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# Debswana Environmental Management Efforts or Activities are governed by the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System and is regularly audited by third party to ensure we remain compliant to standard



#### **General Background**

- 1992 / 1993 Carried out Environmental Situational Assessment
- 1993 / 1994 Debswana Implemented its first formal Environmental Management system based on British Stanadrd 7750
- 1996 Adopted Environmental Management System based on ISO 14001

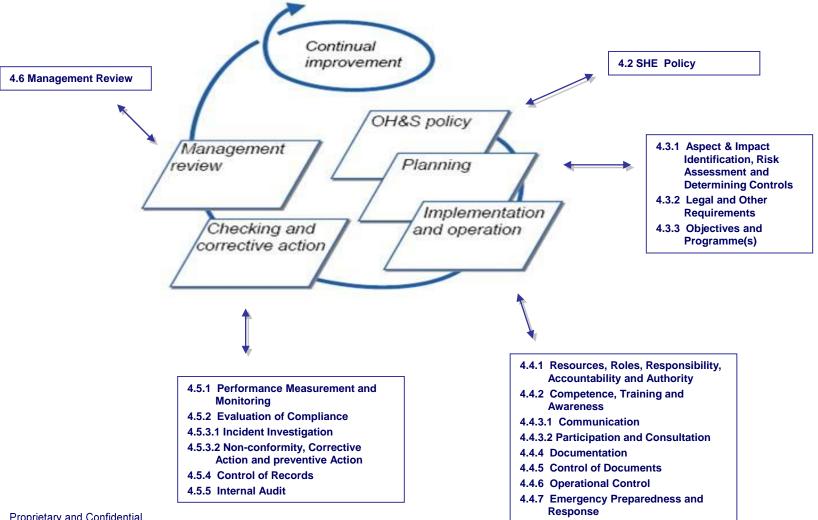
**2000** - JWANENG attained certification in December

 Orapa and LetIhakane Mines attained their certification in March

2001



#### **Requirements for an Environmental Management System**





## **Policy and Commitment Stage**

# Top Management Commitment

# Policy Development and commitment



## **Our commitment**

#### The environmental guiding principles are to:

Continually improve our environmental management performance. Comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and commitments. Prevent pollution of the environment.

#### These principles are accomplished by:

Applying integrated environmental management procedures and assessments to minimise the impact of mining and associated activities on the environment.

Applying the principle of 3R's in the management of waste: Reduce, Re-use and Recycle.

Providing environmental education and training to all employees.

Pro-actively engaging with Government, communities and other stakeholders on matters related to the development of legislation and other environmental issues of mutual concern.

Encouraging the use of environmental management systems by suppliers and contractors and monitoring their performance.

Working towards the achievement of sustainable development.

Making public the company's environmental policy and initiatives.



## PLANNING STAGE

#### HAZARD / ASPECT IDENTIFICATION & RISK / IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- Every activity undertaken by Debswana is screened to determine its impact on the environment and environmental management plans (EMP) developed
- → EIA AND EMP conducted and monitored and tracked through our EMS
- → Two of our major projects had EIA'S conducted for them before the EIA Act

#### LEGAL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- A computerised legal register of all Botswana legislation on which has a bearing on the environment
- → Closure trust fund set up

#### **OBJECTIVES, TARGETS & MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS**

- The impacts are prioritised and objectives , targets and management programs developed
- → Debswana has developed electronic management system to follow up on progress





## **Electronic management System**

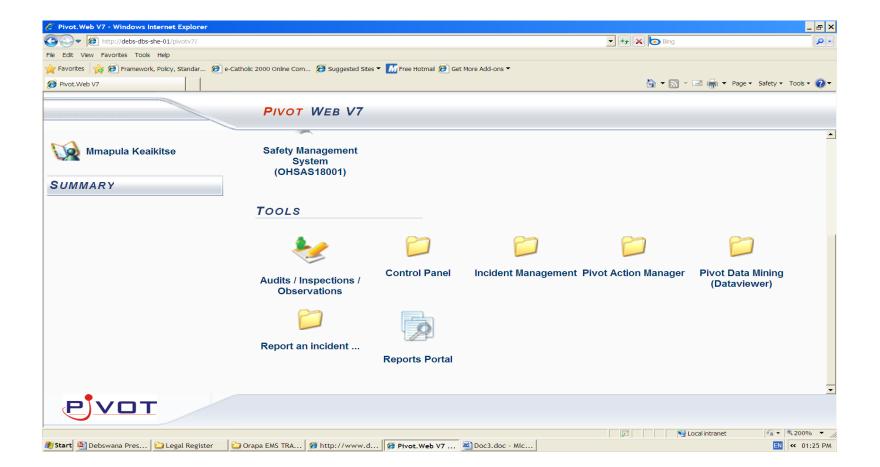
- All our impacts, objectives, targets and emp's are managed in this tool
- Document control is managed electronically
- Monitoring



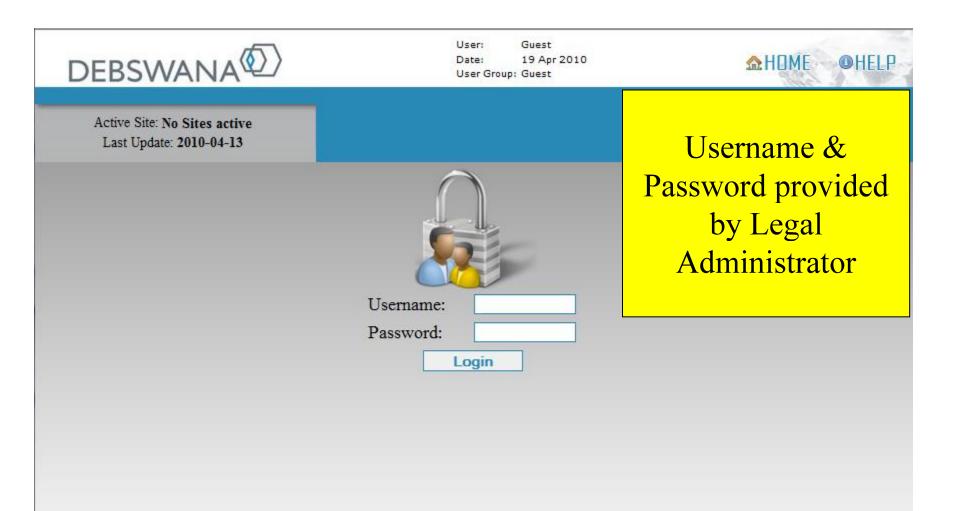
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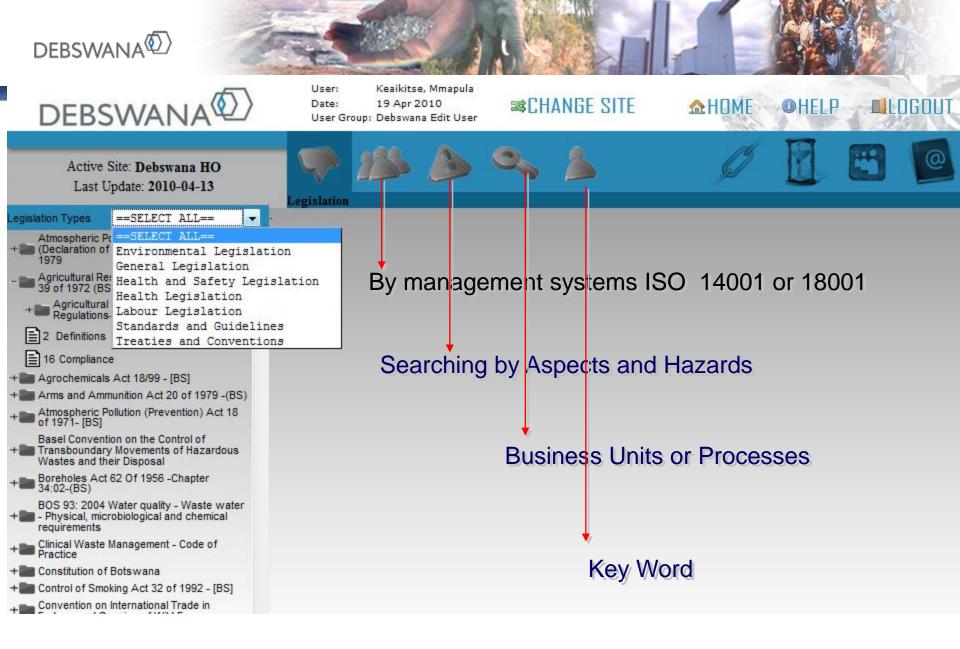
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# Navigating in the SHE Legal Register

There are four searching methods:

- →Searching by Legislation
- →Searching by Legal Group
- Searching by Aspects and Hazards
- →Searching by Key Word





#### The development of SHE legal register

- → assist the business to manage change in order to fulfil legal responsibilities.
- assist the business to achieve legal compliance resulting in identification and awareness of legal requirements and other requirements.
- raise assurance among the stakeholder about the ability of the business to manage legal risks within the business in line with requirements set by principles of ISO 14001 : 2004 and OHAS 1801 : 1999



## **Implementation and Planning**

- Resources, Roles, Responsibility, Accountability and Authority
- Competence, Training and Awareness
- Communication
- Participation and Consultation
  - identification of our stakeholder
- Documentation
- Control of Documents
- Operational Control
  - Development of operational procedure , e.g. Storage and Handling of Diesel and Treatment and spillages .

**Emergency Preparedness and Response** 

- Develop Emergency plans and they are simulated from time to time to check preparedness to emergencies.
- All this managed in the electronic management systems



#### **Checking and Corrective Action**

#### MONITORING AND MEASUREMENT

- Environmental Dust monitoring
- → Water
- →Energy

EVALUATION OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE e.g. Compliance to drinking water standard.



### **Checking and Corrective Action**

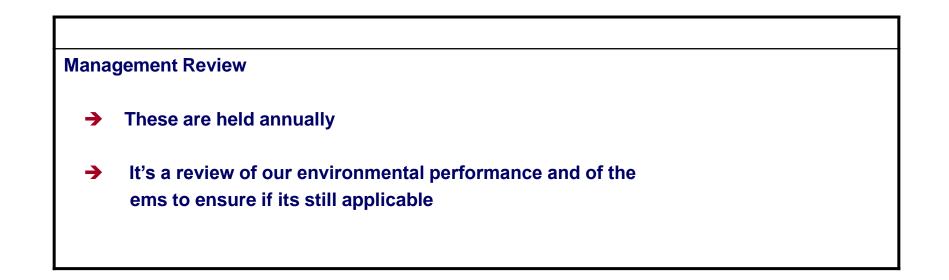


standard and performance against our set performance standard.

#### → External audit by third party



#### **Management Review**





# Environmental Management

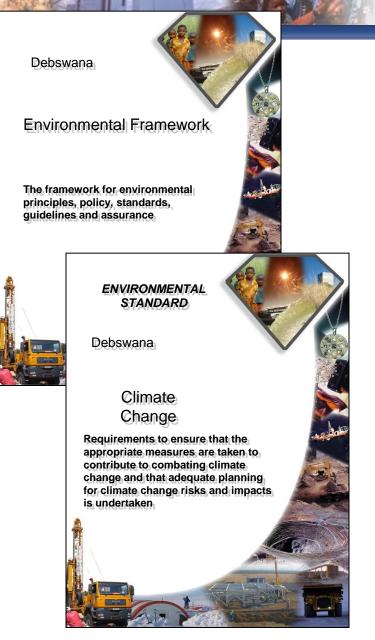
# Debswana has developed environmental Standards which have been aligned to the

Framework:

Describes the hierarchy of documents from Policy, Standards to Guidelines / Toolkits and Assurance

Six standards:

- Lifecycle Planning
- Biodiversity
- Water
- Climate Change
- Pollution Prevention and Waste Management
- Environmental Reporting







## **Other Strategic Initiatives**

Standard				
We have developed additional Standards and Guidelines				
Standard	Outcome			
Lifecycle Planning	<ul> <li>Developed a Project and exploration guidelines</li> <li>Implementation of the Social Impact Assessment Tool (SEAT) to incorporate into our Closure Plans</li> </ul>			
Biodiversity	<ul> <li>No exploration or mining takes place in World Heritage Sites</li> <li>All rehabilitation that can be implemented concurrently with mining is complete</li> <li>Both operations have private game parks, which provide recreation, environmental education and conservation.</li> <li>Development of Biodiversity Action Plans</li> </ul>			
Water	<ul> <li>No water used unless demonstrably required</li> <li>Water management Strategy Developed</li> <li>Compliance to water standards</li> </ul>			
Climate Change	<ul> <li>Energy Strategy has just been developed and signed of by MD</li> </ul>			
Pollution Prevention & Waste Management	<ul> <li>Non-hazardous or lower hazard alternatives have replaced all high risk hazardous substances are managed with developed procedures</li> <li>f operations manage effluents, wastes, emissions and hazardous substances to prevent pollution</li> <li>Waste management plans developed</li> </ul>			
Environment al Reporting	operations report on environmental indicators to track performance and compliance			



## CHALLENGES

#### ➔ Maintaining certification

Management of contractors implementation of EMP'S from EIA carried out for projects and EIA process delays projects

➔ Responsibility of all



# THANK YOU