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TRAINING WORKSHOPS ON THE MINING AND BIODIVERSITY GUIDELINES AND THE WETLAND OFFSET GUIDELINES

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The South African Mining and Biodiversity Forum (SAMBF) would like to invite you to an exciting training workshop on the Mining and Biodiversity Guidelines, which will take place on 7 November 2013. The SAMBF is a forum facilitated by the Chamber of Mines with participation from mining companies, government departments and conservation organisations and SANBI's Grasslands Programme. AngloGold Ashanti will host the workshop at their Head Office in Johannesburg. The training workshop will focus on the practical implementation of the Mining and Biodiversity Guideline. This training event is aimed at the broad range of potential users of these guidelines. It will facilitate constructive interaction on the issues of mining and biodiversity, and promote a consistent understanding and application of the guidelines.

The training workshop will welcome participants from all sectors, including SAMBF members, mining companies, finance institutions, officials from government departments, consultants, Non-Governmental Organisations and other stakeholders. Attendance is free of charge. Attendees of the workshop are kindly advised to note that although the morning session will also include more practical case studies and discussion, the session will largely deal with the material covered in the previous training event held at De Beers. This is your opportunity to be part of a constructive interaction on issues of mining and biodiversity.

An afternoon workshop will be held on the Wetland Offset Guidelines which are being developed by SANBI and the Department of Water Affairs. The workshop will deal with the current status of the Wetland Offset Guidelines and will work through practical offset examples using the revised wetland offset ratios and calculator. The session is aimed at providing practitioners with a good grounding on the Wetland Offset Guidelines and the key offset ratio calculation process. You are welcome to only attend one of the sessions if you wish.

Click [here](#) for a detailed invitation to the training programme, including directions to the workshop. All enquiries should be directed to Stephen Holness at sholness@nmmu.ac.za / 082 887 3735 or Patti Wickens at patti.wickens@debeersgroup.com / 083 448 2279. Places are limited so remember to RSVP to Matthodi Mbkonoto at M.Mbkonoto@sanbi.org.za or alternatively call 012 843 5232 before the 1 November 2013. The workshops are both free of charge.

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