

APPENDIX 1.9

APPROVAL LETTER FROM GHANA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO PROCEED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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THE DIRECTOR
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Dear Sir

RE: SCOPING REPORT AND TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

We refer to the Scoping Report and TOR initially submitted by Perseus Mining Limited (PML) and subsequently re-submitted by Stratsys Investment Limited (SIL).

Your attention was drawn to the fact that the then Ministry responsible for mines granted a consent to the "Deed of Assignment between Anglo Gold Ashanti Ghana Limited (Anglo Gold) and Stratsys Investments Limited (SIL)" but not PML hence the withdrawal and subsequent re-submission on the 15th December 2008.

The report has been reviewed and was found to have identified most of the key environmental issues, however, limited socio-economic information was provided in Table 5.1.1 and detailed socio-economic and cultural information within the catchment area will be required. The strategies to meet economic well-being of project affected people must also be discussed. You are required to proceed with the preparation and subsequent submission of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) taking into consideration the comments.

Furthermore the EIS must also provide in depth evaluation and discussions on the following issues among others.

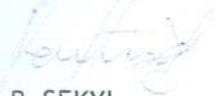
- Existing baseline conditions resulting from mining activities by Anglo Gold, and proposed management strategies
- Ownership of some immovable assets e.g. exploration camp and residential structures.
- Strategies for meeting community requirements/aspirations.

The draft EIS must also contain detailed designs for facilities including Tailings Storage Facility, Pits, and Drainage Systems among others.

Twelve (12) bound copies of the draft EIS must be submitted for consideration.

Do not hesitate to contact the Agency for any clarification you may require.

Yours faithfully



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FOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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The Hon. Minister, Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Accra
The Chief Executive, Minerals Commission, Accra
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