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AngloGold Ashanti Response

AngloGold Ashanti acquired Mine Waste Solutions, including its subsidiary Chemwes, in 2012, in a transaction that included the operational Kareerand tailings storage facility, near Stilfontein, which had been designed and permitted by its previous owners, in 2010.

Kareerand was the centerpiece of a comprehensive environmental rehabilitation programme in the North West province and was designed to reprocess and consolidate tailings material from 15, decades-old unlined tailings facilities in the area that were located on porous dolomitic ground– [some less than a kilometer from the Vaal River](#) -- onto a single, modern, clay-lined facility located approximately 2km from the Vaal River.

After assuming ownership of Mine Waste Solutions in 2012, AngloGold Ashanti invested significant capital in upgrading the infrastructure of the Kareerand tailings facility. These improvements included:

- the installation of secondary containment infrastructure around the facility and systems to closely monitor its pipelines;
- introduction of a sophisticated dust mitigation programme, supported by a dust monitoring network;
- the use of a system of interception boreholes and phytoremediation measures, to further mitigate potential groundwater impact.

Under AngloGold Ashanti's ownership of Mine Waste Solution, the Kareerand facility was operated in accordance with good practice environmental and safety standards.

It was subject to regular external inspections, including by subject matter specialists from the departments of the Environment, Water and Sanitation, and Mineral Resources and Energy, as well as the National Nuclear Regulator.

The facility made significant progress in reducing the environmental impact from the legacy tailings facilities to air- and groundwater pollution in the area.

An expansion project for Kareerand was in the advanced planning and permitting phase when AngloGold Ashanti sold its South African assets to Harmony in 2020. Along with the planned increase in the capacity of the facility's stormwater dam, this project sought to further improve the environmental conditions in the region.

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