## YELLOWWOOD TRUST SAND MINING ON THE FARM AKERMANS KRAAL 11 RD, ALIWAL NORTH MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

## **COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT**

## **DEPARTMENT REFERENCE NUMBER:**

EC 30/5/1/3/2/10570 MP

**JULY 2020** 



## NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION TO STAKEHOLDERS DURING INITIAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PHASE

COMMENTING PERIOD: 15 AUGUST - 27 SEPTEMBER 2019

During the Initial public participation process, the stakeholders and I&AP's were informed of the project by means of background information documents that were either delivered by hand or sent directly to the contact persons. The commenting period was allowed from 15 August – 27 September 2019. The following I&AP's, neighbours and stakeholders were informed of the project:

STAKEHOLDERS				
TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACT DETAILS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
Mr Cira Ngetu	Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism	cira.ngetu@deaet.ecape.gov.za	15 August 2019	16 August 2019
_		manager will revert back promptly. Thozamile E to the DEDEAT Regional Manager: Joe Gqabi		_
-	receipt of the correspondence from DEDEA ept informed during the EIA process.	T on 19 August 2019 and confirmed that Ms A	Qinisile was registered	on behalf of the DEDEAT-Joe
Mr Yawa	Department of Labour	mzie.yawa@labour.gov.za	15 August 2019	No Comments Received
Mr MD Qwase	Department of Public Works	thandiswa.gqeke@ecdpw.gov.za	15 August 2019	No Comments Received

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Mr Lumkile Ngada	Department Of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform	lumkile.ngada@live.co.za	15 August 2019	No Comments Received
Mr Babini Mbewu	Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	babini.mbewu@drdlr.gov.za	15 August 2019	No Comments Received
Mr J Mhlomi	Department of Transport	angie.majongile@dot.ecprov.gov.za	15 August 2019	No Comments Received
Ms P Makhanya	Department Of Water and Sanitation	MakhanyaP@dwa.gov.za	15 August 2019	No Comments Received
Mr Aphelele Tomsana	Eskom	TomsanA@eskom.co.za	15 August 2019	No Comments Received
Mr Zolile Williams	Joe Gqabi District Municipality	bukelwa@jgdm.gov.za	15 August 2019	No Comments Received
Me Fezeka Ntlemeza	Walter Sisulu Local Municipality	fezeka.ntlemeza@wslm.gov.za	15 August 2019	No Comments Received

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Cllr W Mokhoabane	Walter Sisulu Local Municipality Ward 10	Bulelani.litompana@wslm.gov.za	15 August 2019	No Comments Received
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SURROUNDING LANDOWNERS / INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES				
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Me Adele Bekker (Mr & Mrs Bredenkamp)	Portion 2 (Remaining Extent) of Orange Fontein 63	admin@aliwalhighschool.co.za	26 August 2019	No Comments Received
Mr George F Roelofse	Portion 1 (Remaining Extent) of Akermans kraal 11)	051 633 2603	26 August 2019	No Comments Received
Mr Siphofane  (Melkspruit Communal Prop Association)	Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) of Melk Spruit 12)	siphofane@hotmail.com	26 August 2019	No Comments Received
Mr JJ Watkins	Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) of Rotondo 1046)	rotondo@nokwi.co.za	26 August 2019	No Comments Received
Mr JAK Strydom  (Strydom Prime Genetics (Pty) Ltd)	Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) of Mooiplaas 1087	Hand delivery	26 August 2019	No Comments Received

#### **SUMMARY OF INITIAL PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

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

- telephonic discussions;
- direct communication with background information documents (hand delivered, email, registered mail);
- · placement of on-site notices; and
- placement of an advertisement in The Reporter newspaper on 16 August 2019.

Only the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism registered on the project during the initial public participation phase.

The Department of Rural Development and Land Reform was contacted to was contacted on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 to determine whether a land claim has been registered over the earmarked property. To date no response was received from the DRDLR.

The Draft Basic Assessment Report will be published and a 30-days commenting period will be allowed. Comments received on the DBAR will be incorporated into the Final Basic Assessment Report to be submitted to the DMR for decision making.

See attached as Appendix G2 proof of the correspondence with the I&AP's and stakeholders during the public participation process.

#### NOTIFICATION OF DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT TO STAKEHOLDERS DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PHASE

COMMENTING PERIOD: 8 NOVEMBER – 9 DECEMBER 2019

In accordance with the timeframes stipulated in the EIA Regulations of December 2014 (amended by GNR 326 effective 7 April 2017) the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) was compiled and was distributed for comment and perusal to the I&AP's and stakeholders listed above. A 30-day commenting period, ending 09 December 2019, was allowed for perusal of the documentation and submission of comments.

STAKEHOLDERS				
TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACT DETAILS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
Mr Andiswa Qinisile	Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism – Chris Hani Region	Andiswa.Qinisile@dedea.gov.za	8 November 2019	No Comments Received
Mr Thomzamile Babane	Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism - Joe Gqabi Region	Athenkosi.ntshinka@dedea.gov.za	8 November 2019	9 December 2019

#### Comments received from DEDEAT on the DBAR:

- ".....Following review of the submitted DBAR, Department submits the following comments and concerns for the proposed activity: -
- 1. Public participation undertaken for the project is not adequate. Please note "you are required to contact department of economic, small business development, tourism and environmental affairs" and please note that a note board must be written at least with two official language.
- 2. Impacts assessments and proposed mitigations associated with the activity is insufficient and inadequately assessed; the report is silent about cumulative impacts of this proposed sand mining operations such; alien invasive control measures, sedimentation control and dust suppression measure.
- 3. An Aquatic Ecology Assessment needs to be undertaken with regards to the impacts associated with the project and mitigation measure that will reduce negative impacts on the environment.
- 4. Please note the river, stream, and associated tributaries must be treated as sensitive environmental areas.

Please note that the recommendations are legal binding and can jeopardize success of the application."

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TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACT DETAILS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED

Response to DEDEAT on the DBAR comments:

"We refer to your letter dated 09 December 2019 sent in response to the draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) circulated for public comment in respect of the mining permit application on Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) of the farm Akermans kraal No 11 RD, in the Aliwal North magisterial district of the Eastern Cape Province. We would like to thank you for participating in this process and for your valued comments.

We confirm that your response will be added to the final BAR and/or EMPr, but wish to respond directly as follows:

#### Ad paragraph 1

"Public participation (PP) undertaken for the project is not adequate. Please note "you are required to contact department of economic, small business development, tourism and environmental affairs" and please note that a note board must be written at least with two official languages."

Greenmined takes note of your request that the Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESBTEA) must be informed of the project. Although the proposed mining area does not extend into the Free State Province, the DESBTEA will be informed of the project and afforded an opportunity to comment on the DBAR & EMPr.

During the initial public participation process two English notice boards were placed to inform the general public of the proposed activity. The community of Aliwal North is well versed in English and it was therefore not deemed necessary to display the on-site notices in two languages. Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations also does not require the on-site notice to be in "at least two official languages", In light of this, we respectfully request you to consider this request. Should you, however, still insist the notices to be bilingual, will you please indicate which two languages are to be used as both Afrikaans and Xhosa is used in the area?

## Ad paragraph 2

"Impacts assessments and proposed mitigation associated with the activity is insufficient and inadequately assessed; the report is silent about cumulative impacts of this proposed sand mining operation such; alien invasive control measures, sedimentation control and dust suppression measures."

We take note of you comment, and will assess the possibility of cumulative impacts that may result from the proposed activity. However, please note that alien invasive control measures, sediment control and dust suppression measures were assessed and mitigation proposed on the following pages of the DBAR and EMPR (non-exhaustive list):

3 Alien Invasive Control Measures:

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TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACT DETAILS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED

- 1. Site Specific Groundcover Page 60
- 2. Impacts and risks identified Page 62, 65
- 3. Proposed Mitigation Measures Topsoil Management Page 75
- 4. Proposed Mitigation Measures Management of Invasive Plant Species Page 78
- 5. Full description of the process undertaken to identify, assess and rank the impacts and risks the activity will impose on the preferred site Page 84, 86, 87
- 6. Assessment of each identified potentially significant impact and risk Page 89
- 7. Proposed Impact Management Objectives and the Impact Management Outcomes for Inclusion of the EMPR Page 103
- 8. Impacts to be mitigated in their respective phases Page 115 117
- 9. Impact Management Outcomes Page 128
- 10. Impact Management Actions Page 135
- 11. Mechanisms for monitoring compliance with and performance assessment against the environmental management programme Page 156
- 12. Invasive Plant Species Management Plan attached as Appendix K
- 13. Environmental Impact Statement attached as Appendix I

#### Sedimentation Control:

- 1. Site Specific Groundcover Page 60
- 2. Proposed Mitigation Measures Storm Water Mitigation Page 77
- 3. Summary of specialist reports Page 93
- 4. Proposed Impact Management Objectives and the Impact Management Outcomes for Inclusion of the EMPR Page 102
- 5. Impacts to be mitigated in their respective phases Page 124
- 6. Impact Management Actions Page 142
- 7. Mechanisms for monitoring compliance with and performance assessment against the environmental management programme Page 163
- 8. Risk Matrix Assessment attached as Appendix H

#### 3 Dust Suppression Measures:

- 1. Description of the activities to be undertaken Water Use Page 26
- 2. Impacts and risks identified Page 63, 64
- 3. Proposed Mitigation Measures Fugitive Dust Emission Mitigation Page 74
- 4. Full description of the process undertaken to identify, assess and rank the impacts and risks the activity will impose on the preferred site Page 84, 86
- 5. Assessment of each identified potentially significant impact and risk Page 89

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- 6. Summary of specialist reports Page 93
- 7. Proposed Impact Management Objectives and the Impact Management Outcomes for Inclusion of the EMPR Page 99
- 8. Impact on the socio-economic conditions of any directly affected person Page 109
- 9. Volume and rate of water use required for the operation Page 113
- 10. Impacts to be mitigated in their respective phases Page 118
- 11. Impact Management Outcomes Page 129
- 12. Impact Management Actions Page 136
- 13. Mechanisms for monitoring compliance with and performance assessment against the environmental management programme Page 157
- 14. Manner in which risk will be dealt with in order to avoid pollution or the degradation of the environment Page 166
- 15. Environmental Impact Statement attached as Appendix I

#### Ad paragraph 3

"An Aquatic Ecology Assessment needs to be undertaken with regards to the impacts associated with the project and mitigation measures that will reduce negative impacts on the environment."

Greenmined takes note of your request. The specialist that compiled the Risk Matrix Assessment (Appendix H of the DBAR) will be appointed to compile an Aquatic Ecology Assessment. This assessment will be incorporated into the FBAR that will be available for your perusal and commenting.

#### Ad paragraph 4

"Please note the river, stream, and associated tributaries must be treated as sensitive environment areas."

Your above comment is noted. Please be advised that the Applicant is in the process of applying for an authorisation from the Department of Water and Sanitation to allow the proposed mining of sand from the riverbed. No mining will commence prior to receipt of the DWS water use authorisation.

We trust that you will find our response to your comments in order and look forward to your urgent reply regarding the on-site notices. If we do not receive a response from you on or before 10 January 2020 it will be accepted that you are in agreement with our response and no longer require any additional action. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the event of any uncertainties."

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TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACT DETAILS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
"The department hereby ack	nowledges and appreciate your steady respo	sponse to Greenmined's reply to the DBAR com		sic Assessment and submitted
to the Competent Authority	for decision making."			
Mr Yawa	Department of Labour	mzie.yawa@labour.gov.za	8 November 2019	No Comments Received
Mr MD Qwase	Department of Public Works	thandiswa.gqeke@ecdpw.gov.za	8 November 2019	No Comments Received
Mr Lumkile Ngada	Department Of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform	lumkile.ngada@live.co.za	8 November 2019	No Comments Received
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Mr J Mhlomi	Department of Transport	angie.majongile@dot.ecprov.gov.za	8 November 2019	No Comments Received
Ms P Makhanya	Department of Water and Sanitation – Eastern Cape	MakhanyaP@dwa.gov.za	8 November 2019	No Comments Received

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TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACT DETAILS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
Mr Klaas Moos	Department of Water and Sanitation – Free State	MoosK@dws.gov.za	8 November 2019	13 November 2019

Summary of the acknowledgement of receipt of the Water Use Licence Application (11 November 2019):

"The Department of Water and Sanitation hereby acknowledges receipt of your water use licence application, which was received on, 31 October 2019.

The regulations regarding the procedural requirements for water use licence applications and appeals (NO.R. 267 of 24 March 2017, Government Gazette No. 40713) requires that a site inspection be conducted with applicants to determine the applicable water uses and information requirements. However the responsible officer will communicate with you if the application requires a site inspection."

Greenmined acknowledged receipt of the comments received from DWS on 15 November 2019.

Mr Aphelele Tomsana	Eskom	TomsanA@eskom.co.za	8 November 2019	No Comments Received
Mr Zolile Williams	Joe Gqabi District Municipality	bukelwa@jgdm.gov.za	8 November 2019	No Comments Received
Me Fezeka Ntlemeza	Walter Sisulu Local Municipality	fezeka.ntlemeza@wslm.gov.za	8 November 2019	No Comments Received

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Mr Siphofane  (Melkspruit Communal Prop Association)	Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) of Melk Spruit 12)	siphofane@hotmail.com	8 November 2019	No Comments Received
Mr JJ Watkins	Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) of Rotondo 1046)	rotondo@nokwi.co.za	8 November 2019	No Comments Received

#### **SUMMARY OF SECOND PHASE PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

The Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism commented on the DBAR, and accordingly the Department's comments were incorporated into the amended DBAR, that were again published for an additional 30-days commenting period to the I&AP's and stakeholders.

As requested by DEDEAT, the Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs were also supplied with a copy of the amended DBAR for their perusal and commenting.

See attached as Appendix G2 proof of the correspondence with the I&AP's and stakeholders during the public participation process.

# NOTIFICATION OF AMENDED DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT TO STAKEHOLDERS DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PHASE

COMMENTING PERIOD: 17 MARCH - 15 MAY 2020

Upon receipt of the comments from the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism on the DBAR, an amended DBAR were again published for an additional 30-days commenting period to the I&AP's and stakeholders. The commenting period was supposed to end 20 April 2020, however in accordance with the national directions (GNR 439) issued pursuant to regulation 10(8) of the Disaster Management Regulations, 2020 to provide for measures necessary to manage COVID-19, the commenting timeframe was extended by the number of days of the duration of the Level 5 lockdown period (27 March – 30 April 2020). Accordingly, the commenting period on the amended DBAR was extended to 23 June 2020.

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TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACT DETAILS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED	
Mr Andiswa Qinisile	Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism – Chris Hani Region	Andiswa.Qinisile@dedea.gov.za	17 March 2020	No Comments Received	
Regional Manager	Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism – Free State		17 March 2020	No Comments Received	
Mr Thomzamile Babane	Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism - Joe Gqabi Region	Athenkosi.ntshinka@dedea.gov.za	17 March 2020	No Comments Received	

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Me Fezeka Ntlemeza	Walter Sisulu Local Municipality	fezeka.ntlemeza@wslm.gov.za	17 March 2020	24 March 2020	
The WSLM commented that they do not object to the project and stated that the municipal dump site cannot accept mining or mining industrial waste. Household refuse will be accepted at the standard tariffs.					
Greenmined acknowledged receipt of the comments on 01 April 2020 and the comments of the WSLM were incorporated into the FBAR.					
Cllr W Mokhoabane	Walter Sisulu Local Municipality Ward 10	Bulelani.litompana@wslm.gov.za	17 March 2020	No Comments Received	
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Mr JJ Watkins	Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) of Rotondo 1046)	rotondo@nokwi.co.za	17 March 2020	No Comments Received

#### **SUMMARY OF THIRD PHASE PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

By 06 July 2020, the only comments on the amended DBAR were received from the Walter Sisulu Local Municipality. These comments were incorporated into the Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) to be submitted for decision making to DMR.

See attached as Appendix G2 proof of the correspondence with the I&AP's and stakeholders during the public participation process.