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**SUPPLEMENTAL
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CONSULTATION SECTION**

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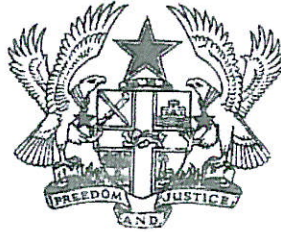
INSTITUTIONAL CONSULTATION MEETING NOTES, CORRESPONDENCE AND SUMMARIES

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(FORESTRY COMMISSION)

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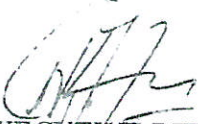
Date: 10th April, 2008

NEWMONT GHANA GOLD LIMITED
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EAST LEGON - ACCRA

INSTITUTIONAL MEETING – AKYEM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REVIEW

Following the presentation on the Akyem Environmental Impact Review by Newmont Project Team on 26 March 2008, the Wildlife Division has the following observations to make;

1. The presentation was most enlightening, as the officers learnt for the first time how Newmont plans to offset any loss of biodiversity in the project area.
2. We suggest that the Business and Biodiversity Offset Project be linked to the concept of Community Resource Management Areas (CREMA) being promoted by the Wildlife Division. The Division will be happy to share further thoughts with Newmont on the way forward.
3. The importance of isolated clumps of vegetation in the operational area as wildlife refugia was underscored. The maintenance of corridors along the rivers and streams to facilitate the movement of wildlife in the operational area is also recommended.
4. We are concerned that only half of the excavated pit will be backfilled by the end of the operations. Cost implications have been cited as the reason for this but this has to be weighed against the danger such an open pit will pose to human and animal life in the area long after the operations. Appropriate interventions need to be put in place to minimize such a threat.
5. The project will attract a large number of people to the area and create a large and ready market for bushmeat. This will increase pressure on the wildlife resources. Awareness creation on the wildlife regulations will therefore be very crucial to mitigate such an impact. The Wildlife Division will be ready to collaborate with Newmont on such an exercise.
6. The reclamation of degraded lands is commendable but the use of exotic plants in the reserve area should be avoided at all cost. We advocate for the use of indigenous plants to restore the ecological balance.
7. WD proposes a follow up visit to the project site by a WD team to learn at first hand the situation on the ground to enable it make more informed contributions and decisions.

for: 
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
(CLETUS .K. NATEG)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
GHANA HYDROLOGICAL SERVICES
ACCRA

March 18th, 2008.

Dear Sir,

INSTITUTIONAL MEETING-AKYEM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REVIEW

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You are therefore cordially invited to attend a meeting scheduled as follows:

Agenda:

- i) Akyem Project Permitting Status.
- i) Water Storage Dam
- ii) Pumping from the River Pra

Date: Thursday 27th March, 2008

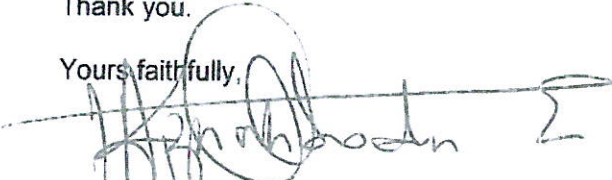
Venue: Newmont Adehye Guest House at East Legon, off the Lagos Avenue opposite East Gate Hotel

Time: 10.00am.

We hope that you or your representative(s) will be able to attend to assist in providing the necessary technical guidance to help develop a sustainable project.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



Appiah Kusi Obodum
Environmental and Social Responsibility Coordinator
Newmont Akyem Project

REGIONAL DIRECTOR
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- ii) Final land use of the mine pit.

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- i) Akyem Project Permitting Status.
- ii) Climatic Data Validation.

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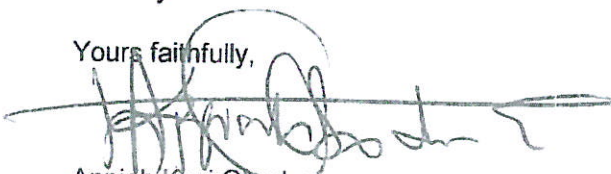
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WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
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Time: 10.00am.

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Apriah Kusi Obodum
Environmental and Social Responsibility Coordinator
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CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL
ACCRA

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Agenda:

- i) Akyem Project Permitting Status.
- ii) Replacement and restoration of forest.
- iii) Any future programme for the forest reserve.

Date: Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th, March, 2008

Venue: Adehye Guest House at East Legon, off the Lagos Avenue Accra.
Opposite East Gate Hotel.

Time: 10:00AM.

We hope that you or your representative(s) will be able to attend to assist in providing the necessary technical guidance to help develop a sustainable project.

Thank you.

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Appiah Kusi Obodum
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WILDLIFE SERVICES DIVISION
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- iii) Any future programme for the forest reserve.

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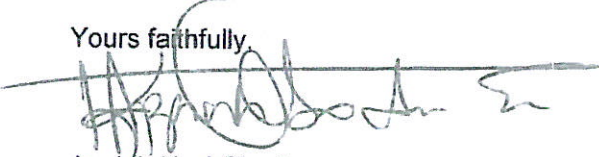
Venue: Wildlife Services Division, Accra.

Time: 10:00AM.

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Venue: Wildlife Services Division, Accra.

Time: 10:00AM.

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Thank you

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- i) Akyem Project Permitting Status.
- ii) A proposed final land use of the mine pit.
- iii) Modalities for handling Gold Star issues
- iv) Removal of timber resources from the concession
- v) Modalities for replanting an area equal to the withdrawn forest reserve
- vi) Status of the Ajenua Bepo Forest Reserve.
- vii) Logging Manual
- viii) Pit decommissioning
- ix) "bio-quality or biotic diversity" approach to be adopted
- x) Any future programme for the forest reserve.

Date: Thursday 27th March, 2008

Venue: Newmont Adehye Guest House at East Legon, off the Lagos Avenue opposite East Gate Hotel

Time: 2:00pm.

We hope that you or your representative(s) will be able to attend to assist in providing the necessary technical guidance to help develop a sustainable project.

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April 3rd, 2008.

Dear Sir,

NEWMONT AKYEM PROJECT UPDATE DISCUSSIONS

We would like to express our appreciation for the recent meeting to discuss the above stated subject. We hope that the meeting provided you with enough information about the Akyem Project and the EIS. For us, the meeting provided a clear path forward and clarified our understanding of the on going role your organization will have in the development of the Project. We are proceeding towards finalising the revised EIS document for submittal to the Environmental Protection Agency by mid to late April.

Find attached a copy of the presentation, a briefing paper and the minutes of the meeting held with you on Wednesday 26th March and Thursday 27th March, 2008.

We will appreciate if you can respond with your technical advice on the presentation, the briefing paper and the following issues for consideration and incorporation into the EIS:

1. Replacement and Restoration of forest resources

We would appreciate if the said comments could be available to us by Friday 11th April 2008.

Thank you for your cooperation and support on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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Appiah Kusi Obodum
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1. Water Storage Dam
2. Pumping of water from the River Pra

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4. Status of the ABFR.
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6. Pit decommission
7. "bio-quality or biotic diversity" approach to be adopted
8. Any future programme they have for the forest reserve

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Bernadette Araba Adjei-Lawyer
Water Resources Commission

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The Director
Department of Monitoring & Evaluation
Minerals Commission
Cantonments, Accra

April 4th, 2008

Dear Sir,

NEWMONT AKYEM PROJECT UPDATE DISCUSSIONS

We would like to express our appreciation for the meeting held on April 3, 2008 to discuss the above stated subject. We hope that the meeting provided you with enough information about the Environmental Impact Statement of the Newmont Akyem Project. For us, the meeting provided a clear path forward and clarified our understanding of the on going role your organization will have in the development of the Akyem project.

We are proceeding towards finalizing the revised Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) document for submittal to the Environmental Protection Agency by mid to late April.

Please find attached copies of the presentation and minutes of the meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation and support for the development of the Newmont Akyem Project.

Yours faithfully,

Appiah Kusi Obodum
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CC: Robin Budden - General Manager- ESR Newmont Akyem Project
James Badu -Director- Environmental Affairs- NGGL
Tawia Esi Addo Ashong - Legal Manager- NGGL
Principal M& E Officer- Minerals Commission (Emmanuel Affreh)
Principal Financial Analyst- Minerals Commission (Daniel Krampah)