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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION LODGED IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMENDED READ TOGETHER WITH REGULATION 19 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014 AS AMENDED (GN 326) FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION FOR MARBLE (DIMENSION STONE), LIMESTONE AND DIMENSION STONE (GENERAL), ON REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM WELVERDIEND 511, PORTION 3 OF THE FARM WELVERDIEND AND PORTION 5 OF THE FARM WELVERDIEND 511, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF VANRHYNSDORP.

I refer to the abovementioned matter and confirm that your application for an Environmental Authorisation herein referred to as "EA" lodged on **09 July 2021** is hereby acknowledged.

In accordance to Regulation 19(1) *"the applicant must, within 90 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a basic assessment report, inclusive of specialist reports, an EMPr and where applicable a closure plan, which have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority"*. The Basic Assessment Report must be submitted in accordance to **Appendix 1** of the 2014 EIA Regulations (GN 326).

Public participation must be conducted in accordance to **Chapter 6** of the **2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations as amended (GN 326)**. Comments received from all the interested and affected parties (including state organs) must be presented in a tabular format that includes the EAP's response to all the issues raised.

In terms of Regulation 7(2) "the competent authority or EAP must consult with every organ of state that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to that application for an environmental authorisation when such competent authority considers the application and unless agreement to the contrary has been reached, the EAP will be responsible for such consultation".

The EAP is therefore requested to consult draft basic assessment report with every organ of state that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment as stipulated on Regulation 7(2) of 2014 EIA Regulations as amended and to notify the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy of such consultation with the organ of state. This includes but not limited to Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (Heritage Western Cape), Cape Nature, Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP), Department of Agriculture (DoA), Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Local Municipality and Biospheres and Nature Reserves in proximity.

Please note that acknowledgement of your application does not grant you permission to commence with prospecting activities. Commencement of a listed activity without an environmental authorisation constitutes an offence in terms of Section 49A (1) (a) of NEMA, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) as amended and upon conviction for such an offence, a person is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

NB: Regulation 45 of 2014 EIA Regulations stipulates that "an application in terms of these Regulations lapses and a competent authority will deem the application as having lapsed, if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless extension has been granted in terms of regulation 3(7)."

Please note that the timeframes will be triggered by an acceptance letter issued in terms of the Minerals and Petroleum Recourses Development Act (MPRDA), for your Prospecting Right application. Should your application be accepted, your environmental assessment must focus on properties and commodities indicated in the acceptance letter. However, should the application for a Prospecting Right be rejected, administration of your EA application will be discontinued.

Templates for the above mentioned documents can be obtained on the Department of Mineral Resources website (www.dmr.gov.za) or from this Regional office on request.

Kind Regards

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