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Dear Sir

APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMMENDED ("NEMA") AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 AS AMENED FOR THE PROPOSED MINING ACITIVITIES IN RESPECT OF THE REMAINING EXTENT, REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 1 AND PORTION 3 OF THE FARM WOODLANDS 407, SITUATED WITHIN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF PARYS, FREE STATE PROVINCE.

The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated **14th of December 2018** and received by the Department on **14th of December 2018** refers.

1. The Department has evaluated the submitted SR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated **14 December 2018** and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2(2) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014. The

SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 22(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

2. You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014.
3. Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). This includes but is not limited to the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority, Provincial Environmental Department, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and the local municipality. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof of the attempts that were made to obtain comments should be submitted to the Department.
4. In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the EIR:
 - a) The total footprint of the proposed development should be indicated.
 - b) Since a Water Use License will be required, proof of an application for a license needs to be submitted.
 - c) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the biodiversity with regard to lowland-highland interface in the locality should be indicated.
 - d) Possible impacts and effects of the development on any of the surrounding areas.
 - e) Environmental aspects such as noise, ecology, pedology, water both surface and underground, visual, heritage and air quality must be throughoutly assessed.
 - f) A construction and operational phase in the EMPR must include mitigation and monitoring measures.
 - g) Disclosure of vested interest by the EAP has not been provided under oath or affirmation on the scoping report and you must do so on the EIAR.

5. The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 with regards to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the said Regulations.

6. Please ensure that the EIAR includes the A3 size locality maps of the area and illustrates the exact location of the proposed development. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:
 - Maps relatable to one another;
 - Co-ordinates;
 - Legible legends;
 - Scale of 1:50000;
 - Indication of alternatives; and
 - Vegetation types of the study area.

7. Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subjected to any permits or authorisations in terms of the provisions of any Specific Environmental Management Acts (SEMAs), proof of such application will be required.

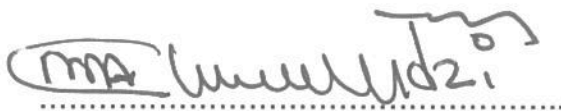
8. **The public participation process should be conducted as stipulated in chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations and taking into considerations any guideline applicable for public participation. The acceptable minimum requirements by this office for conducting Public participation process.**

9. You are hereby requested in terms of regulation 23(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 to submit by the **29th of May 2019**, four (3) copies manually and one (1) electronic copy through SAMRAD, of an EIAR, **inclusive of any specialist reports** and an EMPr which have been subjected to the public participation process of at least 30 days incorporating the comments received, including all comments from the competent authority. Kindly refer to section 24N (2) of NEMA and Appendix 2, 4 and 6 of the EIA Regulations for the minimum requirements set for the aforementioned reports. The public participation process should be conducted as

stipulated in chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations and taking into considerations any guideline applicable for public participation.

10. You should also take into account the minimum requirements with regard to specific specialist studies which should be undertaken for any development or projects such as a **Heritage Impact Assessment Studies, Biodiversity/Ecological Studies and Wetland delineation. It is the EAP's responsibility to identify the specialist studies required for this environmental authorisation in order to avoid delay in processing and finalisation of the application.**
11. Kindly note that acceptance of your SR does not grant you a right to commence with any of the listed activity/ies applied for. Acceptance of the SR simply confirms that your application will be processed further and a recommendation on granting or refusal of an environmental authorisation will be forwarded to the Minister or his delegate for consideration, and the decision will be communicated as stipulated in regulation 4(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.
12. You should also note that commencement with a listed activity without an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority contravenes the provisions of section 24F (1) of NEMA and constitutes an offence in terms of section 49A (1) (a) of said Act.
13. Further note that in terms of regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, your failure to submit the documents or meet any timeframes prescribed in terms of the said Regulations will result in your application deemed to have lapsed.

Yours faithfully



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