

AFRICAN EXPLORATION MINING AND FINANCE CORPORATION SOC LTD

**PROPOSED PROSPECTING OF FE (IRON ORE), PB (LEAD), ZN (ZINC
ORE), NI (NICKEL ORE, CU (COPPER ORE) ON PORTION 6 AND 7 OF
GAMS FARM 367, WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT OF
GORDONIA, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

NC30/5/1/2/2/13382PR

AUGUST 2023



NOTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS AND I&AP'S OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION/MINING PERMIT APPLICATION

COMMENTING PERIOD: 24 JULY – 23 AUGUST 2023

During the public participation process the stakeholders and I&AP's were informed of the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report by means notification letters send via email. A 30-days commenting period was allowed which expired on 23 August 2023. The following table provides a list of the I&AP's and stakeholders that were informed of the project:

STAKEHOLDERS			
TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
Mr Alfred Tieties (Acting)	ZF Mqçawu District Municipality	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Dr Elias Ntoba	Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Cllr Melissa September	Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality Ward 11	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Mr L Modise	Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs Rural Development and Land Reform - Kimberley	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Me Thembisile Mabuza	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development	24 July 2023	No Comments Received

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TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
Mr Darren Engelbrecht	Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs Rural Development and Land Reform - Springbok	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Mr S Mabilo	Department of Economic Development and Tourism - Kimberley	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Mr Johann van Schalkwyk	Department of Economic Development and Tourism - Upington	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Mr. Kholekile Nogwili	Department of Roads and Public Works - Kimberley	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Mr Garnett Keyser	Department of Roads and Public Works - Upington	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Me van Hinsbergen	Department of Roads and Public Works - Springbok	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Mr Mashudu Murovhi	Department of Human Settlements Water and Sanitation	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Mr Shaun Cloete	Department of Water and Sanitation - Upington	24 July 2023	No Comments Received

STAKEHOLDERS			
TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
Mr Zolile Albanie	Department of Labour - Kimberley	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Me Nicole Abrahams	Sanral	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Me M du Toit	National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development	24 July 2023	31 July 2023
<p>Response received from Mr Kgotso Moeketsi</p> <p>1.PURPOSE</p> <p>1.1 The purpose of this letter is to provide comments, as per request received from Greenmined Environmental (Pty) Ltd dated 24 July 2023 regarding the above-mentioned matter.</p> <p>2. COMMENTS</p> <p>2.1 The department scrutinized the correspondence and have no objection to the draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) and Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPR) for the proposed prospecting of the Fe (IRON ORE), Pb (LEAD), Zn (ZINC ORE), Ni (NICKEL ORE), Cu (COPPER ORE) subject to section 16 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No 28 of 2002) and the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) as amended – ("NEMA") with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014 ("EIA Regulations – Chapter 6") as amended, April 2017); requirements to be adhere to.</p> <p>3. LOCATION OF THE PROPERTIES FOR THE DBAR AND EMPR</p> <p>3.1 The properties described as portion 6 and 7 of the Gams Farm 367 in extent of approximately 15 065.81 hectares in the Magisterial District of Gordonia, Northern Cape Province and are depicted in the map below as Figure 1. There are no Departmental projects located in the vicinity of the properties. However, there are farms (Kurrees, Rooiport and Vrede) adjacent to Portion 7 of Gams Farm 367 under land restitution claims.</p> <p>4. THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT ACT (SPLUMA)/ MUNICIPAL SDF AND LAND USE SCHEME</p>			

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<p>4.1 The applicant must comply with the approved Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality Land Use Scheme, which is aligned with the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (Act 16 of 2013) and the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy requirements for a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment.</p> <p>4.2 In terms of Chapter 5 of the SPLUMA section 26 (4) a permitted land use may, despite any other law to the contrary, be changed with the approval by the Dawid Kruiper Municipal Planning Tribunal (MPT). All land development applications will also be determined within the context of the Land Use Scheme and decided upon in accordance with the Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality Spatial Development Framework (SDF- 2022/2023).</p>			
<p>Greenmined response on 31 July 2023</p> <p>Thank you for taking part in the Public Participation Process of the prospecting right application applied for by African Exploration Mining and Finance Corporation SOC Ltd under reference number DBAR Gordonias NC30/5/1/2/2/13382PR.</p> <p>We take note of your comments dated 31 July 2023 and will incorporate it into the Final Basic Assessment Report for consideration by the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE).</p>			
Mr Khahliso Makale	Eskom	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
South African Heritage Resource Agency		24 July 2023	No Comments Received

LANDOWNER / SURROUNDING LANDOWNERS / INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
Ghams Boerdery & Beleggings Pty Ltd – Landowner	Portion 7 of the farm Gams 367	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Me Joey De Wit - Landowner	Portion 6 of the farm Gams 367	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Mr JCK De Witt - Landowner	Portion 6 of the farm Gams 367	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Mr John William Spencer Longland	Portion 2 of the farm Rooiputs 366	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Mooiplaats Trust	Portion 8 of the farm Rooiputs 366	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Ben van den Heever Familie Trust	Portion 6 of the farm Rooiputs 366	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
Areachap Plase Pty Ltd	Portion 0 of the farm Areachap	24 July 2023	No Comments Received

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LRA 1812 Pty Ltd	Portion 0 of the farm Christiana 425	24 July 2023	24 July 2023
Request for map received from Mr. Ritz de la Bat (Van der Spuy and Partners) on behalf of LRA 1812 (Pty) Ltd			
The requested map was sent to Mr. Ritz de la Bat on the 24 July 2023.			
Vreede Communal Property Association	Portion 0 of the farm Vreede 368 Portion 4 of the farm Vreede 368	24 July 2023	No Comments Received
P J Boerdery CC	Portion 0 of the farm Uitzicht 313	24 July 2023	3 August 2023
<p>Comment received from owner of Kalahari guesthouse & farm stall Paul & Riana Loots</p> <p>Ek is die eienaar van die Plaas Uitzicht wat grens aan die Gams Farm gedeelte wat julle wil ontgin. Ek wil kapsie maak teen die myn proses:</p> <p>Ek is die eienaar van Kalahari Guesthouse and Farmstall wat gereeld gaste ontvang by die padstal, sowel as kampering en gastehuis. Ek glo myn aktiwiteite sal inbreek maak op my gaste se privaatheid. Niemand hou van 'n geraas asook voertuie en mense in die omgewing waar hulle kamp of oornag nie. Die idee is reeds om die stilte van die Kalahari te kom geniet, sonder enige steurnis.</p>			

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<p>Die myn aktiwiteite gaan ook 'n rol speel in ons ondergrondse water bed. Ons is bekend as 'n baie droe gebied met swak reeval en kan nie bekostig dat ons ondergrondse water misbruik word en dan het ons geen water meer vir boerdery aktiwiteite nie. Ons is heeltemal afhanklik van ondergrondse water vir ons diere om te suip aangesien hier geen ander opsie van damme/riviere in ons omliggende omgewing is nie.</p> <p>In ons omgesing is baie vleie en dit is die hoofbron om die ondergrondse water tafel te voed. Die vleie is ook goeie weiding vir ons diere en baie voelsoorte lewe in die vleie en deur myn aktiwiteite sal dit skade lei.</p> <p>Met al hierdie feite in ag geneem maak ons ten sterkste kaspie teen die ontginning van enige soort minerale in ons omgewing</p> <p>Translation for review purpose:</p> <p>I am the owner of the farm Plaas Uitzicht neighbouring the Gams Farm. I do not support the process. I am also the owner of the Kalahari Guesthouse and farmstall and camping. I believe mining activities will cause a nuisance and will impose on the privacy of our clients. No one likes noise and vehicles where they would like to spend a night. The reason for people visiting our Guesthouse is for the peace and quiet. The mining activities will also play a role in the underground water. Our area is known as a dry area with very low rainfall and we cannot afford a mining activity that will misuse the groundwater. We are dependent on groundwater for our animals seeing that we are left with very few options like rivers or dams. The swamp areas are used for the animals for grazing en birdlife that will be negatively affected by mining.</p> <p>With all the facts mentioned we do not support the mining in the area.</p>			
<p>Greenmined acknowledged receipt and confirmed that their comments will be included in the FBAR. They were also informed that the application is for a Prospecting right and not a Mining right and that water will be sourced from a commercial source.</p>			

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The stakeholders and I&AP's were informed of the project through:

- ❖ Advertisement in the Gemsbok on 21 July 2023
- ❖ On-site notices that were placed at the farm boundary fence, at the R360 and the Dawid Kuiper Public Library in Upington;
- ❖ Email notifications letters send via email on 24 July 2023
- ❖ Hard copy placed at the Dawid Kuiper Library
- ❖ Hard copy placed at Wessels & Smit Attorneys

The comments received on the DBAR was incorporated into the FBAR and submitted for decision making. See attached as Appendix E proof of the correspondence with the I&AP's and stakeholders during the public participation process.