KIMBERLEY QUARRY
PORTION 39 OF THE FARM SPIJT FONTEIN NO 122
SOL PLAATJE MUNICIPAL AREA
NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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In summary, the 2025 EMPR amendment was required because:

1. The 2011 EMPR no longer complied with current legislation (Appendix 4 of GNR 982).
2. Mining activities, infrastructure and the operational footprint within the approved mining right boundary have changed.
3. The environmental baseline required updating after more than 10 years of mining.
4. Impact management and mitigation measures needed modernisation.
5. Closure planning required updating to meet current standards.
6. A NEMA-compliant public participation process was required.

This 2025 Amended EMPR will replace the 2011 EMPR upon approval by the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) and will serve as the guiding document for all environmental management aspects of the mine. The competent authority will evaluate the amended EMPR in terms of Regulation 35 of GNR 982, ensuring it provides sufficient measures for the avoidance, mitigation, and management of environmental impacts while allowing for continued compliance with legal requirements and industry best practices.

OMV Kimberley Mining (Pty) Ltd remains committed to sustainable mining practices, environmental stewardship, and responsible resource extraction that balances economic development with environmental protection and community well-being.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ASTM	American Standard Test Method
BGIS	Biodiversity GIS
CARA	Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983)
DAEARDLR	Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform
DAU	SAHRA Development Applications Unit
DMPR	Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources
DRPW	Department of Roads and Public Works
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
EAPASA	Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa
ECO	Environmental Control Officer
EIA	Early Iron Age
EIA Regulations	Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended)
EMPR	Environmental Management Programme
EPA	Environmental Performance Assessment
GNR	Government Notice
GPS	Global Positioning System
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
HSA	Hazardous Substances Act, 1973 (Act No. 15 of 1973)
I&AP's	Interested and Affected Parties
IUCN	International Union of Conservation of Nature
LIA	Late Iron Age
LSA	Late Stone Age
MHSA	Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996 (Act No 29 of 1996)
MIA	Middel Iron Age
MPRDA	Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002)
MR	Mining Right
MR Holder	OMV Kimberley Mining (Pty) Ltd
MSA	Middel Stone Age
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
NCR	Noise Control Regulations, 1992
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998)
NEM:AQA	National Environmental Management: Air Quality Control Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004)

NEM:BA	National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004)
NEM:WA	National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008)
NHRA	National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999)
NRTA	National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No. 93 of 1996)
NWA	National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998)
OHSA	Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act No. 85 of 1993)
OHSAS	Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems
PCB's	Polychlorinated Biphenyl
PCO	Pest Control Officer
PHRA-NC	Provincial Heritage Resources Agency – Northern Cape
PIA	Palaeontological Impact Assessment
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
RoM	Run of Mine
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency
SANBI	South African National Biodiversity Institute
SANS	South African National Standards
SLP	Social and Labour Plan
SPLM	Sol Plaatje Local Municipality
SWMP	Stormwater Management Plan
TMM's	Trackless Mobile Machinery
VU	Vulnerable
WMA	Water Management Area

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A. INTRODUCTION

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Accordingly, this document serves as the amended EMPR (version 01) for Kimberley Quarry, submitted to the DMPR in compliance with Section 35 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). As per regulation 35: "*The competent authority must consider the environmental audit report and amended EMPr and, where applicable the amended closure plan, contemplated in regulation 34 and approve such amended EMPr, and where applicable the amended closure plan, if it is satisfied that it sufficiently provides for avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the undertaking of the activity, or where applicable the closure of the facility, and that it has been subjected to an appropriate public participation process*."

Should the DMPR approve this document (hereafter referred to as the "2025 EMPR"), this EMPR will replace the previously approved 2011 EMPR of the Quarry and will be applicable to all aspects of the mining activity throughout the operational- and decommissioning phases.

(GNR 982 APPENDIX 4 SECTION 1(1)(a))

B. DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY EAP

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) the proponent must appoint an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake any activities regulated in terms of the Act. OMV Kimberley Mining (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as the "MR Holder") appointed Greenmined Environmental (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as "Greenmined") to undertake the amendment of the mine's EMPR. Greenmined has no vested interest in OMV Kimberley Mining (Pty) Ltd or the mining project and declares its

independence as required by the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended) (EIA Regulations).

a) DETAILS OF THE EAP

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b) EXPERTISE OF THE EAP

Ms. Fouché has a Diploma in Nature Conservation and a B.Sc. in Botany and Zoology. Full cirriculum vitae with evidence is attached as Appendix M.

Ms Fouché has twenty years' experience in doing Environmental Impact Assessments related projects in South Africa. Ms. Fouche is a registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner (registration no: 2019/1003) with EAPASA (Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa). See a list of past projects attached as Appendix M.

(GNR 982 APPENDIX 4 SECTION 1(1)(b))

C. DESCRIPTION OF THE ASPECTS OF THE ACTIVITY

a) LOCATION OF THE ACTIVITY

Table 1: Location of the activity.

Farm Name	Portion 39 of the farm Spijt Fontein No 122		
Mining Area (Ha)	370.2447 ha		
Magisterial District	Frances Baard District Municipality		
Distance and direction from the nearest town	Kimberley Quarry is located ±8.6km to the south of Kimberley, adjacent to the N12 travelling to Hopetown. The mine is situated on Portion 39 of the farm Spijt Fontein 122.		
21 digit Surveyor General Code for each farm portion	C03700000000012200039		
Site Coordinates	A	28˚ 47' 47.8228"	24˚ 43' 04.7899"
	B	28˚ 47' 55.5456"	24˚ 43' 25.1067"
	C	28˚ 49' 08.1869"	24˚ 43' 22.6779"

	D	28˚ 49’ 51.7039”	24˚ 43’ 05.5699”
	E	28˚ 49’ 49.2784”	24˚ 42’ 23.7178”
	F	28˚ 49’ 47.2737”	24˚ 42’ 24.3881”
	G	28˚ 49’ 10.0219”	24˚ 42’ 36.7710”
	H	28˚ 49’ 10.1333”	24˚ 42’ 37.2280”
	J	28˚ 49’ 02.1682”	24˚ 42’ 39.8774”
	g	28˚ 48’ 56.0083”	24˚ 42’ 43.4539”
	f	28˚ 48’ 52.8592”	24˚ 42’ 46.2076”
	e	28˚ 48’ 52.4233”	24˚ 42’ 45.6062”
	d	28˚ 48’ 52.0560”	24˚ 42’ 45.0719”
	c	28˚ 48’ 51.3163”	24˚ 42’ 44.0114”
	h	28˚ 48’ 52.2173”	24˚ 42’ 43.2223”
	K	28˚ 48’ 51.2237”	24˚ 42’ 43.5562”
	L	28˚ 48’ 51.0897”	24˚ 42’ 43.0204”
	M	28˚ 47’ 52.8938”	24˚ 43’ 02.3234”

b) DESCRIPTION OF THE MINING ACTIVITIES

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION – OPERATIONAL PHASE

Kimberley Quarry is an opencast mine, where dolerite is mined. The 2011 EMPR notes that the quarry operations have been ongoing for the past 40 years (±54 years by 2025), and the stone crushing operation has been in existence for approximately 30 years.

Historically a Brick and Block-making yard (Blockpave), Ready-mix Plant (OMV) and Asphalt Plant (National Asphalt) were established within the footprint of the mining area. Currently (2025), only the brick and block-making yard remains operational. The ready-mix yard has been vacated but not formally decommissioned, and the former asphalt plant area is utilised as a salvage yard by the mine. Sub-contractors are periodically engaged for contract crushing and mining activities and typically establish temporary site camps within the mining boundaries during operations.

1.1 Mining Footprint

The approved mining footprint for Kimberley Quarry covers the entire Portion 39 of the farm Spijt Fontein No. 122. However, the Mining Right Holder currently utilises ±172 hectares of the total 370.2447 hectares, located in the southern part of the property, for mining-related activities. The northern part of the farm remains largely in a natural state and is used for the keeping of game species such as Impala (*Aepyceros melampus*). The active mining area is fenced off from the remainder of the farm.

1.2 Northern Quarry

Historically material was mined from the northern quarry pit directly east of the office complex (Figure 1). The current depth of the northern quarry is ±55 m from the highest crest to the lowest floor elevation. Mining eventually moved away from this pit and the development of the southern quarry commenced in ±2009.

Although progressive rehabilitation is periodically carried out in portions of the northern quarry, the greater part of the area remains in need of rehabilitation.

1.3 Southern Quarry

Since 2009, the MR Holder mines the southern quarry (Figure 1) through the opencast mining method where the topsoil (if any) is stripped and stockpiled separately before the excavation is expanded. The dolerite is loosened by conventional drilling and blasting methods, with oversized boulders subjected to secondary breaking or blasting (when possible). The muck pile (blasted rock) is removed from the pit using excavators and trackless mobile machinery (TMM's) and either deposited directly into the jaw crusher or deposited on the Run of Mine (RoM) stockpile for later processing through the secondary-, tertiary- and quaternary crushing and screening processes to result in the desired products. The material is stockpiled until transported to clients.

1.4 Operating Hours

The 2011 EMPR did not expressly stipulate or restrict the operating hours of the quarry. However, in the interest of clarity, transparency, and regulatory compliance, the amended 2025 EMPR has been updated to formally define and record the operational hours applicable to the site. This revision ensures that operational

parameters are clearly communicated to stakeholders, provides a basis for effective environmental monitoring and enforcement, and aligns with the mine's commitment to responsible and accountable management practices.

It is proposed that:

- Θ normal operating hours will be from Monday to Friday, 07:00 to 19:00, with production work ceasing at 17:00 on Saturdays.
- Θ under project-specific pressures (such as urgent contract deadlines or equipment breakdown recovery), operating hours may be temporarily extended between 05:00 and 22:00.
- Θ where extended hours are anticipated, affected neighbours and registered I&AP's will be informed at least 24 hours in advance, specifying:
  - the dates and duration of the extended working hours; and
  - the reason for the temporary extension.
- Θ blasting activities will only occur Monday to Friday between 07:00 and 17:00.
- Θ production will take place Monday to Saturday, with Sundays reserved for maintenance only, if required.

1.5 Site Infrastructure

Kimberley Quarry has well-established buildings and infrastructure that support its mining operations. The site is accessed via the N12 national road that connects Kimberley and Hopetown. In addition, the Kimberley – De Aar railway line runs along the western boundary of the mining area.

Kimberley Quarry includes expansive administrative buildings that accommodate all office personnel. Ablution facilities associated with the office complex and workshops drain to a septic tank system, which is serviced as required.

The following main areas are defined at the mine as shown in the figure below:

1. Office Complex & Workshops;
2. Old Ready-mix Concrete Yard;
3. Northern Quarry;
4. Processing Area;
5. Brick and Block-making Yard;
6. Stockpile Areas;
7. Southern Quarry;
8. Overburden and Waste Rock Dumps;

9. Eskom Substation;
10. Salvage Yard.

Figure 1: Satellite view of the various operational areas at Kimberley Stone Quarry where the blue line shows the mine boundary (image obtained from Google Earth).

Also refer to Appendix B2 for the Plant Flow Diagram applicable to Kimberley Quarry.

1.6 Ready-mix Concrete Yard

As mentioned earlier, OMV operated a ready-mix concrete plant within the mining footprint. The operations have since stopped but the plant and associated structures remain.

1.7 Brick and Block-making Yard

Blockpave currently operates a brick and block-making plant located south of the quarry entrance. The brick and block-making yard has been fenced off to clearly demarcate it from the active mining area. The plant sources aggregate from the quarry to manufacture bricks and blocks, which are subsequently sold to clients. The plant operates between 07:00 – 19:00 from Monday to Saturday.

The brick and block-making plant is responsible for the management and safe disposal of its own waste. It utilises municipal electricity and water and is subject to compliance with the mine's EMPR, NEMA, the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008), as well as applicable municipal by-laws and any other relevant sector-specific regulations.

1.8 Water Use

Production water is sourced from the Sol Plaatje Municipality that reaches the mine via an existing pipeline. The municipal water is also used as drinking water. Water from the sump of the southern quarry pit (and occasionally the northern quarry) is used for dust suppression purposes.

Kimberley Quarry has a water use authorisation (reference no: 25057704) to use water from a borehole on the farm. Groundwater, for agricultural and/or mining purposes, may occasionally be extracted from this borehole.

1.9 Electricity Use

The mining operation is supplied with municipal power from the nearby 11 kV power line. Gensets are used as back-up power.

1.10 Servicing and Maintenance

The well-equipped brick workshops of the Quarry, that forms part of the office complex, are used for the repair and maintenance of all mining related equipment

and machinery. Water from the wash bay drains into an oil separator while clean stormwater is directed to an artificial pond near the entrance of the Quarry.

Fuel is stored in a 22 000 l tank in a bunded area. Chemicals are stored in designated storage areas in accordance with the product specific material safety data sheets (MSDS).

1.11 Waste Management

The MR Holder has an integrated waste management policy, and the company strives to recycle where possible.

Presently, waste is separated into waste that can be re-used, and those that must be removed from the site. General waste (that cannot be reused) is removed by the municipality to the Kimberley landfill site. Hazardous waste is removed from site by qualified hazardous waste handling contractors.

The ablutions of the mine drains into a closed-system septic tank that is serviced by a registered liquid waste removal service provider when needed.

1.12 Labour Component

Presently (as of June 2025), Kimberley Quarry has a permanent labour component of 35 employees. Sub-contractors are periodically employed for contract crushing and mining operations, who then bring their own personnel. The permanent employees of the Quarry mainly reside in Kimberley or Richie and are daily transported to site. No employees (permanent and/or sub-contractor) reside on site.

2. DECOMMISSIONING OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of a rehabilitation plan is to minimise adverse environmental impacts associated with the quarrying activities whilst maximising the future utilisation of the property. The idea, therefore, is to leave the mined area in a condition that reduces all negative impacts normally associated with mining.

The primary objective, at the end of this project's life cycle, is to obtain a closure certificate in compliance with the requirements of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) [MPRDA]. To achieve this, the following key objectives must be met:

- Demolish and remove all buildings and/or infrastructure that will no longer be required by the landowner (Raumix Aggregates (Pty) Ltd), as well as all waste material, in accordance with the requirements of this EMPR and/or the Provincial Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR).
- Shape and contour all disturbed areas in accordance with the approved Closure Plan.
- Ensure that permanent changes to the topography resulting from mining activities are sustainable and do not pose erosion risks or safety hazards to the landowner or surrounding community.
- Effectively utilise available topsoil to promote the re-establishment of vegetation.
- Ensure that all rehabilitated areas are stable and self-sustaining with adequate vegetation cover.
- Eradicate all invasive and alien plant species by intensive management of the mining area.

The site-specific closure objectives are discussed in the attached Closure Plan (Appendix D), however, a summary of the closure objectives for the mine were included below.

The decommissioning phase will entail the reinstatement of the processing- and stockpile areas by removing the stockpiled material, and site infrastructure and equipment (not required by the landowner) and landscaping the disturbed footprints. It is anticipated that the buildings and roads will be retained for future use by the landowner and will not be removed unless expressly required by the landowner.

Due to the impracticality of importing large volumes of fill to restore the excavations to its original topography, the rehabilitation option is to develop the northern and southern quarries into landscape features. This will entail creating a series of irregular benches along the quarry faces, the top edges of each face being blasted away to form scree slopes on the benches below, thereby reducing the overall face angle. The benches will be softened with overburden, top-dressed with topsoil and vegetated with an appropriate grass mix if vegetation does not naturally establish in the area within six months of the replacement of the topsoil.

The decommissioning activities will therefore consist of the following:

- Sloping and landscaping the quarry pits;
- Removing all stockpiled material;
- Removing all mining machinery, equipment and waste from site;
- Landscaping all disturbed areas and replacing the topsoil;
- Vegetating the reinstated area; and

- Controlling/monitoring the invasive plant species for at least one growth season.

Once the mining area was rehabilitated the MR Holder is required to submit a closure application to the DMPR in accordance with Section 43(4) of the MPRDA, 2002 that states: "*An application for a closure certificate must be made to the Regional Manager in whose region the land in question is situated within 180 days of the occurrence of the lapsing, abandonment, cancellation, cessation, relinquishment or completion contemplated in subsection (3) and must be accompanied by the prescribed environmental risk report*". The Closure Application will be submitted in terms of Regulation 62 of the MPRDA, 2002, and Government Notice 940 of NEMA, 1998 (as amended).

2.1 Residual Impacts After Closure

Overburden will be used to soften the benches of the quarry pits and assist with the shaping of the excavation during post-quarrying rehabilitation. Provided all final slopes are maintained at 1:3 batters (quarry rim and mine residue infill) and successfully revegetated, there will be no long term instability in the rehabilitated area. The quarry cliffs precision blasted to angles of not steeper than 85˚ also provide an element of stability to hard rock quarry cliffs.

Once adequately rehabilitated, the quarries will nevertheless behave as a sump and collect surface run-off after wet periods. The floor of the quarries may, therefore, reveal fluctuating water levels depending on rainfall patterns. Considering this, it is important to adequately block access to the excavations (soil berm / oversize rock in entrance) to prevent unauthorized access by humans (especially children) and animals upon closure of the mine.

(GNR 982 APPENDIX 4 SECTION 1(1)(c))

c) COMPOSITE MAP

The mine plan showing the land and mining area to which the right relates, in accordance with Regulation 42 of the Mining Titles Registration Act, 1967 (Act No 16 of 1967), is attached as Appendix A. Also refer to Appendix B1 for the General Surface Plan of the operation.

Figure 2: Satellite view of the Kimberley Quarry mining footprint (image obtained from Google Earth). Note: To optimise space, true north is directed to the left.

D. POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

a) APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND GUIDELINES USED TO COMPILE THE REPORT

Table 2: Policy and Legislative Context.

LEGISLATION	REFERENCE WHERE APPLIED	POLICY CONTEXT APPLICABLE TO PROJECT
Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983).	Section G(b) Impacts to be mitigated in their respective phases.	The mitigation measures proposed for the site includes specifications of the CARA, 1983.
Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996 (Act No 29 of 1996) read together with applicable amendments and regulations thereto including relevant OHSA regulations.	Section H Impact Management Actions and Outcomes. Section I – M Mechanisms for Monitoring Compliance.	The mitigation measures proposed for the site includes specifications of the MHSA, 1996 (as amended).
Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002, (Act No. 28 of 2002) read together with applicable amendments and regulations thereto. ➢ Section 39(6)(a)	Section A Introduction.	The 2011 EMPR of Kimberley Quarry must be amended as a result of an environmental performance audit (2025).

LEGISLATION	REFERENCE WHERE APPLIED	POLICY CONTEXT APPLICABLE TO PROJECT
National Environmental Management Act,1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended) Θ Section 35 of GNR 982 (as amended)		
National Environmental Management: Air Quality Control Act, 2004 (Act No 39 of 2004) read together with applicable amendments and regulations thereto specifically the National Dust Control Regulations, GN No R827.	Section G(b) Impacts to be mitigated in their respective phases. Section H Impact Management Actions and Outcomes. Section I – M Mechanisms for Monitoring Compliance.	The mitigation measures proposed for the site consider the NEM:AQA, 2004 and the National Dust Control Regulations.
National Environmental Management Act: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) read together with applicable amendments and regulations thereto.		The mitigation measures proposed for the site includes specifications of the NEM:BA, 2004.
National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No 59 of 2008) read together with applicable amendments and regulations thereto. NEM:WA, 2008: National norms and standards for the storage of waste (GN 926)		The mitigation measures proposed for the site consider the NEM:WA.
National Heritage Resources Act. 1999 (Act No 25 of 1999).	Section G(b) Impacts to be mitigated in their respective phases. Section H Impact Management Actions and Outcomes. Section I – M Mechanisms for Monitoring Compliance.	The mitigation measures proposed for the site includes specifications of the NHRA, 1999.
National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998) read together with applicable amendments and regulations thereto.		The mitigation measures proposed for the site includes specifications of the NWA, 1998.
Noise Control Regulations GNR 154 of January 1992 and Application of Noise Control Regulations, CNR 155 of January 1992 framed under the ECA.		The mitigation measures proposed for the site consider the NCR requirements.

b) TABLE OF LEGAL TRIGGERS FOR THE MINING OPERATION

Table 3: Table of Legal Triggers applicable to the Mining Operation.

LEGISLATION	TRIGGER	APPLICABILITY TO KIMBERLEY QUARRY	RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY	COMPLIANCE STATUS
National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act 107 of 1998)	Environmental Authorisation (EA) required for listed activities.	The approved EMPR is deemed equivalent to an EA in accordance with the provisions of the NEMA, 1998.	DMPR	**Compliant:** Amended EMPR to be submitted for approval.
Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) (Act 28 of 2002)	Mining right required for mineral extraction.	OMV Kimberley Mining (Pty) Ltd holds a mining right (NC 30/5/1/2/2/0287 MR).	DMPR	**Compliant:** Mining Right valid until July 2046.
National Water Act (NWA) (Act 36 of 1998)	Water use licensing / General authorisation (Section 21 activities).	Kimberley Quarry has a water use authorisation (reference no: 25057704) to use water from a borehole. However, various other water uses may also trigger Section 21 of the NWA.	DWS	**Potentially Non-Compliant:** The water uses of the Quarry must be reviewed to ensure compliance with Section 21 of the NWA.
National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (NEM:AQA) (Act 39 of 2004)	Dust control and potential air emission licensing.	Dust suppression measures required to comply with the National Dust Control Regulations.	Municipality Air Quality Officer	**Compliant:** Emissions does not trigger an air emission licence. Dust suppression in place and monthly fallout dust monitoring implemented on site.
National Environmental Management: Waste Act (NEMWA) (Act 59 of 2008)	Waste management licensing for hazardous and general waste.	Waste is removed by registered contractors; no on-site disposal occurs.	DMPR	**Compliant:** Waste managed per legal requirements.
National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) (Act 25 of 1999)	Heritage impact assessment (HIA) required if archaeological finds occur.	During the HIA survey, heritage resources recorded were limited to a ruin consisting of a partially demolished structure and a large pile of building rubble. The ruins are likely associated with previous	SAHRA / Provincial Heritage Resources Agency – Northern Cape (PHRA-NC)	**Compliant:** The HIA concluded that the impact to significant heritage resources is expected to be low provided that the recommendations of the HIA are adhered to,

LEGISLATION	TRIGGER	APPLICABILITY TO KIMBERLEY QUARRY	RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY	COMPLIANCE STATUS
		mining activities within the project activities. The ruins potential to contribute to aesthetic, historic, scientific, and social aspects are non-existent, and the feature is of low significance. Often ruins may be associated with stillborn graves, and the site will require monitoring if mining extends into this area through the implementation of a Chance Find Procedure.		based on SAHRA's approval.
Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) (Act 85 of 1993)	Workplace safety and hazard management.	Compliance with safety regulations for workers and mining equipment.	Department of Labour (DoL)	**Compliant:** Safety regulations followed, but ongoing audits required.
Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (CARA) (Act 43 of 1983).	Land degradation and soil conservation measures.	Measures required for erosion control and vegetation restoration.	Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform	**Compliant**: Rehabilitation plan in place but requires ongoing monitoring
Noise Control Regulations (GNR 154 of 1992, under the Environment Conservation Act).	Noise level monitoring and control.	Blasting and mining operations generate noise, requiring mitigation measures.	DMPR	**Compliant:** Noise monitoring in place.
National Road Traffic Act (NRTA) (Act 93 of 1996)	Regulation of transport for heavy mining vehicles.	Trucks transport material via public roads; overloading must be prevented.	SANRAL	**Compliant:** Transport regulations followed, but monitoring required

E. DETAILS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOLLOWED

The relevant landowner, stakeholders and I&AP's were informed of the proposed EMPR amendment by means of an advertisement in the Noordkaap Bulletin newspaper, and on-site notices that were placed at conspicuous places. A notification letter inviting comments on the EMPR amendment over an extended 47-days commenting period (ending 09 October 2025) was sent to the landowner, lawful occupier, neighbouring landowners (that could be identified), stakeholders, and any other I&AP that may be interested in the project and who's contact details could be obtained. All notifications were available in both Afrikaans and English. The comments received on the draft EMPR amendment were incorporated into this report, the final EMPR amendment, to be submitted to the DMPR for consideration.

Table 4: List of the I&AP's and stakeholders that were notified of the EMPR amendment.

SURROUNDING LANDOWNERS & INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES	STAKEHOLDERS
Θ Raumix Aggregates (Pty) Ltd (Landowner) Portion 39 of Spijt Fontein No 122 Θ Mr H Booysen Eureka No 200 Θ Imithi (Pty) Ltd Portion 3 of Mauritsfontein No 126 Θ Mr TC Robertson Portion 15 of Spijt Fontein No 122 Θ Eskom Portion 41 of Spijt Fontein No 122 Θ Mr JHG Blignault & Me L Brits Portion 29 of Spijt Fontein No 122 Θ Namakwa Boerdery No 3 (Pty) Ltd Portion 25 (Remaining Extent) of Spijt Fontein No 122 Θ Marnel CC Portion 33 of Spijt Fontein No 122 Θ Mr JA Kruger Portion 34 of Spijt Fontein No 122 Θ Property of South Africa Farm No 121 Θ Transnet Ltd	Θ Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform Θ Department of Economic Development and Tourism Θ Department of Labour Θ Department of Roads and Public Works Θ Department of Water and Sanitation Θ Eskom Θ Francis Baard District Municipality Θ SAHRA Θ SANRAL Θ Sol Plaatje Local Municipality Θ Sol Plaatje Local Municipality Ward No 26 Θ Transnet

SURROUNDING LANDOWNERS & INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES	STAKEHOLDERS
Portion 3 of Bultfontein No 80 Θ Mr B Coetzee Portion 76 of Bultfontein No 80 Θ Blockpave (Pty) Ltd Lawful land user Θ Mr J Pretorius Interested and Affected Party Θ Mr & Mrs Steyn Interested and Affected Party Θ Mrs R Oosthuizen Interested and Affected Party	

Table 5: List of the I&AP's and stakeholders that commented or registered on the project.

REGISTERED INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES AND/OR STAKEHOLDERS
Θ Mr JHG Blignault (I&AP) Farm Ariel & Portion 29 of Spijt Fontein No 122 Θ Mr P De Smidt (I&AP) Farm Umbriel Θ Imithi (Pty / Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd c/o Mr S Fairhead (I&AP) Portion 3 of Mauritsfontein No 126 Θ Mrs R Oosthuizen Interested and Affected Party Θ Transnet Portion 3 of Bultfontein No 80 Θ Marnel CC / Mr & Mrs Van der Nest Portion 33 of Spijt Fontein No 122 Θ Namakwa Boerdery No 3 (Pty) Ltd / Mr & Mrs Wilke Portion 25 (Remaining Extent) of Spijt Fontein No 122 Θ SAHRA

Refer to the following table for an explanation on how the public participation process of this project took the methods stipulated in Regulation 41 of the NEMA Regulations into account.

Table 6: Table comparing the required methods with the public participation process of this project.

REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF NEMA REGULATION 41	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOLLOWED
Θ Regulation 41(2)(a): *Fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to and accessible by the public at the boundary, on the fence or along the corridor of-* *(i) The site where the activity to which the application or proposed application relates is or is to be undertaken; and* (ii) *Any alternative site.* Θ Regulation 41(3): *A notice, notice board or advertisement referred to in subregulation (2) must—* *(a) give details of the application or proposed application which is subjected to public participation; and* *(b) state—* *(i) whether basic assessment or S&EIR procedures are being applied to the application;* *(ii) the nature and location of the activity to which the application relates;* *(iii) where further information on the application or proposed application can be obtained; and* (iv) *the manner in which and the person to whom representations in respect of the application or proposed application may be made.* Θ Regulation 41(4): *A notice board referred to in subregulation (2) must—* *(a) be of a size of at least 60cm by 42cm; and* (b) *display the required information in lettering and in a format as may be determined by the competent authority.*	Notice boards were fixed at two conspicuous and publicly accessible areas, namely the: Θ Entrance to the Mine; and Θ Kimberley Municipal Offices. The notice boards complied with the requirements of Regulation 41(3). The notices were printed on boards of 60 x 42 cm in Arial font of sufficient size. The notice boards were available in both Afrikaans and English.
Θ Regulation 41(2)(b): *giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to-* (i) *the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;*	(i) The MR Holder is in constant consultation with the landowner who is aware of the proposed EMPR amendment. The landowner was invited to comment on the draft EMPR. (ii) The directly surrounding landowners, and lawful occupiers of the land were informed of the project and invited to comment on the EMPR amendment. (iii) The Ward Councillor applicable to the mining footprint was invited to comment on the project and the EMPR amendment.

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(ii) *owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;* (iii) *the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area;* *(iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;* *(v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity;* *(vi) any other party as required by the competent authority;*	(iv) Representatives from the local and district municipalities were invited to comment on the project and EMPR amendment. (v) As listed in Table 4 the relevant state departments and entities were invited to comment on the project and the EMPR amendment.
Θ Regulation 41(2)(c): *Placing an advertisement in-* *(i) One local newspaper; or* *(ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations.*	The project and availability of the amended EMPR was advertised in the Noordkaap Bulletin newspaper on 21 August 2025.
Θ Regulation 41(2)(d): *Placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which it is or will be undertaken…*	The Noordkaap Bulletin is a provincial newspaper distributed in English and Afrikaans, free of charge in the region applicable to this application.
Θ Regulation 41(2)(e): *Using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to—* *(i) illiteracy;* *(ii) disability; or* (iii) *any other disadvantage.*	Where applicable, I&AP's were messaged via Whatsapp or SMS. Persons not answering their telephones were also messaged to explain the reason for the call from the consultants.
Θ Regulation 41(5): *Where public participation is conducted in terms of this regulation for an application or proposed application, subregulation (2)(a), (b), (c) and (d) need not be complied with again during the additional public participation process contemplated in regulations 19(1)(b) or 23(1)(b) or the public participation process contemplated in regulation 21(2)(d)…*	Not applicable to this application.
Θ Regulation 41(6): *When complying with this regulation, the person conducting the public participation process must ensure that—*	The amended EMPR containing all the facts in respect of this application was available to the landowner, stakeholders and potential I&AP's for perusal and commenting over an extended

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(a) information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application or proposed application is made available to potential interested and affected parties; and (b) *participation by potential or registered interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all potential or registered interested and affected parties are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the application or proposed application.*	47-days commenting period. The amended EMPR was also available on the Greenmined website. I&AP's and stakeholders were invited to contact the EAP should additional information be required. The comments received on the draft EMPR amendment were incorporated into this report, the final EMPR amendment, to be submitted for departmental consideration.
Θ Regulation 41(7): *Where an environmental authorisation is required in terms of these Regulations and an authorisation, permit or licence is required in terms of a specific environmental management Act, the public participation process contemplated in this Chapter may be combined with any public participation processes prescribed in terms of a specific environmental management Act, on condition that all relevant authorities agree to such combination of processes.*	Not applicable to this project.

a) SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED BY I&APS

Table 7: Summary of issues raised by IAPs

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AFFECTED PARTIES	**X**	-	-	-	-
Landowner/s	**N/A**	-	-	-	-
Raumix Aggregates (Pty) Ltd	x	The landowner is aware of and supports the proposed amendment of the EMPR.			
Lawful occupier/s of the land	-	-			
Blockpave (Pty) Ltd	X	No comments were received from Blockpave (Pty) Ltd that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.			
Landowners or lawful occupiers on adjacent properties	**X**	-			
Mr H Booysen Θ Eureka No 200	X	No comments were received that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.			
Impithi (Pty) Ltd / Mauritsfontein (Pty) Ltd care of Mr S Fairhead Θ Portion 3 of Mauritsfontein No 126	X	12 September 2025	Mr Fairhead requested a copy of the 2011 EMPR of the mine.	Greenmined supplied Mr Fairhead with a copy of the 2011 EMPR on 16 September 2025.	Refer to Appendix H2 for Proof of the Public Participation.
		01 October 2025	Mr Fairhead requested a summary of the sections that were amended during the compilation of the 2025 EMPR.	The summary was sent to Mr Fairhead on 03 October 2025.	

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On 07 October 2025, Mr Fairhead submitted the following comments: "Pls advise on operational time frames at the Quarry. It seems the 2011 document does not necessary detail the operational time frame - I can't find anything specific, and there is no shift structure, which seems then to mean they used to only work during the day? Re blasting: Blasting times were shown as "infrequent (once every 2 months at most)", now they show restricted to "08h00 – 17h00 Monday to Saturday" so they can then really blast anytime and as often as they want? As neighbours to the quarry we have also never received notification of blasts" The above comments were followed by the following formal comments, received on 09 October 2025: "…. We have reviewed the documentation provided, including the schedule you prepared highlighting the amendments between the 2011 EMPR and the 2025 EMPR and wish to comment as follows: 1. 2025 EMPR Paragraph C(b)(1) page 11 – Mining Activities and Operations a. The document states that "The Quarry periodically operates 24 hours, 7-days a week, especially when material is needed for road related projects", it further makes a distinction between day shift and night shift, and the type of activities that can be undertaken during these shifts. We did not seem to find this distinction made in the 2011 EMPR, so assuming operations was during daytime only. b. If this assumption is correct, then the requirement to operate on a 24-hour basis, would be a new requirement awaiting approval under the 2025 EMPR application. c. If such operations are already being carried out on a 24-hour basis, this could be in contravention of the 2011 EMPR in place currently. d. Therefore, we would need to have clarity and confirmation of the following. i. Is the move to operate 24 hours, 7-days a week a requirement seeking approval for under the 2025 EMPR, if so, we Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd object to the approval of such requirements. If not, please provide confirmation where the 24-hour operations form part of the current approval under the 2011 EMPR. 2. Enhanced Dust Management and Monitoring: While the 2025 EMPR proposes measures such as water spraying, dust-allaying agents, and monthly fallout dust monitoring, further safeguards could include:				

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a. Beyond monthly fallout-dust monitoring, installing real-time dust monitors at the boundaries of adjacent properties to provide immediate alerts for elevated dust levels, allowing for rapid implementation of additional separation measures and preventing prolonged exposure for neighbors.
b. Proactively establishing and maintaining dense, tall vegetation screens or earth berms along the property boundaries visible to and adjacent to sensitive receptors. While progressive rehabilitation is mentioned, specific, immediate visual/dust barriers for adjacent properties would offer enhanced protection.

3. Stricter Noise Control and Communication: The 2025 EMPR outlines notifying landowners before blasting, quarterly noise monitoring and considering noise impacts. To enhance protection for adjacent property owners:
   a. Enhanced blasting communication: Beyond written notification, (Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd has to date not received any notices relevant to blasting activities) establishing a more immediate communication systems, such as SMS alerts, WhatsApp groups, or a dedicated hotline, for adjacent property owners to receive timely updates on blasting schedules and to report any concerns.
   b. Increased frequency of noise monitoring near receptors: Supplementing quarterly noise monitoring with more frequent (e.g. monthly or bimonthly) spot checks or continuous monitoring at the nearest sensitive noise reception (e.g. adjacent residential dwellings located 400 m to 1 km away).

4. Comprehensive Water Quality Protection: The 2025 EMPR includes annual water quality monitoring for quarry sumps, runoff, and oil separators, and water from the borehole/oil sump. Enhanced measures could include:
   a. Establishing dedicated groundwater monitoring boreholes down-gradient of the mining area and in proximity to adjacent properties. While a borehole is used for water abstraction, monitoring for contamination specifics to adjacent properties is not explicitly detailed.
   b. Increasing the frequency of surface water quality monitoring (e.g. quarterly or biannually) for runoff exiting the site towards adjacent properties, testing for a comprehensive range of parameters including heavy metals and Hydrocarbons.
   c. Ensuring stormwater management plans actively divert all potentially contaminated runoff away from adjacent properties and prevent its discharge unless proven clean through rigorous testing.

5. Improve Public Participation and Ongoing Engagements: While the public participation process is outlined for the 2025 EMPR amendment, ongoing engagement could be improved:
   a. Creating a formal, regular (e.g. quarterly or biannual) liaison forum specifically for adjacent property owners and community representatives to provide updates on mining operations, environmental performance, and address any concerns or grievances throughout the life of the mine.

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b. Publicising a dedicated contact person or hotline for adjacent property owners to report immediate issues (e.g. excessive dust, noise, perceived water contamination) and ensure prompt investigation and feedback.
c. Providing regular summaries of environmental monitoring results (dust, noise, water quality) to adjacent property owners or making these easily accessible online to foster transparency.
d. Establishing a clear, transparent and time-bound grievance mechanisms specifically for adjacent property owners, detailing how compliance will be investigated, resolved and how feedback will be provided.

Implementing additional measures and communication would demonstrate a stronger commitment to environmental stewardship and enhance the protection and reassurance of adjacent property owners…"

Greenmined responded as follows, on 07 November 2025, to the comments received on behalf of Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd:

"….Herewith please receive our response to your comments. All comments received have been incorporated into the final EMPR, which will be submitted to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) for their review and decision-making.

1. Operational Times

It is noted that the 2011 Environmental Management Programme (EMPR) of the mine does not expressly stipulate or restrict the operating hours of the quarry. It can therefore be reasonably interpreted that the mine is not limited solely to daytime operations, provided that all activities are conducted in compliance with the environmental management and mitigation measures contained within the EMPR and applicable legislation.

Notwithstanding the above, and in the interest of clarity and transparency, the amended (2025) EMPR will formally record the operational hours to be applied at the site, namely:

- Normal operating hours from Monday to Friday, 07:00 to 19:00, with production ceasing at 17:00 on Saturdays;
- No production activities on Sundays, expect for essential maintenance if required; and

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- Under project-specific pressures (for example, urgent contract deadlines or equipment breakdown recovery), operating hours may be temporarily extended from 05:00 to 22:00, subject to prior notification to affected neighbours.
- Where extended hours are anticipated, affected neighbours will be informed at least 24 hours in advance, specifying:
  - the dates and duration of the extended working hours; and
  - the reason for the temporary extension.
- Blasting activities will only take place Monday to Friday between 07:00 and 17:00.

This amendment will ensure that the EMPR accurately reflects the operational practice of the quarry while maintaining regulatory compliance and minimising potential disturbance to surrounding receptors.

2. Dust Monitoring

The quarry currently has eight (8) fallout dust monitoring units, monitored and reported on a monthly basis. Five (5) of these units are strategically positioned along the western boundary of the mining area, between the active operations and the nearest residential receptors, to ensure effective monitoring of potential dust dispersion towards the community. In addition, gravimetric dust monitoring and personal noise exposure monitoring are conducted monthly in accordance with occupational health and environmental management standards.

Fallout dust monitoring results for January to September 2025 indicated no exceedances of the permissible limit of 1 200 mg/m²/day at any of the monitoring stations, confirming that dust levels have remained within acceptable thresholds. The quarry will continue implementing its established air quality and noise monitoring programme, with results reviewed monthly and included in environmental performance reporting to ensure ongoing compliance and proactive management.

The suggestion for the installation of real-time dust monitors is noted and appreciated. However, the consistently compliant monitoring results confirm that the current monitoring network and mitigation measures are effective. Additional real-time monitoring infrastructure is therefore not considered necessary at this stage. The quarry remains committed to continuous improvement and will continue reviewing its dust management practices to ensure compliance and address any site-specific concerns.

Regarding the recommendation for vegetation screens or earth berms, such measures are not feasible within the immediate plant area due to operational and safety constraints. The western boundary already supports a well-established line of mature trees and natural vegetation, providing visual screening and partial dust attenuation. Given that dust

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levels remain within acceptable regulatory limits, additional tree planting is not considered necessary, as it would offer limited benefit while affecting water availability and maintenance. The quarry will continue to monitor dust levels and maintain the existing vegetative buffer, implementing further measures if warranted by monitoring results or site conditions.

3. Noise Monitoring

The suggestion to enhance communication regarding blasting activities and to increase the frequency of noise monitoring is noted and appreciated.

The quarry currently undertakes regular noise monitoring in accordance with recognised environmental and occupational health standards. Personal noise exposure monitoring is conducted monthly, and environmental noise assessments are carried out to verify compliance with the SANS 10103:2008 noise standards. These assessments have confirmed that current noise levels remain within acceptable limits.

With regard to communication of blasting activities, the quarry maintains a WhatsApp communication group through which all neighbouring landowners are informed of pending blasting events in advance. Notifications include the date and anticipated time of the blast. Moving forward, Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd will be added to this communication group to ensure that they receive all relevant notifications directly and timeously.

Given the effectiveness of the existing monitoring and communication measures, the quarry considers the current system adequate for ensuring compliance and transparency. However, as part of its commitment to continuous improvement, the quarry will continue to review the noise monitoring programme and, where necessary, undertake additional spot checks near sensitive receptors to further validate compliance and address community concerns.

4. Water Quality Protection

We acknowledge your suggestions regarding enhanced groundwater and surface water quality monitoring.

To strengthen the existing water management framework, the amended EMPR will include a commitment to conduct biannual (twice-yearly) monitoring of both groundwater and surface water quality. Monitoring will focus on key water quality parameters such as pH, electrical conductivity, total dissolved solids, suspended solids, hydrocarbons (where applicable), and metals relevant to quarry operations.

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In addition, the quarry will continue to implement and maintain an effective stormwater management system to ensure that all potentially contaminated runoff is contained, diverted, or treated prior to discharge from the site. This will include the regular inspection and maintenance of stormwater diversion berms, collection trenches, and containment sumps, to prevent uncontrolled runoff from entering adjacent properties or natural drainage systems.

These measures will be reflected as mitigation commitments in the 2025 EMPR, ensuring ongoing compliance with the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) and the principles of sound environmental management.

5. Ongoing Community Engagement

The quarry acknowledges the importance of maintaining transparent and accessible communication channels with adjacent property owners and community representatives. To this end, the following measures will be formalised and incorporated into the amended 2025 EMPr:

1. **After-Hours Communication Protocol**
   - The quarry will adopt an After-Hours Communication Protocol to ensure that community concerns and environmental incidents occurring outside of normal working hours are appropriately managed and recorded.
   - The Mine Manager or a designated representative will respond to community concerns after hours, supported by a 24-hour contact number displayed at the site entrance and shared through established communication platforms (e.g., WhatsApp group and/or email notifications).
   - All complaints received will be logged in the Environmental Complaints Register, acknowledged, and followed up with feedback to the complainant within five (5) working days, ensuring accountability and traceability.

2. **Ongoing Community Engagement and Liaison**
   - As a registered I&AP, Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd will be included in all formal environmental communication and copies or summaries of monitoring data related to dust fallout and water quality will be available for review throughout the operational phase of the project. These results will be shared as part of the project's ongoing stakeholder engagement and reporting process.

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- In addition, the annual Environmental Performance Assessment (EPA) submitted to the DMPR will include the findings of the monitoring programmes. In accordance with the commitments outlined in the EMPR, all registered I&APs — including Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd — will be notified in writing within seven (7) calendar days of submission of each annual EPA, confirming that the report and associated monitoring data are available for review upon request.
- This approach ensures that Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd remains informed of environmental performance, potential impacts, and corrective actions throughout the life of the project, and can meaningfully participate in ongoing environmental management discussions.

3. **Grievance and Feedback Procedure**
   - All complaints or concerns—whether received during working hours, after hours, or through a liaison platform—will be handled in accordance with the site's Environmental Complaints and Grievance Procedure.
   - This procedure ensures that each complaint is acknowledged, investigated, addressed, and formally closed out, with feedback provided to the complainant in writing or through the communication method originally used.

These measures collectively address both the need for ongoing engagement and responsive communication, ensuring that community members are informed, heard, and provided with timely feedback.

We trust that the above responses provide clarity on the matters raised and assurance that all concerns have been duly considered in the amendment of the EMPR. The Right Holder and Environmental Assessment Practitioner remain committed to transparent communication, sound environmental management, and continuous improvement in operational practices…"

Refer to the following sections of the EMPR where the above were incorporated:

- C(b)(1) Project Description – Operational Phase: 1.4 Operating Hours;
- G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Operational Times and Communication of Concerns;
- G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Dust Management;
- G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Noise Management;
- G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Geology and Soil – Erosion Control and Stormwater Management;

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Θ G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Hydrology; Θ Mechanisms for Monitoring Compliance with and Performance Assessment against the Environmental Management Programme and Reporting thereon, including Monitoring and Impact Management Actions; Monitoring and Reporting Frequency; Responsible Persons; Time Period for Implementing Impact Management Actions; Mechanisms for Monitoring Compliance; and Θ Appendix J – After-hours Communication Protocol.					
Mr TC Robertson Θ Portion 15 of Spijt Fontein No 122	X	No comments were received that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.			
Eskom Θ Portion 41 of Spijt Fontein No 122	X	No comments were received from Eskom that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.			
Mr JHG Blignault & Me L Brits Θ Portion 29 of Spijt Fontein No 122	X	09 October 2025	Mr Blignault registered as I&AP on the project.	Greenmined confirmed on 14 October, that Mr Blignault was registered as I&AP on the project.	Refer to Appendix H2 for Proof of the Public Participation.
Namakwa Boerdery No 3 (Pty) Ltd Θ Portion 25 (Remaining Extent) of Spijt Fontein No 122	X	08 October 2025	Mr & Mrs Wilke registered as I&AP's on the project.	Greenmined confirmed on 14 October, that Mr & Mrs Wilke were registered as I&AP's on the project.	Refer to Appendix H2 for Proof of the Public Participation.
Marnel CC Θ Portion 33 of Spijt Fontein No 122	X	05 September 2025	Mrs Van der Nest registered as I&AP on the project.	Greenmined registered Mrs Van der Nest as I&AP's on the project.	Refer to Appendix H2 for Proof of the Public Participation.

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Summary of the comments received (08 October 2025) from Mrs Van der Nest during the commenting period (translated to English for ease of reference): "…..As an affected party, I would like to raise the following matters: 1. As mentioned to you over the phone, we have experienced many problems with Raumix over the past three years. They have simply steamrolled over us at times, particularly with dust. Only after we addressed the matter through the DMR did they start to listen to us and put measures in place. 2. We have already informed them that there are 50-plus working people permanently residing here in the direct vicinity of the mine. We are more residential than rural in nature. 3. Operating hours other than a normal working day are not acceptable to us. We also regard it as our constitutional right to be able to use our homes without additional pollution and noise. From time to time, we have reached an agreement that they may work longer hours, but we see this as a concession, provided that they comply with legal requirements regarding dust and noise control. 4. I would also like to know who the Case Officer is at the Department with whom negotiations are being held. 5. We are not unsympathetic to the operations of the quarry, but the human factor must be addressed. None of the parties involved — Raumix management, DMRE *(now DMPR)*, Transnet, the Department of Safety, or Eskom — live in the immediate vicinity of the quarry. The problems we experienced mostly occurred after hours and at night. During those times, no one was willing to come out and assess the situation. Senior management later became rude because we tried to address the problems during the night. 6. If Raumix Aggregates adheres to the mining activities and practices of their predecessors, we foresee no problems. All operations must remain acceptable for both people and animals. 7. Their clients at times create safety and health risks along the N12, as trucks block the road. These clients already start parking along the roadside at night. They make noise and, since there are no toilet facilities, they use our fields. The waste ends up in our grazing areas, and our animals eat it. We proposed that the quarry make an				

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area within their property available for overnight truck parking and provide ablution facilities. They simply said they would not. Yet, their clients are causing inconvenience to us and creating a health hazard…"				
Greenmined responded as follows, on 07 November 2025, to the comments received from Mrs Van der Nest (translated to English for ease of reference): "…Herewith please receive our response to your comments. All comments received have been incorporated into the final EMPR, which will be submitted to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) for their review and decision-making. **1. Operational Times and Dust Generation** We acknowledge the concern raised regarding operational hours and potential impacts such as noise and dust. Following discussions with the Right Holder, the EMPR will be amended accordingly to reflect the following: • Normal operating hours will be Monday to Friday from 07:00 to 19:00, while production work will cease at 17:00 on Saturdays. • Under project-specific pressures (for example, urgent contract deadlines or equipment breakdown recovery), operating hours may be temporarily extended from 05:00 to 22:00. • Where extended hours are anticipated, affected neighbours will be informed at least 24 hours in advance, specifying: o the dates and duration of the extended working hours; and o the reason for the temporary extension. • Blasting activities will only take place Monday to Friday between 07:00 and 17:00. • Production will take place Monday to Saturday, with Sundays reserved for maintenance only, if required. All operations will continue to implement and monitor noise and dust control measures as prescribed in the EMPR, to ensure compliance with applicable legislation and to minimise any potential nuisance to surrounding landowners and residents.				

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2. Department Case Officer

As this application pertains to the amendment of an existing EMPR, a case officer will only be assigned once the amended document has been submitted for decision-making. The submission will be directed to the Environmental Management Section of the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR).

3. Communication Concerns

Thank you for sharing your concerns. We acknowledge and understand the frustrations experienced by the surrounding community, particularly in relation to after-hours disturbances and the perceived lack of responsiveness during these times.

In response thereto, the following After-Hours Communication Protocol will be added to the 2025 EMPR:

To ensure that community concerns and environmental incidents occurring outside of normal operational hours are appropriately managed, the following measures shall be implemented:

1. **After-Hours Contact Details**
   - The Mine Manager or an on-call representative shall be responsible for responding to community concerns and environmental incidents occurring after hours.
   - A 24-hour contact number shall be maintained and made available to the surrounding community through signage at the site entrance and via formal communication channels (e.g., WhatsApp group and/or email notifications).

2. **Incident and Complaint Logging**
   - All complaints or incident reports received after hours shall be recorded in the site's Environmental Complaints Register, noting the time, date, nature of the concern, and the response action taken.
   - The Mine Manager shall ensure that all after-hours complaints are logged by the start of the next working day for follow-up and verification.

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3. Response and Escalation Procedure

- Where possible, the Mine Manager shall provide an initial acknowledgment and immediate mitigation (if required) within a reasonable time of receiving the complaint.
- If an incident cannot be resolved immediately, it shall be escalated by the Mine Manager for investigation and corrective action during the next working day.

4. **Monitoring, Reporting and Feedback to Complainants**

- A summary of after-hours complaints and responses shall be included in the annual environmental performance assessment reports and reviewed during management meetings.
- The Mine Manager shall ensure that each complainant receives feedback on the outcome of their complaint within five (5) working days of receipt.
- Feedback shall include:
  - Acknowledgment of the complaint and date received;
  - Summary of any actions taken or investigations conducted; and
  - Where applicable, corrective or preventive measures implemented to avoid recurrence.
- Feedback may be provided telephonically, by text/email, or in writing, depending on the method used by the complainant and the contact details provided.
- A record of feedback provided shall be maintained in the Environmental Complaints Register, along with supporting documentation of any follow-up correspondence.
- Recurrent or serious after-hours issues shall be assessed to determine whether additional operational controls, monitoring or community measures are required.

4. Parking on the N12 National Road

We take note of your concern regarding the parking of trucks on the N12 national road. Site management has confirmed that client trucks occasionally park along the access road leading to the quarry, situated off the N12 national route. The matter has been noted as a concern and is currently receiving attention. Engagements are in progress between the quarry management and Transnet with the objective of identifying a suitable and secure parking area between the N12 and the adjacent railway line, where client vehicles may be accommodated in a controlled manner.

Truck drivers are permitted to utilise the ablution facilities located at the quarry's security gate and weighbridge area. Furthermore, a mitigation and management commitment will be incorporated into the 2025 EMPR amendment, requiring that any mining related truck parking area established outside of the quarry boundary be maintained in a

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hygienic and orderly condition. This will include the daily removal of litter, implementation of sanitation and waste management measures, and regular inspections to ensure that no environmental pollution or health hazards arise from such activities. We trust that the above responses provide clarity on the matters raised and assurance that all concerns have been duly considered in the amendment of the EMPR. The Right Holder and Environmental Assessment Practitioner remain committed to transparent communication, sound environmental management, and continuous improvement in operational practices…"				
Refer to the following sections of the EMPR where the above was incorporated: Θ C(b)(1) Project Description – Operational Phase: 1.4 Operating Hours; Θ G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Operational Times and Communication of Concerns; Θ G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Access Road Management; Θ Mechanisms for Monitoring Compliance with and Performance Assessment against the Environmental Management Programme and Reporting thereon, including Monitoring and Impact Management Actions; Monitoring and Reporting Frequency; Responsible Persons; Time Period for Implementing Impact Management Actions; Mechanisms for Monitoring Compliance; and Θ Appendix J – After-hours Communication Protocol.				
Additional comments received from Mrs Van der Nest on 20 November 2025 (translated to English for ease of reference): "…..We note that only we received the email *[07 November 2025]*. We, as a community, are part of this correspondence, and we first had to bring it to everyone's attention. I would like to give the feedback as received from the group: 1. The extended working hours from Monday to Friday, from 7am to 7pm, are still acceptable. If used productively, this is quite a number of extra hours per week.				

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2. But Saturday working hours from 7am to 5pm are unacceptable and out of the question. We are strongly opposed to this. It is our right to enjoy our surroundings over a weekend without noise and mining activities. Some of us are also working people, so weekends are also rest days. Then there is Bella Cardi, which hosts functions over weekends. No bride wants a video with mine noise in the background. It is also their business and must also be considered. We will at most allow Raumix to do maintenance and upkeep on a Saturday up to 12pm. We are already sacrificing our weekday evenings when we want to be outside or hold functions because of the noise. We think it is only humane and fair that we are not also exposed to this noise on weekends and public holidays.

3. We absolutely do not agree to Sunday working hours. Maintenance and repair work is not necessarily noise-free.

4. Regarding Project-Specific Pressure – We would like to address the following: With Raumix taking over, they have been in the "pressure" phase for 3 years plus now. We cannot accept this any longer, as it has become a permanent situation. They called us and only inform us that they will be working late again. So to sort this out and make a final decision, we do not agree to extra hours or extended hours for Project-Specific Pressure. These work pressure timelines can be resolved internally.

   There are unfortunately too many breakdowns, which they then want to make our problem by working longer and more hours. Sometimes there are hours during the normal working day when no crushing takes place. But when it gets to 5pm, the sirens start and then they work. About a month ago they said they would work later to build up stock for a roads project. It appears that they did not do so, but everything is still being hauled away. So that road projects will just follow again, and then another one after that.

5. We propose that if they stick to the longer weekday working hours from 7am to 7pm, then, with better planning, many of these problems will be resolved.

6. Parking on the N12 – I am glad they are going to follow up on this. But I can assure you it is still happening fairly often. Our problem with the trucks is that they already park here at night. They make a noise and sometimes you can hear the shouting. Since we are safety conscience this creates a problem for us. We have cameras that show the people using the veld as toilet. So regardless of the fact that the facility is offered to them, they do not walk the distance to use it.

   They suggested scraping the entrance wider for the trucks, but we do not want a Truck Stop directly opposite us. It is their clients and cannot become our problem. That will only create extra dust and noise. If they cannot house the trucks within their own yard, then their clients must be directed to a Truck Stop, a few of which are nearby. Their clients can report again at 7am. This is truly an annoying problem that must be urgently addressed because the number of trucks is increasing.

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We do not want to be unnecessarily difficult, but we must please also be considered…"				
Additional to the above, Mrs Van der Nest submitted the following comments on 21 November 2025 (translated to English for ease of reference): "…..We would also like to bring the following to your attention. This is only to support the reasons we have already communicated to you by email. 1. We again experienced a problem last night at approximately 21:00 with dust that overwhelmed us. The mine manager did not respond. The person on site was informed that we were experiencing severe dust, but we also cannot report that any improvement was noticed afterwards. According to the personnel on the ground, the dust is not visible at them. But one sees dust through light, not inside the light. In the photo of the area, it is clear how the dust stands out through the light beams. We suspect they again have a mobile crusher, which is extremely noisy and causes much more dust. 2. I attach the photos of the dust as we experience it in our living areas. I unfortunately cannot send the video of the noise by email. This is why we can no longer accept any additional working hours beyond 7pm. It is truly unbearable, and unfortunately, we cannot be exposed to this indefinitely. We would like to send the videos, so if you have a WhatsApp number for us, we can send it. We would really like to share the actual conditions with you to support our concerns. We are truly not unreasonable, and we wish them their production, but we can no longer do so at the expense of our community.				

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Greenmined responded as follows to the additional comments received from Mrs Van der Nest on 02 December 2025 (translated to English for ease of reference): "…..This communication serves to confirm receipt of your comments. All submissions received during the public participation process have been reviewed and the relevant inputs incorporated into the final EMPr, which will be submitted to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) for decision making.				

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The concerns raised regarding extended working hours, and weekend operations have been noted. According to the dust and noise monitoring conducted as part of the site's monitoring programme, the measured levels remain within applicable legislative limits. These monitoring results have been included in the documentation submitted to the DMPR. Ongoing compliance monitoring will continue to be undertaken in accordance with statutory requirements. In relation to truck parking, the site information provided by the Applicant indicates that the area currently utilised is not a truck stop, but a temporary holding area situated on the property of Raumix Aggregates (Pty) Ltd for client trucks waiting to enter the mining area. The Applicant has advised that site management will intensify the management of this area and the associated vehicle movements. Should you wish to provide the video material referenced in your correspondence, it may be forwarded to the following number: 082 811 8514. Any additional information submitted will be included in the project record for the DMPR's consideration."				
Also refer to the following relevant information: Θ C(b)(1) Project Description – Operational Phase: 1.4 Operating Hours; Θ G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Operational Times and Communication of Concerns; Θ G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Dust Management; Θ G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Noise Management; Θ G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Access Road Management; Θ Mechanisms for Monitoring Compliance with and Performance Assessment against the Environmental Management Programme and Reporting thereon, including Monitoring and Impact Management Actions; Monitoring and Reporting Frequency; Responsible Persons; Time Period for Implementing Impact Management Actions; Mechanisms for Monitoring Compliance; and Θ Appendix J – After-hours Communication Protocol. Θ Appendix K – 2025 Fallout Dust Monitoring Results. Θ Appendix L – Environmental Noise Survey October 2024.				

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Further to the above, the mitigation measures and the EMPR now include the installation of an anemometer at the mine to record wind speed and wind direction as part of the site's dust management programme.

The images below show on-site conditions at and around the plant on 20 November 2025 between 20:12 and 23:39. Note that after 20:30 the camera angle shifted and began recording directly into one of the site spotlights. This caused the images to appear dusty, even when no excessive dust was present. The view remains unchanged from 20:48 to 23:39, despite the plant having ceased operations at approximately 21:30. This confirms that the apparent dust in the images is due to the camera facing the spotlight, and not actual dust generated by the plant.

SECURITY CAMERA FACING THE PLANT ON 20 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 20:12

SECURITY CAMERA FACING THE PLANT ON 20 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 20:32

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SECURITY CAMERA FACING INTO THE LIGHT ON 20 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 20:48				
				
SECURITY CAMERA FACING INTO THE LIGHT ON 20 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 21:11				
				

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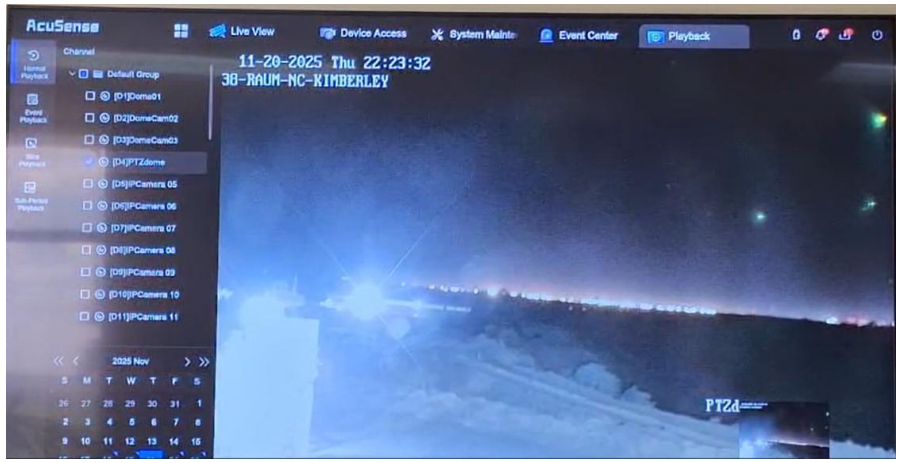
SECURITY CAMERA FACING INTO THE LIGHT ON 20 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 22:23  **SECURITY CAMERA FACING INTO THE LIGHT ON 20 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 23:39** 				
Mr JA Kruger Θ Portion 34 of Spijt Fontein No 122	X	No comments were received that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.		
Property of South Africa (care of Department of Public Works) Θ Farm No 121	X	No comments were received that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.		

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Transnet Ltd Θ Portion 3 of Bultfontein No 80	X	02 September 2025	The following comments were received from Transnet regarding the EMPR amendment.	Greenmined responded as follows to the comments.	Refer to Appendix H2 for Proof of the Public Participation.

Comments received from Transnet on 02 September 2025:

Please take note that Transnet will share a boundary with the farm where mining operations will take place.

From a Land Use and Land rights perspective, this office has no objection against the Prospecting Right Application. However, even though Transnet is the adjacent landowner, is still important to mention that Section 48 (1) of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 stipulates as follow:

"48. *(1) Subject to section 20 of the National Parks Act, 1976 (Act No. 57 of 1976), and subsection (2), no reconnaissance permission, prospecting right, mining right or mining permit may be issued in respect of—*
(a) land comprising a residential area;
(b) any public road, ***railway*** *or cemetery;*
(c) any land being used for public or government purposes or reserved in terms of any other law; or
(d) areas identified by the Minister by notice in the Gazette in terms of section 49."

Please also note that usually under no circumstances will or do Transnet SOC permit, grant permission or consent to any prospecting or mining activities on its properties.

Your attention is drawn to Regulation 17 (6) (a) of the Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996 which determines that no mining operations may be carried out under or within a horizontal distance of 100 meters from buildings, roads, railways, reserves etcetera and we therefore require at least 100m restriction for any quarrying to take place from the railway line.

The yellow polygon is the portion 39 of the farm Sijtfontein No.122 and green lines/polygons are Transnet land. The green polygon inside the farm where mining has already been taking place; is the unregistered expropriation (BDA0076) and TFR is the owner.

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Additional comments were received from Transnet (Mr Karriem) on 10 September 2025: Please note that Transnet, being the adjacent landowner, may be affected by this. We hereby wish to draw your attention to Section 48 (1) of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 which stipulates as follow: ***"48.*** *(1) Subject to section 20 of the National Parks Act, 1976 (Act No. 57 of 1976), and subsection (2), no reconnaissance permission, prospecting right, mining right or mining permit may be issued in respect of—* *(a) land comprising a residential area;* *(b) any public road,* ***railway*** *or cemetery;* *(c) any land being used for public or government purposes or reserved in terms of any other law; or* *(d) areas identified by the Minister by notice in the Gazette in terms of section 49."* Please note that under no circumstances will or do Transnet SOC permit, grant permission or consent to any prospecting or mining activities on its properties. As far as the adjacent properties to the railway line is concerned, your attention is drawn to Regulation 17 (6) (a) of the Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996 which determines that no mining operations may be carried out under or within a horizontal distance of 100 metres from buildings, roads, railways, reserves etcetera.				

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Greenmined responded as follows to the comments received from Transnet on 15 September 2025: "….Kindly note that Kimberley Quarry has been in existence for the past 54 years, and that the current mining right, held by OMV Kimberley Mining (Pty) Ltd, was approved in 2016. The request for comment sent to Transnet on 22 August 2025 invited input on the most recent version of the Quarry's EMPR. It is important to clarify that the amendment of the EMPR does not entail any changes to the existing mining footprint and/or operations. Mining activities will continue as they have in the past. Site management has, however, identified the need to amend and update the EMPR to ensure adequate management and mitigation of environmental impacts, as well as to secure continued legal compliance. Furthermore, please note that site management maintains ongoing communication with Transnet, including providing notification of blasting and any mining activities that may be relevant in relation to the adjacent railway line. While we appreciate your detailed response, we must emphasize that this process does not constitute an application for a new mining or prospecting right, but rather the amendment and updating of the current right's Environmental Management Programme. We also take note of the restriction set out in Regulation 17(6)(a) of the Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996, which provides that no mining operations may be carried out under or within a horizontal distance of 100 metres from buildings, roads, railways, reserves, etc. However, it is important to note that the Kimberley Quarry mining right was approved in 2016, at which time the mining footprint—extending within 100 metres of the railway line—was lawfully authorised. Also note that the holder will not conduct mining activities on your properties, nor will the existing authorised mining footprint be altered by this revised EMPR. Considering the above, we would like to extend an invitation to Transnet to submit mitigation and/or management measures you may wish to see incorporated into this revised EMPR, if any. Kindly note that the commenting period for this project has been extended until 09 October 2025." *No follow-up comments were received from Transnet.*				
Mr B Coetzee Θ Portion 76 of Bultfontein No 80	X	No comments were received that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.		

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Municipal councillor	**X**	-	-	-	-
Sol Plaatje Local Municipality (Ward 26)	X	No comments were received from the ward councillor that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.			
Municipality		-	-	-	-
Sol Plaatje Local Municipality (SPLM)	X	No comments were received from the municipality that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.			
Organs of state (Responsible for infrastructure that may be affected Roads Department, Eskom, Telkom, DWA e	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Roads and Public Works (DRPW)	X	No comments were received from the DRPW that could be incorporated into the final final EMPR amendment.			
Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)	X	No comments were received from the DWS that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.			
Eskom	X	No comments were received from Eskom that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.			

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SANRAL	X	No comments were received from SANRAL that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.			
Communities	No communities were identified within the study area.				
Dept. Land Affairs	X	23 July 2025	The Commission on Restitution of Land Rights confirmed that no land claims appeared on their database in respect of the earmarked property.		Refer to Appendix H2 for Proof of the Public Participation.
Traditional Leaders	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Competent Authorities affected	X	-	-	-	-
Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform (DAEARDLR)	X	No comments were received from DAEARDLR that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.			
Department of Economic Development and Tourism (DEDT)	X	No comments were received from DEDT that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.			
Department of Labour (DoL)	X	No comments were received from DoL that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.			

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South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	X	23 September 2025	The following comments were received from SAHRA.	Beyond Heritage was appointed to conduct the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) including palaeontology (see Appendix I) requested by SAHRA.	Refer to the sections as listed below.

Interim comment received from SAHRA on 23 September 2025:

"….The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) requests that an assessment of the impact to heritage resources that complies with section 38(3) of the NHRA as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA must be conducted as part of the EA process. The HIA must include an archaeological and palaeontological component.

The field-based archaeological component of the HIA must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports (see www.asapa.co.za or www.aphp.org.za for a list of qualified archaeologists).

The proposed development is located within an area of moderate Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. (See https://www.palaeosa.org/for a list of qualified palaeontologists). The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

The Archaeological and Palaeontological Minimum Standards refer to a Letter of Recommendation for Exemption for further studies should the specialist deem it appropriate. SAHRA reserves the right to insist on a field-based assessment should the Letter of Recommendation not provide ample information to make an informed comment.

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewscapes must also be assessed.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports."

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The HIA & PIA were loaded onto the SAHRIS website of SAHRA on 05 December 2025 and are attached to this document as Appendix I. Also refer to the following sections where the heritage and palaeontological aspects were discussed in the EMPR: Θ F(i) Cultural and Heritage Environment; Θ G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Cultural and Heritage Environment; Θ Mechanisms for Monitoring Compliance with and Performance Assessment against the Environmental Management Programme and Reporting thereon, including Monitoring and Impact Management Actions; Monitoring and Reporting Frequency; Responsible Persons; Time Period for Implementing Impact Management Actions; Mechanisms for Monitoring Compliance.				
Interested and Affected Parties	X	-	-	-
Mr J Pretorius	No comments were received that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.			
Mr & Mrs Steyn	No comments were received that could be incorporated into the final EMPR amendment.			
Mr & Mrs Oosthuizen	07 October 2025	Mrs Oosthuizen submitted the following comments with regard to this project.	Greenmined acknowledged receipt of the correspondence on 14 October 2025 and responded as follows to the comments received from Mrs Oosthuizen.	Refer to the sections as listed below.
Mrs Oosthuizen submitted the following comments on the draft EMPR: “Please find attached my comments, concerns and objection to 24/7 operations regarding the updating of the existing EMP for Raumix Aggregates (OMV).				

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1. Public participation in an EIA amendment involves a formal process where stakeholders, including the public and relevant authorities, are informed of proposed changes to an Environmental Authorisation and are given an opportunity to submit written representations. This process ensures that decisions promote sustainable development by integrating environmental, social, and economic factors, and that those potentially affected have a voice in the decision-making process.

2. Can you please explain the fact that the amendment is on the name of OMV which is the previous owners. The current owners are Raumix Aggregates.

3. Can you supply us with the Water Use License for the mine with specific reference to abstraction from the southern quarry pit for dust suppression.

4. The legal principal is that “a man is allowed to have free use and enjoyment of his property, provided that in doing so, he does not infringe on the rights of his neighbour”.

   On page 11 the document states that the quarry periodically operates 24-hours, 7 days a week especially when material is needed for road related projects. Blasting is permitted only between 08:00 and 17:00, Mondays to Saturdays, and is not allowed on Sundays and public holidays.

   The day time shift entails the following main activities:
   - Drilling and blasting;
   - Excavations, loading and hauling material to the processing plant;
   - Crushing, screening and stockpiling of material;
   - Dispatch; and
   - Maintenance and cleaning of the plant.

   During the night shift activities are limited to the following:
   - Drilling;
   - Excavations, loading and hauling of material to the processing plant;
   - Crushing, screening and stockpiling of material; and
   - Maintenance of the plant.

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The following is taken out of the Closure plan. Noise levels from quarry operations decrease significantly with distance due to natural sound attenuation by air, terrain, and vegetation. The nearest potential noise receptor is located ±400 metres west of the processing plant, while additional residential dwellings are situated ±800 metres and 1 kilometre to the south-west and south-south-west, respectively. Although these distances provide a degree of buffer, the proximity of these receptors warrants careful consideration of noise management measures, particularly during periods of intense activity or if operations are extended into evening hours.

I have been living opposite the mine for 25 years and before Raumix took over the mine no 24 hour operation ever took place and we had no issues with the mining operation being opposite our property. The approved Mining Works Programme as well as the approved EIA EMP never mentioned 24-hour work that will be conducted. Therefore no public participation took place with the mine's direct neighbors living less than half a kilometer to a kilometer from the mine to participate in such a decision to start working 24 hours. The direct neighbours have been complaining since 2023 about the noise and dust and since then no amicable solutions could be found. This line of communication can be made available for information and some of the letters are attached. Due to the fact that the mine is about 400 m from some private residential homes which are affected by 24 hour work and that the quality of life of these close residents is adversely negatively affected, some activities for night time will have to be agreed upon which will not be 24/7. There is no limitation for night activities as stated in your document all day time activities are also conducted at night according to the amendment document. No Excavations, loading and hauling of material to the processing plant and Crushing, screening should be done at night as no person can sleep with the noise it creates at night as well as the dust that settles over us at night. As you know noise travels even further at night. Can you provide us with the planned mitigations measures that are proposed to limit the noise and dust levels. The mitigation measures on page 53 - 55 is very generic and does not make provision for the dust, noise and reverse hooters at night affecting at least 40 people living in a radius of 1km from the mine. The mine must propose effective measures for limiting noise and dust at night if they want to work 24/7.

The documents state that OMV Kimberley Mining (Pty) Ltd remains committed to sustainable mining practices, environmental stewardship, and responsible resource extraction that balances economic development with environmental protection and community well-being. The neighbours to the mine will appreciate the protection of our well-being."

Also refer to Appendix H2 for copies of the supporting documents submitted by Mrs Ooshuizen.

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Response to the comments received from Mrs Oosthuizen:

"….Herewith please receive our response to your comments. All comments received have been incorporated into the final EMPR, which will be submitted to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) for their review and decision-making.

1. Mining Right Holder

In 2018, the DMPR approved the cession of the mining right from *Oranje Mynbou en Vervoer Maatskappy (Edms) Bpk* to *OMV Kimberley Mining (Edms) Bpk*. Accordingly, *OMV Kimberley Mining (Edms) Bpk* is the current and legally recognised holder of the mining right, as recorded by the DMPR.

The amendment of the Environmental Management Programme (EMPR) is therefore submitted in the name of the Right Holder, *OMV Kimberley Mining (Edms) Bpk*, in compliance with the applicable legislative requirements.

2. Copy of Water Use Licence

Attached hereto please find a copy of the Water Use Authorisation of the mine.

3. Operational Times

We acknowledge the concern raised regarding operational hours and potential impacts such as noise and dust. Following discussions with the Right Holder, the EMPR will be amended accordingly to reflect the following:

- Normal operating hours will be Monday to Friday from 07:00 to 19:00, while production work will cease at 17:00 on Saturdays.
- Under project-specific pressures (for example, urgent contract deadlines or equipment breakdown recovery), operating hours may be temporarily extended from 05:00 to 22:00.
- Where extended hours are anticipated, affected neighbours will be informed at least 24 hours in advance, specifying:
  - the dates and duration of the extended working hours; and

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- the reason for the temporary extension.

- Blasting activities will only take place Monday to Friday between 07:00 and 17:00.
- Production will take place Monday to Saturday, with Sundays reserved for maintenance only, if required.

All operations will continue to implement and monitor noise and dust control measures as prescribed in the EMPR, to ensure compliance with applicable legislation and to minimise any potential nuisance to surrounding landowners and residents.

4. Dust and Noise Monitoring

The quarry currently operates eight (8) fallout dust monitoring units, which are monitored and reported on a monthly basis. Five (5) of these units are strategically positioned along the western boundary of the mining area, between the active mining operations and the nearest residential receptors, to ensure that potential dust dispersion towards the community is effectively monitored. In addition, gravimetric dust monitoring and personal noise exposure monitoring are conducted monthly in accordance with applicable occupational health and environmental management standards. The fallout dust monitoring results for the period January to September 2025 indicated that no exceedances of the permissible limit of 1 200 mg/m²/day were recorded at any of the monitoring stations. These results confirm that dust levels have remained within acceptable thresholds during the monitoring period.

The quarry will continue to implement its established air quality and noise monitoring programme, with results reviewed monthly and included in the mine's environmental performance reporting to ensure ongoing compliance and proactive environmental management.

In response to concerns regarding night-time operations, the abovementioned operational limitations and following mitigation measures have been confirmed and will be incorporated into the amended EMPR:

- **Noise Management:**
  - No blasting, excavation, loading, and/or hauling will be undertaken after 22:00.
  - All mobile equipment and vehicles that will operate at night will be fitted with broadband (non-tonal) reverse alarms to minimise nuisance noise.
  - Regular maintenance of machinery will be undertaken to prevent excessive noise emissions.
  - Periodic noise assessments will be conducted in accordance with SANS 10103:2008 to confirm compliance and inform any necessary mitigation measures.

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• **Dust Control:** o Water carts will be used for continuous dust suppression along haul roads, loading areas, and other disturbed surfaces. o Stockpile areas and exposed surfaces will be dampened or treated with suitable dust suppressants (if required). o Vehicle speeds within the quarry will be limited to 30 km/h to reduce dust generation. • **Community Communication:** o Where extended hours are anticipated, affected neighbours will be informed at least 24 hours in advance, specifying the nature, duration, and reason for the extended operations. These measures are designed to ensure that noise and dust emissions remain within acceptable limits, while maintaining transparent communication with the community and adhering to environmental and regulatory requirements. We trust that the above responses provide clarity on the matters raised and assurance that all concerns have been duly considered in the amendment of the EMPR. The Right Holder and Environmental Assessment Practitioner remain committed to transparent communication, sound environmental management, and continuous improvement in operational practices.”				
Refer to the following sections of the EMPR where the above were incorporated: Θ C(b)(1) Project Description – Operational Phase: 1.4 Operating Hours; Θ G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Operational Times and Communication of Concerns; Θ G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Dust Management; Θ G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Noise Management; Θ Mechanisms for Monitoring Compliance with and Performance Assessment against the Environmental Management Programme and Reporting thereon, including Monitoring and Impact Management Actions; Monitoring and Reporting Frequency; Responsible Persons; Time Period for Implementing Impact Management Actions; Mechanisms for Monitoring Compliance; and				

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Θ Appendix J – After-hours Communication Protocol.				
Upon receipt of the abovementioned responses, Mrs Oosthuizen mentioned that the provided document is a water use certificate for agricultural water and requested a copy of the water use licence with a 21(a) for extraction as well as for dewatering.				
Greenmined responded as follows on 02 December 2025: "As noted in the 2025 EMPR, the Quarry is required to ensure that all water uses undertaken on site comply with Section 21 of the National Water Act and that the necessary authorisations are obtained where applicable. The documentation provided to me for the purposes of the EMPR amendment process has been included in the submission. With regard to your request for a Water Use Licence applicable to Section 21(a) abstraction and dewatering: this falls within the mine's operational compliance responsibilities. I have therefore forwarded your query to the mine's management for their attention."				
Refer to the following sections of the EMPR where the above were incorporated: Θ D(b) Table of Legal Triggers for the Mining Operation; Θ G(b) Impacts to be Mitigated in their Respective Phases – Hydrology; Θ Mechanisms for Monitoring Compliance with and Performance Assessment against the Environmental Management Programme and Reporting thereon, including Monitoring and Impact Management Actions; Monitoring and Reporting Frequency; Responsible Persons; Time Period for Implementing Impact Management Actions; Mechanisms for Monitoring Compliance.				

F. ENVIRONMENTAL ATTRIBUTES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MINING AREA

a) CLIMATE

The following graph shows the maximum, minimum and average temperatures of the Kimberley region. Kimberley experiences its highest temperatures during the summer months from November – March with peaks of up to 35°C; thereafter the mercury drops to lows of 5°C during June/July.

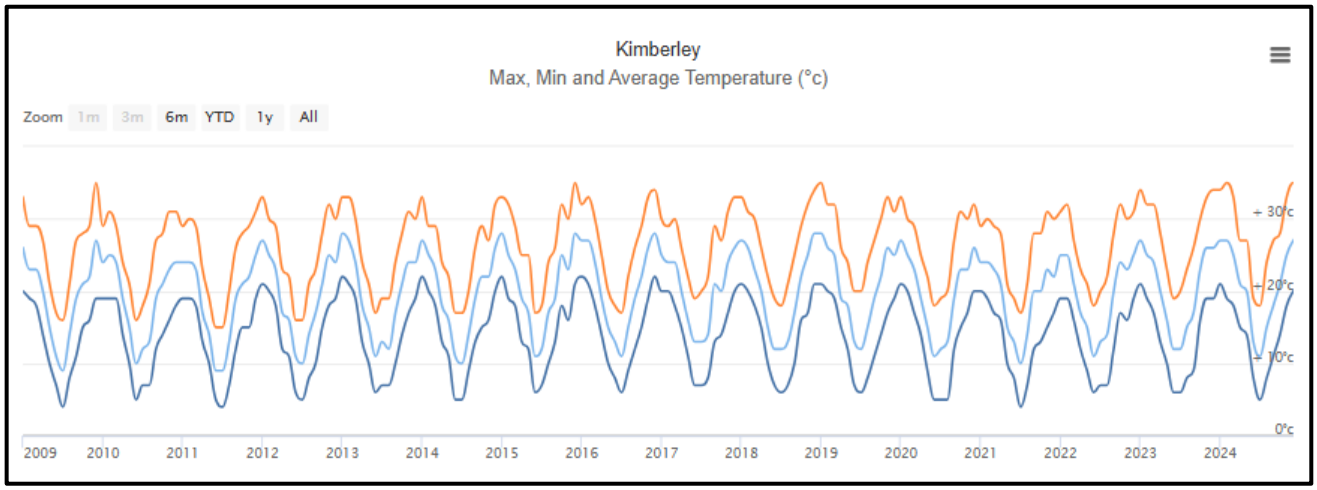


Figure 3: Maximum, minimum, and average temperature of the Kimberley region where the orange line indicates the maximum temperature, the light blue line shows the averages, and the dark blue line shows the minimum temperatures (chart obtained from http://www.worldweatheronline.com)

According to the 2011 EMPR the average rainfall of the Kimberley area is ±414 mm that mainly occurs as summer thunderstorms, while the evaporation is generally well in excess of the rainfall. The following chart, obtained from World Weather Online, shows that the measured rainfall for the period January 2024 to January 2025 was ±322 mm, while the area received the lowest rainfall during August 2024 and the highest in April 2024.

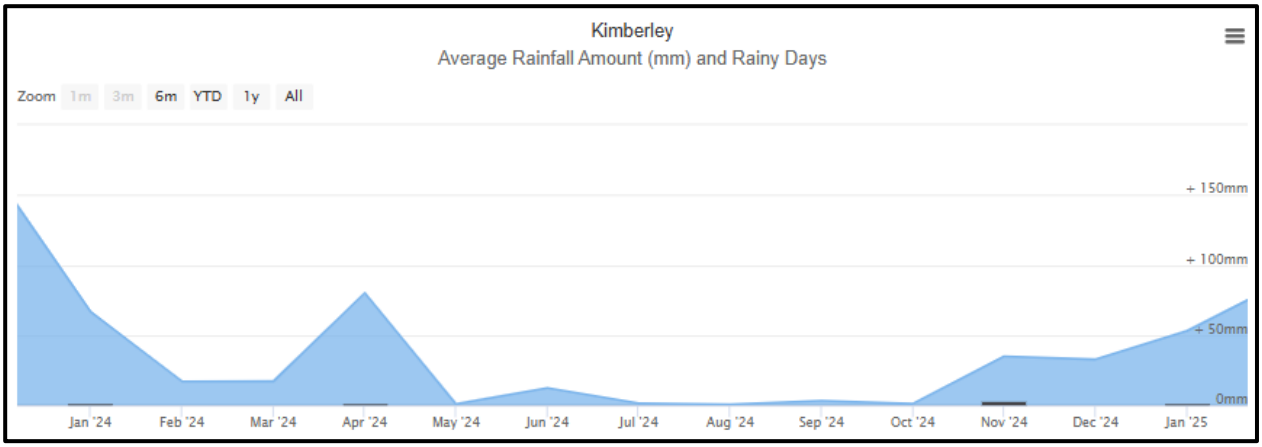


Figure 4: Average rainfall amount and rainy days count for the Kimberley region between January 2024 and January 2025 (chart obtained from http://www.worldweatheronline.com)

The Kimberley Airport is the nearest weather station to the mine that provides wind statics. According to the data, the dominant wind direction of the region is fairly constant in a north to north-north-western direction (south / south-easterly wind), with the average wind speed being ±7.8 knots as shown in the figure below.

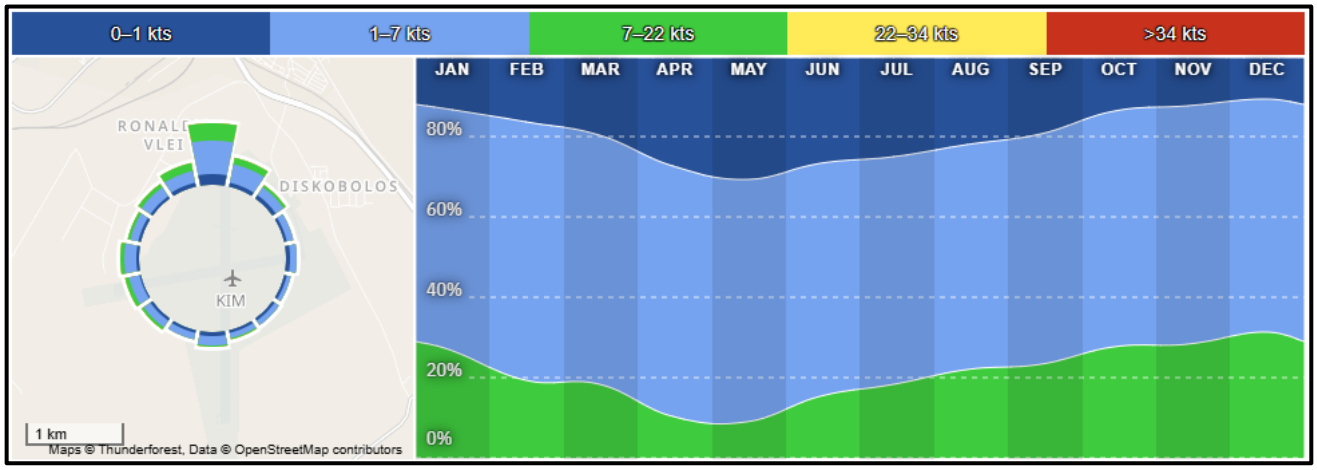


Figure 5: Image showing the dominant wind direction (first panel) and average wind speed over a 12 month period as measured at the Kimberley Airport (image obtained from http://www.windfinder.com/windstatistics/kimberley).

b) TOPOGRAPHY

The mining footprint is located on a slight ridge that runs roughly NE/SW above the 1 200 m contour. The railway line on the western boundary of the farm follows the 1 200 m contour, the largest portion of the property is between 1 220 m, and 1 240 m (see contours below). The highest elevation is in the north-eastern corner where the trig beacon is situated at 1 246.8 m. The property slopes slightly towards the S/W on the NE/SW axis. Historically mining impacted the topography of the farm even before 2011.

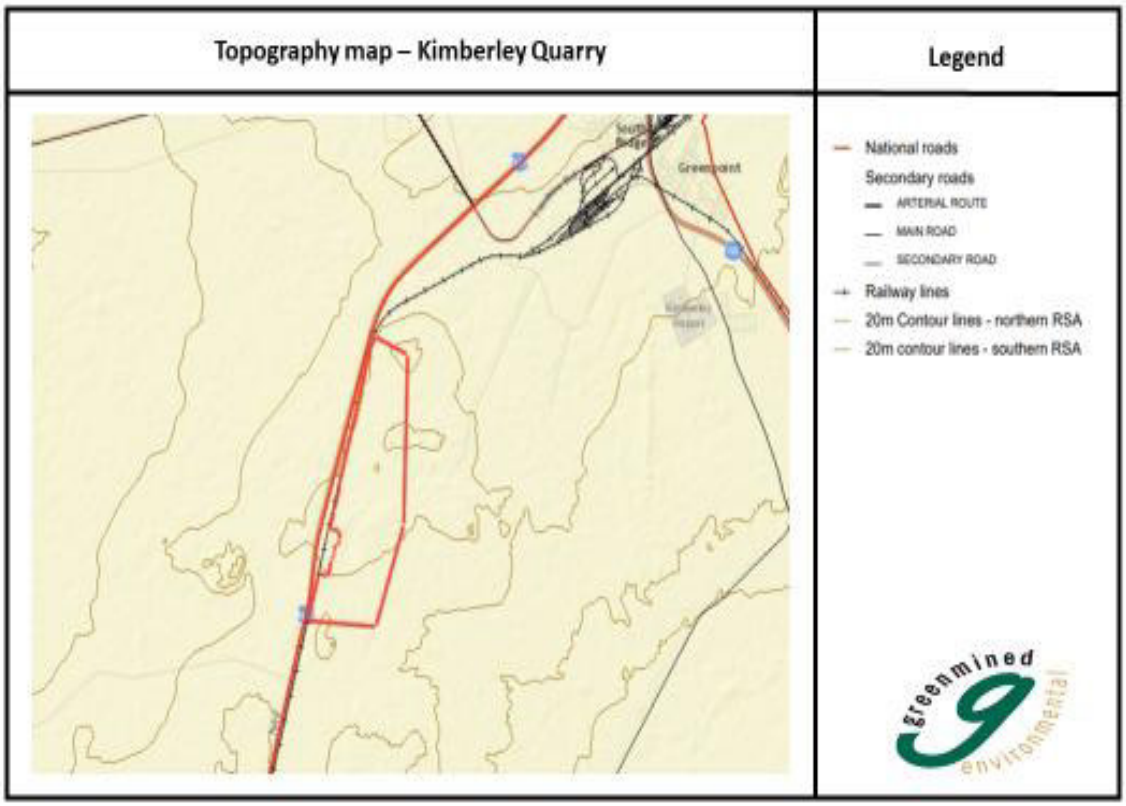


Figure 6: Contours of the Kimberley Quarry

As presented in the following figure, the topography of the farm is flat to gently undulating with the excavations bringing about clear depressions in the topography. The route indicated below shows an average slope of 4.7% over 4.39 km, with a maximum elevation gain of 118 m (or -118 m elevation loss).

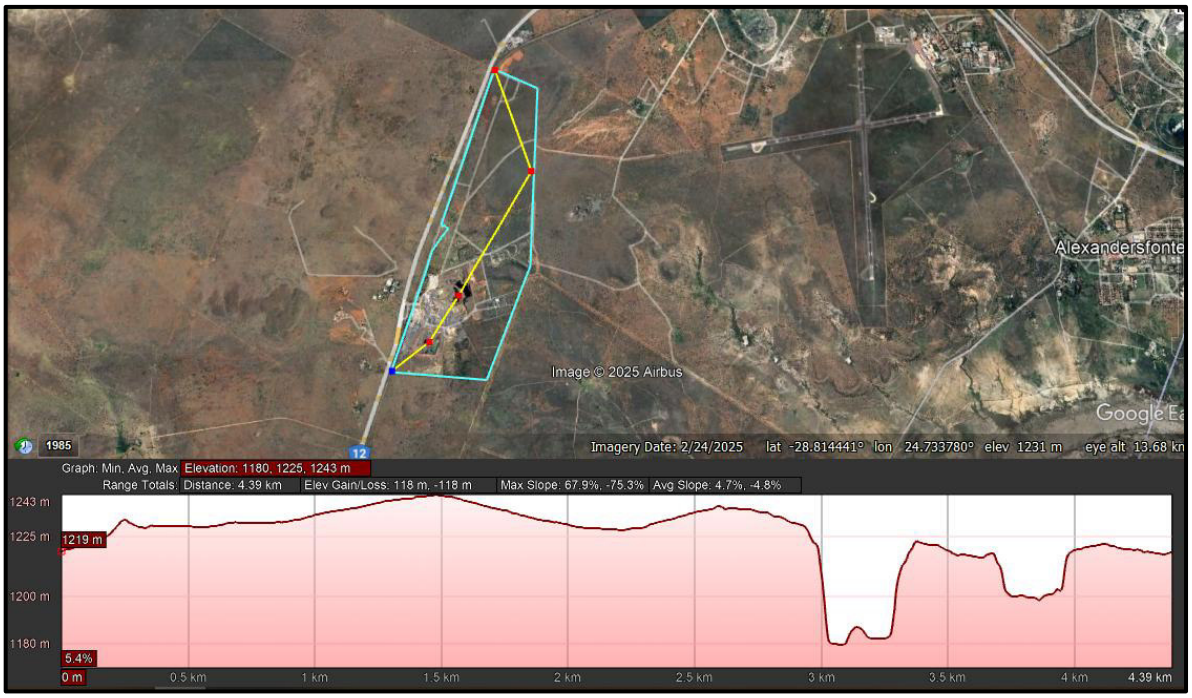


Figure 7: Elevation profile of the mining area (Image obtained from Google Earth).

c) VISUAL CHARACTERISTICS

The surrounding land is predominantly used for livestock grazing and occasional agricultural activity such as bird farming. Mining and light industrial operations are scattered across the broader area. Infrastructure such as access roads, fencing, and utility lines is visible and contributes to a semi-modified rural landscape character. The railway line, running along the western boundary of the farm/mining area, is a prominent existing linear feature that introduces another man-made visual element into the otherwise predominantly rural and semi-natural setting. The urban edge of Kimberley is visible from higher ground and contributes a more developed visual component to the northern horizon.

Although the surrounding area is not designated as a visually sensitive landscape, the flat terrain and open viewsheds allow for long lines of sight, making large-scale surface disturbances such as quarrying clearly visible from surrounding areas. Visual receptors may include passing motorists on nearby roads, adjacent landowners, and workers on surrounding properties. The quarry's visual impact is moderated by the generally low population density and sparse development in the immediate vicinity.

d) AIR QUALITY AND NOISE AMBIANCE

Air Quality

The general air quality in the vicinity of Kimberley Quarry is characteristic of a semi-arid, rural environment with low background pollutant levels. The area is situated outside of the main urban centre of Kimberley and is not subject to significant industrial or vehicular emissions under normal conditions. Natural dust from wind erosion of exposed soils, and vehicles travelling along gravel roads particularly during the dry season or windy periods, is a common feature of the regional air quality.

Kimberley Quarry contributes to the air quality of the area through the following:

- Quarrying operations, including blasting, crushing, and materials handling, which contribute to the generation of particulate matter, particularly during dry and windy conditions.
- Heavy vehicle movement on unpaved haul roads, which can further increase dust levels.
- Windblown dust from cleared areas, stockpiles and exposed rock surfaces.

Overall, air quality is generally acceptable away from the immediate quarry footprint but may be temporarily and locally compromised during active quarry operations without adequate dust suppression measures.

Noise Ambiance

The ambient noise levels in the area are generally **low**, reflecting the rural character and low population density of the region. Background noise typically consists of:

- Natural sounds, such as wind, insects, and occasional bird calls.
- Distant agricultural activity, including livestock and occasional farm machinery.
- Intermittent rail traffic which contributes short-term increases in ambient noise when trains pass.
- Vehicle traffic along the nearby N12 national highway connecting Kimberley and Hopetown.

Within and around the Quarry, elevated noise levels are associated with:

- Blasting, which produces sharp, short-duration noise events.
- Drilling, crushing, and screening operations, which generate continuous mechanical noise during operational hours.
- Heavy machinery and truck movement, both within the site and on access routes.

Noise levels from quarry operations decrease significantly with distance due to natural sound attenuation by air, terrain, and vegetation. The nearest potential noise receptor is located ±400 metres west of the processing plant, while additional residential dwellings are situated ±800 metres and 1 kilometre to the south-west and south-south-west, respectively. Although these distances provide a degree of buffer, the proximity of these receptors warrants careful consideration of noise management measures, particularly during periods of intense activity or if operations are extended into evening hours.

e) GEOLOGY AND SOIL

Geological Setting

(Information extracted from the Kimberley Quarry Mandatory Code of Practice)

The mining area is founded upon the Northern Facies of the Prince Albert Formation, which is the lowest formation within the Ecca Group, and is overlain by the Whitehill Formation. The Northern Facies of the Prince Albert Formation is characterised by the predominance of greyish to olive-green micaceous shale and grey silty shale, as well as a pronounced transition to the underlying glacial deposits. Dark grey to black carbonaceous shale and fine- to medium-grained feldspathic arenite and greywacke are also present. Brownish calcareous concretions and irregular carbonate bodies are present in both the sandstones and mudrocks. One small Kimberlite deposit exists on the property. These softer sediments are visible as overburden overlying the dolerite sill.

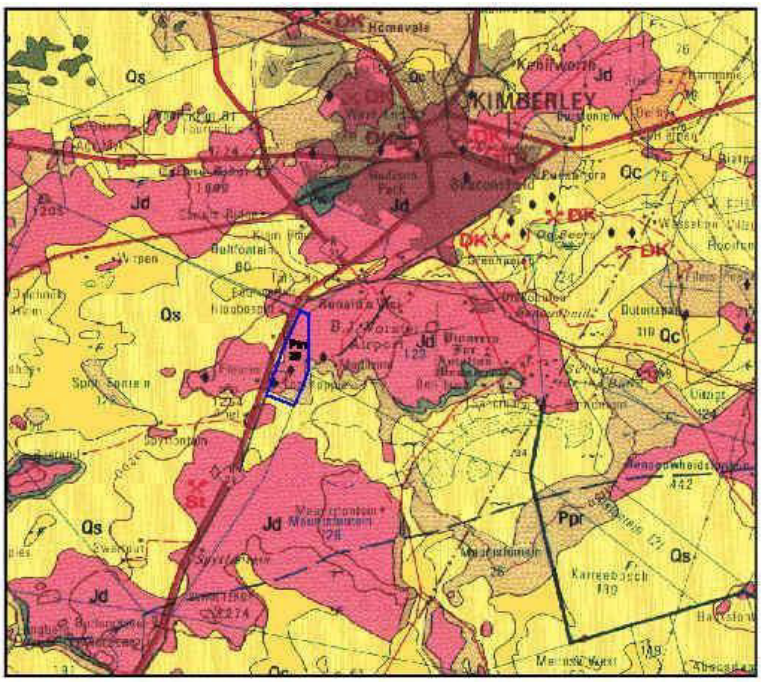


Figure 8: Locality of Kimberley Quarry shown in blue on the 1:250 000 Geological Map. "Jd" denotes Dolerite of Jurassic Age and "Qs" denotes Sand of the Quaternary Age (Kimberley Quarry COP).

Geological Structures

The dolerite ore body dips gently southwards at more or less between 1° and 8°. The joint spacing between these flat dipping planes range between 20 cm on the dolerite above the Ecca Shales to about a metre thick below the Ecca Shales. Near perpendicular to these flat dipping planes, the predominant pattern of fracturing in the rock is near-vertical, with the strike of the joints in all directions throughout the quarry. However, in certain localised areas in the quarry there are trends of joint strike directions. The scattering of the strike directions together with the closely spacing's thereof, result in the blocky nature and assist in the rock breaking.

Weathered surfaces of the upper layers of the dolerite show red brown in colour resulting from iron oxide staining, whilst the dolerite deeper below retains its appearance after years of exposing to the elements and showing very little sign of weathering. This makes the mineral most sought after both as a road layering material as well as an aggregate.

Also refer to the Geology and Palaeontology discussion attached as part of the PIA (Appendix I).

Ore Body

Kimberley Quarry mines the dolerite that is extruded through the Ecca Shales. The dolerite is mineralogically described as medium- to course- grained, consisting essentially of augite and plagioclase feldspar. The overburden cover is mainly weathered dolerite with negligible red iron-rich topsoil. The topsoil consists mainly of a 100 mm to 300 mm uniform layer of typical Kimberley red soil. Dolomite (calcrete) and Kimberlite outcrops occur to the north-east of the mining area with deeper sandy soils in the southeast section of the mining property. The subsoil consists of weathered dolerite to a depth that varies between 1 and 3 meters.

f) HYDROLOGY

Kimberley Quarry is situated in a semi-arid region characterized by hot summers and cool to cold winters, seasonal rainfall patterns, high evaporation rates, and generally limited surface water availability.

Surface Water

The mining area is situated within the Riet-Modder sub-water management area that forms part of the Upper Orange Water Management Area (ID 12). As almost no well-developed drainage lines exist on the property, it is assumed that very little run-off is produced except during a storm event. None of the drainage lines has any surface water during dry weather, and no natural wetlands or dry pans occur on the property.

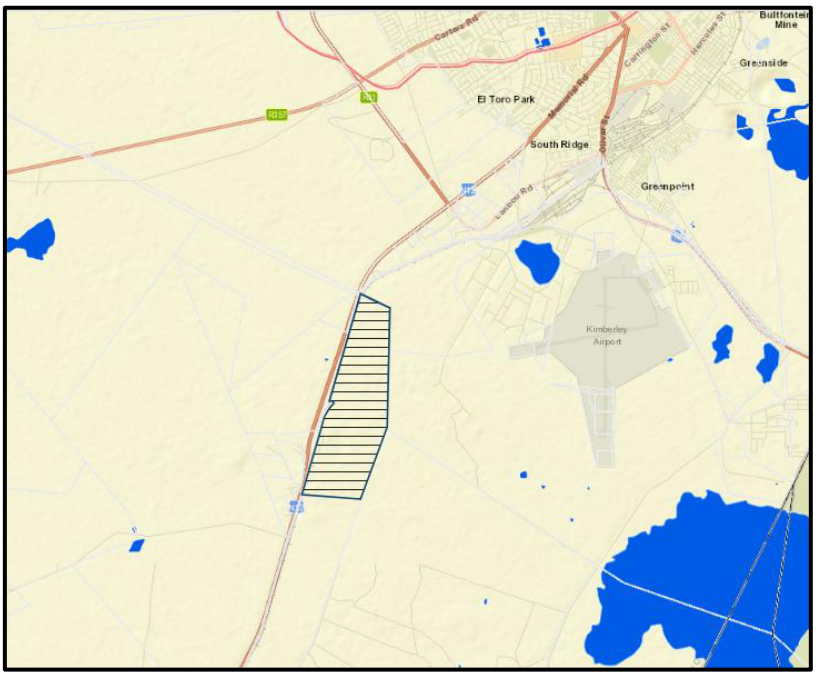


Figure 9: Hydrology of the Kimberley area as presented on the National Wetland and NFEPA BGIS map viewer.

The mine utilises water that accumulates in the excavations for occasional aggregate washing and for dust suppression purposes. An artificial pond (commonly referred to as the "duck pond"), located near the main entrance to the quarry, is supplied by runoff rainwater from the surfaced and paved areas surrounding the workshops and office buildings. In addition, Kimberley Quarry uses water for the following purposes (non-exhaustive list):

- Ablutions: Municipal water that drains from ablutions into a septic tank,
- Dust Suppression: Municipal water & water from the quarry pits,
- Potable Water: Municipal water,
- Washing of material: Water from the quarries,
- Workshops: Municipal water that drains to an oil sump.

The brick and block-making plant is similarly supplied with municipal water for ablution facilities, drinking water, and processing activities.

Groundwater

The average water table depth of boreholes on and around the farm Spijt Fontein No 122 range between 100 m to 120 m. The borehole of Spijt Fontein No 122 is located in the northern part of the farm managed as a game farm. Groundwater, for agricultural and mining purposes is occasionally used from the borehole.

Importance of Water Quality Monitoring

Water quality monitoring is a critical component of environmental management at mining operations, as it enables the early detection of potential contamination and ensures compliance with legal and regulatory standards, including those set by the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998). Regular monitoring helps to protect surrounding surface and groundwater resources from degradation due to mining-related activities such as excavation, material washing, and hydrocarbon use in workshops. It also provides essential data for assessing the effectiveness of pollution control measures, safeguarding the health of local ecosystems, downstream users, and the broader environment. By implementing a proactive water quality monitoring programme, Kimberley Quarry demonstrates its commitment to sustainable resource use and environmental protection throughout the life of the mine and into closure.

It is proposed that the annual surface and groundwater quality monitoring programme for the Quarry included key parameters such as pH, electrical conductivity (EC), total dissolved solids (TDS), sulphates, nitrates, phosphates, and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), among others. These parameters are aligned with the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) Water Quality Guidelines for aquatic ecosystems and domestic use. The full list of applicable parameters and sampling requirements is provided in Appendix G of this EMPR.

g) TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY AND GROUNDCOVER

According to Mucina and Rutherford (2012) the natural vegetation types of the study area comprises the Kimberly Thornveld (SVk 4) as indicated in the following figure.

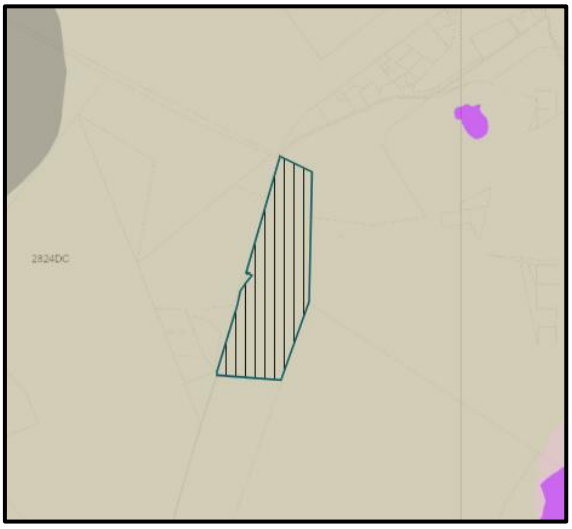


Figure 10: BGIS National Vegetation Map showing the vegetation type of the study area, where the brown shading indicates the Kimberley Thornveld (SVk4), and the black stripped polygon indicates the mine. (Image obtained from the BGIS Map Viewers website).

Kimberley Thornveld (SVk4)

The vegetation and landscape features of this vegetation type comprise of often slightly irregular plains with a well-developed tree layer with *Vachellia erioloba*, *V. tortilis*, *V. karroo* and *Boscia albitrunca* and a well-developed shrub layer with occasional dense stands of *Tarchonanthus camphoratus* and *Senegalia mellifera*. The grass layer is mainly open with uncovered soil patches.

The dominate vegetation consist of *Vachellia erioloba*. Small Trees: *Vachellia karroo*, *V. mellifera* subsp. *detinens*, *V. tortilis* subsp. *heteracantha*, *Searsia lancea*. Tall Shrubs: *Tarchonanthus camphoratus*, *Diospyros pallens*, *Ehretia rigida* subsp. *rigida*, *Euclea crispa* subsp. *ovata*, *Grewia flava*, *Lycium arenicola*, *L. hirsutum*, *Rhus tridactyla*. Low Shrubs: *Vachellia hebeclada* subsp. *hebeclada*, *Anthospermum rigidum* subsp. *pumilum*, *Helichrysum zeyheri*, *Hermannia comosa*, *Lycium pilifolium*, *Melolobium microphyllum*, *Pavonia burchellii*, *Peliostomum leucorrhizum*, *Plinthus sericeus*, *Wahlenbergia nodosa*. Succulent Shrubs: *Aloe hereroensis* var. *hereroensis*, *Lycium cinereum*. Graminoids: *Eragrostis lehmanniana*, *Aristida canescens*, *A. congesta*, *A. mollissima* subsp. *argentea*, *Cymbopogon pospischilii*, *Digitaria argyrograpta*, *D. eriantha* subsp. *eriantha*, *Enneapogon cenchroides*, *E. scoparius*, *Eragrostis rigidior*, *Heteropogon contortus*, *Themeda triandra*. Herbs: *Barleria macrostegia*, *Dicoma schinzii*, *Harpagophytum procumbens* subsp. *procumbens*, *Helichrysum cerastioides*, *Hermbstaedtia odorata*, *Hibiscus marlothianus*, *Jamesbrittenia aurantiaca*, *Lippia scaberrima*, *Osteospermum muricatum*, *Vahlia capensis* subsp. *vulgaris*. Succulent Herbs: *Aloe grandidentata, Piaranthus decipiens*.

The vegetation type is classified as Least Threatened and according to Mucina and Rutherford (2012) almost 2% is statutorily conserved in the Vaalbos National Park as well as the Sandveld, Bloemhof Dam, and SA Lombard Nature Reserves. More than 18% has been transformed for mainly cultivation. A conservation target of 16% was set for the vegetation type.

2018 SANBI Vegetation Map

According to the latest vegetation map provided for South Africa (SANBI, 2018), the project site is still within the Kimberly Thornveld.

Site Specific Conditions

As mentioned earlier, the northern part (±198 ha) of Portion 39 of the farm Spijt Fontein No 122 is used as game farm, while mining is contained to the southern ±172 ha of the farm. While the vegetation of the northern part resembles the Kimberley Thornveld, mining did necessitate the removal of the natural vegetation cover in parts of the southern section.

Vegetation removal is however contained to the operational areas (±60 ha) with the remaining areas exhibiting a well-established vegetation layer. Bush clumps are dominated by Umbrella Thorn trees (*Vachellia tortilis*), Buffalo Thorn (*Ziziphus mucronata*), Karee (*Searsia lancea*), and Camphor Bush (*Tarchonanthus camphoratus*) in especially the eastern parts. The grassland component is rich in both grass and forb species. The *Anthephora pubescens* (Bottle Brush Grass) and *Aristida congesta* (Tassel Three-awned Grass) grasses are dominant in especially recently disturbed areas.

There are no endangered and or protected plant species within the mining footprint that needs special protection and/or management practices. When needed the MR Holder removes the vegetation cover with the topsoil (where available) that is stockpiled separately to be used during the rehabilitation phase.

Invasive and/or alien plant species known to occur in the disturbed areas include (but is not limited to) the following:

Θ *Argemone mexicana*	Mexican Poppy	NEM:BA Category 1b
Θ *Datura ferox*	Large Thorn Apple	NEM:BA Category 1b
Θ *Flaveria bidentis*	Smelter's-bush	NEM:BA Category 1b
Θ *Nicotiana glauca*	Wild Tobacco	NEM:BA Category 1b
Θ *Opuntia spp.*	Prickly Pear	NEM:BA Category 1b
Θ *Pennisetum setaceaum*	Fountain Grass	NEM:BA Category 1b
Θ *Salsola kali*	Russian Tumbleweed	NEM:BA Category 1b
Θ *Xanthium strumarium*	Large Cocklebur	NEM:BA Category 1b

h) FAUNA

The greater area is characterised by a variety of animals and the 2011 EMPR notes that an extensive bird life is found at the mine (refer to following table).

Table 8: Bird list of species common at and around Kimberley Quarry

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Feral Pigeon	*Columba livia*	Purple roller	*Coracias naevius*
Speckled Pigeon	*Columba guinea*	Hoopoo	*Upupa epops*
Red-eyed Dove	*Streptopelia semitorquata*	Scimitarbilled woodhoopoo	*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*
Cape Turtle Dove	*Streptopelia capicola*	Grey hornbill	*Tockus nasutus*
Laughing Dove	*Spilopelia senegalensis*	Pied barbet	*Tricholaema leucomelas*
Namaqua Dove	*Oena capensis*	Crested barbet	*Trachyphonus vaillantii*
Diederik Cuckoo	*Chrysococcyx caprius*	Rufousnaped lark	*Mirafra africana*
Red-chested Cuckoo	*Cuculus solitarius*	Clapper lark	*Mirafra apiata*
Barn Owl	*Tyto alba*	Fawncoloured lark	*Mirafra africanoides*
Pearl-spotted Owlet	*Glaucidium perlatum*	Chestnutbacked finchlark	*Eremopterix leucotis*
Spotted Eagle-Owl	*Bubo africanus*	Greybacked finchlark	*Eremopterix verticalis*
White-rumped Swift	*Apus caffer*	European swallow	*Hirundo rustica*
Little Swift	*Apus affinis*	Greater striped swallow	*Hirundo cucullata*
White-backed Mousebird	*Colius colius*	Forktailed drongo	*Dicrurus adsimilis*
Red-faced Mousebird	*Urocolius indicus*	Black crow	*Corvus capensis*
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	*Halcyon albiventris*	Pied crow	*Corvus albus*
Lilac-breasted Roller	*Coracias caudatus*	Ashy tit	*Parus cinerascens*
Fiscal Shrike	*Lanius collaris*	Pied babbler	*Turdoides bicolor*
Glossy Starling	*Lamprotomis nitens*	Redeyed bulbul	*Pycnonotus nigricans*
Cape White Eye	*Zosterops virens*	Groundscraper thrush	*Turdus litsitsirupa*
Whitebrowed Sparrowweaver	*Plocepasser mahali*	Familiar chat	*Cercomela familiaris*
House Sparrow	*Passer domesticus*	Anteating chat	*Myrmecocichla formicivora*
Great Sparrow	*Passer motitensis*	Stonechat	*Saxicola torquata*
Cape Sparrow	*Passer melanurus*	Cape robin	*Cossypha caffra*
Masked Weaver	*Ploceus velatus*	Kalahari robin	*Erythropygia paena*
Redbilled quelea	*Quelea quelea*	Titbabbler	*Parisoma subcaeruleum*
Red Bishop	*Euplectes orix*	Fantail cisticola	*Cisticola juncidis*
Longtailed Widow	*Euplectes progne*	Desert cisticola	*Cisticola aridula*
Melba Finch	*Pytilia melba*	Rattling cisticola	*Cisticola chiniana*
Redbilled Firefinch	*Lagonosticta senegala*	Spotted flycatcher	*Muscicapa striata*
Common Waxbill	*Estrilda astrild*	Chat flycatcher	*Melaenornis infuscatus*
Redheaded Finch	*Amdina erythrocephala*	Fiscal flycatcher	*Sigelus silens*
Quail Finch	*Ortygospiza atricollis*	Cape wagtail	*Motacilla capensis*
Pintailed Whydah	*Vidua macroura*	Orange striated longclaw	*Macronyx capensis*
Shafttailed Whydah	*Vidua regia*	Lesser grey shrike	*Lanius minor*
Blackthroated Canary	*Serinus atrogularis*	Grassveld pipit	*Anthus cinnamomeus*
Swallowtailed Bee-Eater	*Merops hirundineus*	Yellow Canary	*Serinus flaviventris*
Kalahari Robins	*Erythropygia paean*	Dusky Sunbird	*Nectarinia fusca*
Common Quail	*Cotumix cotumix*	Cardinal Woodpecker	*Dendropicos fuscescens*
White-breasted Cormorant	*Phalacrocorax cardo*	Grey Heron	*Area cinerea*
Black headed Heron	*Ardea melanocephala*	Cattle Egret	*Bululcus ibis*
Hamerkop	*Scopus umbrette*	Hadeda Ibis	*Bostrychia hagedash*
Whitefaced Duck	*Dendrocygna viduata*	Egyptian Goose	*Alophocen aegyptiacus*
Yellowvilled Duck	*Anas undulate*	Redbilled Duck	*Anas erythrorhyncha*
Spurwing Goose	*Plectropterus gabensis*	Secretarybird (VU)	*Sagittarius serpentarius*
Black-breasted Snake Eagle	*Circaetus pectoralis*	Steppe Buzzard	*Buteo buteo*

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Lanner Falcon	*Falco biarmicus*	Greater Kestrel	*Falco rupicoloides*
Lesser Kestrel	*Falco naumanni*	Orange River Francolin	*Francolinus lavaillantoides*
Helmeted Guideafowl	*Numida meleagris*	Redknobbed Coot	*Fulica cristata*
Whitewinged Black Korhaan	*Eupodotis aftaoides*	Crowned Plover	*Vanellus coronatus*
Blacksmith Plover	*Vanellus armatus*	Common Sandpiper	*Actitis hypoleucos*
Blackwinged Stilt	*Himantopus himantopus*	Spotted Dikkop	*Birhinus capensis*
Doublebanded Courser	*Smutsornus africanus*	Temminck's Courser	*Cursorius temminickii*
Whitewinged Tern	*Chlidonias leucopterus*	Burchell's Sandgrouse	*Pterocles burchelli*

The following table lists the mammals that may occur at or around the mining footprint.

Table 9: Mammal list of species common at and around Kimberley Quarry

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
BATS			
Common slit-faced bat	*Nycteris thebaica*	Geoffroy's horseshoe bat	*Rhinolophus clivosus*
RODENTS AND SMALL MAMMALS			
Bushveld gerbil	*Tatera leucogaster*	Highveld gerbil	*Tatera brantsii*
Hairy-footed gerbil	*Gerbillurus paeba*	Short-tailed gerbil	*Desmodillus auricularis*
Domestic mouse	*Mus musculus*	Striped fieldmouse	*Rhabdomys pumilio*
Pouched mouse	*Saccostomus campestris*	Large-eared mouse	*Malacothrix typica*
Spectacled dormouse	*Graphiurus ocularis*	Pygmy mouse	*Mus minutoides*
Namaqua rock mouse	*Aethomys namaquensis*	Bronts' whistling rat	*Parotomys brantsii*
Karoo bush rat	*Otomys unisulcatus*	Black-tailed tree rat	*Thallomys nigricauda*
Common mole rat	*Cryptomys hottentotus*	Domestic rat	*Rattus rattus*
Cape hare	*Lepus capensis*	Shrub hare	*Lepus saxatilis*
Springhare	*Pedetes capensis*	Smith's red rock rabbit	*Pronolagus rupestris*
Dwarf mongoose	*Helogale parvula*	Yellow mongoose	*Cynictis penicillata*
Water mongoose	*Atilax paludinosus*	Slender mongoose	*Galerella sanguinea*
Striped polecat	*Cynictis cristata*	Small spotted genet	*Genetta genetta*
Ground squirrel	*Xerus inauris*	Striped ground squirrel	*Funisciurus congicus*
Cape hedgehog	*Atelerix frontalis*	Vervet Monkey	*Chlorocebus pygerythrus*
Aardvark	*Orycteropus after*	Porcupine	*Hystrix africaeaustralis*
Cape Pangolin (VU)	*Manis temminckii*	Warthog	*Phacochoerus aethiopicus*
Common Duiker	*Sylvicapra grimmia*	Meerkat	*Suricata suricatta*
Impala	*Aepyceros melampus*	Steenbok	*Raphicerus campestris*

Of the species listed above, only the Secretarybird (*Sagittarius serpentarius*) and the Cape Pangolin (*Manus temminckii*) are classified as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List. The Cape Pangolin is highly elusive and tends to avoid areas with significant human activity. Similarly, the Secretarybird prefers open habitats with short grass and generally avoids densely wooded areas and regions disturbed by human presence. As such, the likelihood of these species occurring within the active mining area is very low.

Furthermore, the Quarry has been operational for at least the past 40 years, and the faunal component has therefore become accustomed to the mining operations. No endangered and/or protected species reside within the active mining area that warrants special consideration.

i) CULTURAL AND HERITAGE ENVIRONMENT

1. HERITAGE ENVIRONMENT

Beyond Heritage was contracted to do a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) of the study area. The aim of the study was to survey the development footprint to understand the cultural layering of the area, and if heritage features are found, to assess their importance within local, provincial, and national context.

1.1 Archaeological Background

The archaeological record for the greater study area consists of the Stone Age, Iron Age, and Historical period.

1.1.1 Stone Age

South Africa has a long and complex Stone Age sequence of more than 2 million years. The broad sequence includes the Later Stone Age, the Middle Stone Age, and the Earlier Stone Age.

The three main phases can be divided as follows;

- Later Stone Age (LSA); associated with Khoi and San societies and their immediate predecessors. - Recently to ~30 thousand years ago.
- Middle Stone Age (MSA); associated with *Homo sapiens* and archaic modern human - . 30-300 thousand years ago.
- Earlier Stone Age (ESA); associated with early *Homo* groups such as *Homo habilis* and *Homo erectus*. - 400 000-> 2 million years ago.

Since there are no caves in the study area, no LSA or MSA sites of high significance is expected, although isolated finds or background scatter (Orton 2016) can occur anywhere on the landscape. Of importance to the Project area is the occurrence of significant ESA sites located in the Vaal River gravel terraces to the west of the Project area, including Canteen Kopje, Pniel 1 and 6, Power's Site, Riverview Estate and Rietputs 15 (Chazan et al 2013, Beaumont and Morris 1990). The study area is located south of the rock engraving site of Wildebeeskuil, containing more than 400 images and many further pecked or rubbed markings are spread over a small hill. The site was declared a Provincial Heritage Site in 2008.

Rock engravings have also been documented at Driekopseiland, located near Kimberley. This site is notable for showcasing over ninety percent of geometric engraving sites, reflecting its unique archaeological significance (Morris 1990).

1.1.2 Iron Age

Bantu-speaking people moved into Eastern and Southern Africa about 2,000 years ago (Mitchell 2002). These people cultivated sorghum and millets, herded cattle and small stock and manufactured iron tools and copper ornaments. Because metalworking represents a new technology, archaeologists call this period the Iron Age. The Iron Age represents the spread of Bantu speaking people and includes both the Pre-Historic and Historic periods. It can be divided into three distinct periods:

- The Early Iron Age (EIA): Most of the first millennium AD.
- The Middle Iron Age (MIA): 10th to 13th centuries AD.
- The Late Iron Age (LIA): 14th century to colonial period.

No Sites dating to the Early or Middle Iron Age have been recorded or is expected for the study area. The same goes for the Later Iron Age period where the study area is situated outside the southern periphery of distribution of Late Iron Age stone walled settlements in the greater area.

1.1.3 Historic Period

The discovery of diamonds along the Orange River in 1866 sparked a rush of fortune seekers to the region. By 1871, the world's largest diamond mines were established around Kimberley, following the discovery of diamonds at Colesberg Kopje, De Beers New Rush, and Voortuitzicht (Raper 2004). Kimberley grew rapidly, becoming a key South African destination and a symbol of British Empire prosperity. It was a trailblazer, featuring the continent's first electric streetlights and Africa's first Stock Exchange. The consolidation of diamond mines brought stability and development to Kimberley.

Kimberley played a transformative role in South Africa's history. As noted by HF Oppenheimer, the diamond discoveries marked the country's shift from an agricultural economy to an industrial one (Roberts 1976). These developments, initiated by earlier diamond finds in Barkly West and Colesberg Kopje, provided the financial resources, technology, and skills necessary for the later exploitation of the Transvaal goldfields.

1.1.4 Anglo-Boer War

Kimberley endured a significant siege during the Anglo-Boer War, beginning on 14 October 1899, when Boer forces swiftly attempted to capture the town. Although initially unprepared, the town's defenders mounted an effective improvised defence that thwarted the Boers' efforts. Cecil John Rhodes, who had amassed his fortune in Kimberley and controlled its mining operations, moved into the town at the start of the siege. His presence was contentious due to his role in the Jameson Raid, a key precursor to the war. Despite ongoing conflicts with military leaders, Rhodes played a pivotal role in organizing the town's defence (Pretorius 2000).

The Boers bombarded Kimberley using superior artillery to compel surrender. In response, De Beers engineers created a unique weapon dubbed "Long Cecil," which was soon met by an even larger Boer siege gun that terrorized residents, forcing many to seek refuge in the Kimberley Mine. Public demand to relieve sieges at Kimberley, Ladysmith, and Mafeking led the British military to revise its strategy. Initial relief attempts, led by Lord Methuen, were thwarted at the Modder River and Magersfontein battles.

Ultimately, after 124 days, Kimberley's siege ended on 15 February 1900, when a cavalry division under Lieutenant-General John French, as part of Lord Roberts's broader forces, successfully relieved the town (Pretorius 2000).

1.1.5 Site Specific Heritage Resources

Heritage observations within the study were limited to ruins assumed to be associated with previous mining activities and was recorded as a Waypoint (KG001). The features have been broken down and only standing walls of one feature remains. The feature has no roof, windows, doors or door frames. The feature also has been visibly altered over the years. Therefore its heritage significance is low. General site conditions and site distribution of the recorded observations are illustrated in the following figures.

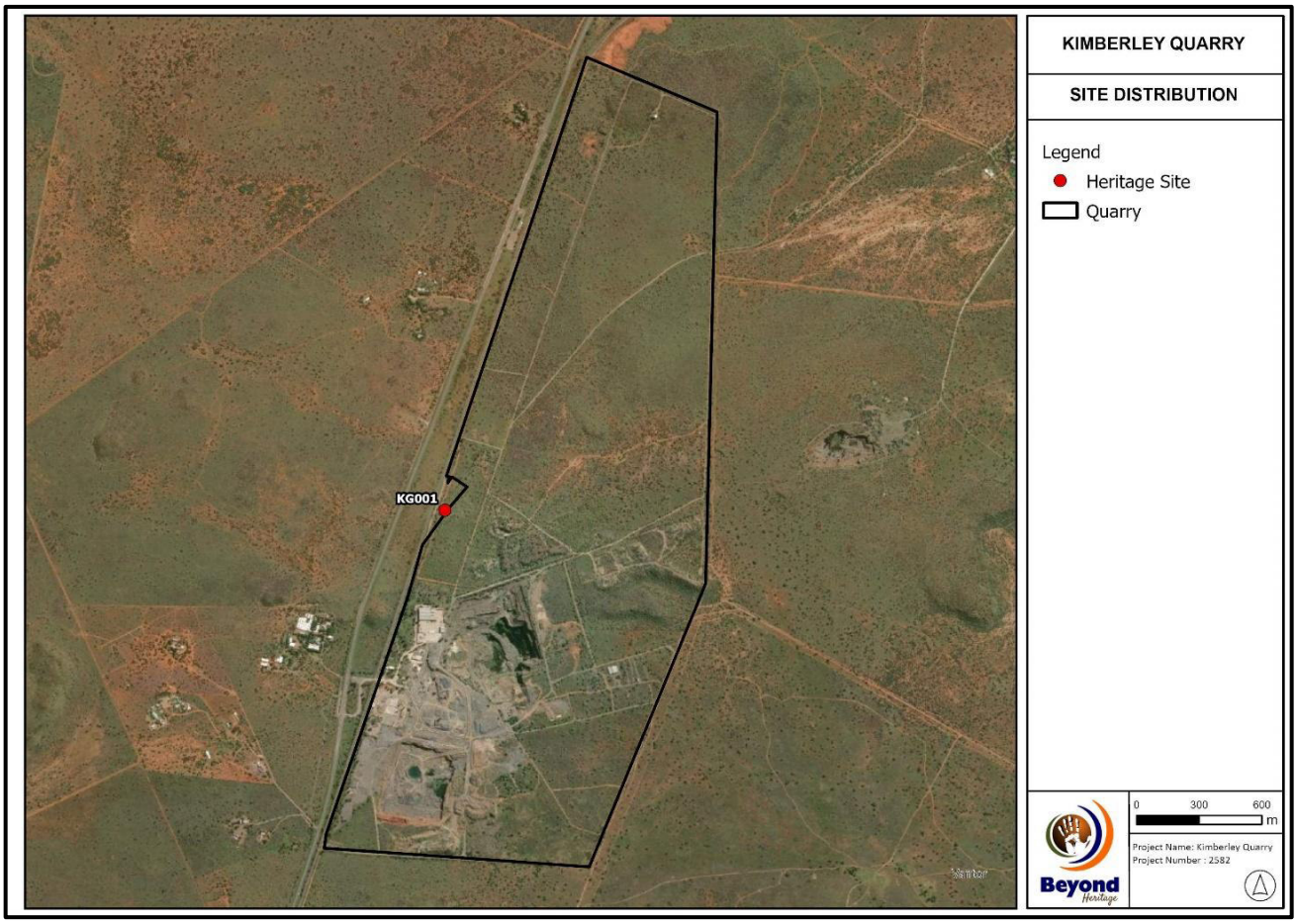


Figure 11: Site distribution map within the project area (Beyond Heritage).

Figure 12: View of the site conditions at KG001 (Beyond Heritage).

1.1.6 Cultural Landscape

The study area is situated within a larger landscape which has seen extensive mining from Historical times onwards as well as rapid diamond mining of the region together with associated development of residential areas. The study area has been subject to quarry operations for the past 40 years (±54 years by 2025), and the stone crushing operation has been in existence for approximately 30 years.

1.2 Conclusion and Recommendations

The study area is split into two distinct landscape zones whereby the southern portion is heavily transformed by the active Quarry, with existing mining infrastructure and large extraction pits, some likely representing earlier phases of quarrying. In contrast, the northern section remains largely natural, comprising overgrown grass coverage with sporadic tree cover.

During the HIA survey, heritage resources recorded were limited to one recorded ruin (KG001) consisting of a partially demolished structure and a large pile of building rubble. The ruins are likely associated with previous mining activities within the Project activities. The ruins potential to contribute to aesthetic, historic, scientific, and social aspects are non-existent, and the feature is of low significance with a GP C (low) field rating. Often ruins may be associated with stillborn graves, and the site will require monitoring if mining extends into this area through the implementation of a Chance Find Procedure as outlined in the HIA (Appendix I) and incorporated into this EMPR.

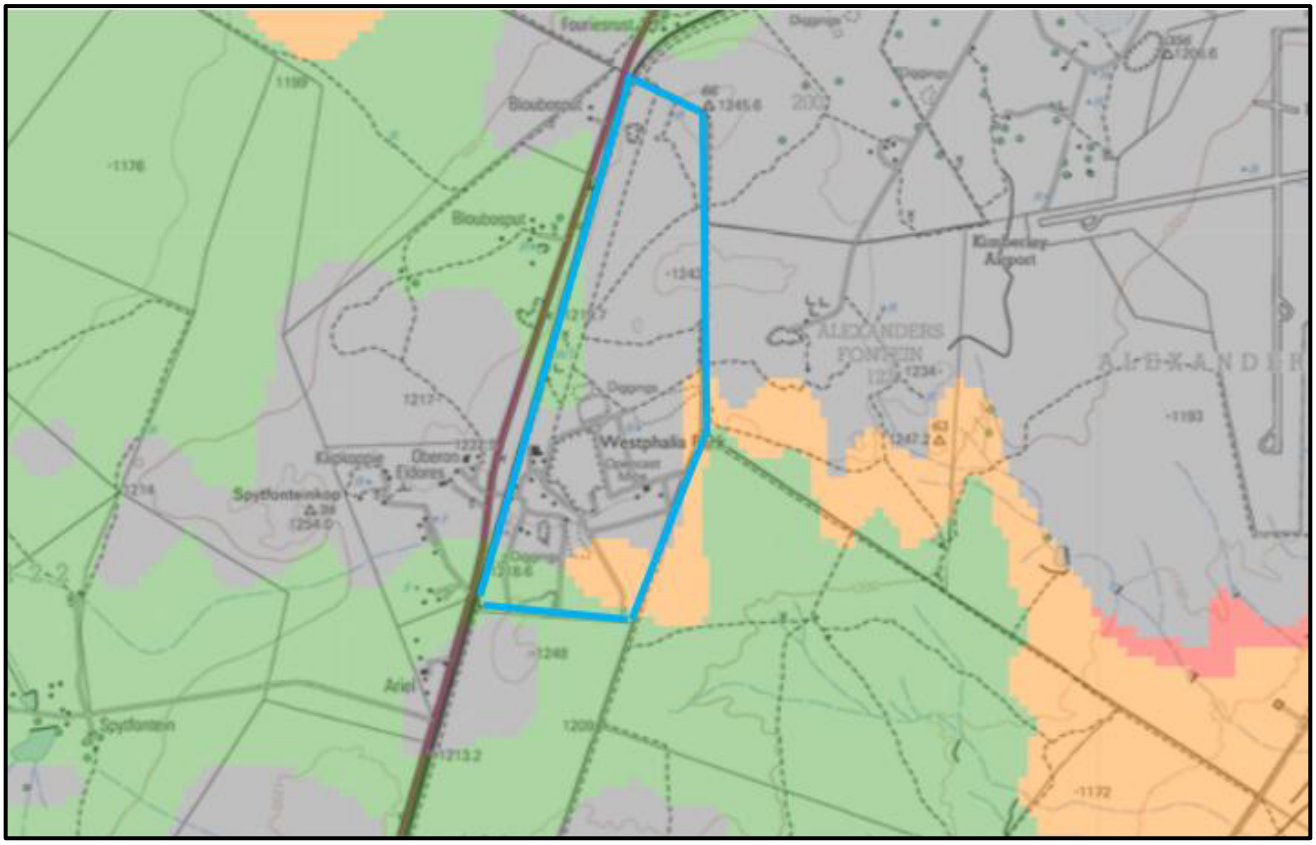
The following recommendations apply, and the Project may only proceed based on approval from SAHRA:

- Due to the risk of associated graves, ruins at KG001 will require strict monitoring by the ECO if mining extends into this area for potential subsurface finds;
- Development activities must be confined to the approved development footprint only;
- Monitoring of the Project area by the ECO during mining for heritage and paleontological chance finds, if chance finds are encountered to implement the Chance Find Procedure for the Project.

The HIA concludes that the overall impact of the Project with the recommended mitigation measures is acceptable and residual impacts can be managed to an acceptable level through implementation of the recommendations made in this report. The socio-economic benefits also outweigh the possible impacts of the development if the correct mitigation measures are implemented for the Project.

2. PALAEONTOLOGICAL CONTEXT

According to the SAHRA palaeontological sensitivity map, the study area is of insignificant, moderate, and high insignificant palaeontological sensitivity (following figure), and an independent study was conducted for this aspect by Prof. Marion Bamford (see Appendix I).



Colour	Sensitivity	Required Action
RED	VERY HIGH	field assessment and protocol for finds is required
ORANGE/ YELLOW	HIGH	desktop study is required and based on the outcome of the desktop study, a field assessment is likely
GREEN	MODERATE	desktop study is required
BLUE	LOW	no palaeontological studies are required however a protocol for finds is required
GREY	INSIGNIFICANT/ZERO	no palaeontological studies are required
WHITE/CLEAR	UNKNOWN	these areas will require a minimum of a desktop study. As more information comes to light, SAHRA will continue to populate the map.

Figure 13: SAHRIS palaeosensitivity map for the site where Kimberley Quarry is shown within the blue polygon (Bamford).

The Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) reports that most of the site is on non-fossiliferous Jurassic dolerite (grey) with a small section on the highly sensitive Prince Albert Formation (orange) and moderately sensitive Quaternary sands (green).

West and east of 24°E, the Ecca Group comprises the basal Prince Albert Formation, in the southwestern half of the Karoo Basin, and comprises shales and silty shales. In the west where is overlies the Dwyka Group there are fining upward sequences of sandstones, siltstones, silty shales and rhythmites. Marine fossils such as cephalopods, lamellibranches and brachiopods, and fragmentary plant fossils and palaeoniscoid fish remains (Douglas area; McLachlan and Anderson, 1973). The southern facies of the Prince Albert Formation has darker shales, chert and carbonaceous nodules produced under a reducing environment, with rare marine fossil fragments (Johnson et al., 2006).

Fossils can be trapped in the Tertiary and Quaternary sands and alluvium but are seldom preserved there. Such fossils could be associated with palaeo-channels from rivers that have changed their course such as the palaeo Koa and Orange Rivers. There is no evidence of such features on this property.

1.2.1 Impact assessment and Conclusion

Based on the nature of the project, surface activities may impact upon the fossil heritage if preserved in the development footprint. The geological structures suggest that the rocks are the wrong type to contain fossils (dolerite) or rarely have fossils. Furthermore, the material to be mined is dolerite and this does not preserve fossils. Since there is a small chance that fossils from the Prince Albert Formation may be disturbed a Fossil Chance Find Protocol has been added to this report (PIA and EMPR). Taking account of the defined criteria, the potential impact to fossil heritage resources is low.

j) SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The Sol Plaatje Local Municipality, situated within the Frances Baard District of the Northern Cape Province, encompasses the city of Kimberley and its surrounding areas. Named after Solomon Tshekisho Plaatje, a notable South African intellectual and political figure, the municipality spans approximately 3,145 km² and comprises 33 wards. Kimberley Quarry is within Ward 26 of the SPLM.

Demographics

As of the 2022 census, the municipality's population stands at 270 078, reflecting a modest annual growth rate of 0.83%. The age distribution indicates a youthful demographic, with 26.5% under 15 years, 66.8% between 15 and 64 years, and 6.7% aged 65 and above. The racial composition is predominantly Black African (62%), followed by Coloured (27.9%), White (8.7%), and Indian/Asian (1.3%). Afrikaans is the most spoken first language (45.2%), succeeded by Setswana (33.2%), English (8%), and isiXhosa (5.6%) .

Economy

The municipality's economy is primarily driven by the tertiary sector, with community services (33%), finance (24%), and trade (14%) being the leading contributors. Mining, historically significant due to Kimberley's diamond heritage, now accounts for approximately 8% of the local economy.

Infrastructure and Services

Sol Plaatje boasts relatively high levels of basic service delivery. As of recent data, 86.9% of households have flush toilets connected to sewerage systems, 83.1% benefit from weekly refuse removal, 66.6% have piped water inside their dwellings, and 91.7% use electricity for lighting.

Challenges

Despite its strengths, the municipality faces financial challenges. In November 2024, it was downgraded to a Grade 4 municipality due to escalating debts, including over R1 billion owed to Eskom. This reclassification necessitated salary adjustments for officials and councillors and may impact service delivery and development projects.

Kimberley Quarry

As mentioned earlier, the permanent employees of Kimberly Quarry resides mainly in Kimberley and Richie from where they are daily transported to the mine. The mine also contribute to the local economy of the area, both directly and through the multiplier effect that its presence creates. Equipment and supplies are purchased locally, and wages are spent at local businesses, generating both jobs and income in the area. In addition thereto the implementation of the Social and Labour Plan obligations contribute positively to the socio-economic environment of the local community.

The product of the Quarry is principally consumed by the following users:

- Θ Construction industry for concrete products,
- Θ Roads industry for asphalt development,
- Θ Transnet for ballast rock,
- Θ Brick making industry.

k) LAND USE

As previously mentioned, the Kimberley Quarry has been operational for many years, with the southern (mining) portion of the farm fenced off from the northern section, which is managed as a game farm. The farm Spijt Fontein, where the quarry is located, is bordered on the west by the main railway line between Kimberley and De Aar. This railway runs parallel to the N12 national road, which connects Kimberley to Hopetown. Kimberley Airport is situated ±3.5 km north-east of the quarry, and the surrounding land is primarily used for agricultural activities.

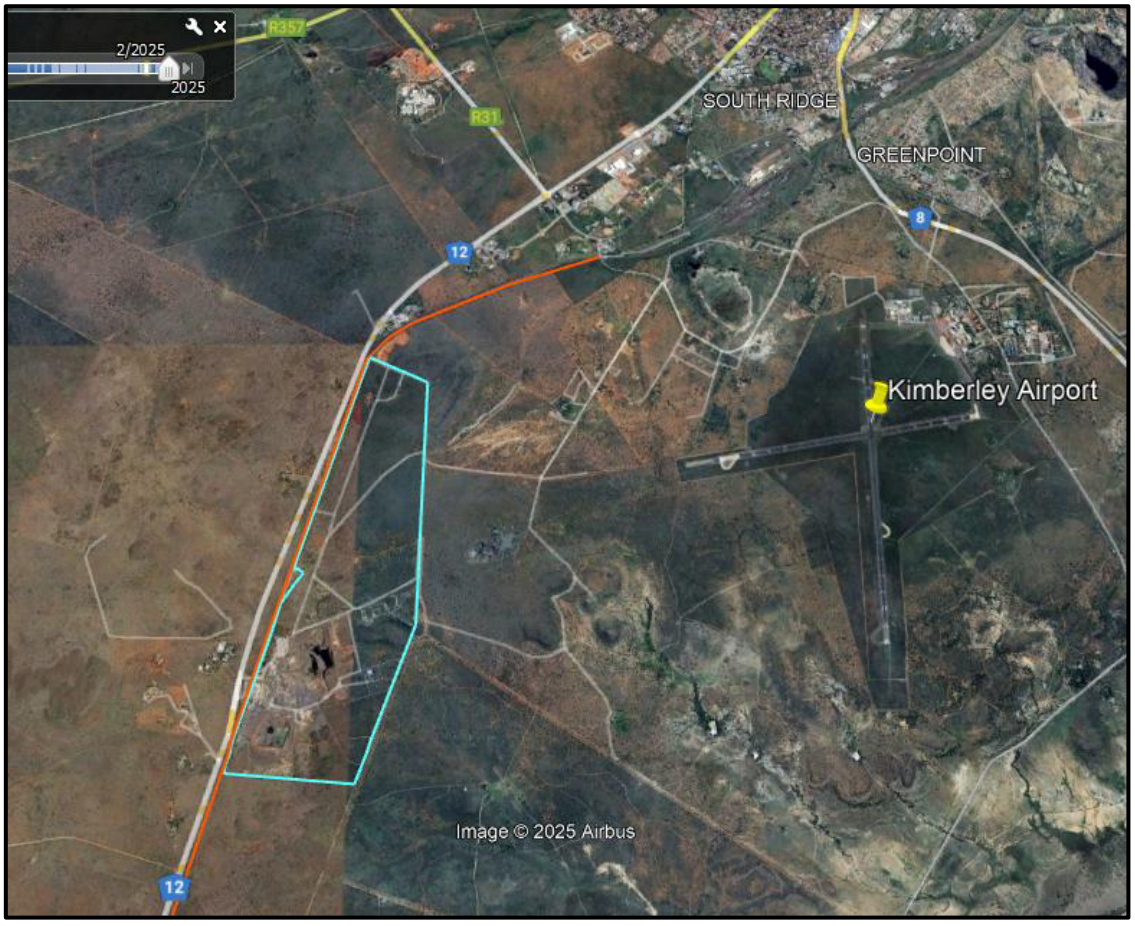


Figure 14: Satellite view of the mining area (blue polygon) in relation to the surrounding land uses. The red line indicates the nearby railway line running parallel with the N12 (image obtained from Google Earth).

The following table provides a description of the land uses and/or prominent features that currently occur at or within a 500 m radius of the earmarked area:

Table 10: Land uses and/or prominent features that occur at or within 500 m radius of the mining area.

LAND USE CHARACTER	YES	NO	DESCRIPTION
Natural area	**YES**	-	The mining area is surrounded by natural areas used for agricultural purposes.
Low density residential	-	**NO**	-
Medium density residential	-	**NO**	-
High density residential	-	**NO**	-
Informal residential	-	**NO**	-
Retail commercial & warehousing	-	**NO**	-
Light industrial	-	**NO**	-
Medium industrial	-	**NO**	-
Heavy industrial	-	**NO**	-
Power station	-	**NO**	-
High voltage power line	**YES**	**-**	A high voltage power line connects to the Eskom substation in the south-western corner of the mining area and borders the Quarry along the southern boundary. A 11kV power line also borders the Quarry boundary to the west.
Office/consulting room	-	**NO**	-
Military or police base / station / compound	-	**NO**	-
Spoil heap or slimes dam	**YES**	**-**	Various waste rock/overburden dumps occur within the mining footprint.
Quarry, sand or borrow pit	**YES**	**-**	The mining area has two quarry pits.
Dam or reservoir	**YES**	**-**	Farm dams occur on the property and surrounding farms.
Hospital/medical centre	-	**NO**	-
School/ crèche	-	**NO**	-
Tertiary education facility	-	**NO**	-
Church	-	**NO**	-
Old age home	-	**NO**	-
Sewage treatment plant	-	**NO**	-
Train station or shunting yard	-	**NO**	-
Railway line	**YES**	**-**	The Kimberley – De Aar railway line pass the western boundary of the mining area.
Major road (4 lanes or more)	-	**NO**	The N12 that borders the site to the west only has 2 lanes.
Airport	-	**NO**	Kimberley Airport is ±3.5 km to the north-east.
Harbour	-	**NO**	-
Sport facilities	-	**NO**	-
Golf course	-	**NO**	-

LAND USE CHARACTER	YES	NO	DESCRIPTION
Polo fields	-	**NO**	-
Filling station	-	**NO**	-
Landfill or waste treatment site	-	**NO**	-
Plantation	-	**NO**	-
Agriculture	**YES**	-	The mine is situated within an area mainly used for grazing of livestock. A bird farm use to be operated ±359 m west of the nearest boundary of the Quarry.
River, stream, or wetland	-	**NO**	Although various drainage lines occur within 500 m of the mining area, no major rivers or wetlands are present.
Nature conservation area	-	**NO**	-
Mountain, hill, or ridge	**YES**	-	The topography of the area is undulating, and various ridges occur in the area.
Museum	-	**NO**	-
Historical building	-	**NO**	-
Protected Area	-	**NO**	-
Graveyard	-	**NO**	-
Archaeological site	-	**NO**	-
Other land uses (describe)	-	**NO**	-

(APPENDIX 4 SECTION 1(1)(d))

G. DESCRIPTION OF IMPACT MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES INCLUDING MANAGEMENT STATEMENTS

a) IMPACTS AND RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT

The table below presents the potential positive and negative environmental impacts associated with this project, identified for each main activity and applicable project phase (operational and decommissioning). This EMPR does not elaborate on the planning-, site establishment- and or construction phases as this is an operational Quarry and these phases are no longer applicable. Refer also to Appendix C for the Environmental Impact Statement.

It should be noted that the impacts listed have not been reassessed in detail, as no significant changes or additions to the mining activities have been identified that were not already assessed during the mining right application process and subsequently approved by the DMPR.

Accordingly, Table 10 provides a summary of the relevant impacts that may arise during the operational and/or decommissioning phases of the project, along with an updated and project-specific list of mitigation and management measures to be implemented on site. For details on compliance monitoring and performance assessment, please refer to the section titled *Mechanisms for monitoring compliance with and performance assessment against the environmental management programme and reporting thereon, including headings (l)–(m)* as required by Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations (GNR 982 of 2014) (as amended).

Table 11: Positive and negative impacts associated with the project proposal.

ACTIVITY	PHASE	ENVIRONMENTAL RECEPTOR	IMPACT DESCRIPTION	POTENTIAL IMPACT
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Θ Operational Phase Θ Decommissioning Phase	Θ Visual aspects	Θ The processing plant, buildings and stockpiles have a negative impact from the N12, while the quarry has a negative impact from the immediate adjacent areas.	Θ Visual intrusion because of the activities.
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Θ Operational Phase Θ Decommissioning Phase	Θ Air quality	Θ The greatest environmental impact from the mining operations is dust emissions into the atmosphere.	Θ Dust nuisance due to the movement of the soil. Θ Dust nuisance caused by blasting activities. Θ Dust nuisance caused by earthmoving machinery and mining related vehicles.
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting.	Θ Operational Phase	Θ Noise	Θ Noise generation from operations affecting communities in the area.	Θ Noise nuisance caused by earthmoving machinery and mining related vehicles.

ACTIVITY	PHASE	ENVIRONMENTAL RECEPTOR	IMPACT DESCRIPTION	POTENTIAL IMPACT
Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Θ Decommissioning Phase			Θ Noise nuisance caused by blasting activities. Θ Noise nuisance because of the mining activities.
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Θ Operational Phase Θ Decommissioning Phase	Θ Surface water	Θ Potential for pollution of surface water.	Θ Potential contamination of footprint area and surface runoff because of hydrocarbon spillages. Θ Soil contamination from hydrocarbon spills and/or littering. Θ Potential impact associated with litter/hydrocarbon spills left at the mining area (after closure).
	Θ Operational Phase Θ Decommissioning Phase	Θ Groundwater	Θ Pollution of groundwater resources through mining operations.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Θ Operational Phase Θ Decommissioning Phase	Θ Vegetation	Θ The vegetation layer in the mining tenement is permanently impacted on through removal, disturbance, or the impact that invasive and/or alien plant species may have.	Θ Loss of vegetation cover. Θ Potential impact on faunal species. Θ Infestation of the topsoil heaps and mining area with invasive and/or alien plant species. Θ Infestation of the reinstated area with invasive and/or alien plant.
	Θ Operational Phase	Θ Fauna	Θ Destruction of habitat and disturbance due to mining operations will negatively	

ACTIVITY	PHASE	ENVIRONMENTAL RECEPTOR	IMPACT DESCRIPTION	POTENTIAL IMPACT
	Θ Decommissioning Phase		impact on the faunal population of the mining area.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Θ Operational Phase Θ Decommissioning Phase	Θ Geology	Θ The operations will permanently alter the surface and sub-surface geology.	Θ Alteration of the existing topography. Θ Potential increase in runoff from denuded areas and associated erosion. Θ Erosion of returned topsoil after rehabilitation.
	Θ Operational Phase Θ Decommissioning Phase	Θ Topography	Θ The excavations will have a permanent impact on the topography. Θ The mine infrastructure surface area and stockpiles will be rehabilitated to reflect the surrounding topography.	
	Θ Operational Phase Θ Decommissioning Phase	Θ Soils	Θ The removal of topsoil and the impact of mine infrastructure may destroy the soil integrity of the area.	
	Θ Operational Phase Θ Decommissioning Phase	Θ Land capability and use	Θ Mining operations alter natural use. During the life of mine no additional uses for the land is possible	

ACTIVITY	PHASE	ENVIRONMENTAL RECEPTOR	IMPACT DESCRIPTION	POTENTIAL IMPACT
			thereby diminishing its productive capacity.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Θ Operational Phase	Θ Socio-economic aspects	Θ The continuation of the mining operations will not only create wealth for the local communities and towns through job opportunities but also for the region as a whole through direct and indirect taxation. (Positive Impact) Θ The Quarry has a positive effect on the socio-economic structure in the area since valuable materials are supplied to the building and construction areas in and around Kimberley. (Positive Impact) Θ The Quarry further contribute to the community through the implementation of the Social and Labour Plan (SLP). (Positive Impact)	

b) IMPACTS TO BE MITIGATED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PHASES

Table 12: Impacts to be mitigated in their respective phases.

ACTIVITIES	PHASE	SIZE AND SCALE OF DISTURBANCE	MITIGATION MEASURES	COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS	TIME PERIOD FOR IMPLEMENTATION
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Operational & Decommissioning Phase	±172 ha	<u>Operational Times and Communication of Concerns</u> Θ Normal operating hours must be Monday to Friday from 07:00 to 19:00, while production work must stop at 17:00 on Saturdays. Θ Under project-specific pressures (for example, urgent contract deadlines or equipment breakdown recovery), operating hours may be temporarily extended from 05:00 to 22:00. Θ Where extended hours are anticipated, affected neighbours must be informed at least 24 hours in advance, specifying: ▪ the dates and duration of the extended working hours; and ▪ the reason for the temporary extension. Θ Blasting activities may only take place Monday to Friday between 07:00 and 17:00. Θ Production may only take place Monday to Saturday, with Sundays reserved for maintenance only, if required. Θ The After-Hours Communication Protocol attached as Appendix J to this document must be adopted and implemented for the duration of the activities.	Management of the activities must be in accordance with the: Θ MPRDA, 2008 Θ NEMA, 1998	Throughout the operational- and decommissioning phases.

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Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing,	Operational & Decommissioning Phase	±172 ha	<u>Dust Management</u> Θ The liberation of dust into the surrounding environment must be effectively controlled using, inter alia, water spraying and/or environmentally friendly dust-allaying agents that contains no PCB's (e.g. DAS products). Θ Water carts must be used for continuous dust suppression along haul roads, loading areas, and other disturbed surfaces.	Dust generation on site must be managed in accordance with the: Θ NEM:AQA, 2004 Regulation 6(1) Θ National Dust Control Regulations, GN No R827 Θ ASTM D1739 (SANS 1137:2012)	Throughout the operational- and decommissioning phases.

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loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.			Θ Stockpile areas and exposed surfaces must be dampened or treated with suitable dust suppressants (if required). Θ Dust suppression must continue during day and night shifts and must be extended to the truck parking area outside the mining footprint. Θ Water sprayers must be fitted to the processing plant, and the plant may not operate if these sprayers are out of order. Θ The site manager must daily assess the efficiency of all dust suppression equipment. Θ Excess dust and fines must at least weekly be removed from the processing area. Θ Speed on the haul roads must be limited to 20 km/h to prevent the generation of excess dust. Θ Areas devoid of vegetation, which could act as a dust source, must be minimized and vegetation removal may only be done immediately prior to mining. Θ Weather conditions must be taken into consideration upon commencement of daily operations. Limiting operations during very windy periods would reduce airborne dust and resulting impacts. Θ All dust generating activities shall comply with the National Dust Control Regulations, (GN No R827) under NEM:AQA, 2004 and ASTM D1739 (SANS 1137:2012). Θ Best practice measures shall be implemented during the stripping of topsoil, excavation, and transporting of material from site to minimize potential dust impacts.		

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			Θ Monthly fallout-dust monitoring must be implemented at the site for the duration of the activities and the results must be compliant with the standards of the National Dust Control Regulations, 2013 (as amended). Θ The operator must install and maintain a fixed anemometer at an appropriate location within the mine in order to record wind speed and wind direction as part of the site's dust management programme. The following requirements apply: ▪ The anemometer must be capable of continuous measurement and data logging of wind speed and direction. ▪ Wind data must be reviewed regularly and used to inform operational decision-making, particularly during periods of elevated wind speeds or when winds blow in the direction of sensitive receptors. ▪ During adverse wind conditions (e.g., wind speeds exceeding the identified site-specific threshold for dust generation), high-dust activities such as crushing, screening, and material handling must be reduced, adapted or temporarily suspended where practicable. ▪ Wind data must be correlated with dust monitoring results and community complaints to support the identification of dust sources and trends. ▪ The anemometer must be maintained in good working order, and calibration or functionality		

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			checks must be conducted in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. ▪ Recorded wind data must be included in routine environmental performance reporting and made available to the competent authority on request.		
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Operational & Decommissioning Phase	±172 ha	<u>Noise Management</u> Θ No loud music may be permitted at the work areas. Θ The type, duration and timing of the blasting procedures must be planned with due cognizance of other land users and structures in the vicinity. Surrounding landowners and registered I&AP's must be notified in writing prior to each blast. Θ No blasting, excavation, loading and/or hauling may be undertaken after 22:00. Θ All mobile equipment and vehicles that will operate at night must be fitted with broadband (non-tonal) reverse alarms to minimise nuisance noise. Θ Regular maintenance of machinery must be undertaken to prevent excessive noise emissions. Θ A qualified occupational hygienist must be contracted to monthly monitor and report on the personal noise exposure of the employees working at the mine. The monitoring must be done in accordance with the SANS 10083:2004 (Edition 5) sampling method as well as NEM:AQA, 2004, SANS 10103:2008. Θ The monitoring of noise pollution during night shift must form part of the noise monitoring regime of the Quarry. If the noise pollution exceed acceptable limits	Noise generation on site must be managed in accordance with the: Θ NEM:AQA, 2004 Regulation 6(1) Θ NRTA, 1996	Throughout the operational and decommissioning phase.

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			(according to the monitoring specialist) corrective measures must be implemented within one month. Θ Best practice measures shall be implemented to minimize potential noise impacts.		
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Operational & Decommissioning Phase	±172 ha	<u>Waste Management</u> Θ Regular vehicle maintenance, repairs and services may only take place at the workshop and service area. If emergency repairs are needed on equipment not able to move to the workshop, drip trays must be present. All waste products must be disposed of in a closed container/bin to be removed from the emergency service area (same day) to the workshop to ensure proper disposal. This waste must be treated as hazardous waste and must be disposed of at a licenced hazardous waste handling facility, alternatively collected by a registered hazardous waste handling contractor. The safe disposal certificates must be filed for auditing purposes. Θ If a diesel bowser is used on site, it must always be equipped with a drip tray and/or parked in a bunded area with impermeable surface. Drip trays must be used during each refuelling event. The nozzle of the bowser needs to rest in a sleeve to prevent dripping after refuelling. Θ Ablution facilities must be provided to all employees. The ablution facilities must not cause any pollution to water sources or pose a health hazard. In addition, no form of secondary pollution should arise from the	Project related waste must be managed in accordance with the: Θ NWA, 1998 Θ NEM:WA, 2008	Throughout the operational and decommissioning phases.

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			disposal of refuse or sewage. Any pollution problems arising from the above are to be addressed immediately by the MR Holder. Θ Site management must ensure drip trays are cleaned after use. The dirty rags used to clean the drip trays must be disposed as hazardous waste into a designated bin at the workshop, where it is incorporated into the hazardous waste removal system. Θ Equipment/tools/vehicles placed in the salvage yard must be drained of all hydrocarbons before placement. The salvage yard must be kept clean and unwanted materials must be removed from the mine as regular as possible. Θ An oil spill kit/s must be available at the mine, and the employees must be trained in the emergency procedures to follow when a spill occurs as well as the application of the spill kit/s. Θ Spills must be cleaned up immediately, within two hours of occurrence, by removing the spillage together with the polluted soil and containing it in a designated hazardous waste bin until it is disposed of at a licenced facility. Proof must be filed. Θ When small volumes of wastewater are generated during the life of the project the following is applicable: ▪ Water containing waste must not be discharged into the natural environment. ▪ Measures to contain the wastewater and safely dispose thereof must be implemented.		

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			Θ It is important that any significant spillage of chemicals, fuels etc. during the lifespan of the activities is reported to the Department of Water and Sanitation and other relevant authorities. Θ All decommissioned/rehabilitated areas must be cleared of all waste at the end of the project.		
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Operational & Decommissioning Phase	±172 ha	<u>Storage / Handling of Hazardous Substances / Chemicals</u> Θ All chemical stores must: ▪ Be situated on level, impermeable surfaces with secondary containment (bunding). ▪ Have a capacity to contain at least 110% of the largest stored volume, per SANS 10228. ▪ Have access to a spill kit and staff must be trained in the emergency response procedures. Θ Access to the chemicals/substances must be controlled and require prior notification of an appropriate staff member. Θ A Hazardous Substances Register must be maintained, and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) must be kept current for all chemicals used on site. Θ Any fuel/used oil tanks and/or generators must have secondary containment in the form of an impermeable bund wall and base within which the tanks sits, raised above the floor, on plinths. The bund capacity must be sufficient to contain 110% of the tank's maximum capacity. Θ The outlet valve/s of all bunded areas must always be kept closed.	Project related chemicals/products must be managed in accordance with the: Θ HSA, 1973	Throughout the operational and decommissioning phases.

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			Θ The site manager must establish a formal inspection routine to check all equipment in the bund area, as well as the bund area itself for malfunctions or leakages. The bund area must be inspected at least weekly and any accumulated rainwater removed and handled as contaminated water. All valves and outlets must be checked to ensure that its intact and closed securely. Θ The base of the bunded area must be sloped to direct runoff towards an appropriately sized oil sump. Contaminated water must be prevented from mixing with clean water and must be contained until it can be collected by a licenced hazardous waste handling contractor or disposed of at a licensed hazardous waste facility. Reuse of this water on site is only permitted if verified proof is available confirming that it is free of hydrocarbons. Θ Drip trays must be used underneath all stationary equipment or vehicles. Used drip trays must be placed within a bunded area and may not be stored on bare soil. The waste water originating from the cleaning of drip trays must be discarded into the oil sump, alternatively removed by the hazardous waste handling contractor. Θ No mining equipment and/or vehicles may be washed on the bare ground. Washing must be done at a formal wash bay with impermeable surface that drains to an operational oil sump. Reuse of the water from the sump is only permitted if verified proof is available confirming that it is free of hydrocarbons.		

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			Θ No open fires outside designated areas may be allowed on-site. Θ Spoil heaps and topsoil stockpiles must be provided with a vegetation cover of indigenous grasses. Θ All newly vegetated areas must be protected against grazing by domestic animals. Θ Monitoring of the rehabilitated area/s must take place every six months until mine closure, or for at least one growth season after closure. Photos must be taken at fixed points and must be available for auditing purposes.		
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Operational & Decommissioning Phase	±172 ha	<u>Terrestrial Biodiversity and Ground Cover – Management of Invasive Plant Species</u> Θ An invasive plant species management plan (Appendix E) must be implemented at the site to ensure the management and control of all species regarded as Category 1a and 1b invasive species in terms of NEM:BA (National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004 and regulations applicable thereto). Invasive and/or alien plant species clearing must be done on an ongoing basis throughout the life of the activities. Θ No planting or importing of any alien species to the site for landscaping, rehabilitation or any other purpose may be allowed. Θ All stockpiles (topsoil & overburden) must be kept free of invasive plant species.	Invasive and/or alien plant species on site must be managed in accordance with the: Θ CARA, 1983 Θ NEM:BA, 2004	Throughout the operational- and decommissioning phases.

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			Θ Management must take responsibility to control declared invasive and/or alien plant species on the rehabilitated areas. The following control methods can be used: ▪ The plants can be uprooted, felled, or cut off and can be destroyed completely. ▪ The plants can be treated chemically by a registered pest control officer (PCO) using an herbicide recommended for use by the PCO in accordance with the directions for the use of such an herbicide.		
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Operational & Decommissioning Phase	±172 ha	<u>Fauna</u> Θ The site manager must ensure no fauna is caught, killed, harmed, sold, or played with. Θ Any fauna directly threatened by the operational activities must be removed to a safe location by the ECO or other suitably qualified person. Θ The handling and relocation of any animal perceived to be dangerous/venomous/poisonous must be undertaken by a suitably trained individual. Θ All personnel must undergo environmental induction regarding fauna management and in particular awareness about not harming or collecting species such as snakes, tortoises and owls which are often persecuted out of superstition. Workers must be instructed to report any animals that may be trapped in the working area.	Fauna must be managed in accordance with the: Θ NEM:BA 2004	Throughout the operational- and decommissioning phases.

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			Θ No snares may be set, or nests raided for eggs or young. Θ No litter, food or other foreign material may be thrown or left around the site. Such items must daily be removed to the site offices. Θ All excavations must include features (such as sloped edges or escape ramps) to ensure that any animals entering the area can exit safely.		
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Operational & Decommissioning Phase	±172 ha	<u>Geology and Soil – Topsoil Management</u> Θ The upper 300 mm of the soil (if available) must be stripped and stockpiled before mining. Θ Topsoil is a valuable and essential resource for rehabilitation, and it must therefore be managed carefully to conserve and maintain it throughout the stockpiling and rehabilitation processes. Θ Topsoil stripping, stockpiling, and re-spreading must be done in a systematic way. The mining plan must be such that topsoil is stockpiled for the minimum possible time. Θ The topsoil must be placed on a levelled area, within the mining footprint. No topsoil may be stockpiled in undisturbed areas. All topsoil heaps must be signposted. Θ Topsoil stockpiles must be protected against losses by water- and wind erosion. The establishment of plants (indigenous grass) on the stockpiles will help to prevent erosion.	Stockpiles must be managed in accordance with the: Θ CARA, 1983	Throughout the operational-, and decommissioning phases.

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			Θ Topsoil heaps may not exceed 2.5 m in height and are not to be sloped more than 1:2 to avoid collapse. Θ The topsoil stockpiles must be kept free of invasive plant species. Θ Topsoil heaps to be stored longer than a period of 3 months needs to be vegetated with an indigenous grass seed mix if vegetation does not naturally germinate within the first growth season. Θ Storm- and runoff water must be diverted around the topsoil and overburden stockpile areas to prevent erosion. Θ The stockpiled topsoil must be evenly spread, to a depth of 300 mm, over the rehabilitated area upon closure of the site. Θ The right holder must strive to re-instate topsoil at a time of year when vegetation cover can be established as quickly as possible afterwards, so that erosion of returned topsoil by both rain and wind, before vegetation is established, is minimized. The best time of year is at the end of the rainy season, when there is moisture in the soil for vegetation establishment and the risk of heavy rainfall events is minimal. Θ An indigenous grass layer must be planted and established immediately after spreading of topsoil, to stabilize the soil and protect it from erosion. It is important that rehabilitation be taken up to the point of stabilization. Rehabilitation cannot be considered complete until the first grass layer is well established. Θ Run-off water must be controlled via temporary berms, where necessary, on the slopes to ensure that		

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			accumulation of run-off does not cause down-slope erosion. Θ The rehabilitated area must be monitored for erosion and appropriately stabilized if any erosion occurs for at least 12 months after reinstatement.		
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Operational & Decommissioning Phase	±172 ha	<u>Geology and Soil – Erosion Control and Stormwater Management</u> Θ A stormwater management plan must be implemented for the duration of the mining activities. Θ Clearing of vegetation must be limited to the mining footprint and associated infrastructure. No clearing outside of the minimum required footprint to take place. Θ Vegetation clearing activities must be put on hold when heavy rains are expected. Θ Clean stormwater must be diverted around the topsoil heaps and mining areas (if possible) to prevent erosion. Θ Stockpiles must be: ▪ Located on flat, stabilised areas away from drainage lines, ▪ Covered with vegetation to reduce wind and water erosion risks. Θ When mining within steep slopes, it must be ensured that adequate slope protection is provided. Θ Roads and other disturbed areas within the project area must be regularly monitored for erosion and	Soil must be managed in accordance with the: Θ CARA, 1983 Θ Closure Plan (Appendix D) Θ MPRDA, 2002 Θ NEM:BA, 2004 Θ NWA, 1998	Throughout the operational- and decommissioning phase.

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			problem areas must receive follow-up monitoring to assess the success of the remediation. Θ Any erosion problems within the mining area because of the mining activities observed must be rectified immediately (within 48 hours) and monitored thereafter to ensure that it does not re-occur. Θ Mining must be conducted only in accordance with the Best Practice Guideline for small scale mining that relates to stormwater management, erosion and sediment control and waste management, developed by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), and any other conditions which that Department may impose: ▪ Clean water (e.g. rainwater) must be kept clean and be routed to a natural area by a system separate from the dirty water system. Prevent clean water from running or spilling into dirty water systems. ▪ Dirty water must be collected and contained in a system separate from the clean water system. ▪ Dirty water must be prevented from spilling or seeping into clean water systems. Θ Once shaped, all exposed/bare surfaces and embankments must be re-vegetated immediately. If revegetation of exposed surfaces cannot take place immediately, temporary erosion, and sediment control measures must be installed and maintained until such time that revegetation can commence. Θ All erosion and sediment control measures must be monitored (weekly) for the life of the operation and		

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			repaired immediately when damaged. The erosion and sediment control structures may only be removed once vegetation cover has successfully recolonised the affected areas. Θ After heavy rainfall events, site management must check the site for erosion damage and rehabilitate this damage immediately. Erosion rills and gullies must be filled in with appropriate material and/or silt fences until vegetation has recolonised the rehabilitated area.		
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Operational & Decommissioning Phase	±172 ha	<u>Hydrology</u> Θ All water uses applicable to the operation, as defined under the National Water Act (NWA), must be duly authorised by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). A copy of the water use authorisation must be kept on-site and made available for inspection or auditing upon request. Θ Bi-annual surface and groundwater quality monitoring must be conducted. Water quality samples must be collected from the following: ▪ Quarry sump(s), ▪ Stormwater runoff in the duck pond, ▪ Water in the final tank of the oil sump, ▪ Borehole/s upstream of the surrounding properties. Θ Any deviations from acceptable water quality standards that are attributable to mining activities must be addressed without delay. In addition, water from the	All hydrology matters must be managed in accordance with the: Θ NWA, 1998 Θ SWMP	Throughout the operational and decommissioning phases.

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			oil separator must be tested specifically for the presence of hydrocarbons. Θ To prevent the contamination of the environment: ▪ The employees must notify site management immediately of any pollution incidents. ▪ The contractor must prevent discharge of any pollutants, such as cement, concrete, lime chemicals and fuels into any natural areas. Θ During rehabilitation, the MR Holder must aim to restore surface water flow patterns to align with the natural drainage of the area, as far as is practically feasible.		
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping	Operational & Decommissioning Phase	±172 ha	<u>Health and Safety Risks</u> Θ Workers must have access to the correct personal protection equipment (PPE) as required by law. Θ The surrounding landowners must be informed in writing ahead of each blasting event. Θ The compliance of ground vibration and airblast levels must be monitored to USBM standards with each blasting event. Θ A vibro recorder must be used to record all blasts. Θ Audible warning of a pending blast must be given at least 3 minutes in advance of the blast. Θ Measures to limit flyrock must be taken. All flyrock (of diameter 150 mm and larger) which falls beyond the working area, together with the rock spill must be collected and removed.	Health and safety aspects on site must be managed in accordance with the: Θ MHSA, 1996 Θ OHSA, 1993 Θ OHSAS 18001 Θ HSA,1973	Throughout the operational and decommissioning phases.

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during rehabilitation.			Θ Upon closure the entrance to the excavations must be blocked (soil berm / oversize rocks) to restrict access.		
Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material.	Operational Phase	±172 ha	<u>Access Road Management</u> Θ Vehicular movement must be restricted to the roads and crisscrossing of tracks through undisturbed areas must be prohibited. Θ Rutting and erosion of the access and internal roads caused as a direct result of the mining activities must be repaired by the MR Holder. Θ Overloading of the trucks must be prevented, and proof of load weights must be filed for auditing purposes. Θ Parking of mining related trucks along the N12 national route must be prohibited under normal operating conditions. Θ Trucks awaiting access to the quarry must be directed to a designated parking area identified through stakeholder engagement. Θ If the designated parking area is situated outside the approved mining footprint, access must be negotiated with the relevant landowner prior to commencement of use. Θ The designated parking area must be maintained in a clean and orderly condition at all times, free from litter, waste, or environmental pollution. Θ Daily housekeeping and litter removal must be undertaken, and waste bins must be provided and serviced regularly.	The access road must be managed in accordance with the: Θ NRTA, 1996	Throughout the operational phase.

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			Θ Dust suppression must be implemented at this designated parking area. Θ Truck drivers must utilise the ablution facilities provided at the quarry, and under no circumstances may waste disposal or sanitation occur within or around the parking area. Θ Exceptions may be allowed only in genuine emergency situations, such as vehicle breakdowns, medical incidents, or safety-related stoppages. Θ The mine must maintain a 24-hour contact number for truck drivers to report emergencies or request assistance. Θ Any recurring or non-emergency parking along the N12 must be investigated, and corrective actions must be implemented to prevent recurrence.		
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material.	Operational Phase	±172 ha	<u>Cultural and Heritage Environment</u> Θ All mining must be confined to the development footprint area. Θ If during the operations or closure phases of this project, any person employed by the developer, one of its subsidiaries, contractors and subcontractors, or service provider, finds any artefact of cultural significance or heritage site, this person must cease work at the site of the find and report this find to their immediate supervisor, and through their supervisor to the senior on-site manager.	Cultural/heritage aspects must be managed in accordance with the: Θ NHRA, 1999	Throughout the operational phase.

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Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.			Θ It is the responsibility of the senior on-site Manager to make an initial assessment of the extent of the find and confirm the extent of the work stoppage in that area. Θ The senior on-site Manager must inform the ECO of the chance find and its immediate impact on operations. The ECO must then contact a professional archaeologist for an assessment of the finds who must notify the SAHRA. Θ Work may only continue once the go-ahead was issued by SAHRA. Θ The Chance Find Procedure of the HIA (Appendix I) must be implemented when any discoveries are made on site. Θ The Fossil Chance Find Protocol of the PIA (Appendix I) must be implemented should any suspected palaeontological material be encountered at any time during mining.		
Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Decommissioning Phase	±172 ha	<u>Rehabilitation / Landscaping of the Mining Area</u> Θ When possible, excavations and/or disturbed areas must be subject to progressive rehabilitation. Θ Rehabilitation must be done to such a standard that the rehabilitated land surrounding the excavations can revert to grazing. Θ The excavated areas must serve as a final depositing area for the placement of overburden. Θ Rocks and coarse material removed from the excavations must be returned to the excavations.	The mining area must be managed in accordance with the: Θ MPRDA, 2002	Throughout the decommissioning phase.

ACTIVITIES	PHASE	SIZE AND SCALE OF DISTURBANCE	MITIGATION MEASURES	COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS	TIME PERIOD FOR IMPLEMENTATION
			Θ Coarse natural material used for the construction of ramps must be removed and dumped into the excavations. Θ Stockpiles must be removed during the decommissioning phase, the area ripped, and the topsoil returned to its original depth to provide a growth medium. Θ No waste may be permitted to be deposited in the excavations. Θ Once overburden, rocks and coarse natural materials have been added to the excavations and it was profiled with acceptable contours and erosion control measures, the topsoil previously stored must be returned to its original depth over the area. Θ The site shall be seeded with a local or adapted indigenous seed mix to propagate the locally or regionally occurring flora, should natural vegetation not re-establish within six months from closure of the site. Θ If a reasonable assessment indicates that the re-establishment of vegetation is unacceptably slow, the Regional Manager may require that the soil be analysed and any deleterious effects on the soil arising from the mining operation be corrected and the area be seeded with a vegetation seed mix to his or her specification. Θ Rehabilitation success must be measured by: ▪ At least 70% vegetation cover with indigenous grass species within 12 months of seeding.		

ACTIVITIES	PHASE	SIZE AND SCALE OF DISTURBANCE	MITIGATION MEASURES	COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS	TIME PERIOD FOR IMPLEMENTATION
			▪ Stabilization of slopes to a gradient of 1:3 to prevent erosion. ▪ Regular monitoring for invasive species, with removal interventions implemented quarterly. Θ The entrances to both quarry pits must be adequately blocked to prevent unauthorised access to humans and domestic animals.		

c) ADMINISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL OBLIGATIONS

Copies of this EMPR must be kept at the site office and must be distributed to all senior contract personnel who shall familiarise themselves with its contents. The implementation of the EMPR requires the involvement of all site personnel (including the brick and block-making yard and sub-contractors), to ensure sound environmental management during the operational and decommissioning phases of the project.

1. MINING RIGHT HOLDER

The mining right holder, OMV Kimberley Mining (Pty) Ltd, and anyone acting on behalf of the MR Holder, is accountable for the potential environmental impacts of all activities undertaken and is responsible for the management of the impacts as well as the implementation of the EMPR.

2. SUB-CONTRACTORS

The sub-contractors must all receive a copy of the EMPR and be inducted by the MR Holder's representative prior to commencement on site. All sub-contractors that enter the mining area must comply with the requirements of the EMPR and ensure compliance of his/her employees.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OFFICER (ECO)

The holder of the mining right must appoint a site based environmental control officer. The ECO must be readily available on site at all times to ensure that all activities are conducted in compliance with the approved EMPR.

The ECO must:

- Θ Keep and maintain a detailed incident register (including any spillages or fuel, chemicals and any other materials).
- Θ Keep a complaints register on site indicating the complaint and how the issues were addressed, what measures were taken and what preventative measures were implemented to avoid re-occurrence of complaints.
- Θ Keep records relating to monitoring and auditing and site and avail them for inspection to any relevant authorised officials.
- Θ Keep copies of all environmental reports submitted to the DMPR.
- Θ Keep the records of all permits, licenses and authorisations required by the operation.
- Θ Compile a monthly monitoring report and make it available to the DMPR if requested.

- The duties and responsibility of the ECO must not be seen as exempting the holder of the mining right from the legal obligations in terms of the MPRDA and/or NEMA.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER (EAP)

The holder of the mining right must annually appoint an independent environmental specialist (EAP) to objectively assess the compliance of the mining operations with the conditions of the approved EMPR. The EAP must at least annually report on the compliance of the mine to the DMPR, unless otherwise stipulated by the department.

(APPENDIX 4 SECTION 1(1)(e) & (f))

H. IMPACT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES

Table 13: Impact Management Actions and Outcomes.

ACTIVITY	POTENTIAL IMPACT	ASPECTS AFFECTED	PHASE	MITIGATION TYPE	STANDARD TO BE ACHIEVED
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Θ Visual intrusion because of the activities.	The visual impact may affect the aesthetics of the landscape.	Operational and Decommissioning Phase	Control: Implementing proper housekeeping and progressive rehabilitation (where possible).	Management of the activities must be in accordance with the: Θ MPRDA, 2008 Θ NEMA, 1998
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material.	Θ Dust nuisance due to the movement of the soil. Θ Dust nuisance caused by blasting activities. Θ Dust nuisance caused by earthmoving machinery and mining related vehicles.	Increased dust generation will impact on the air quality of the receiving environment.	Operational and Decommissioning Phase	Control: Dust suppression methods and proper housekeeping.	Dust generation on site must be managed in accordance with the: Θ NEM:AQA, 2004 Regulation 6(1) Θ National Dust Control Regulations, GN No R827 Θ ASTM D1739 (SANS 1137:2012)

ACTIVITY	POTENTIAL IMPACT	ASPECTS AFFECTED	PHASE	MITIGATION TYPE	STANDARD TO BE ACHIEVED
Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.					
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of aggregate.	Θ Noise nuisance caused by earthmoving machinery and mining related vehicles. Θ Noise nuisance caused by blasting activities. Θ Noise nuisance because of the mining activities.	Should noise levels become excessive it may have an impact on the noise ambiance of the receiving environment.	Operational and Decommissioning Phase	<u>Control:</u> Noise suppression methods and proper housekeeping.	Noise generation on site must be managed in accordance with the: Θ NEM:AQA, 2004 Regulation 6(1) Θ NRTA, 1996
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of aggregate. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Θ Potential contamination from footprint area and surface runoff because of hydrocarbon spillages. Θ Soil contamination from hydrocarbon spills and/or littering. Θ Potential impact associated with litter/hydrocarbon spills left at the mining area (after closure).	Contamination of the footprint areas will negatively impact the soil, surface runoff and potentially the groundwater. It will also incur additional costs to the Right Holder.	Operational and Decommissioning Phase	<u>Control & Remedy:</u> Proper housekeeping and implementation of an emergency response plan and waste management plan.	Project related waste must be managed in accordance with the: Θ NWA, 1998 Θ NEM:WA, 2008

ACTIVITY	POTENTIAL IMPACT	ASPECTS AFFECTED	PHASE	MITIGATION TYPE	STANDARD TO BE ACHIEVED
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden.	Θ Loss of vegetation cover.	This will impact on the biodiversity of the receiving environment.	Operational and Decommissioning Phase	Control: Implementing proper housekeeping and the mitigation measures.	Natural vegetated areas must be managed in accordance with the: Θ NEM:BA 2004
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden.	Θ Potential impact on faunal species.	This will impact on the biodiversity of the receiving environment.	Operational and Decommissioning Phase	Control: Implementing proper housekeeping and the mitigation measures.	Fauna must be managed in accordance with the: ❖ NEM:BA 2004
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of aggregate. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Θ Infestation of the topsoil heaps and mining area with invasive and/or alien plant species. Θ Infestation of the reinstated area with invasive and/or alien plant species.	Infestation of the footprint by invasive and/or alien plant species may affect the biodiversity of the receiving environment.	Operational and Decommissioning Phase	Control & Remedy: Implementation of an invasive plant species management plan.	Invasive and/or alien plant species on site must be managed in accordance with the: Θ CARA, 1983 Θ NEM:BA, 2004
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of aggregate.	Θ Potential increase in runoff from denuded areas and associated erosion. Θ Erosion of returned topsoil after rehabilitation.	This could impact the hydrology of the receiving environment and cause erosion.	Operational and Decommissioning Phase	Control: Implementing a SWMP.	Soil must be managed in accordance with the: Θ CARA, 1983 Θ Closure Plan (Appendix D) Θ MPRDA, 2002 Θ NEM:BA, 2004 Θ NWA, 1998

ACTIVITY	POTENTIAL IMPACT	ASPECTS AFFECTED	PHASE	MITIGATION TYPE	STANDARD TO BE ACHIEVED
Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.					
Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of aggregate.	Θ Alteration of the existing topography.	This impact may affect the land use opportunities of the property.	Operational and Decommissioning Phase	The operation of the mine do affect the land use options of the property. The impact can be controlled to a certain extend through progressive rehabilitation.	The mining area must be managed in accordance with the: Θ MPRDA, 2002
Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of aggregate. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Θ Health and safety risk posed by blasting activities. Θ Unsafe working environment for employees. Θ Health and safety risk posed by unrehabilitated quarry excavations.	An unsafe working environment affects the labour force, as well as pose a threat to animals and humans that may enter the mining footprint.	Operational, and Decommissioning Phase	<u>Stop & Control:</u> Adherance to the blasting rules and regulations, demarcation of the mining area and proper housekeeping.	Health and safety aspects on site must be managed in accordance with the: Θ MHSA, 1996 Θ OHSA, 1993 Θ OHSAS 18001 Θ HSA,1973
Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of aggregate.	Θ Overloading of trucks having an impact on the public roads.	Impacting the condition of public roads may incur public complaints and additional costs to the MR Holder.	Operational Phase	<u>Operational and Expansion Activities:</u> Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of aggregate.	The access road must be managed in accordance with the: Θ NRTA, 1996

(APPENDIX 4 SECTION 1(1)(g) – (k))

MECHANISMS FOR MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME AND REPORTING THEREON, INCLUDING

I. MONITORING OF IMPACT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

J. MONITORING AND REPORTING FREQUENCY

K. RESPONSIBLE PERSONS

L. TIME PERIOD FOR IMPLEMENTING IMPACT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

M. MECHANISMS FOR MONITORING COMPLIANCE

Table 14: Mechanisms for monitoring compliance with and performance assessment against the EMPR and reporting thereon.

SOURCE ACTIVITY	IMPACTS REQUIRING MONITORING PROGRAMMES	FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MONITORING	ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE MONITORING PROGRAMMES)	MONITORING AND REPORTING FREQUENCY AND TIME PERIODS FOR IMPLEMENTING IMPACT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS
Θ Demarcation of site with visible beacons.	<u>General</u> Θ Maintenance of beacons.	Θ Visible beacons / fences need to be established at the boundaries of the mining area.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EPA) during the annual environmental audit.	Applicable throughout operational-, and decommissioning phases. Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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			<u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Ensure beacons / fences are in place throughout the life of the mine.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	<u>General</u> Θ Operational Times and Communication of Concerns.	Θ After-hours Communication Protocol. Θ Accessible and reliable communication channel. Θ Record of community communications.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EPA) during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Ensure that normal operating hours are Monday to Friday from 07:00 to 19:00, while production work stop at 17:00 on Saturdays. Θ Under project-specific pressures (for example, urgent contract deadlines or equipment breakdown recovery), operating hours may be temporarily extended from 05:00 to 22:00. Θ Where extended hours are anticipated, inform the affected neighbours at least 24 hours in advance, specifying: ▪ the dates and duration of the extended working hours; and ▪ the reason for the temporary extension.	Applicable throughout operational-, and decommissioning phases. Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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			Θ Only allow blasting activities from Monday to Friday between 07:00 and 17:00. Θ Only conduct production activities between Monday to Saturday, and reserve Sundays for maintenance only, if required. Θ Adopt and implement the After-Hours Communication Protocol attached as Appendix J to this document for the duration of the activities.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	<u>Visual Characteristics</u> Θ Visual intrusion because of the activities.	Θ Parking- and dedicated storage areas for equipment. Θ Good housekeeping practices.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Ensure that the site has a neat appearance and is always kept in good condition. Θ Store mining equipment neatly in dedicated areas when not in use. Θ Limit vegetation removal and only do stripping of topsoil immediately prior to the mining/use of a specific area. Θ Contain the excavation within the approved footprint of the permitted area. Θ Upon closure, rehabilitate the site and reduce the residual visual impacts to the minimum.	Applicable throughout operational-, and decommissioning phases. Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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			Θ Leave all buildings, equipment and/or infrastructure that will remain on the property after closure in a good and functional condition and obtain written transfer of liability of the structures to the landowner.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	<u>Air Quality and Noise Ambiance</u> Θ Dust nuisance due to the movement of soil. Θ Dust nuisance caused by blasting activities. Θ Dust nuisance caused by earthmoving machinery and mining related vehicles.	Θ Dust suppression equipment such as a water car, water dispenser and sprayers on the crusher plant. Θ Signage that clearly reduce the speed on the internal roads. Θ Maintenance schedule to remove excess dust from the processing area. Θ Cover crop to re-vegetate denuded areas.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Control the liberation of dust into the surrounding environment using; inter alia, water spraying and/or other dust-allaying agents. Θ Use water carts used for continuous dust suppression along haul roads, loading areas, and other disturbed surfaces. Θ Dampen stockpile areas and exposed surfaces or treated with suitable dust suppressants (if required). Θ Ensure dust suppression continues during day and night shifts and extend it to the truck parking area outside the mining footprint. Θ Fit water sprayers to the processing plant and stop operations if the sprayers are out of order.	Applicable throughout operational-, and decommissioning phases. Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Weekly monitoring of dust and fines at the processing area. Θ Monthly fallout dust monitoring by qualified service provider. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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			Θ Ensure continuous (daily) assessment of all dust suppression equipment to confirm its effectiveness in addressing dust suppression. Θ Remove excess dust and fines at least weekly from the processing area. Θ Limit speed on the haul roads to 20 km/h to prevent the generation of excess dust. Θ Minimise areas devoid of vegetation and only remove vegetation immediately prior to mining. Θ Consider weather conditions upon commencement of daily operations. Limit operations during very windy periods to reduce airborne dust and resulting impacts. Θ Ensure dust generating activities comply with the National Dust Control Regulations, (GN No R827) under NEM:AQA, 2004 and ASTM D1739 (SANS 1137:2012). Θ Implement best practice measures during the stripping of topsoil, excavation, and transporting of material from site to minimize potential dust impacts. Θ Implement monthly fallout-dust monitoring at the site for the duration of the activities and ensure the results are compliant with the standards of the National Dust Control Regulations, 2013 (as amended). Θ Install and maintain a fixed anemometer at an appropriate location within the mine to record wind speed and wind direction as part of the site's dust management programme. The following requirements apply:	

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			▪ The anemometer must be capable of continuous measurement and data logging of wind speed and direction. ▪ Wind data must be reviewed regularly and used to inform operational decision-making, particularly during periods of elevated wind speeds or when winds blow in the direction of sensitive receptors. ▪ During adverse wind conditions (e.g., wind speeds exceeding the identified site-specific threshold for dust generation), high-dust activities such as crushing, screening, and material handling must be reduced, adapted or temporarily suspended where practicable. ▪ Wind data must be correlated with dust monitoring results and community complaints to support the identification of dust sources and trends. ▪ The anemometer must be maintained in good working order, and calibration or functionality checks must be conducted in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. ▪ Recorded wind data must be included in routine environmental performance reporting and made available to the competent authority on request.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden.	<u>Air Quality and Noise Ambiance</u> Θ Noise nuisance caused by	Θ Accessible and reliable communication channel. Θ Record of community communications.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance.	Applicable throughout operational-, and decommissioning phases.

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Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of aggregate.	earthmoving machinery and mining related vehicles. Θ Noise nuisance caused by blasting activities. Θ Noise nuisance because of the mining activities.	Θ Personal noise exposure monitoring equipment. Θ Signage indicating noise zones. Θ Broadband (non-tonal) reverse alarms. Θ Maintenance schedules.	Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Do not permit loud music at the mining area. Θ Plan the type, duration, and timing of the blasting procedures with due cognizance of other land users and structures in the vicinity. Notify the surrounding landowners and registered I&AP's in writing prior to each blasting occasion. Θ Do not allow blasting, excavation, loading and/or hauling after 22:00. Θ Fit all mobile equipment and vehicles that will operate at night with broadband (non-tonal) reverse alarms to minimise nuisance noise. Θ Undertake regular maintenance of machinery to prevent excessive noise emissions. Θ Contract a qualified occupational hygienist to monthly monitor and report on the personal noise exposure of the employees working at the mine. Monitoring must be in accordance with SANS 10083:2004 (Edition 5) sampling method as well as NEM:AQA 2004, SANS 10103:2008. Θ Make the monitoring of noise pollution during night shift part of the noise monitoring regime of the Quarry. If the noise pollution exceed acceptable limits (according to the monitoring specialist) implement corrective actions within one month.	Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Monthly reporting by a qualified occupation hygienist. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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			Θ Implement best practice measures to minimise potential noise impacts.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of aggregate. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	<u>Waste Management</u> Θ Potential contamination of footprint area and surface runoff because of hydrocarbon spillages. Θ Soil contamination from hydrocarbon spills and/or littering. Θ Potential impact associated with litter/hydrocarbon spills left at the mining area (after closure).	Θ Waste management plan. Θ Formal waste disposal system with waste registers. Θ Drip trays. Θ Covered refuse bins for both hazardous- and general waste. Θ Oil spill kit. Θ Bunded areas with impermeable surface. Θ Stormwater management plan.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Ensure that regular vehicle maintenance, repairs and services only take place at the workshop and service area. If emergency repairs are needed on equipment not able to move to the workshop, ensure drip trays are present. Dispose all waste products in a closed container/bin and remove it from the emergency service area (same day) to the workshop to ensure proper disposal. Treat this waste as hazardous waste and disposed of it at a licenced hazardous waste handling facility, alternatively arrange collection by a registered hazardous waste handling contractor. File the safe disposal certificates for auditing purposes. Θ If a diesel bowser is used on site, always equip it with a drip tray and ensure that it is parked in a bunded area with impermeable surface. Use drip trays during each refuelling event. The nozzle of the bowser needs to rest in a sleeve to prevent dripping after refuelling.	Applicable throughout operational-, and decommissioning phases. Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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			Θ Provide ablution facilities to all employees. Ensure that the ablution facilities do not cause any pollution to water sources or pose a health hazard. In addition, no form of secondary pollution may arise from the disposal of refuse or sewage. Any pollution problems arising from the above are to be addressed immediately by the MR Holder. Θ Ensure drip trays are cleaned after use. Dispose of dirty rags used to clean the drip trays as hazardous waste into a designated bin at the workshop, where it is incorporated into the hazardous waste removal system. Θ Drain hydrocarbons from equipment/tools/vehicles placed in the salvage yard. Keep the salvage yard clean and remove unwanted materials from the mine as regular as possible. Θ Obtain an oil spill kit/s and train the employees in the emergency procedures to follow when a spill occurs as well as the application of the spill kit/s. Θ Clean spills immediately, within two hours of occurrence by removing the spillage together with the polluted soil and containing it in a designated hazardous waste bin until it is disposed of at a registered facility. File proof. Θ Do not discharge water containing waste into the natural environment. Θ Implement measures to contain the wastewater and safely dispose thereof. Θ Report any significant spillage of chemicals, fuels etc. during the lifespan of the mining activities to the	

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			Department of Water and Sanitation and other relevant authorities. Θ Clean all decommissioned / rehabilitated areas of all waste at the end of the project.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of aggregate. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	<u>Storage / Handling of Hazardous Substances / Chemicals</u> Θ Potential contamination of footprint area and surface runoff because of hydrocarbon spillages. Θ Soil contamination from hydrocarbon spills and/or littering. Θ Potential impact associated with litter/hydrocarbon spills left at the mining area (after closure).	Θ Waste management plan. Θ Formal waste disposal system with waste registers. Θ Drip trays. Θ Covered refuse bins for both hazardous- and general waste. Θ Oil spill kit. Θ Bunded areas with impermeable surface. Θ Safety Data Sheets Θ Formal inspection routine/programme.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Ensure that all chemical stores: ▪ Are situated on level, impermeable surfaces with secondary containment (bunding). ▪ have a capacity to contain at least 110% of the largest stored volume, per SANS 10228. ▪ Have access to a spill kit and staff must be trained in the emergency response procedures. Θ Control access to the chemicals/substances and require prior notification of an appropriate staff member. Θ Maintain a Hazardous Substances Register and keep the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) current for all chemicals used on site. Θ Ensure all fuel/used oil tanks and/or generators have secondary containment in the form of an impermeable bund wall and base within which the tanks sits, raised	Applicable throughout operational-, and decommissioning phases. Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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			above the floor, on plinths. The bund capacity must be sufficient to contain 110% of the tank's maximum capacity. Θ Ensure that the outlet valve/s of all bunded areas are always kept closed. Θ Establish a formal inspection routine to check all equipment in the bund area, as well as the bund area itself for malfunctions or leakages. Inspect the bund area at least weekly and remove any accumulated rainwater. Handle as contaminated water. Check all valves and outlets to ensure that its intact and closed securely. Θ Slope the base of the bunded area to direct runoff towards an appropriately sized oil sump. Prevent contaminated water from mixing with clean water and contained it until collected by a registered hazardous waste handling contractor or disposed of at a licensed hazardous waste facility. Only reuse this water on site if verified proof is available confirming that it is free of hydrocarbons. Θ Use drip trays underneath all stationary equipment or vehicles. Used drip trays must be placed within a bunded area and may not be stored on bare soil. The waste water originating from the cleaning of drip trays must be discarded into the oil sump, alternatively removed by the hazardous waste handling contractor. Θ Do not wash mining equipment and/or vehicles on the bare ground. Washing must be done at a formal wash bay with impermeable surface that drains to an	

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			operational oil sump. Only reuse the water from the sump if verified proof is available confirming that it is free of hydrocarbons.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden.	<u>Terrestrial biodiversity, and groundcover</u> Θ Loss of vegetation cover.	Θ Visible beacons / fences indicating the boundary of the mineable areas. Θ Environmental awareness training material. Θ Fire management plan. Θ Alien invasive species management plan. Θ Cover crop to seed rehabilitated areas.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Clearly demarcate the mining boundaries and contain all operations to the approved mining area. Declare the area outside the mining boundaries a no-go area and educate all staff accordingly. Θ Commit to a conservation approach and keep the actual footprint of disturbance to a minimum. Θ Arrange environmental induction for all staff on site to ensure that basic environmental principles are adhered to. This must include awareness of littering, appropriate handling of pollution and chemical spills, avoiding fire hazards, minimising wildlife interactions, remaining within demarcated areas, etc. Θ Do not burn cleared vegetation but rather mulch and stockpiled it. Ideally cover the heaps with stockpiled topsoil and retain the material for future site rehabilitation.	Applicable throughout and operational phase. Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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			Θ Arrange that the ECO provide supervision and oversight of vegetation clearing activities and other activities which may cause damage to the environment. Θ Ensure all vehicles remain on demarcated roads and prevent unnecessary driving in the veld outside these areas. Θ Do not allow open fires outside designated areas. Θ Provide spoil heaps and topsoil stockpiles with a vegetation cover of indigenous grasses. Θ Protect all newly vegetated areas against grazing by domestic animals. Θ Monitor the rehabilitated area/s every six months until mine closure, or for at least one growth season after closure. Take photos at fixed points and keep records available for auditing purposes.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of aggregate.	<u>Terrestrial biodiversity, and groundcover</u> Θ Infestation of the topsoil heaps and mining area with invasive and/or alien plant species. Θ Infestation of the reinstated area with invasive and/or alien plant species.	Θ Alien invasive plant species management plan. Θ Designated team to cut or pull-out invasive plant species that germinated on site. Θ Contact details of a Pest Control Officer.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Implement an invasive plant species management plan to control all invasive plant species on site in terms of NEM:BA, 2004 and CARA, 1983. Do invasive and/or	Applicable throughout operational-, and decommissioning phases. Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.			alien plant species clearing throughout the life of the mining activities. Θ Do not allow planting or importing of any alien species to the site for landscaping, rehabilitation, or any other purpose. Θ Keep all stockpiles (topsoil & overburden) free of invasive plant species. Θ Control declared invasive and/or alien plant species on the rehabilitated areas through one of the following: ▪ The plants can be uprooted, felled, or cut off and can be destroyed completely. ▪ The plants can be treated chemically by a registered pest control officer (PCO) using an herbicide recommended for use by the PCO in accordance with the directions for the use of such an herbicide.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden.	<u>Fauna</u> Θ Potential impact on faunal species.	Θ Visible beacons / fences demarcating the mining area. Θ Environmental awareness training material. Θ Snake posters. Θ Refuse bins with lids.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Ensure no fauna is caught, killed, harmed, sold, or played with.	Applicable throughout operational phase. Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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			Θ The ECO or other suitably qualified person must remove any fauna directly threatened by the operational activities to a safe location. Θ Arrange a suitably qualified individual to handle and relocation any animal perceived to be dangerous/venomous/poisonous. Θ Arrange that all personnel undergo environmental induction regarding fauna management and in particular awareness about not harming or collecting species such as snakes, tortoises and owls which are often persecuted out of superstition. Instruct workers to report any animals that may be trapped in the working area. Θ Ensure no snares are set or nests raided for eggs or young. Θ Prevent litter, food or other foreign material thrown or left around the site. Daily remove such items to the site offices. Θ Add features (such as sloped edges or escape ramps) to all excavations to ensure any animals entering the area can exit safely.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and	<u>Geology and Soil</u> Θ Topsoil/Soil Management.	Θ Earthmoving equipment to strip, stockpile and spread the topsoil. Θ Signage to identify Topsoil Stockpiles.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit.	Applicable throughout operational phase. Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO.

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hauling of aggregate. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.		Θ Stormwater control infrastructure. Θ Designated team to control invasive and/or alien plant species that may germinate on the topsoil heaps. Θ Cover crop to vegetate topsoil heaps (when needed) and reinstated soil.	<u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Strip and stockpile the upper 300 mm (if available) of the soil before mining. Θ Carefully manage and conserve the topsoil throughout the stockpiling and rehabilitation process. Θ Ensure topsoil stripping, stockpiling, and re-spreading is done in a systematic way. Plan mining in such a way that topsoil is stockpiled for the minimum possible time. Θ Place the topsoil on a levelled area, within the mining footprint. Do not stockpile topsoil in undisturbed areas. Θ Protect topsoil stockpiles against losses by water- and wind erosion. The establishment of plants (indigenous grass) on the stockpiles will help to prevent erosion. Θ Ensure that topsoil heaps do not exceed 2.5 m and not sloped more than 1:2 to avoid collapse. Θ Keep topsoil stockpiles free of invasive plant species. Θ Vegetate the topsoil heaps to be stored longer than 3 months with an indigenous grass seed mix if vegetation does not naturally germinate within the first growth season. Θ Divert storm- and runoff water around the on-site stockpile area to prevent erosion. Θ Spread the topsoil evenly, to a depth of 300 mm, over the rehabilitated area upon closure of the site. Θ Strive to re-instate topsoil at a time of the year when vegetation cover can be established as quickly as possible afterwards, to that erosion of returned topsoil is	➢ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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			minimized. The best time of year is at the end of the rainy season. Θ Plant an indigenous grass layer immediately after spreading topsoil to stabilise the soil and protect it from erosion. Rehabilitation extends until the first grass layer is well established. Θ Control run-off water with temporary banks, where necessary, to prevent accumulation of run-off causing down-slope erosion. Θ Monitor the rehabilitated area for erosion, and appropriately stabilize if erosion do occur, for at least 12 months after reinstatement.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of aggregate. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	<u>Geology and Soil</u> Θ Potential increase in runoff from denuded areas and associated erosion. Θ Erosion of returned topsoil after rehabilitation.	Θ Stormwater management plan. Θ Stormwater control structures such as berms to direct storm- and runoff water around the stockpiled topsoil area.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Implement a stormwater management plan for the duration of the mining activities. Θ Limit clearing of vegetation to the mining footprint and associated infrastructure. Ensure no clearing takes place outside the minimum required footprint. Θ Place vegetation clearing on hold when heavy rains are expected.	Applicable throughout operational-, and decommissioning phases. Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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			Θ Divert clean stormwater around the topsoil heaps and mining areas (if possible) to prevent erosion. Θ Implement the following regarding stockpiles: ▪ Locate on flat, stabilised areas away from drainage lines, ▪ Cover with vegetation to reduce wind and water erosion risks. Θ Ensure that adequate slope protection is provided when mining within steep slopes. Θ Regularly monitor roads and other disturbed areas within the project for erosion and ensure problem areas receive follow-up monitoring to assess the success of the remediation. Θ Rectify erosion problems within the mining area because of the mining activities immediately (within 48 hours) and monitored thereafter to ensure that it does not re-occur. Θ Conduct activity in terms of the Best Practice Guidelines for small-scale mining as developed by DWS: ▪ Clean water (e.g. rainwater) must be kept clean and be routed to a natural area by a system separate from the dirty water system. Prevent clean water from running or spilling into dirty water systems. ▪ Dirty water must be collected and contained in a system separate from the clean water system. ▪ Dirty water must be prevented from spilling or seeping into clean water systems. Θ Re-vegetate all exposed/bare surfaces and embankments once shaped. If revegetation of exposed surfaces cannot take place immediately, temporary	

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			erosion, and sediment control measures must be installed and maintained until such time that revegetation can commence. Θ Monitor all erosion and sediment control measures weekly for the life of the operation and repaired immediately when damaged. Only remove the erosion and sediment control structures once vegetation cover has successfully recolonised the affected areas. Θ After heavy rainfall events, check the site for erosion damage and rehabilitate this damage immediately. Fill in erosion rills and gullies with appropriate material and/or silt fences until vegetation has recolonised the rehabilitated area	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	<u>Hydrology</u>	Θ Copy of Water Use Authorisation (if needed). Θ Water quality monitoring results. Θ Emergency Response Plan Θ Waste Management Plan Θ Stormwater Management Plan	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Ensure all water uses applicable to the operation, as defined under the NWA, are authorised by the DWS. Keep a copy of the water use authorisation on-site for inspection or auditing purposes. Θ Conduct bi-annual surface and groundwater quality monitoring. Collect water quality samples from the following: ▪ Quarry sump(s),	Applicable throughout operational-, and decommissioning phases. Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Bi-annual water quality compliance monitoring by a qualified laboratory. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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			▪ Stormwater runoff in the duck pond, ▪ Water in the final tank of the oil sump, ▪ Borehole/s upstream of the surrounding properties. Θ Address any deviations from acceptable water quality standards that are attributable to mining activities without delay. In addition, test the water from the oil separator specifically for the presence of hydrocarbons. Θ To prevent the contamination of the environment: ▪ Instruct employees to notify site management immediately of pollution incidents. ▪ Prevent discharge of any pollutants, such as cement, concrete, lime chemicals and fuels into natural areas. Θ During rehabilitation, aim to restore surface water flow patterns to align with the natural drainage of the area, as far as is practically feasible.	
Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of aggregate. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	<u>Health and Safety Risks</u> Θ Health and safety risk posed by blasting activities. Θ Unsafe working environment for employees. Θ Health and safety risk posed by	Θ Stocked first aid box. Θ Level 1 certified first aider.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Ensure that workers have access to the correct PPE as required by law. Θ Inform the surrounding landowners and communities in writing ahead of any blasting event.	Applicable throughout operational-, and decommissioning phases. Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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	unrehabilitated quarry excavations.		Θ Monitor the compliance of ground vibration and airblast levels to USBM standards with each blasting event. Θ Record all blasts with a vibro recorder. Θ Give audible warning of a pending blast at least 3 minutes in advance of the blast. Θ Limit fly rock and collect and remove flyrock and rock spill that falls beyond the working area. Θ Block the entrance into the excavations upon closure to restrict access.	
Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of aggregate.	<u>Existing Infrastructure / Access Road Management</u> Θ Overloading of trucks having an impact on the public roads.	Θ Earthmoving equipment to maintain the gravel pavement structure of the roads. Θ Road signage to control traffic speed. Θ Proof of load weights to prevent overloading. Θ Designated parking area for mining related trucks. Θ Ablutions and refuse bins to maintain housekeeping.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Restrict vehicular movement to the existing access road to prevent crisscrossing of tracks through undisturbed areas. Θ Repair rutting and erosion of the access road caused as a direct result of the mining activities. Θ Prevent overloading of trucks and file proof of load weights for auditing purposes. Θ Prohibit parking of mining related trucks along the N12 national route under normal operating conditions.	Applicable throughout operational phase. Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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		Θ Induction training and proof of attendance.	Θ Direct trucks awaiting access to the quarry to a designated parking area identified through stakeholder engagement. Θ Negotiate access with the relevant landowner prior to commencement of use if the designated parking area is situated outside the approved mining footprint. Θ Maintain the designated parking area in a clean and orderly condition at all times, free from litter, waste, or environmental pollution. Θ Undertake daily housekeeping and litter removal, provide, and service waste bins regularly. Θ Implement dust suppression at this designated parking area. Θ Instruct truck drivers to utilise the ablution facilities provided at the quarry and prevent waste disposal or sanitation within or around the parking area. Θ Only allow exceptions in genuine emergency situations, such as vehicle breakdowns, medical incidents, or safety-related stoppages. Θ Maintain a 24-hour contact number for truck drivers to report emergencies or request assistance. Θ Investigate any recurring or non-emergency parking along the N12 and implement corrective actions to prevent recurrence.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden.	<u>Cultural and Heritage Environment</u>	Θ Contact number of an archaeologist & palaeontologist that can be contacted when a	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance.	Applicable throughout operational phase.

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Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	Θ Archaeological, Heritage and Palaeontological Aspects.	discovery is made on site.	Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Confine all mining to the development footprint area. Θ Implement the Chance Find Procedure of the HIA (Appendix I) when discoveries are made on site: ▪ If during the operations or closure phases of this project, any person employed by the developer, one of its subsidiaries, contractors and subcontractors, or service provider, finds any artefact of cultural significance or heritage site, this person must cease work at the site of the find and report this find to their immediate supervisor, and through their supervisor to the senior on-site manager. ▪ It is the responsibility of the senior on-site Manager to make an initial assessment of the extent of the find and confirm the extent of the work stoppage in that area. ▪ The senior on-site Manager must inform the ECO of the chance find and its immediate impact on operations. The ECO must then contact a professional archaeologist for an assessment of the finds who must notify the SAHRA. ▪ Work may only continue once the go-ahead was issued by SAHRA. ▪ Should any suspected palaeontological material be at any time encountered during mining, a	Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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			palaeontologist should likewise be immediately contacted to sample and record such occurrence. Θ Implement the Fossil Chance Find Protocol of the PIA (Appendix I) should any suspected palaeontological material be encountered at any time during mining.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material. Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.	<u>Fire Management</u> Increased fire risk during operational phase.	Θ Fire beaters and -extinguishers. Θ Toolbox talks and emergency preparedness plan. Θ Contact number of the fire association/-brigade.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ Restrict contained fires for heating and cooking (i.e. in a fire drum) to designated areas. Θ Prevent employees from setting fires randomly outside designated areas. Θ Do not store fuel or chemicals under trees. Θ Do not store gas in the same storage area as liquid fuel. Θ Designate smoking to specific areas (>3 m from fuel or chemical storage areas) equipped with sand buckets for the disposal of cigarette buds. Θ Ensure the mine is equipped with adequate firefighting equipment. This includes at least rubber beaters when working in veld areas, and fire extinguishers of the appropriate type.	Applicable throughout operational phase. Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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			Θ Implement specific fire safety precautions during welding activities associated with construction work. Ensure a working fire extinguisher is immediately at hand if any "HOT WORK" is undertaken e.g. welding, grinding, gas cutting etc, Θ Report any fires noted on site to the responsible SHE rep and/or fire officer. Θ Implement fire emergency procedures for the duration of the operational-, and decommissioning phases. Θ In the event of large fires ensure that all personnel assemble at a safe assembly point to be transported from site. Inform the fire department or local fire watch of the fire to ensure that the fire is brought under control as soon as possible.	
Θ Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil and/or overburden. Θ Drilling and blasting. Θ Excavation, processing, loading and hauling of material.	<u>Topography</u> Θ Alteration of the existing topography.	Θ Earthmoving equipment to rehabilitate mined areas.	<u>Responsible Person:</u> Θ Site Manager and ECO to ensure day-to-day compliance. Θ Compliance to be monitored by the independent EAP during the annual environmental audit. <u>Mitigation / Monitoring to be Implemented:</u> Θ When possible, implement progressive rehabilitation of excavations and/or disturbed areas. Θ Implement rehabilitation to such a standard that the rehabilitated land surrounding the excavations can revert to grazing.	Applicable throughout operational-, and decommissioning phases. Θ Daily compliance monitoring by site management and ECO. Θ Annual compliance monitoring by independent EAP.

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Θ Sloping and landscaping during rehabilitation.			Θ Use the excavated areas for the final depositing of overburden. Θ Return rocks and coarse material removed from the excavations into the excavations. Θ Remove coarse natural material used for the construction of ramps and dump it into the excavations. Θ Remove stockpiles during the decommissioning phase, rip the area and return the topsoil to its original depth to provide a growth medium. Θ Do not permit any waste to be deposited into the excavations. Θ Return the previously stored topsoil to its original depth, once overburden, rocks and coarse natural materials have been added to the excavations and it was profiled with acceptable contours and erosion control measures. Θ Seed the site with a local or adapted indigenous seed mix to propagate the locally or regionally occurring flora, should natural vegetation not re-establish within six months from closure of the site. Θ If required by the Regional Manager (DMPR) the soil must be analysed and any deleterious effects on the soil arising from the mining operation must be corrected and the area be seeded with a vegetation seed mix to his/her specification. Θ Measure rehabilitation success by: ▪ At least 70% vegetation cover with indigenous grass species within 12 months of seeding. ▪ Stabilization of slopes to a gradient of 1:3 to prevent erosion.	

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			▪ Regular monitoring for invasive species, with removal interventions implemented quarterly. Θ Block the entrances of both quarry pits to prevent unauthorised access to humans and domestic animals.	

(APPENDIX 4 SECTION 1(1)(l))

N. FREQUENCY OF SUBMISSION OF THE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT / ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT REPORT

The Environmental Performance Assessment / -Audit Report in accordance with Appendix 7 as prescribed in Section 34 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) must annually be submitted to the DMPR for compliance monitoring purposes or in accordance with the period stipulated by the department.

(APPENDIX 4 SECTION 1(1)(m))

O. ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PLAN

Once the 2025 EMPR is approved by the DMPR a copy of the approved document will be handed to the site manager for him to familiarise himself with. Issues such as activity boundaries, waste management, dust and vegetation principals will be discussed. The operations manager must ensure that he understands the EMPR document and its requirement and commitments before any activities take place. The Environmental Control Officer must daily check compliance of the activities with the management programmes described in the EMPR.

An initial environmental induction meeting must be held with all the site employees to inform them of the Basic Rules of Conduct regarding the environment, and proof of attendance must be filed for auditing purposes. Each new employee (including those of sub-contractors) must attend the environmental induction meeting prior to commencement of his/her responsibilities. Subsequently, all employees must attend an annual environmental training refresher.

The environmental awareness plan must be a living document that is regularly reviewed and updated as relevant environmental concerns arise. The following list represents the basic steps towards environmental awareness, which all participants in this project must consider whilst carrying out their tasks.

Θ **Site Management**

- Stay within boundaries of site – do not enter adjacent properties.
- Keep tools and material properly stored.
- Smoke only in designated areas.
- Use toilets provided – report full or leaking toilets.

Θ **Water Management and Erosion**

- Check that rainwater flows around work areas and are not contaminated.
- Report any erosion.

- Check that dirty water is kept from clean water.
- Do not swim in or drink from quarry pits / excavations.

Θ **Waste Management**

- Take care of your own waste
- Keep waste separate into labelled containers – report full bins.
- Place waste in containers and always close lid.
- Don't burn waste.
- Pick-up any litter laying around.

Θ **Hazardous Waste Management (Petrol, Oil, Diesel, Grease)**

- Never mix general waste with hazardous waste.
- Use only sealed, non-leaking containers.
- Keep all containers closed and store only in approved areas.
- Always put drip trays under vehicles and machinery.
- Empty drip trays after rain.
- Stop leaks and spills, if safe:
  - ✓ Keep spilled liquids moving away.
  - ✓ Immediately report the spill to the site manager/supervision.
  - ✓ Locate spill kit/supplies and use to clean-up, if safe.
  - ✓ Place spill clean-up wastes in proper containers.
  - ✓ Label containers and move to approved storage area.

Θ **Discoveries**

- Stop work immediately.
- Notify site manager/supervisor.
- Includes – archaeological finds, cultural artefacts, contaminated water, pipes, containers, tanks and drums, any buried structures.

Θ **Air Quality**

- Wear protection when working in very dusty areas.
- Implement dust control measures:
  - ✓ Water all roads and work areas.
  - ✓ Minimize handling of material.
  - ✓ Obey speed limit and cover trucks.

Θ **Driving and Noise**

- Use only approved access road.
- Respect speed limits.
- Only use turn-around areas – no crisscrossing through undisturbed areas.
- Avoid unnecessary loud noises.
- Report or repair noisy vehicles.

Θ **Vegetation and Animal life**

- Do not remove any plants or trees without approval of the site manager.
- Do not collect firewood.
- Do not catch, kill, harm, sell or play with any animal, reptile, bird or amphibian on site.
- Report any animal trapped in the work area.
- Do not set snares or raid nests for eggs or young.

Θ **Fire Management**

- Do not light any fires on site, unless contained in a drum at demarcated area.
- Put cigarette butts in a rubbish bin.
- Do not smoke near gas, paints, or petrol.
- Know the position of firefighting equipment.
- Report all fires.
- Don't burn waste or vegetation.

(APPENDIX 4 SECTION 1(1)(n))

P. SPECIFIC INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY

The Financial Provision Regulations, 2015 read with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) stipulates that a mining right holder must determine and make financial provision to guarantee the availability of sufficient funds to undertake rehabilitation and remediation of the adverse environmental impacts of mining as contemplated in the Act and to the satisfaction of the Minister responsible for mineral resources.

Therefore, apart from the information required in terms of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), this EMPR includes information regarding the financial provision of the mine as well as the most recent Closure Plan (see Appendix D).

a) FINANCIAL PROVISION

The most recent reassessment of the financial provision of the Quarry was for the year 2025 and is attached to this document as Appendix F. The MR Holder must annually review and update the financial provision, upon which it must be submitted to DMPR for review and approved as being sufficient to cover the environmental liability at the time and for closure of the mine at that time.

b) 2011 VERSUS 2025 EMPR: KEY DIFFERENCES

The 2025 EMPR amendment constitutes a full update, re-alignment, and restructuring of the original 2011 EMPR, which was approved under the MPRDA framework. The amendment was required to ensure that the EMPR reflects current environmental legislation, present-day site conditions, current operational practices, and modern environmental management standards. The key differences are summarised in the following table.

Table 15: Table comparing the differences between the 2011 EMPR and the 2025 amended EMPR of the Quarry.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE 20211 AND 2025 EMPR'S OF KIMBERLEY QUARRY	
2011 EMPR	**2025 EMPR**
COMPLIANCE WITH UPDATED LEGISLATION	
Θ Prepared under the MPRDA environmental framework applicable in 2011. Θ Not aligned with NEMA or the EIA Regulations (GNR 982 of 2014), which were introduced after 2011. Θ Does not follow Appendix 4 of the NEMA EIA Regulations structure (impact management outcomes, monitoring requirements, rehabilitation criteria). Θ References outdated legislation and guidance (pre-One Environmental System).	Θ Fully aligned with NEMA and the One Environmental System. Θ Re-structured to meet Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations (GNR 982). Θ Incorporates current environmental legislation, including NEM:AQA, NEM:WA, NEM:BA, heritage laws and national norms. Θ Clear legal triggers and updated compliance requirements included. **Reason for Amendment:** Θ To ensure full legal compliance with current NEMA-based EMPR requirements and modern environmental regulatory standards.
IMPROVEMENTS TO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Θ Describes mining operations and infrastructure as they existed in 2010–2011. Θ Outdated layout plans and processing workflow. Θ Limited detail on operational controls relevant today.	Θ Updated description of the existing operational footprint, equipment, access routes and haul roads. Θ Includes revised layout for stockpiles, processing areas and plant layout. Θ Reflects current operating practices and procedures. Θ Proposes work hours that were not defined in the 2011 EMPR. **Reason for Amendment:** Θ To capture the present-day operation and ensure the EMPR accurately reflects current mine activities and infrastructure.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE 20211 AND 2025 EMPR'S OF KIMBERLEY QUARRY	
2011 EMPR	**2025 EMPR**
UPDATED ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE	
Θ Baseline based on surveys conducted more than a decade ago. Θ Vegetation described using outdated botanical nomenclature (pre-*Vachellia/Searsia* updates). Θ Limited detail on fauna, heritage and socio-economic characteristics.	Θ Fully updated environmental attributes including: ▪ Current air quality, dust, noise, surface water and groundwater descriptions. ▪ Updated vegetation mapping using modern national datasets. ▪ Revised fauna lists, including sensitive/protected species. ▪ Updated socio-economic context for the Frances Baard and Sol Plaatje municipalities. ▪ Updated hydrological and stormwater description based on the current mine footprint. **Reason for Amendment:** Θ Environmental conditions and land use have changed significantly and required a comprehensive update.
MODERNISED IMPACT ASSESSMENT & MITIGATION MEASURES	
Θ Impact management structured according to older MPRDA format. Θ Mitigation actions were general and lacked specific performance indicators. Θ Monitoring programmes were listed but not linked to measurable outcomes. Θ Does not address stakeholder-raised issues (dust, noise, traffic, working hours).	Θ Provides detailed impact management outcomes as required by Appendix 4. Θ Introduces detailed, auditable mitigation measures with: ▪ Phase-specific mitigation tables; ▪ Clear outcomes and performance criteria; ▪ Roles and responsibilities; ▪ Monitoring frequencies; ▪ Legislative triggers table; Θ Integrates updated controls such as: ▪ Site specific work hours; ▪ Updated access road, dust, noise and water monitoring commitments;

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE 20211 AND 2025 EMPR'S OF KIMBERLEY QUARRY	
2011 EMPR	**2025 EMPR**
	▪ Stormwater and erosion control aligned with current best practice ▪ Biodiversity and invasive species management ▪ Waste management aligned with NEM:WA **Reason for Amendment:** Θ To provide more auditable, and enforceable mitigation measures and to meet modern EMPR standards.
UPDATED CLOSURE PLAN	
Θ Closure based on older guidance prior to NEMA financial provision regulations. Θ Rehabilitation approach broadly described (benching, topdressing, vegetation). Θ Does not include: ▪ Residual risk reporting; ▪ Clear closure objectives; ▪ Updated financial provision requirements; ▪ Long-term monitoring or access control measures.	Θ Includes a fully updated Closure Plan (Appendix D) addressing: ▪ Revised closure objectives in line with NEMA and modern rehabilitation standards; ▪ Explicit requirements for slope stability, backfilling, shaping and topsoil replacement; ▪ Updated re-vegetation and land capability criteria; ▪ Long-term monitoring commitments for water, slopes and vegetation; ▪ Updated financial provision assessment. **Reason for Amendment:** Θ To align closure planning with current regulatory expectations and reflect the actual future landform.
EXPANDED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS	
Θ Pre-NEMA public participation requirements. Θ Limited notification and no formal comment-response process.	Θ Full NEMA Regulation 41 process including: ▪ Newspaper advert; ▪ Site notices; ▪ Direct notifications;

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE 20211 AND 2025 EMPR'S OF KIMBERLEY QUARRY	
2011 EMPR	**2025 EMPR**
	▪ Website availability; ▪ Comment-and-response process and report. Θ Incorporates new community issues (dust, noise, weekend work, truck parking). **Reason for Amendment:** Θ To comply with modern public participation requirements and address current stakeholder inputs.
OVERALL REASON FOR THE AMENDMENT	
The 2025 EMPR amendment was required because: 1. The 2011 EMPR no longer complied with current legislation (Appendix 4 of GNR 982). 2. Mining activities, infrastructure and the operational footprint within the approved mining right boundary have changed. 3. The environmental baseline required updating after more than 10 years of mining. 4. Impact management and mitigation measures needed modernisation. 5. Closure planning required updating to meet current standards. 6. A NEMA-compliant public participation process was required.	

Q. ASSUMPTIONS, UNCERTAINTIES AND GAPS IN KNOWLEDGE.

The assumptions made in this document which relate to the assessment of the mining environment and mitigation measures proposed, stem from site specific information gathered from site inspections, desktop studies, and background information that were gathered by the EAP. No uncertainty regarding the project or the receiving environment could at this stage be identified.

R. UNDERTAKING BY EAP

The EAP herewith confirms

a) the correctness of the information provided in the reports;
b) the inclusion of comments and inputs from stakeholders and I&AP's;
c) that the information provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and any response by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested and affected parties are correctly reflected herein;

Christine Fouché

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Signature of the environmental assessment practitioner

Greenmined Environmental (Pty) Ltd

Name of Company

09 December 2025

Date

S. UNDERTAKING BY MINING RIGHT HOLDER

I, Kamohelo Mofokeng .....the undersigned and duly authorised thereto by.....*OMV Kimberley Mining (Pty) Ltd*.....hereby undertake to implement all the aspects contained in the EMPR and accept full responsibility therefore.

SIGNED at Kimberley..... this ....9th..... day of ...December..... 2025

SIGNATURE

WITNESSES:

1. Ronald Musetse

2. Kathleen Buega

Official use

APPROVAL

Approved in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act 107 of 1998), as amended.

SIGNED at ..... this ..... day ..... 202.....

REGIONAL MANAGER
NORTHERN CAPE

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CV AND EXPERIENCE RECORD OF EAP