same ITRB members.

### Annual confirmation that the operator has adequate financial capacity (including insurance to the extent commercially reasonable) to cover estimated costs

Bokoni Platinum Mine conducts annual rehabilitation, remediation, decommissioning and closure activities assessments to determine financial liability as required by legislation. These assessments are conducted by independent auditors. A combination of financial vehicles is used to provide for the assessed financial liability.

Please refer to audited financial statement on the indicated link: <https://arm-ir-reports.co.za/reports/arm-iar-2024/>

Also please refer to the 2024 integrated annual report where reference is made to the comprehensive risk financing and transfer programme in place for tailings storage facility cover.

Approved by accountable executive

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25 October 2024





# ARM Platinum continued

## Nkomati Nickel Mine

ARM’s attributable beneficial interest at Nkomati Mine is 50%. The other 50% is held by Norilsk Nickel Africa (Pty) Ltd.

### Locality

Nkomati Nickel Mine lies around 300km east of Johannesburg in Mpumalanga province, South Africa. Situated at latitude 25°40”S and longitude 30°30”E, the mine is accessed via the national N4 highway between Johannesburg and Machadodorp, the R341 provincial road and R351 tarred road.

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# Nkomati Nickel Mine

## Co-disposal TSF public disclosure

To assess implementation of GISTM requirements, we have used the ICMM conformance protocols for GISTM. This maps the GISTM's 77 requirements using 219 clear and concise assessment criteria. The GISTM conformance results are reported against the 77 GISTM requirements.

Nkomati started implementing GISTM in August 2020.

The co-disposal TSF is currently under care and maintenance. The first step was to conduct a gap analysis between our current TSF standards and GISTM. This was followed by a detailed plan to address the social, environmental and technical gaps identified. Some of the challenges faced in implementation were due to the shortage of available technical skills in the field of tailings management. There were also initial concerns on how meaningful engagement with downstream communities could be handled without causing undue concern.

Following the third-party review conducted by Jones & Wagener in July 2023, Nkomati conducted its first annual self-assessment in June 2024.

Nkomati is pleased to report the following June 2024 GISTM conformance self-assessment results:

### GISTM conformance results

Of the 77 GISTM requirements, 63 “meet” conformance and four “partially meet”. No requirements are classified as “does not meet”. Ten requirements are not applicable to the Nkomati Co-disposal TSF.

The areas in partial conformance relate to “topic 3 – design, construction, operation and monitoring of the tailings facility” and “topic 4 – management and governance” and are expected to be in conformance as per plan.

Table 2: Co-disposal TSF general information

Description	Details
The operation	Nkomati Nickel Mine
TSF operator	Stefanutti Stocks (Pty) Ltd
Engineer of record	Bulwark Consulting Engineers
Business unit	ARM Platinum division
Magisterial district	Gert Sibande district, Mpumalanga province, South Africa
List of tailings storage facilities	Co-disposal TSF
TSF coordinates	25°45’21.22”S 30°38’13,42”E
TSF wall raise, initial earthworks and method of tailings deposition	Full impoundment facility with perimeter walls constructed with compacted waste rock
Current height	74.5m
Current footprint area	100ha
Current storage	28 834 323m³
Method of deposition	Conventional spigot method of deposition employed on tailings facility. Slurry delivery pipeline with spigot outlets positioned on the crest of perimeter walls

### Description of the Nkomati Co-disposal tailings storage facility

Nkomati Nickel Mine (NNM) is located on Slaaihoek, Nkomati and Onverwacht farms in the eastern escarpment of Mpumalanga. This is in the Uitkomst complex some 20km north of Badplaas, 47km west of Barberton and 107km south-west of Nelspruit in the Machadodorp area. The Co-disposal TSF lies 6km from the processing plant.

- The facility was designed by Geo Tail and commissioned in 2009. Due to the steep topography of the impoundment and increased production for phase 2, the deposition was initially split between two compartments. Waste rock was placed mechanically to build the first-phase impoundment wall for the initial 100 000tpm tailings production from the PCMZ (chromatic peridotite mineralised zone) plant. A second compartment was constructed with waste rock to increase overall capacity and accommodate

most of the PCMZ plant tailings and CWP (chrome wash plant) tailings from the phase 2 expansion project. The thickened slurry was pumped to both compartments which later combined to form a single compartment

- The capacity of the compartments was designed so that the two would attain the same elevation at 1 425mamsl, after which deposition continued in a single combined compartment, impounded by the downstream and upstream waste rock-constructed embankments
- The facility has an intended design life of 20 years and a final elevation of 1 445mamsl. Although tailings are currently only at 1 427mamsl, the perimeter embankments have been raised to the final elevation, providing ample freeboard while the facility is under care and maintenance.



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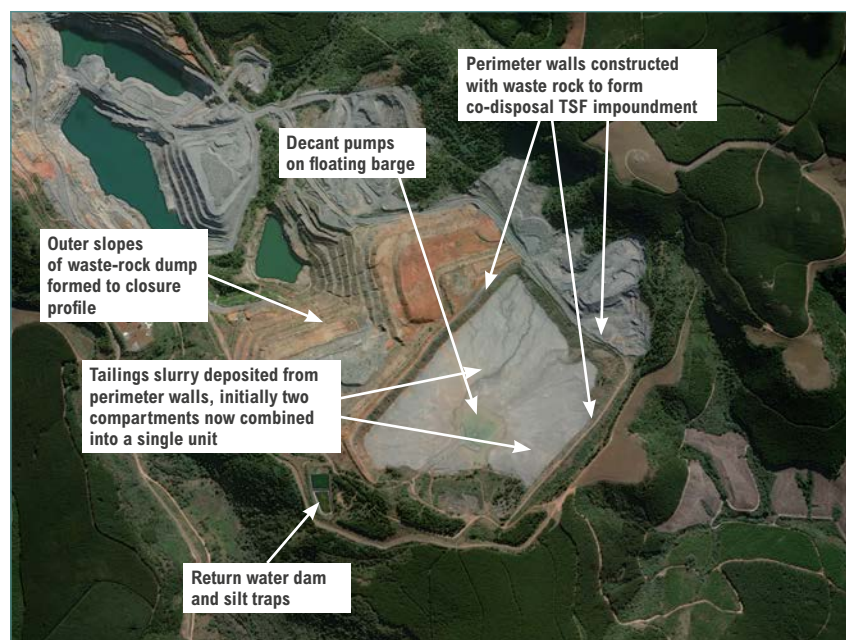


Figure 1-2: Co-disposal TSF layout

### Site, tailings and foundation soils characteristics

The regional geology comprises the Uitkomst complex, composed of layered ultramafic to mafic rocks, hosting Ni-Cu-Cr-Co-PGM mineralisation. This layered complex was emplaced into the basal units of the westward-dipping Transvaal sequence, underlain by the Archaean Nelshoogte granite.

The mining area is characterised by its undulating topography and steep valley sides; mainly due to its position below the escarpment and because of the large number of mountain streams and tributaries cutting through the landscape. The main valley in the Nkomati Mine area is north-west-southeast trending and drained by the Gladdespruit River, which flows south of the Onverwacht TSF and into the Inkomati River system. Several tributaries have been identified which flow into the Mngubhudla River, which is around 1km west of the TSF. The Vygeboom dam is south-west of the Onverwacht TSF.

The site is underlain by the gneiss of the Nelshoogte pluton. In general, the pluton is deeply weathered to depths of over 25m, with hard rock only encountered at depths of over 30m below surface. In the vicinity of the return-water dam, the depth of weathering of the gneiss has been limited to 5m to 10m. The gneiss has been extensively intruded by diabase (ie pre-Karoo dolerite).

The transported soils on site mainly consist of topsoil, hillwash and alluvium. Residual soils on the site comprise diabase and gneiss. Two types of bedrock, gneiss and diabase, were encountered during the site investigation.

Except in lower-lying areas within the well-defined drainage channels, groundwater seepage was not encountered in investigation test pits. Groundwater seepage is expected to be maintained in these low-lying areas around the various streams. Seepage is expected to increase concurrent with and during rainy seasons.

The residual gneiss was identified as providing the best material for constructing the TSF starter walls and for general engineered fill.

The Malmani subgroup 'meta' dolomite is more prominent in the pit 1 and 2 areas, with Pretoria group sediments (Timeball Hill formation) outcropping near pit 3.

### Consequence classification

The GISTM consequence classification matrix was used to assess potential downstream impacts in a dam-failure scenario. Using this matrix, the Co-disposal TSF was classified as extreme.

### Summary of risk assessment findings relevant to the tailings storage facility

A workplace risk assessment and control procedure was generated to proactively identify, understand and address risks related to operating the TSF throughout its life cycle.

Risks identified for the facility are wall failure resulting from inadequate structural stability; wall failure due to internal or external erosion; wall failure due to foundation weakness; wall failure due to liquefaction; failure due to mechanical failure; and failure due to overtopping.

In all cases, comprehensive risk assessments have been carried out and identified risks assessed. Mitigation measures have been determined and appropriate controls identified and put in place. Details of the risks and controls are set out in the bowtie risk assessment.

### Summary of impact assessments and human exposure and vulnerability to tailings facility credible flow-failure scenarios

The dam-break analysis study determined affected areas that may be impacted by a (hypothetical) breach of the Co-disposal TSF. The

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breach analysis was conducted for a tailings elevation of 1 428.5mamsl and the final crest-wall elevation of 1 445.0mamsl.

Based on the TSF geometry, wall configuration, surrounding topography, downstream infrastructure and community settlements, critical potential breach locations were identified. The most likely failure modes were modelled: piping, collapse, and liquefaction (which were simulated accordingly for rainy-day hydrologic conditions). A sensitivity analysis of tailings material parameters and certain input parameters was conducted to determine the "worst-case" downstream impact.

This study also assessed the resulting flow depth, flow velocity and estimated arrival time at selected identified areas that could be affected by a TSF breach.

Results of the study have been used to inform the mine emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP).

### Description of the design for all phases of the tailings facility life cycle, including the current and final height

The Co-disposal TSF is impounded to final design height with waste rock. The current maximum height is 74.5m. During operation, slurry from the PCMZ and CWP process plants was pumped into the basin created within the waste-rock walls. An open-end slurry deposition method was used to create a beach that slopes away from the perimeter embankments to a centralised supernatant pool. The supernatant is pumped from the pool to the HDPE-lined silt trap and return-water dam south-west of the facility. Wall seepage as well as any groundwater flows are collected and report to a downstream sump (downstream portion of the original open pit 2). The current storage volume in the Co-disposal TSF is 28 834 323m<sup>3</sup>.

The waste-rock impoundment configuration of the facility forms an inherently stable structure.

### Freeboard and pool control

The Co-disposal TSF is designed to comply with the government notice 704 freeboard requirement for a 1:50-year storm plus 0.8m. The development of perimeter walls to their final height provides compliant freeboard for the life-of-mine. The position of the supernatant pool is contained within the beached tailings and maintained central to the decant pumps.

### Stormwater management

Stormwater runoff from the outer slopes of the waste-rock walls is designed to be collected and discharged in a controlled manner. There is no upstream catchment requiring diversion channels to direct stormwater away from the TSF.

### Slope angle and benches

The side-slopes angles and bench geometry are monitored and maintained regularly to ensure there are no deviations from the design intent during operation.

### Decant structure

Supernatant water is removed from the facility via floating barge-mounted pumps delivering into a HDPE pipeline discharging to the return-water dam.

### Current operation (current height)

NNM has the following monitoring regime for the Co-disposal TSF:

- Weekly inspection of underdrains, side slopes, any incidents/accidents, freeboard, position and surface area of pool, seepage, pipeline condition, pump condition, return-water dam.

### Final height design

Closure criteria are the actions required to mitigate identified closure risks. This involves removing infrastructure, erecting fencing, installing drainage structures, reshaping, topsoiling, ripping, seeding and planting, maintenance and monitoring. The proposed closure criteria for the Co-disposal TSF are closely related to EMP commitments as they include actions to be implemented at closure as agreed with regulators.



Figure 4-1: Topography local to the co-disposal TSF used for the dam break impact assessment



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Concurrent development of the closure profile of the outer slopes of the waste-rock dump has been integrated into the operation of the Co-disposal facility.

### Summary of material findings of annual performance reviews and DSR, including implementation of mitigation measures to reduce risk to ALARP

No material findings (defined as high to very high risks) were identified in the 2023 annual performance review. The following were noted from this review:

- Erosion gullies on the outer side slopes of the waste-rock dump of the Co-disposal TSF need to be regularly repaired
- Some benches and the final perimeter embankment crest need ongoing maintenance, but basin freeboard is acceptable, ie the pool is remote from perimeter walls.

The following recommendations were made for the TSF:

- Complete rehabilitation phases for the outer slopes of the waste-rock dump
- Repair downstream drainage system
- Clean RWD silt trap and repair HDPE liner.

No notable stability concerns have been raised over the life of the facility. Some low to medium risks have been identified and are being addressed (for example ongoing checking of dust and groundwater monitoring data).

### Summary of material findings of the environmental and social monitoring programme, including implementation of mitigation measures

The following environmental and social findings were noted from the annual performance review:

- Review of groundwater monitoring and dust monitoring data
- Desilt return-water dam and reinstate sections of damaged HDPE liner
- Nkomati Nickel Mine maintains a register of all environmental and social complaints received from surrounding communities. These are recorded in the grievance register and feedback given to the complainant within 30 days.

### Summary version of the tailings facility EPRP for facilities that have a credible failure mode(s) that could lead to a flow-failure event

#### Nkomati TSF inundation zones

NNM extensively engaged downstream communities to create awareness and educate them on the potential risks of a TSF breach. The sessions were attended by local leaders, teachers, children and other members of the communities.

Following on from this engagement, an EPRP was developed in consultation with downstream communities, local authorities and other private emergency services providers, eg Mine Rescue Services.

**Trigger action response plan (TARP)**  
NNM has developed a TARP that gives guidance on the type of response required for an event that could trigger an emergency.

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### Dates of most recent and next independent reviews

An independent review of the facility was conducted by Independent Tailings Review Board (ITRB) in July 2024.

**Annual confirmation that the operator has adequate financial capacity to cover estimated costs**  
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The areas in partial conformance relate to "topic 3 – design, construction, operation and



Figure 1-1: Onverwacht TSF

monitoring of the tailings facility" and "topic 4 – management and governance". These are expected to be in conformance as per plan.

### Description of the Nkomati Onverwacht tailings storage facility

Nkomati Nickel Mine is located on Slaaihoek, Nkomati and Onverwacht farms in the eastern escarpment of Mpumalanga. This is in the Uitkomst complex some 20km north of Badplaas, 45km west of Barberton and 47km south-west of Nelspruit in the Machadodorp area.

The Onverwacht TSF was designed to accommodate a monthly production rate of 412 000tpm MMZ (Main Mineralised Zone), 48 000tpm PCMZ and 30 000tpm of CWP.

The facility is 14km south-east of the main mine site at 25°49'53.17"S and 30°38'39.99"E. The TSF was started in 2010 and is currently inactive.

The final design elevation for Onverwacht TSF is 1 180mamsl. Currently, the top of the containment wall is at an elevation of 1 165mamsl.

The Onverwacht TSF was initially constructed as a cross-valley facility in 2009, with completion in February 2010. This was part of the Nkomati expansion operation to receive tailings from the MMZ plant. The TSF is 14km south and at an elevation 300m below the Nkomati process facility. Two parallel 350mm-diameter pipelines deliver tails from the plant to the Onverwacht impoundment. The tailings pipelines are HDPE-lined spiral-welded steel pipe, constructed using 40m lengths of pipes coupled together. The design of the facility provides for a final capacity of 90 million tonnes of tailings



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deposition. An engineered starter dam was constructed to a height of 42m at the low point of the valley, in which the embankment was constructed, with two lifts in the middle section of the dam, as follows:

- The first consists of a wide base, situated in the lower portion of the valley, with a cross-sectional width of some 190m and a height of 17.5m at the tallest point
- The second lift has a cross-sectional width of 95m and height of 24.5m

Table 2: TSF general information

Description	Details
The operation	Nkomati Nickel Mine
TSF operator	Stefanutti Stocks (Pty) Ltd
Engineer of record	Bulwark Consulting Engineers
Business unit	ARM Platinum division
Magisterial district	Gert Sibande district, Mpumalanga province, South Africa
List of tailings storage facilities	Onverwacht TSF
TSF coordinates	25°49'53.17"S 30°38'39.99"E
List of water dams	Onverwacht return-water dam (RWD)
Water dam coordinates	25°49'25.33"S 30°38'31.14"E
TSF wall raise, initial earthworks and method of tailings deposition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open-ended dropper pipe deposition up to elevation 1 135m for two years</li><li>• Upstream cycloning method until 1 150m elevation</li><li>• Cycloning from 1 150m elevation until final elevation 1 178masl (current elevation 1 165masl).</li></ul>
Current height	63m
Current footprint area	130ha
Current storage	37 294 451m <sup>3</sup> Onverwacht RWD: 250 000m <sup>3</sup>
Method of deposition	In accordance with the design, cycloning deposition is used for the latest phase of development of the tailings dam wall. The tailings delivery line and cyclone feed supply lines are positioned on the crest of the facility

- The crest length of the starter dam was 980m. This engineered embankment used over 1 million cubic metres of compacted fill. Curtain and toe drains were installed at the starter embankment and these drain under gravity to a seepage collection pond downstream of the main embankment. Seepage is collected and pumped to either the return-water dam (RWD) or TSF as required.

The design life of the tailings facility was initially 18 years. However, as production rates in the processing plants increased beyond the initial design, the deposition plan has been adjusted. The remaining life of the Onverwacht TSF was reported as 10 years, as of 2018, which provides adequate tailings deposition capacity for the remaining life-of-mine which considered mine production until 2026.

The deposition method results in supernatant water flowing from the dam wall towards the tails water pool at the head of the valley, positioning it against the native topography and remote from the wall. From the pool, a floating barge pumps water to the return-water dam, which is in a valley upstream to the north-east of the TSF. From here, the water is recycled back to the plant via a 14km long-steel return-water pipeline.

**Site, tailings and foundation soils characteristics**

The mining area is characterised by its undulating topography and steep valley sides; mainly due to its position below the escarpment and because of the many mountain streams and tributaries cutting through the topography. The main valley in the Nkomati Mine area is north-west/ south-east trending and drained by the Gladdespruit River, which flows south of the Onverwacht TSF and into the Inkomati River system. Several tributaries have been identified that flow into the Mngubhudla River, which is some 1km west of the TSF. The Vygeboom dam is south-west of the Onverwacht TSF.

According to the geological report, the site is underlain by the gneiss of the Nelshoogte pluton. In general, the pluton is deeply weathered to depths in excess of 25m, with hard rock only encountered at over 30m below surface. In the vicinity of the return-water dam, the depth of weathering of the gneiss has been limited to 5m

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to 10m. The gneiss has been extensively intruded by diabase (ie pre-Karoo dolerite).

The transported soils on site mainly consist of topsoil, hillwash and alluvium. Residual soils on the site consist of diabase and gneiss. Two types of bedrock were encountered during the investigation, namely gneiss and diabase.

Except in lower-lying areas within the well-defined drainage channels, groundwater seepage was not encountered in the formed test pits.

The alluvium, gulleywash and residual diabase soils are generally of poor quality and were considered unsuitable to use in constructing the TSF starter wall. The residual gneiss provided the best soil for use in constructing the starter wall and for general engineered fill. Reworked residual gneiss can also be used, provided the uppermost zone of these soils is discarded.

The Uitkomst complex comprises layered ultramafic to mafic rocks, hosting Ni-Cu-Cr-Co-PGM mineralisation. This layered complex was emplaced into the basal units of the westward-dipping Transvaal sequence, underlain by the Archaean Nelshoogte granite.

The Malmani subgroup “meta” dolomite is more prominent in the mining pit 1 and 2 areas, with Pretoria group sediments (Timeball Hill formation) outcropping near pit 3, all adjacent to the run-of-mine processing plants.

**Consequence classification**

A multidisciplinary GISTM consequence classification matrix was used to assess potential downstream impacts in a dam-failure scenario. Using this matrix, the TSF was classified as extreme.



Figure 4-1: Onverwacht TSF areas of interest

**Summary of risk assessment findings relevant to the tailings storage facility**

A workplace risk assessment and control procedure was generated to proactively identify, understand and address risks related to operating the TSF throughout its life cycle.

Risks identified for the Onverwacht TSF are wall failure resulting from inadequate structural stability; wall failure due to internal or external erosion; wall failure due to foundation weakness; wall failure due to liquefaction; failure due to mechanical failure; and failure due to overtopping.

In all cases, comprehensive risk assessments have been carried out, with appropriate controls identified and put in place. Details of risks and controls are set out in the bowtie risk assessment.

No notable stability concerns have been raised over the life of the facility. Some low to medium risks have been identified and are being addressed (an example is ongoing checking of dust and groundwater monitoring data).

**Summary of impact assessments and human exposure and vulnerability to tailings facility credible flow-failure scenarios**

The dam-breach analysis study determined affected areas that may be impacted by a hypothetical breach of the Onverwacht TSF. This study also assessed the resulting flow depth, flow velocity and estimated arrival time at selected identified affected areas should the TSF breach. The results of the study are used to inform the mine’s emergency preparedness and response plan.

The most likely failure modes were modelled: overtopping, collapse and liquefaction (which were simulated accordingly for rainy-day hydrologic conditions). Liquefaction failure was expected to result in the most severe impact downstream.

Due to the potential variability of the tailings material properties and uncertainty of some input parameters, a sensitivity analysis was conducted. Results of the sensitivity of these parameters (including released volume, volumetric concentration of solids, Manning’s



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surface roughness coefficients and time-to-breach peak flow) indicate that the largest variation in the extent of inundation is as a result of variation in the total released volume.

**Description of the design for all phases of the tailings facility life cycle, including the current and final height**

The Onverwacht TSF is a valley-type facility with a current height of 63m. Slurry from the MMZ, PCMZ and chrome process plants were historically pumped to this facility.

Deposition originally took place behind a 42m engineered starter embankment. An upstream cyclone deposition method was implemented above the starter-wall crest. The current storage volume is 37 294 451m<sup>3</sup>.

Supernatant water is pumped from the pool, within the main drainage course, to the HDPE-lined return-water dam upstream of the facility. A downstream scavenger borehole system has been implemented to control the potential pollution plume.

Critical controls have been placed on the following aspects of the TSF's development:

- Rate of rise or deposition rates
- Generation of excess pore pressure in the tailings body and foundation material

- Elevation of phreatic surfaces
- Densification and benefits of desiccative drying
- Cycling times of some 30 days that assist in the safe construction of deposit walls.
- Freeboard and pond location:
  - The freeboard is designed for a 1:50-year storm plus 0.8m. The freeboard is verified quarterly with an accurate lidar survey of the site. Tailings are deposited so that the accumulation of fines near the outer perimeter of the TSF is minimised through the cycloned deposition method which facilitates segregating coarse tailings from fines.

Regular inspections and reviews are performed on the following aspects of TSF development and reviewed by the EoR for any major changes or deviations from design assumptions:

- Slurry density; temperature; evaporation; RWD levels; piezometer levels and trends; drain flows and trends; surface-water quality; groundwater quality; update on slope stability FoS by limit equilibrium analysis methods, particle size distribution, tailings characteristics.

**Current operation (current height)**

The Onverwacht TSF is an embankment facility. Its development

progresses in thin lifts to control the rate of rise. The deposition method results in supernatant water flowing from the dam wall towards the tails water pool at the head of the valley, positioning it against the native topography and remote from the wall. From the pool, a floating barge pumps water to the RWD, which is in a valley upstream to the north-east of the TSF.

NNM has the following monitoring regime for Onverwacht TSF:

- Weekly inspection of:
  - Underdrains
  - Solution trenches
  - Catchment paddocks
  - Side slopes
  - Incidents/accidents that occurred
  - Freeboard, beach, pool area
  - Seepage
  - Valves
  - Piezometers
  - Return-water dam.

Records of flow data are also kept so any deviations can be identified.

- Monthly structural stability assessments consider:
  - Deposition rate
  - Slurry density (average)
  - Minimum freeboard
  - Pool size or volume
  - Return-water storage capacity
  - Rainfall (storm event)
  - Drain flows.



# Nkomati Nickel Mine continued

## Onverwacht TSF public disclosure continued

**Final height design**

Closure criteria are the actions required to mitigate identified closure risks. This involves removing infrastructure, erecting fencing, installing drainage structures, reshaping, topsoiling, ripping, seeding and planting, maintenance and monitoring. The proposed closure criteria for the TSF are closely related to EMP commitments, ie actions at closure as agreed with regulators.

**Summary of material findings of annual performance reviews and DSR, including implementation of mitigation measures to reduce risk to ALARP**

No material findings (defined as high to very high risks) were identified in the 2024 annual performance review. The low to medium risks identified are being addressed so that material findings do not occur.

A focus area for the current care and maintenance phase is to continue implementing required erosion-control measures, ie stormwater control measures on existing embankment crest.

The following were noted from the annual performance review:

- Erosion-control measures need to be maintained for the top surface of the valley embankment
- Dust suppression needs to be implemented to control nuisance dust on the top surface of the TSF.

The basin freeboard is acceptable.

The following recommendations were made for the Onverwacht TSF:

- Investigate the feasibility of increasing design criteria for stormwater diversion trenches to 1:10 000-yr storm event
- Engineer the valley embankment crest and rehabilitate upstream side slope
- Implement irrigation system for dust control in the basin.

**Summary of material findings of environmental and social monitoring programme, including implementation of mitigation measures**

The following environmental and social findings were noted from the annual performance review:

- NNM received a complaint about dust from the exposed crest and basin. This was recorded in the grievance register and immediate action taken to address the issue and provide feedback to the complainant
- Recommendation to review dust-monitoring data was made due to dust from the basin.

**Summary version of tailings facility EPRP for facilities that have a credible failure mode(s) that could lead to a flow-failure event**

**Onverwacht TSF inundation zones**

NNM extensively engaged downstream communities to create awareness and educate residents on potential risks of a TSF breach. The sessions were attended by local leaders, teachers, children and other members of the communities. Subsequently, an emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP) was developed in consultation with downstream communities, local authorities and other private emergency services providers like Mine Rescue Services. The EPRP will be shared with local authorities.

**Trigger action response plan (TARP)**

NNM has developed a TARP that gives guidance on the type of response required in an event that could trigger an emergency. The TARP is a tool used for managing crucial situations from the NNM operations' safety point of view. It sets out a set of conditions or "triggers" with corresponding actions that NNM managers and supervisors must follow when those trigger events occur. The purpose of TARPs is to

provide guidance and clarity when a situation deviates from the original plan or where there is a material change in conditions that could be hazardous.

**Dates of most recent and next independent reviews**

An independent review of the facility was conducted by Independent Tailings Review Board (ITRB) in July 2024.

**Annual confirmation that the operator has adequate financial capacity (including insurance to the extent commercially reasonable) to cover estimated costs**

NNM conducts annual rehabilitation, remediation, decommissioning and closure-liability assessments to determine financial liability as required by legislation. These assessments are conducted by independent service providers. A combination of financial vehicles is used to provide for the assessed financial liability.

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## Khumani Iron Ore Mine

### Locality

Khumani Iron Ore Mine is an asset of Assmang Proprietary Limited, which is equally owned by African Rainbow Minerals Limited (ARM) and Assore Limited. The mine lies on both sides of the N14 highway, 20km south of the town of Kathu. Khumani Mine is situated on the farms Parson 560, Bruce 544, King 561 and Mokaning 560. Khumani is some 200km north-west of Kimberley in the Northern Cape. The Khumani open-pits are adjacent to, and south-east of, Kumba Iron Ore's Sishen Mine. Khumani Mine is located at latitude 27°45'00"S and longitude 23°00'00"E.



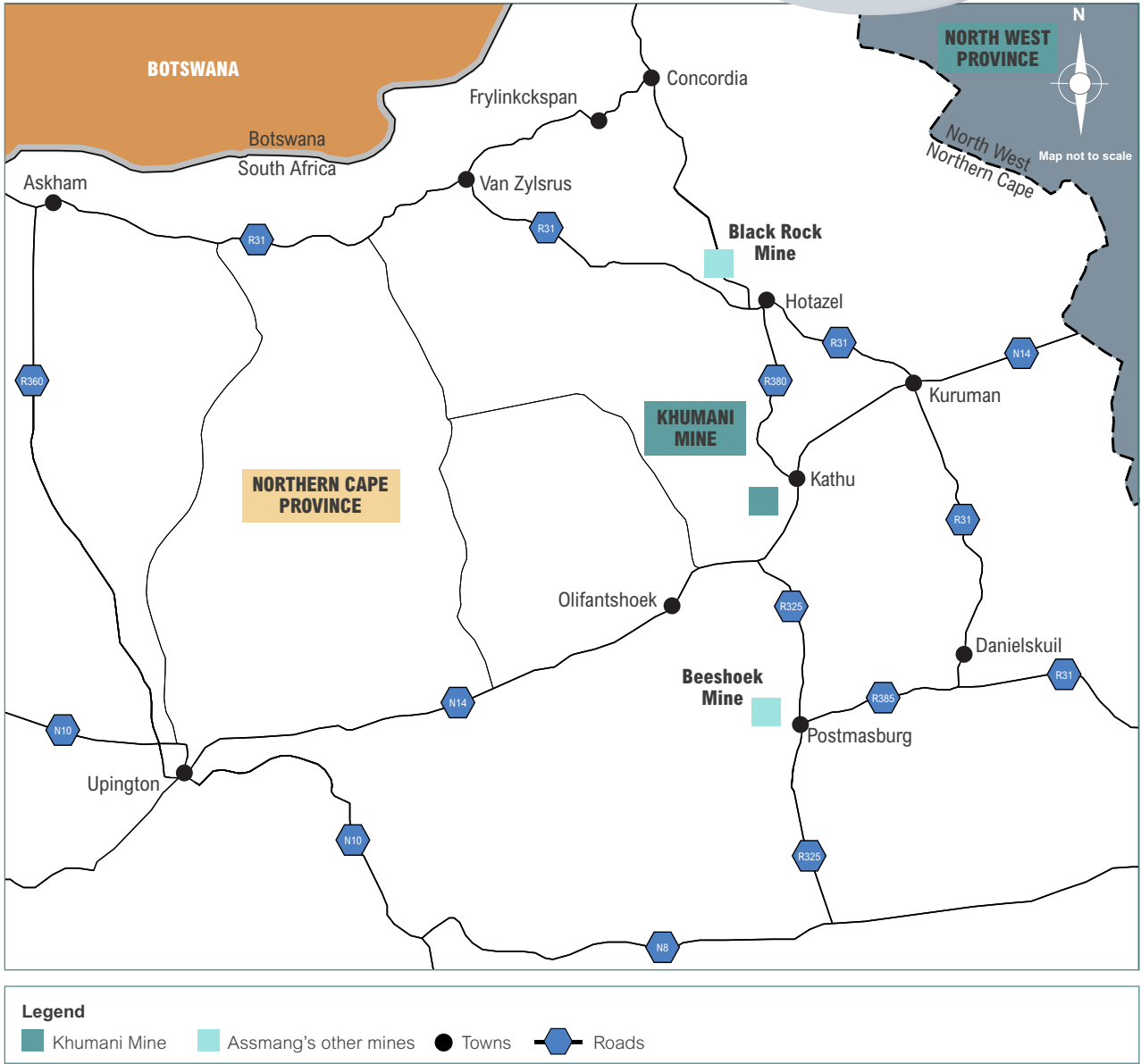
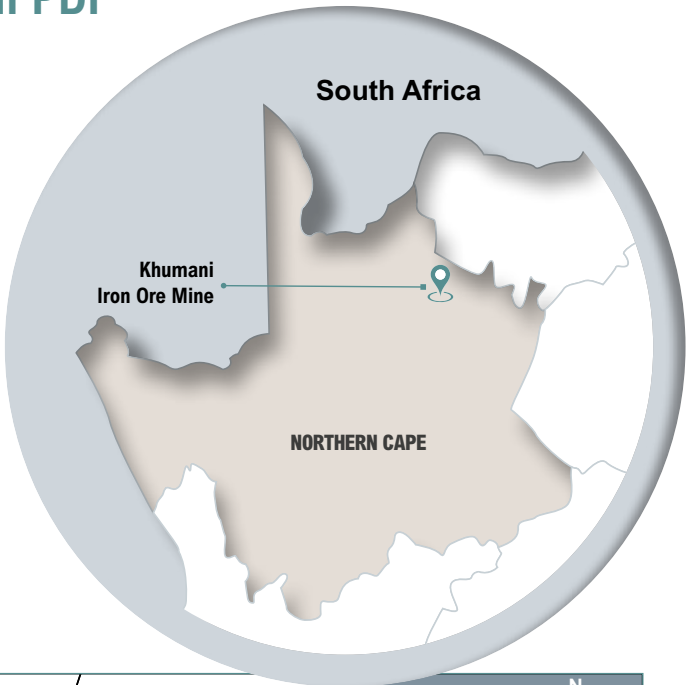
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# Khumani Iron Ore Mine

## Public disclosure on the Khumani PDF

## Locality map of Khumani Iron Ore Mine





# Khumani Iron Ore Mine continued

## Public disclosure on the Khumani PDF continued

To assess implementation of the GISTM requirements, we have used the ICMM conformance protocols for GISTM. This maps the GISTM's 77 requirements using 219 clear and concise assessment criteria. The GISTM conformance results are reported against the 77 GISTM requirements.

Khumani Mine began implementing GISTM in August 2020. The first step was to conduct a gap analysis between current tailings facility standards and GISTM. This was followed by a detailed implementation plan to address identified social, environmental and technical gaps.

Khumani Mine conducted a compliance audit in November 2022

(led by an environmental lawyer), and the third-party validation was done by Jones & Wagener in July 2023. This was followed by a self-assessment on the “partially meet” requirements in June 2024.

Khumani Mine is pleased to report the following GISTM conformance results as assessed by Jones & Wagener in 2023 and updated in June 2024 as per the self-assessment checklist.

**GISTM conformance results**  
Of the 77 GISTM requirements, 64 “meet” conformance and six “partially meet”. No requirements are classified as “does not meet”. Seven requirements are not applicable to this asset.

The area with the most “partially meet” requirements is the design, construction, operation and monitoring topic. This includes the requirement of the dam-safety

review (DSR), which is underway, with site inspection and interviews completed on 20 June 2024. The final DSR report was planned to be completed in August 2024. The tailings facility closure design study is being developed in three stages with the detailed plan and costing scheduled to be completed by June 2025.

**Description of the Khumani Mine tailings storage facility**  
The Khumani Mine (KHM) does not have a traditional tailings storage facility. Tailings are first dewatered (through primary and secondary paste thickeners) to ensure that the material deposited onto the facility has a high percent of solids and low water content, hence the thickened tailings, paste-like consistency, and use of a paste disposal facility (PDF), which lies on the farm King to the north of the King Mine open-pit operations and 30km south of Kathu (refer figure 1-1).



# Khumani Iron Ore Mine continued

## Public disclosure on the Khumani PDF continued

The KHM PDF provides for containment of thickened tailings behind the principal impoundment embankment, which is an engineered broad valley-type structure across a sloping hillside valley, creating an impoundment with a half-elliptical shape. The PDF was constructed in phases: phase 1 followed a downstream construction method and phase 2 (current methodology) occurs independently on compartments 1 and 2, using an upstream construction method. The PDF has a life of 16 years.

The facility has a primary return-water dam (RWD1) to store any excess water decanted off the PDF basins and another return-water dam on standby. Water from the RWDs is pumped back to the Parson plant operations to optimise recovery. Pertinent general information about the operation is detailed in table 2.

**Site description and geology, foundation soils and tailings characteristics**  
The area of the KHM PDF is underlain by sedimentary and metamorphic rocks of the Gamagara formation, Postmasburg group and Griqualand-West supergroup. The Postmasburg group of the Griqualand-West sequence is considered to be broadly contemporaneous with the Pretoria group.

The underlying rocks in this area mostly comprise quartzite, flagstone, shale, chert breccia and interlayered dolomite and chert at depth. The ferruginous and manganiferous shale and chert have been mineralised in places to form hematite. Although shale, quartzite and chert were intersected in the boreholes drilled in the area, the most common rock type is quartzite.

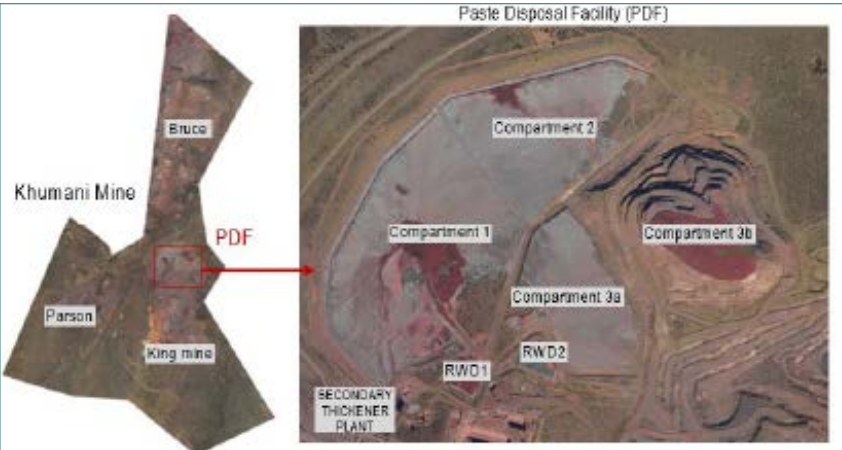


Figure 1-1: Khumani Mine paste disposal facility location and general layout

Table 2: PDF general information

Description	Details
The operation	Khumani Iron Ore Mine
PDF operator	Stefanutti Stocks Inland
Engineer of record	ARQ Geotech
Business unit	ARM Ferrous division
Magisterial district	John Taolo Gaetsewe district municipality Gamagara local municipality, Northern Cape, South Africa
List of tailings storage facilities	Khumani Mine paste disposal facility
PDF coordinates	Long: 23°0'43.51"E; Lat: 27°50'21.36"S
List of water dams	Return-water dams 1 and 2
Current height	Khumani PDF: 23m (1 233mamsl)
Current footprint area	Khumani PDF: 170ha
Current storage	Khumani PDF: 15.8 million m³
Other associated key infrastructures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Return-water dam, silt trap</li><li>Standpipes, vibrating wire piezometers, underdrains</li><li>Deposition pipelines</li><li>Process and stormwater primary and secondary decanting systems</li><li>Return-water pipelines.</li></ul>
Method of deposition	Multiple open-end delivery stations are used to distribute non-segregating tailings into the basin of the PDF which is split into four compartments (no 1, 2, 3a and 3b)



# Khumani Iron Ore Mine continued

## Public disclosure on the Khumani PDF continued

The ground profile across the PDF footprint can be described as: aeolian sand overlies most of the PDF basin from surface to depths of 0.8m to over 5.5m. The upper 0.3m to 1m of the aeolian sand had roots and was therefore described as topsoil. The topsoil layer consisted mostly of slightly moist, reddish-brown, very loose, pinhole voided, silty sand with roots of aeolian origin. The aeolian sand underlying the topsoil was described as dry to slightly moist, reddish-brown, loose to dense with depth, pinhole voided, silty sand without roots.

Plant residue deposited into the PDF comprises iron ore fines with a semi-paste consistency.

### **Consequence classification**

The consequence of failure classification of the mine PDF was done by the appointed engineer of record in January 2020, and updated in 2021, by assessing downstream conditions documented in the knowledge base. The assessment and selection of the classification was based on the dam-breach assessment for the credible catastrophic failure modes. The GISTM classification consequence matrix indicated the KHM PDF as having a Very High classification.

### **Summary of risk assessment findings relevant to the tailings storage facility**

A well-defined risk management system/programme for reviewing tailings safety is in place at the KHM PDF. This proactively identifies, interprets and addresses risks in managing and operating the PDF throughout its life cycle.

A system of managing and monitoring critical parameters ensures the PDF is operated safely and efficiently, in accordance with good environmental practice and in a manner guided by legislation (Mine Health and Safety Act or MHSA). Critical parameters are monitored, and targets set are defined in the PDF's operations, maintenance and surveillance (OMS) manual, with actual values reported in monthly PDF surveillance and compliance reports.

Substantial work has been done in the last 24 months to understand the stability of the Khumani Mine PDF. A geotechnical investigation, involving both in-situ and laboratory testing, was conducted and an assessment for seismic liquefaction triggering was done. The assessments adhered to the principles and requirements of GISTM.

The fieldwork component of the investigation included cone penetration testing (CPTu) with pore water pressure measurements, including dissipation tests, and seismic cone penetration testing (SCPTu). The laboratory testing included particle-size distribution tests, foundation indicator tests, slurry consolidometer tests as well as drained and undrained triaxial compression testing. This material and stability assessment was completed in March 2023.

Based on the in-depth stability assessment, the overall stability and liquefaction risk on Khumani's PDF was found to be low.

The failure mode identified for the Khumani PDF is failure due to overtopping – pool overtops crest. This is a credible catastrophic failure mode, but is not associated with the probability of this event occurring and having credible failure modes is not a reflection of facility safety.

Continuous risk assessments, implementation of preventative operational controls and potential failure-modes analysis on the KHM PDF support the principle of ALARP – as low as reasonably practicable – to further reduce potential consequence to people and the environment downstream of the facility.

### **Summary of impact assessments and human exposure and vulnerability to tailings facility credible flow-failure scenarios**

The current dam-breach analysis and inundation study for the Khumani Mine PDF is based on credible catastrophic failure mechanisms. The purpose of the dam-breach assessment is to evaluate the potential downstream impact of a hypothetical breach in the Khumani PDF. The breach analysis was conducted for the current crest-wall elevation and expected final crest-wall elevation.

Based on the PDF characteristics, critical potential breach locations were identified, and the most likely failure modes were modelled and simulated for varying hydrological conditions.

# Khumani Iron Ore Mine continued

## Public disclosure on the Khumani PDF continued

Based on population density maps and extents of inundation resulting from models in this dam-breach analysis, the population at risk was estimated. The downstream communities were meaningfully engaged to raise awareness about the impact of a failure of the Khumani PDF in the unlikely event that it occurs.

Mitigation measures include the KHM PDF emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP). This includes plans to deal with environmental spillage containment and clean-up in case of a failure. Further involvement of local communities, including downstream communities and Mine Rescue Services is done via KHM environmental forums.

### **Description of design for all phases of the tailings facility life cycle, including current and final height Current operation (current height)**

The KHM PDF starter embankment for the main embankment was constructed of engineered earthen

fill borrowed from the basin of the PDF. A seepage cut-off drain was included in the starter embankment design. The phase 1 lift of the main embankment was constructed using waste rock produced from mining operations, following a downstream construction method. The phase 2 lift (current) methodology occurs independently on compartments 1 and 2, using an upstream construction method.

The paste facility progresses in thin lifts to ensure optimum consolidation of the deposited paste material. The decant pool on each compartment is controlled by decanting excess water off the basins and the pool is kept away from the outer embankment. The rate of rise is also limited to the design rate of rise.

The Khumani Mine PDF was designed to meet the recommended industry guidelines for factor of safety (FoS). During its operation, the FoS is continually reviewed through stability analyses.

Critical controls have been placed on aspects of the Khumani Mine PDF's development, summarised below. These controls are monitored monthly and complemented by daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual reviews for any major changes or deviations from design assumptions. The reviews are conducted by a multidisciplinary team which involves the Khumani PDF operator, EoR, environmental specialists, mine safety personnel, plant engineers, RTE and ITRB:

### **Tailings deposition strategy, rate of rise and deposition rates**

The operation of the Khumani PDF involves a short and long-term deposition plan that is strictly followed and adjusted to ensure optimal pool control and adequate freeboard. The deposition strategy limits the rate of rise to the approved design.



Khumani Mine



# Khumani Iron Ore Mine continued

## Public disclosure on the Khumani PDF continued

### Freeboard and pool control

The Khumani PDF is designed to comply with government notice 704 freeboard requirement for a 1:50-year storm plus 0.8m. The actual facility freeboard also exceeds the freeboard required to retain a 1:10 000-year storm event (or probable maximum precipitation). Freeboard is verified monthly with accurate surveys of the facility. Strategic deposition plans and pool control ensure that beaching and thus freeboard generation are improved.

### Wall drainage

A seepage cut-off drain is installed in the PDF starter embankment to collect seepage from the base.

### Stormwater management

Stormwater diversion channels have been constructed on the eastern side, upstream of the paste facility. These channels assist in diverting stormwater away from the PDF footprint and avoid clean water coming into contact with polluted water.

### Slope angle and benches

The side-slope angles and bench geometry are monitored and maintained regularly to ensure no deviations from the design intent during operation.

### Phreatic surface monitoring

The phreatic surface at the KHM PDF is regularly monitored through both standpipe and vibrating wire piezometers (VWP). This is done through a dashboard that displays live results of VWP readings (daily). Access to the dashboard is provided to the relevant paste facility stakeholders such as the RTFE, PDF operator and EoR.

### Final height design

Closure criteria are the actions required to mitigate identified closure risks. This involves removing infrastructure, erecting fencing, installing drainage structures, reshaping, topsoiling, ripping, seeding and planting, maintenance and monitoring. Closure criteria are closely related to actual EMP commitments, being the required actions at closure as agreed with the regulators.

The conceptual closure plan of the Khumani PDF, as detailed in the continuation report, will be used as the basis in developing prefeasibility closure-design options of the facility. Once additional information from specialised studies such as hydrogeology, vegetation assessments, visual impact assessments and other parallel studies are concluded, the detailed closure plan for final height design can be finalised.

### Summary of material findings of annual performance reviews and DSR, including implementation of mitigation measures to reduce risk to ALARP (as low as reasonably practicable)

Annual performance reviews are conducted by the EoR. The following additional risk control measures were recommended in the last annual performance review:

- **Development of an updated and formal TSF life-of-mine (LoM) plan and then, based on the LoM plan, develop a comprehensive conceptual closure design and closure plan with associated approvals:**  
The Khumani Mine PDF closure plan is being developed in phases (1, 2 and 3), with phase 1 underway. Phase 2 addresses the LoM plan for the paste disposal facility, followed by phase 3 that will provide a detailed closure plan and cost estimates. Planned completion date for all three phases is June 2025.
- **Commission a dam-safety review:**  
The Khumani PDF dam-safety review is underway, including review of PDF stability and compliance reports. The dam-safety review was completed in August 2024.
- **Improve on deposited dry density measurement:**  
Samples were taken by the EoR in the March 2024 quarterly tailings review site visit and will be assessed to determine in-situ density values. This study was completed in August 2024.

# Khumani Iron Ore Mine continued

## Public disclosure on the Khumani PDF continued

### Summary of material findings of the environmental and social monitoring programme, including implementation of mitigation measures

The following environmental and social additional risk control measures were recommended by the EoR from the annual performance review:

- **Development and implementation of trial sections for slope vegetation:**  
Project will start before the rainy season (Sept 2024). Local seeds will be sourced and planted on trial sections of the slope to establish a progressive rehabilitation plan for the raised PDF side slopes.
- **Optimise surface-water management:**  
Implement a turret decant system (to improve current methodology by decanting smaller pools). Project is 100% completed, wet commissioning was successful and basin pools are kept as small as possible.

Khumani Mine keeps a register of all environmental and social complaints received from surrounding communities. The officer: ISO and quality has confirmed that no non-conformance reports have been received for the Khumani Mine PDF in the last 12 months.

### Summary version of tailings facility EPRP for facilities that have a credible failure mode(s) that could lead to a flow-failure event

#### Emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP)

The Khumani Mine PDF emergency preparedness and response plan is based on credible flow-failure scenarios and assessing potential consequences downstream of the facility.

The EPRP serves as a guide in the event of a credible catastrophic failure occurring to ensure a state of readiness in Khumani Mine to manage and execute emergency preparedness and response activities if the PDF should fail.

These activities are specifically aimed to provide immediate response to save lives, supply humanitarian aid and minimise environmental harm. The plan further aims to guide activities to minimise property damage, ensure essential services are repaired or quickly reinstated; and reduce disruption to Khumani Mine operations.

Khumani Mine extensively engages downstream communities to create awareness and educate residents on the potential risks of a failure of the KHM PDF. The sessions were attended by farmers, municipality representatives and emergency services, as well as town residents.

#### Trigger action response plan (TARP)

Khumani Mine has developed a TARP for the paste disposal facility that gives guidance on the type of response required in the event that an emergency is triggered. The TARP is a tool used for managing crucial situations from the Khumani operations' safety point of view. This document sets out certain conditions or "triggers" with corresponding actions that mine managers and supervisors must follow when those trigger events occur.

The purpose of the TARP is to assist in decision-making and taking appropriate action where conditions on the PDF progress through a series of changes from normal towards failure.

### Dates of most recent and next independent reviews

The Khumani Mine PDF independent review was conducted by the ITRB in November 2023.

The next independent review is scheduled for November 2024 and will comprise the same ITRB members and an additional member specialising in TSF closure, rehabilitation and water management.

#### Annual confirmation that the operator has adequate financial capacity (including insurance to the extent commercially reasonable) to cover estimated costs

Khumani conducts annual rehabilitation, remediation, decommissioning and closure activity assessments to determine closure financial liability as required by legislation. These assessments are conducted by independent service providers. A combination of financial vehicles is used to provide for the assessed financial liability.

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# Glossary of terms

ALARP	As low as reasonably practicable
ARM	African Rainbow Minerals
BCMP	Business continuity management plan
BPM	Bokoni Platinum Mine
CC	Consequence classification
CCS	Consequence classification of structures
CDSF	Co-disposal TSF
Co	Cobalt
CPTu	Piezocone (Cone Penetrometer/ Penetration) Test with pore pressure readings
Cr	Chromium
Cu	Copper
CWP	Chrome wash plant
DSR	Dam-safety review
EMP	Environmental management plan
EoR	Engineer of record
EPRP	Emergency preparedness and response plan
FoS	Factor of safety
GISTM	Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management
ITRB	Independent Tailings Review Board
ICMM	International Council on Mining and Metals

JV	Joint venture
KHM	Khumani Mine
LoM	Life-of-mine
Mamsl	Metres above mean sea level
MHSA	Mine Health and Safety Act
MMZ	Main Mineralised Zone
MPM	Modikwa Platinum Mine
NNM	Nkomati Nickel Mine
OMS	Operations, maintenance and surveillance
PCMZ	Chromatic Peridotite Mineralised Zone
PDF	Paste disposal facility
RoR	Rate of rise
RSCPTu	Resistivity and seismic cone penetration test
RTFE	Responsible tailings facility engineer
RWD	Return-water dam
SCPTu	Seismic cone penetration test
TARP	Trigger action response plan
TDBA	Tailings dam-breach analysis
TRP	Two Rivers Platinum Mine
TSF	Tailings storage facility
VWP	Vibrating wire piezometer

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