

**ASX Announcement and Media Release**

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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 further communications between the Company’s lawyers and the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (“DEFF”) we are pleased to advise the following progress.

- The DEFF has confirmed that on Wednesday 24 March 2021 it resubmitted the departments recommendations on the Appeals to the Minister, incorporating that further information sought by the Minister last week pertaining to the potential effect of the project on water pipeline infrastructure.
- The DEFF already had on its file all the information regarding the pipeline infrastructure necessary to meet the Minister’s request such that no additional information was sourced from either the Company, the Appellant or any third party.
- The DEFF has acknowledged to the Company the urgency to have the appeals finalised.
- The DEFF advised that it has made the Minister aware West Wits is suffering prejudice by the delays in finalising the Appeals and that West Wits has foreshadowed the issue of an application to the relevant court to compel a decision if the appeals are not decided as a matter of urgency.

**West Wits Chairman, Michael Quinert commented,** *“The advice received indicates that this matter is now receiving urgent attention at the Ministerial level. Having reviewed the recommendations on 16 March and requested further detail on one discreet issue it is apparent that all relevant material is now before the decision maker. It is therefore reasonable to expect there should be no further undue delays and a decision will be made in a matter of days. Failing that, the Company is ready to initiate formal legal proceedings to compel the decision.”*

Authorised for release by the Chairman of the Company.



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