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ATT: Mr C Sebata

**FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING SECTION 54 ISSUED ON THE 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 BY MR G MASOKO (INSPECTOR OF MINES) AT SAMANCOR BUFFELS EAST MINE**

The above matter and meeting held at the DMRE offices on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 regarding an instruction issued on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 reference.

After careful consideration of the presentation that was done by the Management of Samancor Buffels East Mine, Union and Safety Representatives, the instruction issued in terms of section 54 of the Mine Health and Safety Act (Act 29 of 1996 as amended) is hereby not uplifted. Further instructions are issued as follows:

- Employer to stop all pits within 500m and 100m radius, and resubmit applications for approval of risk assessment for conducting blasting and mining activities within 500m and 100m, respectively, for all pits (Pit A, B and C).
- The employer must appoint and involve the services of an independent drilling and explosives expert upon conducting the 11.5 investigation.
- The employer must provide reasons within 72 hours, why the services of the drilling and blasting service providers should not be withdrawn at the mine.

We urge the mine to continue to be vigilant on issues relating to health and safety of the employees.

Employer must ensure that this letter is communicated to all stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

  
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF MINES  
NORTH WEST REGION  
RUSTENBURG

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**Attention: Mr Charles Sebata**

Dear Sir

**CONFIRMATION OF UPLIFTMENT OF SECTION 54 NOTICE OF INSTRUCTION  
ISSUED ON THE 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 BY MR G MASOKO (INSPECTOR OF MINES)  
AT SAMANCOR BUFFELS EAST**

The above matter and meeting held at the DMRE offices on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 regarding a notice of instruction issued on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 have reference.

After careful consideration of the presentation that was done by the Management of Samancor Buffels East Opencast Mine, Safety and Union Representatives, the instruction issued in terms of section 54 of the Mine Health and Safety Act (Act 29 of 1996 as amended) is hereby uplifted on the following conditions:

- All pits within 500m radius to structures are currently on stop as there's no existing mining permit for that.
- The Mine management must inform the surrounding communities first about their plan to resume mining pits outside 500m radius to any structure, and communities must give consent for that.
- Proof of community consultation process must be submitted to the office of the Principal Inspector of Mines in Rustenburg.

Kindly share this communication to all relevant stakeholders.

Yours in health and safety,

**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF MINES  
NW RUSTENBURG REGION**

**DATE:** 27/02/2025