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Attention S. Smit

APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT IN TERMS OF SECTION 16 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 AS AMENDED BY SECTION 12 OF ACT 49 OF 2008 AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION IN TERMS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMENDED: REMAINING EXTENT, PORTIONS 3 OF THE FARM WELVERDIEND 511: WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT OF VAN RHYNSDORP.


1. This is to inform you that your application for a prospecting right in terms of section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) ("Act") as amended and the Environmental

Authorization in line with NEMA Regulations for **Marble (Dimension Stone), Limestone, Dimension Stone (General)** has been accepted.

2. Please be advised that there is a mining right issued on portion 5 of the farm Welverdiend 511 for the same minerals, therefore the above-mentioned portion is excluded. You are required to amend your regulation 2.2 map and prospecting work programme to exclude the portion.
3. In terms of the minimum requirements as stipulated 16(1) and 16(2) of the EIA Regulations, your application for an Environmental Authorisation was incomplete as it was not accompanied by this acceptance letter as per Sub Regulation 16 (1) (ix) and considering that it is now completed by this acceptance letter, you are hereby required to submit the documents as stipulated on Regulation 19(1) to 19(8) of the EIA Regulations (Only in cases where Basic Assessment Report is applicable) or Regulation 21 (Scoping Report) and Regulations 21 (Scoping Report) 23 (EIR and EMPr) (In case of Scoping and Environmental Impact Report). All timeframes are effective from the date of this letter.
4. In terms of section **12 (d)** of the Act, you are directed to comply with the following instructions:
 - a. Upload on to **SAMRAD** system and **Submit** the relevant environmental reports required in terms of chapter 5 read with Regulation 19(1) of the National Environment Management Act, 1998.
 - b. Notify and consult with the landowner, lawful occupier and any interested and affected party and include the result of the consultation in the environmental reports in line with Regulation 41(2) read with Section 24J of National Environment Management Act, 1998.

- c. Lodge an application in terms of National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) with the Department of Water Affairs with immediate effect.
5. Be advised that the Minister may having regard to the type of mineral concerned and the extent of the proposed prospecting project, direct the applicant to give effect to the objects of the section 2(d) of the Act. In order to comply with section 2(d), read together with **17(4) you are thus directed** to submit the following documents on or before the **24 July 2021**.
- a. Duly signed shareholders agreements with your empowerment partner in which provision **shall** be made for entrepreneurs, local community and employees,
 - b. Share certificates,
 - c. Details relating to the equity by the BEE shareholders, and
 - d. Any other agreement relating to the BEE shareholding including the voting pool agreement where applicable.
6. Further note that the acceptance of your application does not grant you the right to commence with prospecting activities. It only signify that your application will be processed and evaluated.

Yours faithfully



**REGIONAL MANAGER:
MINERAL REGULATION
WESTERN CAPE REGION**
DATE: 26/7/2021