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Mining Right Application Update

West Wits Mining (ASX: WWI, “**West Wits**” or “**the Company**”) provides the following update with regards to the progress of the appeals process and mining right application for the Witwatersrand Basin Project (“WBP”) in South Africa.

Based on previous written advice from the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (“DEFF”) the Company expected to receive by this week a resolution of the outstanding appeals against the grant of the Environmental Approval (“EA”) for the WBP in South Africa. The Company’s lawyers received advice from the DEFF last night on the status of the process. The DEFF stated their timeline had been further extended as a result of delays in receiving (in the last 2 days) comments it was awaiting from another government department. As a result, the DEFF now states it is intending to provide its recommendations to the Minister no later than 5th March 2021, with a decision expected shortly thereafter.

West Wits, whilst disappointed with the further delay, notes the DEFF has confirmed it now has all information necessary to finalise the recommendations. This increases confidence that the new timeline will be met.

WWI has shown an abundance of patience in this matter given the turmoil to Government services occasioned by the pandemic. The Company now expects the DEFF to complete the task within the timeline it has set itself. If this new target is not met WWI intends to initiate a proactive approach to legally compel compliance with the regulatory requirements.

West Wits Chairman, Michael Quinert commented, *“This further delay is frustrating and annoying for all our shareholders. However, our confidence in a successful outcome is unaffected as the activity to complete our feasibility work and drill program continues. The ongoing support and encouragement of our shareholders is appreciated and underpins our resolve to deliver on the WBP.”*

Authorised for release by the Chairman of the Company.



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