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As the liberation of the struggling S.African majority becomes more certain the international anti-apartheid movement has a major responsibility to intensify pressure on key strategic supporters of the apartheid regime. In Europe and America groups are highlighting S.Africa's large foreign debt and placing appropriate pressure on key Swiss, US. and British banks involved in debt rollover negotiations. Following the disinvestment of Mobil the international campaign against the Shell oil company is set to intensify.

To parallel these strategies it is appropriate that in Australia we identify and campaign against our own primary areas of support for apartheid. The AAAM(Vic.) has identified the linkages that exist between S.Africa and Australia's gold sectors as deserving of our urgent attention. Gold sanctions and the targetting of this precious metal in other ways has always been a sensitive issue for the international anti-apartheid movement. Concerns over feasibility and possible effects on price have in the past negated any action. However with the establishment of the UN sponsored World Gold Commission in London strategies have been developed which point the way to effective political and economic action against the apartheid gold industry and it is international supporters.

The AAAM(Vic.) has been active on a number of fronts in this area throughout 1989. From B.H.P's gold prospect in S.Africa to Hugh Morgant's chairing of the World Gold Council we have resolved to publicise the issues. One significant characteristic of apartheid's gold industry supporters is their natural desire to shun publicity. Our primary task into the 1990s will be to expose their collaboration to the Australian public.

HUGH MORGAN  
AND  
THE WORLD GOLD COUNCIL

## THE WORLD GOLD COUNCIL

NINETY-FOUR PER CENT of gold produced in South Africa is mined by just five corporations:

Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Ltd.

Gold Fields of South Africa Ltd

General Mining Union Corp Ltd

Barlow Rand Ltd

Anglovaal Ltd

All these groups are locked together in a maze of incestuous cross directorships and shareholdings. These companies provide R3.5 billions a year in tax revenue to the apartheid regime and directly control most of the manufacturing and distribution industries of the country. They are the chief investors in the financial sector. They own almost all the rest of the mining sector, including diamonds, uranium and platinum and the strategically important production of oil and coal. Any apparent manifestation of healthy competition between these companies is quickly evaporated on any examination of their labour recruiting methods. All recruitment is handled by an organisation jointly controlled by the mining companies whose function is to use its monopoly position to keep wages and conditions of black workers as much below the poverty level as possible.

In addition, all gold is refined in South Africa by the Rand Refinery, owned by the South African Chamber of Mines, which is in turn controlled by the mining companies.

Until 1987 the South African mining houses used a jointly owned and lavishly funded gold promotion organisation called the International Gold Corporation Ltd (Intergold). The one thing this company was not, was international. Although it had many luxurious branch offices in all the leading gold consuming centres of the world, its headquarters were in Johannesburg. This company spent millions of dollars promoting the South African gold coin, the Krugerrand. This massive promotion budget proved to be a poor investment when, after an international public boycott, this particular symbol of apartheid ceased to be minted. Intergold found itself in even more difficulties in 1986 when the black townships flared into open rebellion against repression. It became clear that if Intergold did not do something very quickly it might itself misuse gold to be closely associated (as it truly is) with apartheid.

Intergold found a few mining companies outside South Africa to join it, then changed its name to the World Gold Council.

APART FROM the change in name, the main difference between Intergold and the World Gold Council was the closing of the Johannesburg headquarters. The Geneva office became the new headquarters but all the other offices and staff remained the same. Although this company spends over fifty million dollars each year on various methods of getting as much gold sold as possible it is strangely bashful about letting anyone know who its members are. The membership was known only to the members. Many people have asked the company who its members are: stockbrokers, specialist metal trade managers, gold dealers, other mining companies. Some even get as far as being promised that they will get a membership list but in the end, the result is the same -

The World Gold Council will not disclose its list of members.

A membership list of the Council was leaked to The World Gold Commission. The reluctance of the Council to publicise the names of its members is explained by this list.

The Financial Times Mining Year Book lists 269 gold mining companies in fifty-seven western countries alone. It turns out that the World Gold Council membership is just 39 mining companies (five of which are not even mentioned in the Yearbook), from only six countries.

Thirteen members are South African companies or companies controlled by them. Nine other members are owned or controlled by just four corporations. Two other members mine gold only in joint association with another. In short, it is obvious that the reason the list is kept secret is because very few gold mines want to be in an organisation so dominated by South African interests.

In subsequent documents leaked to the World Gold Commission even more evidence has come to light on the nature of the Council. Contribution to the budget of the council is levied on the members according to the tonnage each member produces. The South African

members produce several times more gold than the rest of the membership put together. Control is said to be equally distributed in a way that companies from no single continent can dominate any other. At least two of the directors that are supposed to represent North America on the board of the Council, Mr R Agnew and Mr G Parker, are both directors of South African mining companies. The Council is quite obviously a front for South African mining interests.

By BARRY FitzGERALD

The managing director of  
Western Mining Corporation.

Mr Hugh Morgan, has been  
elected chairman of the world  
gold industry's promotional  
body. the Geneva-based World  
Gold Council. t

Mr Morgan replaces the  
chairman of Newmont Mining  
Corporation of the US, Mr Gor-  
don Parker, who held the  
chairmanship of the council  
since its inception in 1987.  
Last year the council spent  
\$563 million (\$81 million)  
promoting gold in Japan.

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Mr Morgan

France, Germany. Italy. the  
3g and selected parts of the  
Mr Morgan said yesterday  
that the council's Asian activi-  
ties outside Japan are limited  
because of the wide recogni-  
tion in the Asian markets of the  
"role of gold as a hedge against  
debauched paper currencies".

The council's funds come  
from a \$52.50 (\$3.23) an  
ounce levy on the gold produc-  
tion of its 74 members. As Aus-  
tralia's biggest gold producer.  
WMC is also Australia's biggest  
contributor to the council.

Morgan to chair ;

gold council

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Mr Morgan dismissed the sug-  
gestion that the council's South  
African members exposed the  
promotional group to criticism  
from anti-apartheid groups.

"That would be a dumb. melon-  
' headed observation. It is a com-  
ment drowned in a bog of  
hypocrisy. Gold speaks all lan-  
guages. always has. always will,"  
Mr Morgan said.

Mr Morgan said the formation  
of the council was a recognition  
that the gold industry had to  
advertise and promote itself as  
hard as any other industry chas-  
ing the consumer's discretionary  
dollar. . -.

The bulk of the council's funds  
are used to promote gold jewel-  
lery (about \$1 million in 1988). but  
this spending is small (0.3 per cent  
of the value of total annual sales)  
' compared with equivalent spend-  
ing by the diamond industry of  
about three per cent of sales. .

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Morgan to chair gold promotional body

Mr Morgan said that the  
council estimated that its mem-  
bership produces between 63-

65 per cent of the Western!  
world's gold output (1538  
tonnes) and about 80 per cent  
of Australiats output  
052 tonnes).  
The council member  
covers .all of the Western  
world's major gold-producing  
countries. including South Afri-  
ca, which is the world's biggest  
gold producer with about 40  
per cent of 1988 output.  
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MOVEMENT (VIC.)  
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HUGH MORGAN AND APARTHEID

The AAAM(Vic.) is outraged that Australian executive Hugh Morgan is to chair the Geneva based World Gold Council. This organisation is a FRONT FOR SOUTH AFRICAN MINING INTERESTS. Mr. Morgans typically childish quotes in todays Age do nothing to explain the damning evidence that attests to this fact. Gold is the lifeblood of the apartheid economy accounting for 50 per cent of S.Africats foreign exchange and 25 per cent of the regimets tax revenue intake. The formation of the UN. sponsored World Gold Commission in London is now leading to the very serious targetting of S.African gold for sanctions action. Further the International anti-apartheid movement has vowed to reveal the activities of the highly secretive organisation the World Gold Council.

Accordingly we can assure Mr. Hugh Morgan that he will have a lot of explaining to do in relation to his sickening support for apartheid. ANY public appearance by Mr Morgan in Melbourne will be considered as appropriate for demonstration action by the AAAM(Vic.). We will be writing to the Federal Govt. following the lead of Canadian church groups to request that pressure be brought to bear on Australian members of the World Gold Council (W.M.C. and B.H.P.) to resign

CONTACT: JOHN MOODY A (11.00-12.00AM AND 2.00-4.30PM)

23/6/1989

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By BARRY FszGERALD -

The Australian Antl-Apartheid Movement said yesterday it was outraged that Mr Hugh Morgan was the new chairman of the world .gold industry's promotional body, the Geneya-based -. World Gold COuncil. '

The movement claimed that the council was a front for South African mining interests, and threatened to demonstrate at any future public appearance by Mr Morgan in Melbourne. Mr Morgan, the managing director \_ of Australia's biggest gold producer, Western Mining Corporation, was \_ elected chairman of the council at a recent meeting in Toronto.

Last year the council spent \$81 million promoting gold's jewellery and investment appeal; the funds came from a \$0.52 (8A3. 25) levy on each ounce of gold produced by its members. .

Hugh Morgan job outrages anti-apartheid group  
The council estimates that its 74 members, including a number of big-South African companies, produce 65 per cent of the Western world's annual gold output. . A-  
The South African members of the-council are substantial contributors to the council's revenue.  
their employees, shareholders and the nation.

He said Australian gold production during the 1980s had come from nowhere to become Australia's third largest export. This growth had made Australia the world's third biggest producer, behind South Africa and Canada.

Mr Morgan said the council "admires the work achieved by the International Wool secretariat on behalf of Mr Morgan said last night that the ' claims made by the movement were - offensive to the 22 Australian companies : nice that support the council and its endeavors to promote gold on behalf of - n. o' 5' a 'num o-J

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"The world Gold Council seeks to  
emulate the success of the NS despite .  
the dISparaging comments t of the  
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THE WORLD GOLD COUNCIL - A FRONT FOR APARTHEID S.AFRICA

On the eve of the Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers meeting on S.Africa (Canberra August 7-9) the AAAM(Vic.) reveals that Australian gold mining companies are undermining the

Federal Governments stance on S.Africa.

By being members of the highly secretive World Gold Council they are contributing to the cost of

promoting S.Africa's biggest export earner (50 per cent of foreign exchange earnings). The

Council is unequivocally dominated by apartheid interests (see enclosed).

The AAAM(Vic.) singles out Mr. Hugh Morgan of Western Mining for especial condemnation.

As chairperson of the Council he is Australia's No.1 individual promoter of S.African apartheid interests.

WE OPENLY CHALLENGE MR.MORGAN TO DENY OUR ASSERTIONS BY :

1. Revealing to the Australian public and media a list of all members of the Council. As a claimed

gold promotional organisation the Council has a duty to tell the Australian jewellery buying

public exactly who they are.

2. Revealing to the Australian public and media the extent of S.African funding of the Council.

The AAAM(Vic.) will begin a series of regular demonstrations against Victorian members of the

Council (Western Mining and BHP Gold) on Monday August 7th. Further we will not hesitate to

attend any public appearance by Mr. Morgan with a view to voicing our disgust of his strategic

support of apartheid.

West Australia's main anti-apartheid organisation (WACARE) will liaise with us over similar

action.

We have written to foreign affairs minister Senator Evans requesting that he calls on Australian

members of the World Gold Council to resign.

4/8/ 1989

CONTACT : JOHN MOODY

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MR. HUGH MORGAN  
THE WORLD GOLD COUNCIL 1

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i DEMONSTRATE : WESTERN MINING H.Q. MONDAY AUGUST 7TH  
360 COLLINS STREET 8.00A.M.-9.30A.M.

Call to cut gold trade links  
The Anti-Apartheid Movement  
has urged the Prime Minister Mr  
Hawke, to press Australian business to sever important economic links with South Africa - especially with the South African-dominated World Gold Council.  
It has urged Mr Hawke to press the council's chairman, Mr Hugh Morgan, chief of Western Mining Corporation, to quit along with the 24 Australian member companies of the council.

The Australian anti-apartheid movement yesterday said Mr Hawke's condemnation of sports people going to South Africa was inconsistent.

A spokesman. Mr David Howes, said it was "strangely inconsistent for Mr Hawke to condemn sports people and not condemn Australian business people such as Mr Bush Morgan and multinational companies in Australia like Shell for the direct involvement they have in the maintenance of apartheid".

But Mr Morgan ridiculed the criticism, while admitting South African members of the council - contributed about half its \$US66 million annual budget which goes to promote the use of gold.  
He said: "We are fortunate that our gold industry, which provides 33 billion a year in exports, is able to access other companies' funds to greatly promote the use of gold."  
D GRAHAM WILLIAMS

SEPTEMBER 6TH  
WHITES ONLY  
ELECTION  
PHONE MORGANH  
602 0300

To coincide with the whites only election the AAAM(Vic.) is organising a phone campaign against Hugh Morgan of Western Mining. As chairperson of the WORLD GOLD COUNCIL Morgan is Australia's No 1 individual promoter of apartheid interests. The Council promotes the international use of and investment in apartheid gold. Gold is the regime's most vital export commodity accounting for 50 per cent of all foreign exchange earnings and 25 per cent of its tax revenue intake. Accordingly we would like to urge ALL MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS to phone Hugh Morgan on apartheid's election day September 6th. Callers should ask the switchboard to put them through to Mr Hugh Morgan's office. Insist politely on speaking to someone senior as it is very likely Morgan will be "unavailable". There are many issues that can be raised. Some of the most pertinent are listed below.

Western Mining involve themselves in an organization dominated by S.Africa? If they claim the Council is not so dominated ask why it refuses to reveal a list of its members to

anyone. Further ask who contributes most to the funding of the Council. (Morgan admits to 51 per cent by S.Africa. The reality is 80-90 per cent)

2. How does Mr Morgan feel about promoting the export of gold from the most unsafe and exploitative mines in the world? The average wage of a black mine worker is one seventh of his white counterpart. Certain gold mines in S.Africa have ducted pipe systems in mine workers accommodation areas to pump tear gas to compel workers to the mine face.

3. Why does Western Mining undermine the development of our own gold mining industry by promoting the interests of apartheid? Isolating S.Africa progressively from the

World's gold markets can only benefit the interests of non S.African producers both in terms of price and market share. It is practical to selectively depress S.Africa's gold price.

A current example is Cuba which is forced by US sanctions to sell its nickel at a ten per

cent  
WEDNESDAY SEPT. 6TH - ISOLATE APARTHEID'S COLLABORATOR  
PHONE HUGH MORGAN OF WESTERN MINING ON 602 0300!!!!!!

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WESTERN MINING FINANCES APARTHEID

At a time when there is real hope for political breakthroughs in the S.African situation it is particularly regrettable that one of Australia's leading companies should choose to finance the evil system of apartheid. Western Mining is continuing to contribute millions of dollars to the secretive World Gold Council, a body whose primary function is to promote the international use of and investment in apartheid gold. The Council is dominated by S.Africa in terms of membership and budget. We openly challenge Sir Arvi Parbo and Mr. Hugh Morgan to reveal a list of the Council's membership to disprove our assertions. Further the chairing of the World Gold Council by Mr. Hugh Morgan paints him as an extremist, as a supponer in practice of the S.African apartheid system. His envisioned political agenda for Australia in light of this can only be described as deeply disturbing.

On Thursday November 30th Western Mining will become the focus of nationwide demonstrations by AAAM activists. The Company's Annual General Meeting in Sydney (Sheraton Wentworth Hotel 10.30 am) will be attended by activists as proxies for concerned shareholders. We intend to ensure that the main agenda item is the support Western Mining gives to the World Gold Council.

Pickets of Western Mining offices will take place in Adelaide and Melbourne as well as at the

AGM. Activists in Perth will launch a phone campaign lasting the whole day.

The AAAM(Vic.) reiterates its warning to Mr. Morgan that as long as he remains chairperson

of the Council we will demonstrate against him wherever he appears in public in Melbourne. Embargoed until Tuesday Nov. 28m

Contact : John Moody

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MR. WESTERN

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QUESTION TO DIRECTORS - WESTERN MINING

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I have a matter to raise concerning the accounts as presented. I refer to an item which is not clearly brought out for the shareholders consideration. I'm referring to the contributions that Western Mining sees fit to make to a very secretive organization called the World Gold Council. Now I believe that the company has diverted millions of dollars, not thousands or hundreds of thousands, but millions of dollars to the World Gold Council.

. Now what should concern the shareholders very much about this is that the World Gold Council does not serve their interests or the interests of Western Mining. This is simply because the organization is absolutely dominated by S.Africa and in particular by gold mining companies there that are closely linked to the evil system of apartheid. It is dominated by apartheid interests in terms of membership and budgetary contribution. The primary function of the World Gold Council is to promote the international use of and investment in apartheid gold not the gold of Western Mining.

And indeed the shareholders should understand that they and Western Mining can only benefit from the exclusion of S.African gold from the world's markets and the isolation of S.Africa in the World Gold Council. They can benefit particularly in terms of gold price stability and even appreciation and therefore healthier dividends. And this process of isolation has already begun with the US. Congress in July imposing a gold sanction against S.Africa.

Yet despite this Western Mining chooses to remain as a member of the World Gold Council and worse we have in the managing director Mr.Morgan the chairperson of the World Gold Council.

Now there can be no job that an Australian could choose which better serves the evil . apartheid system in S.Afn'ca than to be chairperson of the World Gold Council. In press reports earlier this year Mr. Morgan you labelled the statements just made as insulting to

Australian companies. Well two final points before I ask my question. For your information Mr. Morgan the United Nations has labelled apartheid a crime against humanity and to chair an organization which serves apartheid that is where the real insult lies. Secondly you will not despite numerous and repeated requests reveal to anyone a list

of the membership of the World Gold Council. And you won't do it because you know it would prove what I've said.

Now my question is this and I think it is pertinent if Mr. Morgan answers. Will you please do the shareholders the courtesy of informing them how much money Western Mining has diverted to this secretive and apartheid dominated World Gold Council.!

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From Page 21

WMC held its first meeting in Sydney for the 25% of its shareholders who live in New South Wales.

One shareholder condemned the company's membership of the World Gold Council and urged WMC to support a boycott of South African gold. Sir Arvi denied South Africa dominated membership of the council, which he said aimed to promote the use of 400-ton

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WMC meets in Sydney

asked questions about the council and other shareholders began to heckle them.

Sir Arvi told another shareholder WMC still had first right of refusal to buy British Petroleum's 49% of Olmstead Dam but it was up to them to decide to sell the stake. He said WMC had no net debt and substantial credit lines but he expected most of its growth to come through its gold.

Two other shareholders

WESTERN Mining Corp

chairman Sir Arvig Parbo

yesterday rejected claims

that his company's membership

of the World Gold

Council supported apartheid

in South Africa.

He defended WMC's membership

of the council amid

angry, and at times rowdy,

calls from a number

of companies' annual meeting

in Sydney.

Shareholders claimed

the council was dominated

by South African gold

miners who had a basic

policy of exploitation. and

demanding WMC withdraw

its membership.

Others demanded to

know how much money

WMC had diverted to the

council in the last financial

year

Sir Arvi said

he would not divulge how

Sir Arvi repeatedly defended

the council to shareholders at the

Sir Arvi Parbo: laced

angry shareholders

much money WMC di-

verted to the council and

finally said he would not

accept any further ques-

tions from the floor that

dealt with the council.

He imputed motives to

the World Gold Council  
which it simply doesn't  
have." Sir Arvi told one  
shareholder.

"The council is a body  
of worldt-gold producers  
and its only purpose is to i  
promote the use of gold.  
own exploration rather than by  
acquisition.

Sir Arvildismisses  
'claim on apartheid

bThe members of the  
council are from all over  
the world, including  
South Africans - but on-  
ly just as another group  
who are gold producers,  
he said.

hThe rules of the coun-  
cil stipulate exclusively  
that no country can have  
more than one third of  
council directors, so no  
one country can dominate  
the council."

Sir Arvi said that if  
South Africa was exclud-  
ed from the council it  
would mean only that  
South African gold pro-  
ducers received free pro-  
motion.

"The World Gold  
Council is not political  
and it is not dominated  
by South African inter-  
ests, "Sir Arvi said  
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' INVESTMENT '

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By MARTIN PEERS

dicted yesterday. \_

Financial Review, Friday, December 1, 1989

WMC very active

in America: Sir Arvi

Western Mining Corp Hold-

ings Ltd would eventually

t'recover the lost'ground't

from its disappointing entry

into North America, the chair-

man, Sir Arvi Parbo, pre-

Sir Arvi defended WMChs

membership of the World

Gold Council against a group

of shareholders who claimed .

the council was dominated by I

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He refused to answer 1

repeated questions from the i

shareholders on how much ;

money was paid as member- ,

ship fees to the council. '

Encouraging

performance

by W'NIC in first

five months

By KAREN COOPER.

Sydney

Western Mining Corporation has

laid the foundations for another

strong earnings performance this

year after lifting profits in the

first five months ahead of those

achieved last year.

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The meeting was made lively

by the presence of anti-apartheid

supporters who questioned Sir

Arvi about WMChs membership of

and its financial commitment to

the World Gold Council.

He refused to divulge WMC's

contributions to the producers'

organisation. which the question-

ers said was dominated by South

African interests. but which Sir

Arvi said was a non-political body

aimed at promoting the use of

gold.

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Mr. Hugh Morgan  
Western Mining Corporation  
PO. Box 860K  
Melbourne 3001.  
13/12/1989

Dear Mr. Morgan

It is now appropriate that we make formal contact for the first time. The issue of your chairing of the World Gold Council has risen to some prominence. We do not feel it necessary to in any way enter into debate as to the dominance of apartheid interests in the Council. The continuing secrecy of the membership list and your own admission of S.African funding (Sydney Morning Herald 8/8/1989) are testament to this fact. However we feel it wise to correspond after hearing a transcript of WMC's annual general meeting and after information passed on to us from Australian and overseas gold mining sources.

It is highly significant that at no time in the AGM were you prepared to voice a reply to several pointed questions. Such stonewalling of course mirrors the style of the World Gold Council itself. Instead of answering questions directed to you in the interests of shareholders Sir Arvi

Parbo refused to involve you and yet again displayed appalling insensitivity to the suffering of 26

million black S.Africans. Such a callousness cannot be allowed to go unchallenged by the entire

International anti-apartheid movement.

Further we have been told that WMC was one of the first companies to join with S.African apartheid interests in attempting to "internationalize" Intergold into the World Gold Council.

You have also been active in attempting to recruit others to this insidious organization.

Gold and apartheid are inextricably linked Mr.Morgan, a fact you well know. To chair and recruit for the World Gold Council is to serve the worlds only institutionalised system of racial oppression.

We have received documentation that shows that the S.African chamber of mines is looking to senior elements within the World Gold Council to lobby against the move towards wider gold sanctions targetted at S.Africa following the U5. gold bullion ban in July. Accordingly we

must warn you that should you in any way lobby against such a necessary weapon in the overthrow of

apartheid we will immediately draw this fact to the attention of the Australian public. The resulting publicity would not go unnoticed by our overseas contacts. Indeed it is the case that

your very chairing of the World Gold Council is likely to bring you . in 1990, to the notice of the wider Australian and International anti-apartheid network.

Yours Faithfully

Mr. John Gascoigne  
AAAM(Vic.) Secretary

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15 December 1989

Mr John Gascoigne

Secretary

The Australian Anti-Apartheid Movement (Vic.)

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Dear Mr Gascoigne

Thank you for your letter of 13 December. I note the continued efforts of The Australian Anti-

Apartheid Movement, as represented by yourself and others, to denigrate the work of the World

Gold Council. This denigration takes the form of repeated enquiries and accusations to my self

and others portrayed in a strong, one would suggest a purposeful, intimidatory manner. In the

course of these representations the AAA makes claims about the World Gold Council which i believe are thoroughly unsubstantiated and incorrect.

In order that your questions might be properly given consideration, it would help me if you

would let me have a copy of the Annual Report of the AAA Movement, the Annual Report of the overseas Anti-Apartheid Movement, the names and addresses of the board members, the audited accounts of the organisations, including audited statements of all of their income and

the names of all subscribers.

If provided, this information would assist me in giving further attention to your request

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I look forward to an early response.

Yours sincerely

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I MORGAN

Managing Director

(Dictated by Mr Morgan

& signed in his absence.)

THE  
AUSTRALIAN  
ANTI-APARTHEID  
MOVEMENT (VIC.)  
19/12/1989  
Mr. Hugh Morgan  
Western Mining Corporation  
GPO Box 860K  
Melbourne 3001

Dear Mr. Morgan

Thank you for your letter of 15 December. You have failed completely to understand our letter of 13 December. At no stage in this correspondence did we make any request of you. Our communication was one of warning and we suggest you reread it carefully, particularly the last paragraph.

We reiterate there is no need to enter into debate about the dominance of apartheid S.Africa in

the World Gold Council, especially when the chairperson of the organization himself admits

as such (Sydney Morning Herald 8/8/1989). Your belief in our incorrectness and desire for information is thus entirely nonsensical.

We are indeed a most purposeful organization. The freedom of 26 million black people, enslaved simply because of the colour of their skin, is an issue of the utmost seriousness.

Your irrational, nevertheless characteristic, response strengthens us in our resolve to expose

to the Australian public this country's leading individual collaborators with the hideous constitution of apartheid S.Africa.

We remain

Yours

Mr. John Gascoigne

AAAM(Vic.) Secretary

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Mr. Brian Loton,  
B.H.P. House,  
140 William St..  
Melbourne. 1/8/1988

Dear Mr. Loton.

the A.A.A.M.(Vic.) is compelled to write to you following the recent release of an I.C.F.T.U. report on Australian companies operating in South Africa. As one of eight companies that have confirmed their presence in the land of apartheid it is of grave concern to us that B.H.P. should publicly announce that their interests in that country " promise further developement" (Age). We are sure that a great many shareholders would be disturbed to know just how such further developement would in practice give invaluable economic aid to the racist apartheid regime of President Botha.

I acknowledge that B.H.P. claims to observe the voluntary code of conduct for Australian businesses operating in South Africa. However the strategic importance of your interests there to the Botha regime far outweigh the socio-political considerations of improved management opportunities for 511 and desegregated workplaces. Your 1984 acquisition of Utah Minerals International included significant gold prospecting interests in South Africa.(Utah Gold Prospecting. Eloff Gold Mining p/l. Eloff Mining Co.)

I do not believe it is necessary to outline in great detail the crucial nature of gold to the survival of apartheid. The gold industry accounts for upto 50 per cent of South Africa's foreign exchange earnings and approximately 25 per cent of the Botha regimes tax revenue intake. The generation of such revenue allows the regime to finance its occupation of Namibia, its war effort in Angola, and its general political and military destabilization of the frontline states. Further such revenue allows South Africa to purchase crude oil from abroad at well above normal market prices. This it is forced to do in response to a United Nations general assembly resolution forbidding the transport of crude oil by member states.

For B.H.P. to be pursuing the further developement of \_ the South African gold industry is therefore to be actively involved in the . maintenance of apartheid. It is also appropriate to draw the B.H.P. boards attention to the inhuman labour conditions in South Africas gold mines. The workforce is expected to live in dickensian dormitories. There is even a ducted pipe system which allows the pumping of tear gas to if necessary force workers to the pit face. Are these conditions that any B.H.P. board member can justifiably ignore? .

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Utah Internationals involvement with coal deposits is of further strategic import to the Botha regime. South Africa is forced to engage in oil from coal conversion (Sasol plants) as a response to the crude oil embargo. To help in the further developement of the coal industry is thus aiding the drive towards a self sufficient crude oil status for the regime. Clearly this gives direct logistical support to the South African army and police who are very vulnerable to the intensifying international campaign to deny them petrol.(The International Shell campaign). I am at a loss to understand how the B.H.P. board could possibly justify such a strategic involvement in South Africa.

I do note that part of B.H.P.'s strategy for the 1990's involves going multinational. There are obvious reasons of economic rationale for this move. Internationalization will reduce the companies vulnerability to the Australian/American dollar exchange rate. Certainly a diverse currency portfolio spreads exchange rate risks. However given the fall in the value of the Rand in recent years and its likely further demise I fail to see an argument along such lines to justify B.H.P.'s prescence in South Africa. '.

Indeed the A.A.A.M.(Vic.) can see no validity whatsoever for the prescence of any Australian company in South Africa. I am therefore appealing to you and the board of B.H.P. to make the morally sound and wise decision to withdraw totally the companies interests in South Africa. The board has an excellent opportunity to do this following the need to embark on major asset sales as a result of the recent deal to reduce the Bell stake in B.H.P.

I would like to finish by quoting your chairman Sir James Balderstone. Following last weeks extraordinary meeting of shareholders permission was gained to cancel shares representing 19 per cent of B.H.P.'s capital. Sir James said " shareholders will have a larger interest in B.H.P.'s underlying assets and profits." I am certain that such an interest would extend to grave concern at the terrible image to a company that the giving of strategic support to apartheid obviously brings. I therefore appeal once again to you and the board to preserve the corporate image of B.H.P. by urgently considering our request. I look forward to the positive response of the board.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. Johnng

A.A.A.M.(Vic.) Co-ordinating Committee.

c.c. Sir James Balderstone

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11th August, 1988.

Mr. J . Moody,

A.A.A.M. (Vic.) Co-ordinating Committee,

GPO Box 1724P,

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Dear Mr. Moody,

I believe that if I clear up some of the misapprehensions in your letter of 1st August, the Australian Anti-Apartheid Movement (Victoria) will have less cause for concern.

1. The release of the ICFTU report should have caused no surprise. As you know, the Australian Government has been in the forefront of international efforts to arrive at a resolution of the South Africa situation. BHP worked with its "Bannerman Inquiry" which reported last year on the code of conduct for Australian companies. We provided full information about the extent of BHP's involvement in South Africa and since then have observed the spirit and letter of the Report's guidelines.

2. The words in the "Age" to which you refer were a reporter's liberty (you will note the words were not in quotes and were not attributed). It is not accurate to say our interests in South Africa "promise further development".

3. We have no plans to develop the coal deposit in which we inherited our interest on the acquisition of Utah.

4. The gold prospect in which we have a 30% interest has not yet been proved so there are no plans for development at the present time.

5. I think you will agree, then, that the rest of the concerns in your letter (converting coal to oil, risks in the value of the Rand, etc.) are premature. .

BHP in its activities takes into account prevailing majority attitudes. particularly those formalised by the elected representatives of our country. I do not anticipate any changes in that policy. If for any reason we had cause to reconsider our situation in South Africa, we would do so in the light of all the circumstances then prevailing.

I am sorry that I have not been able to reply before this, but I  
have been away from the office visiting some of our Company activities.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. B. Loton,  
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Dear Mr. Loton, ,

. thank you very much for your letter dated 11th. August explaining BHP's involvement in S. Africa. After investigations we are entirely satisfied with the validity of BHP's stated position. The phenomenon of a "reporters liberty" is something we fully appreciate. I therefore accept that there are no plans at present to develop BHP's mineral interests in S. Africa. However there are some very real concerns that we still feel with regards to BHP's potential and actual strategic support of apartheid. You should be aware that the regime's senior economists are very concerned with S. Africa's low level of gold reserves. Currently they stand at an equivalent of only two months import cover. Should BHP be part of a group who decide to develop or sell for development a proven gold prospect in S. Africa then the company will be seen to advance directly the strategic interests of the racist Botha regime. I need not remind you that this will involve highly adverse publicity for BHP.

As regards actual strategic support I now raise the issue of BHP Gold's continued membership of the World Gold Council. The formation of this organization has been clearly designed to forestall any movement towards a boycott of S. African gold. Its further aim is to allow S. Africa to break out of its international isolation. Various items of evidence in the hands of respected international economists and United Nations advisers now prove beyond any doubt that the Council is S. African dominated.

The simple truth is that continued membership of the World Gold Council now involves a direct benefit to those responsible for perpetrating the evil system of apartheid. It is not an exaggeration to say that the long term interests of BHP as a gold producer involve a sound working relationship with the inevitable post-apartheid govt. of S. Africa. Thus I would suggest that continued membership is not in the companies best interest.

Recent studies now show that there are very real mechanisms in existence for an assault on S. African gold sales. Indeed such an assault could lead to tangible benefits for Australian gold producers. This coupled with the fact that the vast majority of the world's gold mining companies are not members of the council would I hope lead BHP Gold to reconsider their continued membership.

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You will appreciate I' m sure that as the situation' in S. Africa intensifies there is a concomitant need for the international anti-apartheid movement to expose and publicise strategic supporters of the racist regime. I earnestly hope that Australia' s most prestigious company will not be involved in that process.

I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

AAAM(Vic.) Co-ordinating Committee

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Mr. J . Moody,  
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Dear Mr. Moody,

Thank you for your letter of the 25th October in which you  
suggest we sever our connection with the World Gold Council.

We regard the Council as an important part of the international  
gold industry's drive to promote the use of gold.

It is worth pointing out that South African producers do not  
dominate the Council. Indeed, both the Council's Board of Directors and its  
Executive Committee have substantial majorities of members representing  
non-South African interests. The Council's Articles of Association are  
carefully constructed to ensure that the Council cannot be overwhelmed by  
participants from a single nation.

In the circumstances, I am sure you will understand that we  
expect to continue our support for the World Gold Council.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Brian Loton,

B.H.P. House,

140 William St.,

Melbourne 3000. 3/4/1989

Dear Mr. Loton,

' it is with renewed and urgent

concern that I make contact with you regarding BHP-Utah's involvement in S.Africa together with your continued membership of the World Gold Council. Our sources within S.Africa have informed us that BHP-Utah is involved with one of the five notorious gold corporations there, namely Anglovaal Ltd. Further you are prospecting in an area which has large potential for development (the Bothaville Gap).

South Africa's racist regime is

desperate for a 1990's expansion of their gold mining industry. They are hoping to tie this expansion in with reduced production elsewhere in the world and thus generate increased foreign exchange earnings and tax revenue thereby hoping to alleviate international sanctions. Furthermore the involvement of foreign corporations in prospecting and mining reduces S.Africa's need to generate local financing for such operations. We thus have a situation where BHP-Utah is giving direct logistical support to an industry responsible more than any other for the maintenance of apartheid. I cannot believe that the board

of BHP lacks both ethical concern or a regard for healthy public relations not just in Australia but indeed worldwide. Logically and rationally BHP-Utah's involvement in S.Africa is morally repugnant. Once again I appeal . to the board to withdraw the company's involvement in the land of apartheid. The spectacular \$2.7 billion buyback of BHP shares last year has transformed the company to the verge of becoming one of the world's greatest resource corporations. This has also necessitated a degree of selloff in which surely BHP-Utah's S.African involvement could be painlessly included.

For whatever reason the board may

ignore our eminently reasonable request. In which case the AAAM(Vic.) cannot any longer take no action. Late last year we met with the ACTU and discussed a strategy of BB? share selloffs by trade unions should the company's support for apartheid be serious and sustained. We would expect to begin making renewed overtures in the near future. There is a growing ethical investment advice industry throughout the world including here in Australia. Again we are prepared to make imminent contact with Australian and overseas services with a view to placing BHP on their blacklists.

We must also warn that the

international anti-apartheid movement has decided to target the World Gold Council in it's work. Any rational investigation of the Council

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reveals it for what it is, a front for S.African mining interests. The exclusivity and secrecy of the Council is understandable given the domination by S.African interests. There must unfortunately be a suspicion that BHP's membership of the Council and gold prospecting in S.Africa are evidence of a degree of sympathy for the minority racist regime.

In your correspondence of 11th

August 1988 you stated that "BHP in its activities takes into account prevailing majority attitudes." If this be the case why is the company ignoring the wishes of the majority of the suffering people inside S.-Africa? Their credible representatives such as Bishop Tutu, the Rev. Allan Boesak, Oliver Tambo and leading trade unionists all plead for international corporations to withdraw. This request is nowhere more strategically important than in the infamous gold industry.

I would like to finally appeal

to your own personal vision and integrity. From a leadership point of view your work with BHP in the last 18 months has been noteworthy.

Australia's largest company has acquired a degree of success which is unparalleled. It would in my view be needlessly unfortunate for that success to be sullied by an involvement in maintaining apartheid.

Australia's most prestigious company deserves an ethical decision.

I remain,

Yours ???cerely,

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28th April, 1989.

Mr. J. Moody,  
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Dear Mr. Moody,  
BHP's membership of the World Gold Council and our interest in a gold prospect in South Africa have been the subject of previous correspondence between us. The circumstances have not altered since I wrote last year. We retain membership of the World Gold Council which is a significant and successful industry organisation concerned with the international promotion of the use of gold. As pointed out to you last year, we do have an interest in a gold exploration project in South Africa and this is indeed a joint venture with Anglovaal; we have not entered into any commitment to develop or operate this property.

Our membership of the World Gold Council should not be construed as support for the political views of any of its members or of their countries of origin. Neither should our interest in the gold prospect be interpreted as support for South African Government policies.

As we all know, the Australian Government has played a leading role in the councils of the world and in formulating international and domestic policies and programmes for addressing the South African situation. I indicated to you previously, BHP worked with the Bannerman Inquiry which reported on a code of conduct for Australian companies and we have continued to work within the spirit and the letter of the Report's guidelines.

BHP complies with Government policies in respect of South Africa and in these circumstances intends to continue its association with the World Gold Council and its interest in an, as yet, unproven gold prospect in South Africa.

Yours sincerely,

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Seven Australian  
companies left  
in South , Africa  
By MARK BRUER

Australia's commercial pres-  
ence in South Africa has fallen  
to only seven companies, ac-  
cording to a report tabled in the  
Senate yesterday.

The second report of the ad-  
ministrator of the voluntary.  
code of conduct for Australian  
companies in South Africa said  
745 black workers were em-  
ployed by Australian companies.  
The administrator, Mr Ron  
Bannerman. said the companies  
were broadly complying with  
the code, which requires them to  
provide a non-discriminatory  
workplace with access to trade  
union officials.

A condition of the code is that  
companies operating in South  
Africa are not identified in the  
report. However, BHP asked to  
be named, as it did in Mr Ban-  
nerman's first report in 1987.  
Since the 1987 report. five  
Australian companies have sold  
their interests in South Africa.  
They are Repco Corporation, El-  
ders IXL, Australian National  
Industries, Nicholas Kiwi and  
HTX International.

Mr Bannerman said that the  
small scale of Australian opera-  
tions in South Africa. and their  
ready compliance with the code.  
meant there was a logical argu-  
ment for ending his position.  
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Australian commercial pres-  
ence in South Africa will grow in  
the foreseeable future," the re-  
port said.

"The Australian companies  
are not in the same league as the  
they do not have the budgets to  
black advancement that those  
companies have. Nor are the  
Australian companies in a posi-  
tion to be industry leaders in  
matters of pay.

"The importance of the Aus-  
tralian commercial presence in  
South Africa is, in practical  
terms. close to nil . . . South Afri-  
ca hardly notices them."

The report said the standards  
of the code would continue to be  
met regardless of the code's con-  
tinued administration.

"There are other powerful

pressures that discipline company conduct," it said. "The pressures include union power, business self-interest in worker welfare and advancement, company morality and ethics, politics and general belief in the inevitability of eventual black control."

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade. Senator Evans, said the Government would consider whether Australia's commercial presence in South Africa still warranted an administrator to monitor the code.

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BHPTS SUPPORT FOR APARTHEID

The AAAM(Vic.) rejects the assertion in the 2nd Bannerman report that "the importance of the Australian commercial presence in S.Africa is ....close to nil". BHP is involved in gold prospecting with the Anglovaal corporation in an area called the Bothaville gap. Gold is the lifeblood of the apartheid economy accounting for 50 per cent of S.Africans foreign exchange and 25 per cent of the regimets tax revenue intake.

We know that with BHPTS help 2 new gold mines are likely to be brought on stream in the mid 1990s. The regime is aiming for increased gold production in this period to tie in with reduced production elsewhere in the world thus providing a significant increase to their tax revenue which in turn facilitates further repression of the black majority.

BHPTS logistical support for apartheid should be condemned by every Australian. We call on the foreign affairs minister Senator Evans to bring pressure to bear on BHP to withdraw from S.Africa.

The AAAM(Vic.) will target this years AGM of BHP for full scale protest action.  
CONTACT : John Moody .

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Share purchase  
could push BHP  
from S AfriCa  
FROM ADRIAN BRADLEY  
CANBERRA

A Victorian anti-apartheid group is buying BHP shares as part of a disruption campaign to highlight opposition to the company's involvement in South Africa.

The Australian Anti-Apartheid Movement (Victoria) is buying BHP shares to enable its members to attend the company's annual meeting. The movement hopes to disrupt the AGM and highlight BHP's continued mining activities in South Africa. Wider action is also being considered that would embarrass BHP.

Movement spokesman Mr John Moody said sympathetic shareholders were encouraging and supporting the movement.

He said it was possible black balloons or a similar protest would be staged at the AGM. a

"The Idea is to get a few of us into the AGM and ask a series of difficult questions," Mr Moody said.

"We have up to 20 to 30 people hr keep the heat on BHP."

Mr Moody said it was possible that AAM would also try to disrupt BHP's excellence awards, which could be held in Melbourne this year. The movement also rejected the Government's second Bannerman Report on the code of conduct for Australian companies in South Africa.

Mr Moody challenged the Bannerman claim that BHP's commercial presence in South Africa was "close to nil".

"BHP is involved in gold Iprospecting with'the Anglo-vaal Corporation in an area called the Bothaville Gap," Mr Moody said.

"Gold is the lifeblood of the apartheid economy accounting for 50 per cent of South Africa's foreign exchange and 25 per cent of the regime's tax revenue intake."

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Embargoed until 9.00 am. Monday 25/9/1989

B.H.P. PR SPECTS F R APARTHEID!

It should be a source of shame to all Australians that our most prestigious company is actively prospecting for gold in S.Africa. Gold and the apartheid system are inextricably linked. The regime is more than able to finance its military budget from gold taxes alone. The S.African gold industry is a microcosm of apartheid with its reliance on black labour which is harshly exploited in terms of wages and conditions. Thus B.H.Pfs prospecting directly benefits and reinforces the hideous S.African regime and its evil policy of racial oppression. The membership by B.H.P. Gold of the secretive World Gold Council , an organization responsible for promoting apartheid gold exports, adds to our suspicions that there is an element of sympathy in the upper executive of B.H.P. for the S.African regime.

B.H.Pfs Annual General Meeting at the Hyatt on Collins St (Tue. 26/9/89 -2.30p.m.) will be the target of strong demonstration action by the AAAM(Vic.). A picket of the meeting will begin at 1.30 pm. Further a number of AAAM(Vic.) activists have obtained proxies from concerned shareholders. Thus we will ensure that the main agenda item at the meeting is the company's shameful links with apartheid.

We have written to the Prime Minister requesting his support in our efforts to persuade B.H.P. to withdraw from S.Africa. In light of his readiness to quickly criticize sportspersons for their links with apartheid we expect from Mr. Hawke at the very least a public statement supporting our call for withdrawal.

In correspondence with the AAAM(Vic.) Mr Brian Loton said that "B.H.P. in its activities takes into account prevailing majority attitudes."

Accordingly the question must be asked why B.H.P. does not listen to the voices of S.Africa's oppressed people?

Their leadership (the African National Congress, the Congress of S.African Trade Unions and the S.African Council of Churches) all speak with one voice.

B.H.P. should listen to their requests and DISINVEST FROM S.AFRICA

IMMEDIATELY.

CONTACT : JOHN MOODY

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at the Hyatt on Collins.  
The chief executive of BHP. Mr Brian Loton. and director John Hoohc at yesterday's meeting.  
Pictures: BRUCE POSTLE  
When you are protesting at the Big Australian you need big posters. as this passer-byhfournd yesterday outside BHP's annual general meeting  
BHP meeting  
draws protests  
Thirty members of the Australian Anti-Apartheid Movement (Victoria) protested yesterday outside the Hyatt on Collins where BHP's annual general meeting was being held.  
The protesters were demonstrating against BHP's membership on the World Gold Council, which they said included 13 South African companies or companies controlled by South Africa.  
Members of the Wilderness Society, Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth also demonstrated against the proposed mining on Coronation Hill in Kalkndu National Park.  
PAGE 3: Intense lobbying is being done to debate Kalkndu's future; Aborigines advocate mine permit.  
PAGE 21: Purbo pemu quorlu.

Parbo parries queries  
from all and sundry

By BEN POTTER

Discussion of most motions at yesterday's BHP annual meeting was crammed into the last half hour of the marathon two-and-a-half hour meeting after conservation and anti-apartheid speakers had dominated the first two hours.

Sir Arvi Parbo, chairing his first BHP annual meeting, fielded questions - and speeches - on the Coronation Hill gold, platinum and palladium project in Kakadu National Park and BHP's dealings with the local Jawoyn people, its activities in South Africa and membership of the World Gold Council, affirmative action, dividend rates, Chilean politics and rights issues. After two hours of discussion on these topics the meeting re-elected five directors - Sir Arvi, Mr John Gough, Mr David McPherson, Mr John Reid and Mr Bill Rogers - and approved, - with little debate - a \$200,000 increase in maximum total directors' fees to \$950,000, new retirement benefit arrangements for directors and a new memorandum and articles of association.

Shareholders, whose numbers had dwindled when the time came to vote, also approved a share buyback plan and renewed, with a three-year sunset clause, the l'poison pilli article preventing partial takeover bids unless authorised by shareholders.

The first speaker, Mr John Moody, asked why BHP's accounts failed to disclose its interest in a gold exploration joint venture with the South African company Anglovaal, and why it had interests in South Africa when its policy was to be guided by "prevailing majority attitudes".

Sir Arvi said BHP disclosed all its South African interests in a report tabled in Federal Parliament. He said these interests were "minute" and included a Sir Arvi Parbo: first meeting as chairman.

dormant coalmine on which fat cattle happily grazed, a 30 per cent interest in a gold prospect, with no plans for development or production, and a small operation making prospecting equipment, with 13 employees.

"In fact if anyone wishes to make us a good offer to buy them

weld be happy to sell them," Sir Arvi said.

Another speaker, Mr Chris McNulty, charged that BHP had ignored the views of the Jawoyn people in compiling its environmental impact statement on Coronation Hill, but Sir Arvi said BHP had replied to every one of the 917 comments on the report. He added that 10 of the 19 people originally working on the project had been Jawoyn, and there were now seven Jawoyn in a team of 15. One of the Jawoyn who had been trained as an equipment operator had resigned because of the delays to join a delay-free project, he said. Si'r Arvi also queried the "concept" of the sickness country, one of the reasons conservationists say there should be no mining at Coronation Hill. He said it applied to some 0000 square kilometres of country but was subject to debate. a

Slr Arvi also said the board had not recently discussed having a rights Issue.

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Hooke (left) and Brian Loton at yesterdays meeting.  
BHP,S annual .meeting  
dominated by protests  
By BEN POTTER

MELBOURNE: Discussion of  
most motions before yesterday's  
BHP annual meeting was  
crammed into the last half hour of  
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anti-apartheid speakers domi-  
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proceedings.

BHP's chairman, Sir Arvi  
Parbo, chairing his First BHP  
annual meeting, fielded questions  
- and speeches - covering the  
controversial Coronation Hill  
gold, platinum and palladium  
project in Kakadu National Park  
and BHP's dealings with the local  
Jawoyn people, its activities in  
South Africa and membership of  
the World Gold Council. affirma-  
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tive action. dividend rates, Chil-  
ean politics and rights issues.  
The meeting re-elected Five  
directors, including Sir Arvi, John  
Gough, David McPherson, John  
Reid and Bill Rogers; approved a  
\$200,000 increase in maximum  
total directorsi fees to \$950,000  
and a new memorandum' and  
articles of association.  
Shareholders, whose numbers  
had dwindled when the time came  
to vote on most of these proposals,  
also approved a share buyback  
plan and the renewal of the  
"poison pill" article preventing  
partial takeover bids unless  
authorised by shareholders in  
general meeting.  
The First speaker, Mr John  
Moody, -asked why BHP's  
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accounts failed to disclose its interest in a gold exploration joint venture with the South African company Anglovaal, and why BHP maintained interests in South Africa.

Sir Arvi said BHP's interests in South Africa were "minute" and included a dormant coal mine on which fat cattle happily grazed. a 30 per cent interest in a gold prospect with no plans for development or production and a small operation manufacturing prospecting equipment, with 13 employees.

He said these minor interests were inactive and in fact if anyone wishes to make us a good offer to buy them we'd be happy to sell them".

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FROM ADRIAN BRADLEY  
CANBERRA CORRESPONDENT  
The Federal Government will  
ask BHP to explain why one of  
its business interests in South  
Africa was not included in a  
parliamentary report.  
The Herald this week re-  
ported that a wholly owned  
subsidiary of BHP Phoenix  
Mining Company had been  
omitted from a report tabled in  
the Senate cataloguing Aus-  
tralian business interests in  
South Africa.  
The report, compiled by  
Foreign Affairs official. Mr  
Bannerman, purported to  
show all Australian busines in-  
terest in the republic.  
But despite its omission  
from the report Phoenix Min-  
ing turned up in BHP's finan-  
cial statement.  
It was reported that Phoenix  
Mining contributed \$121,000  
towards BHP's consolidated  
profits during the financial  
year The company contributed  
\$944,000 in 1988.  
Victorian Democrat Senator.  
Ms Powell. asked the Minister  
for Foreign Affairs, Senator  
Evans, why BHPTs principle  
corporate solicitor did not in-  
clude Phoenix Mining.  
Senator Button, represen-  
ting Senator Evans. said the  
Government would instruct  
the Department of Foreign  
Affairs and Trade to write to  
81-1? seeking an explanation  
for the omission.  
"The code of conduct for  
Australian companies with in-  
terests in the Republic of  
South Africa operates on a  
confidential basis," he said.  
"In spite of this the BB?  
group has consented to being  
named and having its interests  
in South Africa particula-  
rised."  
A spokesman for BHP was  
unable to shed light on the  
activities of Phoenix Mining.  
but suggested it was a holding  
company for BHP's divested  
South African interests.  
The Australian anti-apart-  
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Australian Anti-Apartheid: 2.  
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 in South Africa, said all BHP's .1 '  
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 But the Bannennan Report  
 referred to by Sir Arvi failed to  
 mention a company controlled  
 by 81-1? called Phoenix Mining  
 Finance 00 Pty.Ltd.  
 But the company appears 6h -  
 BHP's report to shareholders '  
 and is listed as returning a  
 profit of \$121,000 for 1989, down  
 from \$944,000 in 1988.  
 A spokesman for the AAAM,  
 Mr John Moody, questioned  
 why Phoenix Mining was not  
 included in the Bannerman  
 Report when Sir Arvi said it  
 fully disclosed BHP's South  
 African interests. '  
 A spokesman for BHP was  
 unable to reveal the exact na- - '  
 ture of Phoenix Mining. but . '  
 suggested it was being used to  
 hold the funds from BHP's  
 investment of South African  
 interests.  
 Phoenix Mining had a book  
 value of \$9.5 million in 1989  
 compared to \$10.5 million last  
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 But Mr Moody said it was  
 possible Phoenix Mining was  
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 Mr Moody said 'Phoenix'  
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 rassed for both BHP and the .  
 Federal Government.

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22nd December, 1989.

Dr David Philips

Apartheid Free Victoria Campaign

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MELBOURNE VIC 3001

I wish to acknowledge your letter of 13th December, which I have just received, referring to the Anti-Apartheid Movement (Victoria). BHP does have an interest in a gold exploration project in South Africa but has not made any commitment to develop or operate this property. The Chairman of BHP, Sir Arvi Parbo, indicated at the company's Annual General Meeting that if a suitable offer could be found the company would be prepared to dispose of this investment.

With regard to the Olympic Games, the Melbourne Olympic Candidature has consistently and strongly supported the IOC position that sporting contacts with South Africa cannot be normalised until apartheid is eliminated. The Australian Olympic Federation's tough stand against sporting ties with South Africa was acknowledged by the IOC at its meeting in Puerto Rico earlier this year. The Melbourne Olympic Candidature has always supported the Australian Government's stance on apartheid and its accordence with the Gleneagles Agreement.

I hope that this conveys to you the attitude of both organisations.

Yours sincerely,

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THE PERTH MINT  
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Mint breaks oode by  
melting S African gold

'By DAVIDLAGUE  
and MARK SMITH

A major shipment of South African gold was melted down and recast in Western Australia with Perth Mint markings last year contravening accepted gold- -refining practice.

It also violated the spirit of the Australian Gov ernment s policy on trade with South Africa which bans the import of South Africa's Krugerrand coins.

Gold industry sources said the cargo of 100 40002 bars, worth about \$20 million at the time had been melted down and recast into 40002 bars bearing the Perth Mint stamp and shipped overseas.

A spokesman for Gold Corporation, which manages the Mint, has confirmed that the shipment in September bore Rand Refinery Ltd stamps and had been imported from Switzerland.

' The reprocessing of the South African gold shipment could bring the Perth Mint into conflict with the London Bullion Market Association which sets strict requirements for acceptance of gold bars in world markets.

The Perth Mint has applied for accreditation for its new refineries in Western Australia and is anxious to maintain its good standing in the world bullion markets.

Gold burs refined In South Africa the world s largest gold- producer, are not accepted in most Western countries and many Third World nations which impose trade sanctions or restrictions on business dealings with South Africa.

The reprocessing of South African gold is a widespread but surreptitious practice in the world refining industry: It is not illegal In some countries but it is actively discouraged by the London Bullion Market Association, which regulates the reining'of gold to maintain integrity and credibility in the gold markets.

The practice actually breaches'the \_world-wide standard which Specil'Ies that the bullion with an approved relinery marking must be refined and assayed at that refinery.

The rule prohibits the reprocessing and restamping ofrefined g.old

Gold Corp has recgently built a new gold refinery at Kalgoorlie and is building another near the Perth \_Airport. These new facilities will require accred- itation from the London Bullion Market Association to allow the bars to be accepted by major buyers.

The Perth Mint's aim is to seek accreditation to produce '9999i bars, the top standard in bullion markets and accepted by buyers world-wide.

Gold Corp management has been acutely sensitive about the shipment, partly due to the former association of Gold Corp's management with the South

. African gold industry.

Gold Corp's upper management is largely South African, including the chief executive, Mr Don Mackay-Coghill. and Mr Brian Bath, who is in charge of the Mint and refinery redevelopments.

The West Australian Government recruited members of the former Inter-gold team, which ran the successful Kruggerand gold coin programme for South Africa, to launch the Australian Nugget coin programme.

Soon after the South African shipment arrived at the Mint last year it was reported that the management put up posters warning of big fines or prison terms for employees who disclosed information about the Mint's transactions.

The Corporation's spokesman, Mr Ron Barry, said there was no documented evidence that the bars were imported to the Mint but managers recalled that the shipment was needed to meet short-term demand on the local market.

"Late last year there was a shortage to meet the needs of the dealers," Mr Barry said. I \_ .

We bought some in from Switzerland : and when the bars turned up they were - South African bars. . .

"We did not know we were getting South African bars until they came through the doors here."

Mr Barry said all the gold was intended for sale locally but he refused to rule out that some may have been exported.

He said that the gold could have been sitting in the suppliers' vaults for years and in fact bore date stamps from the late '1960s and early 1970s.

The management had been sensitive about the import partly because they were South African and partly because the corporation had been gearing up to apply for a banking licence to become the Gold Bank of Australia.

But this division is being hived off to the State Government's R&I Bank.

In June last year, Gold Corp, a West Australian Government body, took over the Perth Mint which had been an independent statutory authority.

GOLD CORPORATION

July 20, 1989

Mr John Moody

AAAM (Vic) Co-ordinating Committee

The Australian Anti-Apartheid Movement (Vic)

GPO Box 1724p

MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Dear Mr Moody

We have received your undated letter which is presumably based on the erroneous article published in The Australian Financial Review. A copy of our letter to the editor of that newspaper is enclosed for your information.

The Perth Mint is the major refiner of gold in Australia and the major supplier of gold bullion to the Australian market. It is rare indeed for us to have to import gold, in fact, no senior staff member can recall an occasion prior to the importation last year, when The Perth Mint previously imported gold. While Australian production continues at its current high levels, we are unlikely to have to import gold again.

Last year's importation arose because we were temporarily unable to meet demand from Australian dealers for Perth Mint bars. Consequently, we placed an order for gold with a Swiss bank which is a member of the London Bullion Market Association. You mention in your letter that you are in touch with the LENA, consequently, I am surprised that you are not aware that the Association's rules (p14) state that "a buyer may not stipulate any particular brand when taking delivery". In other words, when you buy gold you have to take what you are given. A copy of the relevant section of the rules is enclosed for your information. We had no knowledge that we were receiving gold refined in South Africa until it had been freighted to us.

The markings on the bars we received indicated they were manufactured in the early 1970s. This is consistent with the durability of gold which results in bars remaining in circulation for many years, during which time a bar might have many different owners. For example, bars refined at the branch of the Royal Mint in Melbourne, which closed in the 1960s, are still acceptable on the world market. The owner of the bars we bought was a Swiss bank.

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Contrary to the assertion in the article in the "Financial Review", the melting and recasting of the bars we bought was contrary to neither the rules nor practice of the LBMA. It is against the rules to restamp bars without checking weight and assay and every bar that has left The Perth Mint in the past 90 years with The Perth Mint stamp affixed has been assayed and weighed. We recast the bars to get sizes to meet market demand and because of the Australian market's preference for bars whose weight and purity are guaranteed by The Perth Mint.

In light of the above, you will not be surprised we resent your suggestion that "it is extremely unfortunate that Gold Corporation should choose to support apartheid by contravening the spirit of Australian government policy towards South Africa". Apart from our gold refining business, Gold Corporation manufactures and markets internationally the Australian Nugget series of gold coins by agreement with the Australian Government. We are hardly likely to do anything that would put that agreement at risk. The Corporation's owner is the Western Australian Government which is on record as endorsing the current national policy towards South Africa. In addition, we were able to break into the international gold coin market only because of the international trade sanctions imposed on the Krugerrand as an anti-apartheid measure. It should be apparent from the foregoing that we have a vested interest in the maintenance of anti-apartheid policies and in respecting the policies of the National and State governments. Unfortunately, we cannot control the rules and actions of the LBMA and its members. If we can provide further information or other assistance, or there are matters arising from this reply which you wish to clarify, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer

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2/8/1989

Mr.D Mackay-Coghill  
Gold Corporation  
310 Hay St  
E.Perth WA 6004

Dear Mr. Mackay-Coghill

Thank you for your letter dated 20/7/1989. We duly note your explanation of the Perth Min  
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shipment of S.Afn'can gold. The rules of the L.B.M.A. are known to us. However we wonder  
whether

it was not possible for Gold Corporation to have at least made overtures concerning a cha  
nge in these

rules given the Federal governments stance on apartheid?

Unfortunately we regard your claims of resentment towards our suggestion in our previous  
correspondence as superficial. Last year Gold Corporation imported S.Afn'can platinum fro  
m Japan for

the production of an Australian coin series. As far as we know no attempt was made to imp  
ort platinum

from non-S.African sources ( Russia, Canada or Finland ). Such an action can hardly be te  
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consistent for an organization which claims to " have a vested interest in the maintenanc  
e of anti-

apartheid policies." Further we will be checking with our trade union sources as to the v  
alidity of the

reports in the Financial Review concerning threats of dismissal and prison sentences made  
against

Gold Corporation employees.

The West Australian state governments resolve on apartheid is also questionable. We draw  
your

attention to a rolling stock contract with Pretoria and the marketing of the Argylle diam  
ond minels

production by De Beers. The placing of senior S.Afn'can personnel in key gold sector posi  
tions also

raises justifiable anxiety for the AAAM.

However we do believe that there is an opportunity for Gold Corporation to prove itis ant  
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credentials. We request your help in our lobbying of the West Australian state government  
to bring

pressure to bear on W.A. gold mining companies to resign from the World Gold Council. Wit  
h your

background in Intergold it is not necessary to persuade you as to the dominance of aparth  
eid interests

of the Council. If Gold Corporation was to actively lobby against Australian membership o  
f the

Council it would certainly dispel doubts about the organizations linkages with Pretoria.

Yours Sincerely

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GOLD CORPORATION

August 18, 1989

Mr J Moody

The Australian Anti-Apartheid Movement (Vic)

GPO Box 1724p

MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Dear Mr Moody

I have received your letter of August 2 in which you raise a number of new issues.

Firstly, the Australian Koala platinum coin which we began producing last year, has not contained one ounce of South African platinum. The agreement with the Commonwealth under which the coins are produced requires that we do not use any platinum that could reasonably be expected to have come from South Africa. The Japanese manufacturer of the blank coins we have used so far is aware of this requirement and has provided documentary evidence that the platinum he has supplied has been of Soviet origin. By early next year we expect to have the facilities available to produce our own blank coins, providing absolute control over metal source.

"The Australian Financial Review" report of threats of dismissal and prison sentences made against Gold Corporation employees was, to say the least, colourful. The matter arose because an employee (in ignorance) invited a non-employee into an area where access was available to confidential client records, and, as far as we are aware, innocently, revealed some details of a particular transaction. Clearly any financial institution must be concerned about such an occurrence, especially a financial institution which (as we were at that time, though are no longer) aims to achieve bank status. The Gold Banking Corporation Act under which we are established prohibits such disclosure and provides substantial penalties. A copy of the relevant section of the Act is enclosed for your information. As a result of the incident, one of the union shop stewards working here said he believed there was an insufficient awareness of these matters among staff members and requested that information be circulated. A copy of the resulting circular is enclosed for your information. I did not deal with this matter in my last letter because you had not raised it.

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I do not entirely agree with your assessment of the World Gold Council and its role given that South Africa's share of western gold production has declined every year since 1980, dropping from 70% in that year to 40% in 1988 while Australia's share has risen in the same period from 1.7% to 10%, but, in any event, as a Western Australian Government body, Gold Corporation is and will continue to be subject to State Government policy and is not a non-government body that has the opportunity to lobby the government.

If there are other matters you wish to raise with me, please do not hesitate to do so. As you might expect of someone with my background, I am rather more sensitive about the sorts of issues that concern you than most people in Australia and therefore more anxious than most to ensure not only that this organisation is not engaged in trading with South Africa because of the repercussions that attracts, but also to ensure that any misconceptions that arise, such as those in "The Financial Review" article are dealt with.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer

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24/10/1989 0

Mr. Mackay-Coghill

Gold Corporation

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Dear Mr. Mackay-Coghill

Thank you for your recent conespondence in answer to the "new issues " of concern . to the AAAMWic.). In press reports last year the Perth Mint shipment of platinum from Japan acquired a S.African' tag. Gold Corporation executives at the time seemed unable to deny the veracity of such reports. However we duly note your documentary evidence as to Russian origin and with the evolving Australian platinum industry it is hardly likely that such an issue will arise again.

We concur that it is inappropriate for Gold Corporation to formally lobby in a political sense. However with your extensive experience and obvious political contacts we would expect that formal and informal exchanges with key WA. political figures must occur from time to time.

Accoordingly, and noting the last paragraph in your latest correspondence, we have included some recent documentation which shows the very real moves towards implementation of an effective gold sanction against S.Africa. Incidentally the AAAMlVic.) is about to receive further proof of the domination of the World Gold Council by apartheid interests.

Thank you once again for your correspondence and as further developements occur towards an effective gold sanction against apartheid we shall forward information.

Yours Sincerely

Mr. John Gascoigne

AAAMWic.) Secretary

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THE  
AUSTRALIAN  
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MOVEMENT (VIC.)

10/8/1989

Dear MrDowding

compelled to make urgent contact with you concerning West Australia's various liasons with

apartheid S.Africa. As you are no doubt aware our Federal government has taken a commendable position in many world forums on the issue of combatting apartheid. It is the

refore extremely regrettable that a state labour government should have acted in ways that can only be

construed as undermining of that position.

We refer to a rolling stock contract with Pretoria, De Beers involvement with West Australian

diamonds and the placement of S.African personnel in key sectors of your states gold mining

order to dispel the necessity for such publicity we would expect the West Australian state

government to write to your state's members of the Council requesting their resignation.

As the

situation in S.Africa intensifies it is incumbent on the international anti-apartheid movement to

reveal key strategic supporters of Pretoria. We earnestly hope that the state of West Australia is

not involved in that process.

Yours Sincerely

Mr. J. Gascoyne

AAAM(Vic) Secretary

"All people are created equal. "

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