

DE AAR STONE CRUSHERS EMPOWER (PTY) LTD

**PORTION 49, 54 AND A PORTION OF PORTION 50 OF
THE FARM DE AAR NO 180, SITUATED IN THE
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF PIXLEY KA SEME.**

SECTION 102 APPLICATION

**DEPARTMENT REFERENCE NUMBER:
NC 30/1/2/2/10075 MR – NC-00315-MR/102**

**PROOF OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT
NOVEMBER 2025**



NOTIFICATION OF PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION AND DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT TO STAKEHOLDERS AND I&APS DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMENTING PERIOD: 31 JULY 2025 – 01 SEPTEMBER 2025

The relevant landowner, stakeholders and I&AP's were informed of the prospecting right application by means of an advertisement in the Noordkaap Bulletin, and on-site notices that were placed at the De Aar Public Library and on the gate entrance of the site. A notification letter inviting comments on the DBAR over a 30-days commenting period (ending 01 September 2025) was sent to the landowner, lawful occupier, neighbouring landowners, stakeholders, and any other I&AP that may be interested in the project. Also refer to Appendix E for the proof of public participation that was conducted. 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 Disang Humphrey Molaole	Emthanjeni Local Municipality	31 July 2025	No Comments received
Ms LE Andrews	Emthanjeni Local Municipality Ward 6	31 July 2025	No Comments received
Mr I Visser	Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality	31 July 2025	No Comments received
Mr WD Mothibi	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development	31 July 2025	No Comments received

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TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
Mr B Fisher Mrs N Uys	Department of Agriculture, Environment Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform – Kimberley Office	31 July 2025	11 July 2025
<p><u>Comments received from Mrs N Uys on 11 July 2025:</u></p> <p>Good afternoon</p> <p>Thank you for the information. Please take note the link provided has information on the TRANSKEI QUARRIES (PTY) LTD EC 30/5/1/2/2/0183 MR – EC-00033-MR/102 and not the De Aar Stone Crushers Empower (Pty) application. Can you just confirm the commenting period for IAP's?</p> <p>Could you please provide the following information to enable us to provide comments on application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DBAR report• Screening tool report• Copy of the spatial file kml/kmz/shapefile.• Copies of specialist reports <p><u>Greenmined's Response on 11 July 2025</u></p> <p>Good day Natalie</p> <p>Please note that we are currently still in the process of drafting the DBAR. The document will be made available for your review and comment from 31 July 2025 until 01 September 2025. Accordingly, all the information requested in your email below will be provided on 31 July 2025.</p> <p>No further comments were received from the Department of Agriculture, Environment Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform.</p>			

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Mr A Krause	Department of Agriculture, Environment Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform – De Aar Office	31 July 2025	No Comments received
Ms N Pause	Department of Economic Development and Tourism	31 July 2025	No Comments received
Mr K Nogwili	Department of Roads and Public Works	31 July 2025	No Comments received
Mr K Tolong	Department of Roads and Public Works – De Aar Office	31 July 2025	No Comments received
Mrs K Moalosi Me A Hlengani	Department of Water and Sanitation – Kimberley and Upington Branches	31 July 2025	09 September 2025

Comments received on 09 September 2025:

Reference is made to the above-mentioned report received on the email received in September 2025 with the reference number NC 30/1/2/2/10075 MR – NC-00315-MR/102. The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has assessed the above-mentioned application and wish to comment as follows:

- I. **Prioritize Water Use Licensing and Compliance:** It is essential that De Aar Stone Crushers Empower (Pty) Ltd fully complies with the provisions of the National Water Act by obtaining the necessary water use licenses before commencing any activities that involve water abstraction, especially for process water and dust suppression. Proper licensing ensures sustainable water management and prevents over-extraction that could compromise water availability for downstream users and ecosystems.

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<p>II.</p> <p>Implement Effective Stormwater and Erosion Control Measures :Given the proximity of ephemeral drainage lines and riparian zones, the project must incorporate robust stormwater management and erosion control strategies. These measures will prevent sedimentation and contamination of watercourses, safeguarding water quality and maintaining the hydrological integrity of the surrounding environment in line with the Water Act's objectives.</p> <p>III.</p> <p>Protect Riparian Vegetation and No-Go Zones: The areas around the two identified drainage lines should be designated as no-go zones, with clearly demarcated buffer zones of at least 44 meters, to prevent disturbance to natural watercourses and riparian habitats. Maintaining these zones is crucial for preserving natural water filtration, habitat connectivity, and flood attenuation functions.</p> <p>IV.</p> <p>Minimize Water Pollution and Contamination Risks: All operational activities, including blasting, excavation, and vehicle movement, must be managed to prevent pollutants such as oils, chemicals, and sediments from entering water sources. Proper waste management, spill prevention protocols, and regular monitoring should be implemented to comply with the Water Act's pollution control requirements.</p> <p>V.</p> <p>Promote Water Conservation and Efficient Use :The project should adopt water-saving practices such as recycling process water, limiting water use during dry seasons, and using alternative dust suppression methods where feasible. These measures support the sustainable use of water resources and align with national priorities under the Water Act to conserve water and ensure equitable access.</p> <p>VI.</p> <p>Conduct Continuous Monitoring and Reporting :Regular monitoring of water quality, water levels, and flow conditions should be mandatory throughout the project's lifespan. Transparent reporting to the Department of Water and Sanitation will ensure ongoing compliance, early detection of water-related issues, and the implementation of corrective actions to protect the water environment.</p>			

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<p><u>Greenmined Environmental's response on 12 November 2025:</u></p> <p>The above matter as well as letter received from you dated 09 September 2025 refers. Please see responses to your comments listed below.</p> <p>Prioritize Water Use Licensing and Compliance: It is essential that De Aar Stone Crushers Empower (Pty) Ltd fully complies with the provisions of the National Water Act by obtaining the necessary water use licenses before commencing any activities that involve water abstraction, especially for process water and dust suppression. Proper licensing ensures sustainable water management and prevents over-extraction that could compromise water availability for downstream users and ecosystems.</p> <p>■ The comments are noted and appreciated. Greenmined Environmental has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant, De Aar Stone Crushers Empower (Pty) Ltd, to facilitate and submit a Water Use Application in accordance with the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998). The Water Use Application process is currently underway, and the applicant is committed to ensuring full compliance with all water-related legislative requirements.</p> <p>Implement Effective Stormwater and Erosion Control Measures: Given the proximity of ephemeral drainage lines and riparian zones, the project must incorporate robust stormwater management and erosion control strategies. These measures will prevent sedimentation and contamination of watercourses, safeguarding water quality and maintaining the hydrological integrity of the surrounding environment in line with the Water Act's objectives.</p> <p>Protect Riparian Vegetation and No-Go Zones: The areas around the two identified drainage lines should be designated as no-go zones, with clearly demarcated buffer zones of at least 44 meters, to prevent disturbance to natural watercourses and riparian habitats. Maintaining these zones is crucial for preserving natural water filtration, habitat connectivity, and flood attenuation functions.</p> <p>Minimize Water Pollution and Contamination Risks: All operational activities, including blasting, excavation, and vehicle movement, must be managed to prevent pollutants such as oils, chemicals, and sediments from entering water sources. Proper waste management, spill prevention protocols, and regular monitoring should be implemented to comply with the Water Act's pollution control requirements.</p> <p>Promote Water Conservation and Efficient Use: The project should adopt water-saving practices such as recycling process water, limiting water use during dry seasons, and using alternative dust suppression methods where feasible. These measures support the sustainable use of water resources and align with national priorities under the Water Act to conserve water and ensure equitable access.</p>			

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Mr Z Albanie	Department of Labour	31 July 2025	No Comments received
Mr P Filies	Department of Labour – De Aar Office	31 July 2025	No Comments received
Mr K Makale	Eskom	31 July 2025	No Comments received
Heritage Officer	SAHRA	31 July 2025	No Comments received
Pabalelo Mokale	Department of Land Affairs	23 May 2025 & 10 July 2025	23 May 2025

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The Commission on Restitution of Land Rights confirmed on 23 May 2025 that no land claims appear on their database in respect of the property of this application.			

LANDOWNER, SURROUNDING LANDOWNERS AND INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTIES			
TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
De Aar Stone Crushers Mr J Lambrechts	Application Area Landowner of Farm de Aar Nr 180 Portion 49, 50, 54	31 July 2025	No Comments received
Mr S Marais	Surrounding Landowner of: Farm Elands Kloof Nr 135 Farm Elands Kloof Nr 135 Portion 1	31 July 2025	No Comments received
Transnet Ltd	Surrounding Landowner of: Farm de Aar 180 Portion 13	31 July 2025	No Comments received
De Aar Stone Crushers Mr J Lambrechts	Surrounding Landowner of: Farm de Aar 180 Portion 15 Farm de Aar 180 Remaining Extent of Portion 16 Farm de Aar 180 Remaining Extent of Portion 18 Farm de Aar Portion 50 Farm de Aar Portion 53	31 July 2025	No Comments received

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Emthanjeni Local Municipality Municipal Manager Mr DH Molaole	Surrounding Landowner of: Farm De Aar 147 Remaining Extent	31 July 2025	No Comments received

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS THUS FAR
<p>The I&AP's and stakeholders were informed of the proposed project and invited to comment on the DBAR through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • telephonic discussions; • direct invitations with notification documents; • placement of on-site notices; • the placement of advertisement in the Noordkaap Bulletin. <p>Comments received from the following:</p> <p>The Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform (DAERL) enquired about the commenting period for IAP's. The requested information was provided to them, after which no further comments were received.</p> <p>The Department of Water and Sanitation sent through recommendations, which was duly noted and will be integrated into operational planning.</p> <p>Also refer to Appendix E2 for the proof of public participation conducted for this project.</p>

-END OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT-