Zandberg Sandput (Pty) Ltd

APPLICATION TO EXPAND THE EXISTING MINING RIGHT FOOTPRINT OF THE ZANDBERG SAND MINE

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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

To whom it may concern:

29 October 2020

Dear sir/madam

RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR AN APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 102 OF THE MINERALS AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO 28 OF 2002), AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998 NEMA) AS WELL AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED 2017) SUBMITTED BY ZANDBERG SANDPUT (PTY) LTD. REFERENCE NUMBER: WC 30/5/1/2/2/87 MR & WC 30/5/1/2/2/10080 MR.

The draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPR) for the propose expansion of the Zandberg Sandput (Pty) Ltd mining area on a portion of Portion 4 of the farm Zandberg Fontein 97, Robertson Municipal District, is now available for your perusal. A copy of the document can be obtained from Greenmined Environmental upon request, or downloaded from the company website at www.greenmined.com.

Should you be interested your comments are kindly requested on the DEIAR. A thirty-day commenting period, ending on **30 November 2020**, will be allowed for comments. Your comments must be in writing and can be submitted via facsimile, e-mail and/or post. Please do not hesitate to contact us in the event of any uncertainties and please ensure that your contact details are included with your comments.

If we do not receive any comments from you before the end of the commenting period, it will be accepted that you do not have any additional objections/comments with regard to the project. We trust that you find it in order and kindly await your comments on this report.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Please contact Christine Fouche at 082 811 8514 (Cell) or 021 851 2673 (Tel), 086 546 0579 (Fax), or christine.f@greenmined.co.za should you require any additional information.

Your feedback is valued and will be addressed appropriately.

Kind Regards

Christine Fouche

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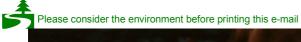


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RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM CAPENATURE ON 1 DECEMBER 2020



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Importance: High

Categories: Zandberg

Dear Marlene

Please find attached comment from CapeNature on the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report & Environmental Management Programme Report for the Expansion of the Sand Mine on Portion 4 of the Farm Zandbergfontein 97, Zandberg Sandput, Robertson.

Regards

Rhett

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Attention: Christine Fouche

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Dear Christine

Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report & Environmental Management Programme Report for the Expansion of the Sand Mine on Portion 4 of the Farm Zandbergfontein 97, Zandberg Sandput, Robertson (DMR ref. no.: WC 30/5/1/2/2/87 MR & WC 30/5/1/2/2/10080 MR)

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application and would like to make the following comments. Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the application.

Desktop Information

The application area for the expansion of the mine is classified as Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) I across the full extent according to the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan (WCBSP). There are several minor tributaries mapped originating on the ridge to the west of the site which terminate in the sand dune plume on site. The only wetland mapped on site according to the National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area (NFEPA) mapping is the artificial dam associated with the existing mining activity and wetlands surrounding this.

The vegetation types present according to the National Biodiversity Assessment (NBA) classification are Breede Sand Fynbos (listed as Vulnerable) over most the area with North Sonderend Sandstone Fynbos (listed as Least Concern) along the north western boundary. The listing stayed the same for both vegetation types between the 2011 NEM:BA gazette and the draft 2018 NBA threat assessment. The Upper Breede Fine Scale Planning (FSP) Vegetation Mapping is a finer scale product than the NBA vegetation mapping and has been ground-truthed (Helme, 2007). The FSP vegetation types mapped for the site are Mc Gregor Arid Fynbos which more or less corresponds to the North Sonderend Sandstone Fynbos although it extends further on to the site in the north and falls within this vegetation type's broader grouping. The Breede Sand Fynbos is also an FSP vegetation type and occupies most

of the area mapped as such by the NBA, except for the south eastern section, which is classified as Sandberg Arid Alluvium Fynbos, which falls under the broader Breede Sand Fynbos grouping.

Botanical Assessment

The botanical assessment has provided the desktop information but has not referred to the FSP mapping, although this does not differ much for this site. The botanical assessment for the previous expansion has also been included however the 2020 study is more relevant and the two reports do not contradict one another. The botanical assessment has mapped habitat units across the site consisting of fynbos on stabilised dunes, fynbos on mobile and semi-stabilised dunes, sandstone fynbos and drainage lines. The habitat types have been grouped according to NBA vegetation types with the fynbos on stabilised, semi-stabilised and mobile dunes consisting of Breede Sand Fynbos and the sandstone fynbos consisting of North Sonderend Sandstone Fynbos. The sensitivity of the vegetation across the entire site is classified as high sensitivity. The conservation value of the habitats is rated as high apart from the mobile and semi-stabilised dunes which are moderate-high.

A total of seven plant Species of Conservation Concern (SCCs) were encountered in the field survey. It must however be noted that the fieldwork was not undertaken in an optimal time of year to identify ephemeral seasonal species which are only identifiable in late winter/spring and may have been dormant. The localities of the SCC populations have not been indicated, which is necessary in order to determine which populations may be affected by the proposed mine expansion.

The conclusion of the botanical assessment states that the classification as CBA I is supported and accordingly the permissible land uses within CBA are referred to, for which mining is not an appropriate land use. The desired management objective for CBA I is to "maintain in a natural or near natural state, with no further loss of natural habitat" (Pool-Stanvliet et al, 2017). The conclusion further states that the northern section is more uniform and hence of lower conservation value and is therefore acceptable for the proposed mining expansion. We wish to query this contradiction, as this area too consists of CBA I and was rated of high sensitivity and high conservation value. The proposal is that the remainder of the area which formed part of the mining application area to the south should be conserved as a biodiversity offset.

Biodiversity Offset

Should a biodiversity offset be considered for the mining proposal, it must comply with the Draft Western Cape Guideline on Biodiversity Offsets (2015) and the Draft National Policy on Biodiversity Offsetting in South Africa (2018). The core principle for the consideration of a biodiversity offset is the mitigation hierarchy, which entails first avoid, then minimize, then mitigate/rehabilitate and only then offset the residual impact if it is of high or medium significance. The first step of avoidance would include investigation of alternative locations, but this is not always possible for mineral deposits, however construction sand is not a rare mineral resource and therefore the importance of this mineral resource relative to other deposits of sand for exploitation would need to be taken into consideration relative to the loss of CBA I habitat.

Following thorough application of the mitigation hierarchy, including motivation of the need and desirability, a biodiversity offset would need to be implemented should the proposed mining expansion be contemplated further. It should be noted that habitat that is considered irreplaceable is not offsetable. The biodiversity offset would need to aim for "like for like" as far as possible in protecting the same habitat that will be lost. The area which will need to be conserved is determined in accordance with the ratios in the above-mentioned guidelines and

policy. The ratios are determined both by the WCBSP category of the habitat and the threat status of the vegetation type. CBA I and Critically Endangered ecosystems require offsets at a ratio of 1:30 meaning the offset must be equivalent to 30 times the size of the habitat lost, although modifiers can be applied depending on other factors.

The biodiversity offset that has been proposed in the botanical assessment is framed as a conservation set-aside whereby the remainder of the application area is proposed for conservation and is typically where the development is on a transformed footprint, unlike this case where a biodiversity offset is a requirement due to loss of valuable habitat. This area could be suitable for the target offset area or part thereof, however the biodiversity offset needs to be determined in accordance with the guidelines as described above. The biodiversity offset should be determined through an independent biodiversity offset specialist study, which must also include operation and implementation. The broader landscape should be included within the investigation of the most suitable target site for the biodiversity offset and should take into consideration existing protected area expansion initiatives and connectivity.

Wetland Delineation Study

A wetland delineation study has been undertaken which describes the importance of groundwater for the dune plume, with the groundwater seeping out at the base of the mine face and is then trenched into the dam directly downstream within the current mining footprint. As described above the watercourses which originate on the Zandberg ridge dissipate into the groundwater once they reach the dune plume. The existing mining activity has already modified the surface and ground hydrology.

CapeNature agrees with the evaluation of the wetland conditions being anthropogenically influenced, however an important factor that has not been adequately addressed is the impact of the expansion of mining. As discussed, the freshwater within the dune plume is mainly within the aquifer, therefore the mining could expose the aquifer and will alter the hydrodynamics of both the surface and groundwater. While exposure of groundwater will not directly impact freshwater habitat, it will be essential that mine plan takes groundwater and drainage into account in order to minimize the impact. A stormwater management plan has been compiled and included in an appendix, and must be integrated with the rehabilitation and closure plan.

Rehabilitation and Closure

A closure plan has been included as an appendix and the proposed end use of the mine is to return it to natural vegetation, with rehabilitation taking place progressively as mining proceeds. It should however be emphasized that the proposal is not to restore the original vegetation on site but instead to rehabilitate to functional habitat (which would be of lower conservation value than the original vegetation on site), which we agree is a more realistic goal. The design and rehabilitation will also ensure that there is free drainage of water to minimize impacts on hydrology which is supported. CapeNature recommends that a suitably qualified specialist must be appointed to undertaken rehabilitation.

Conclusion

In conclusion, CapeNature does not support the application as currently proposed as it will result in the loss of \pm 27 ha of CBA I habitat. The localities of the SCC populations need to be indicated in order to assess the impact and a spring survey is required in order to identify

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any SCCs which may have been dormant when the January survey was undertaken. Should the mining proposal be considered further a biodiversity offset study will need to be undertaken after applying the mitigation hierarchy and need and desirability will need to be motivated.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Yours sincerely

Rhett Smart

For: Manager (Landscape Conservation Intelligence)

cc. Tracy Brunings, Langeberg Municipality
Adri La Meyer, Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

References:

Helme, N. A. 2007. <u>Draft Botanical report: Fine scale vegetation mapping in the Upper Breede River Valley</u>. Report for CapeNature, as part of the C.A.P.E. programme

Pool-Stanvliet, R., Duffell-Canham, A., Pence, G. & Smart, R. 2017. <u>The Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan Handbook</u>. Stellenbosch: CapeNature

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RESPONSE SEND TO CAPENATURE ON 1 DECEMBER 2020



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Dear Sir

Greenmined Environmental (Pty) Ltd herewith acknowledge receipt, and thank you for the comments submitted 01 December 2020 on the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report that is part of the Section 102 amendment application submitted by Zandberg Sandput (Pty) Ltd.

Your comments are noted, has been forwarded to the project team and relevant specialists for consideration, and a response will follow in due course.

We trust you will find this in order. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the event of any uncertainties.

Kind Regards / Vriendelike Groete

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Attention: Christine Fouche

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Dear Christine

Proposed Biodiversity Offset for the Expansion of the Sand Mine on Portion 4 of the Farm Zandbergfontein 97, Zandberg Sandput, Robertson (DMR ref. no.: WC 30/5/1/2/2/87 MR & WC 30/5/1/2/2/10080 MR)

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed biodiversity offset as presented to us.

CapeNature commented on the Draft EIA Report in which we indicated that we do not support the application as it will result in the loss of approximately 27 ha of Critical Biodiversity Area I (CBA), consisting of Breede Sand Fynbos. We further indicated that if the application were to be considered further, a biodiversity offset which complies with the Draft Western Cape Guideline on Biodiversity Offsets (2015) and the Draft National Policy on Biodiversity Offsetting in South Africa (2018) would need to be investigated.

A biodiversity offset study was commissioned and a meeting was held with CapeNature on 16 November 2021 to present the proposed offset. This correspondence is based on the presentation and meeting and provides a preliminary recommendation regarding the offset proposal based on the information provided and therefore supplements the comments on the Draft EIA Report.

The context of the project was presented with regards to need and desirability as this is an important consideration if a biodiversity offset is to be implemented. It was clarified that there are currently no other operational sand mines within the Central Breede Valley, with closest mine near Worcester (±60 km away) and therefore there is a high demand for use of the product from the current mine and further expansion, which is required for construction.

The proposed mining area has been revised as a result of the biodiversity offset study, with the correct implementation of the mitigation hierarchy (avoid, minimize, mitigate/rehabilitate

and only then offset the residual impact). As a result, the proposed mining area has been greatly reduced in extent, from 27 ha to 4 ha. It is important to therefore highlight that by undergoing the mitigation hierarchy through the biodiversity offset study that the loss of habitat and impact on biodiversity has been greatly reduced, even without the offset.

In terms of the mitigation hierarchy full avoidance is not possible as the remaining sand resource on site is all located within CBA. In terms minimizing the impact, this was undertaken through refined sensitivity mapping and was informed by the existing specialist studies and amendments, a site visit and additional butterfly and faunal specialist studies. Factors which were included were connectivity, edge effects, more diverse and better condition vegetation communities and threatened butterfly localities. Three alternatives were identified, namely: expansion to the north west; expansion to the south west; and expansion to the west in two sections separated by a watercourse and buffer. The latter has been selected as the preferred alternative. With regards to the third step in the mitigation hierarchy, the end use of the proposed mine is to return to natural vegetation and the site does have rehabilitation potential, although this is dependent on the depth of the sand to the bedrock after mining.

With regards to the offset ratios, a ratio of 1:30 has been proposed, as the site is located within a CBA. According to the National Biodiversity Offset Guideline (March 2021), CBA I should be considered irreplaceable and therefore falls under the ambit of ecological compensation whereby the highest ratio applies. As indicated in the presentation, the Western Cape Guidelines (2015) refers to the threat status of the vegetation types for the ratios, and in this case is 1:3 for Breede Sand Fynbos, which was listed as Vulnerable in the 2011 NEMBA gazette of threatened ecosystems and also in the first draft of the revised list of threatened ecosystems (2018) provided to key stakeholders for review. However, the draft revised list of threatened ecosystems in need to protection was released on 5 November 2021, in which Breede Sand Fynbos is not listed as Critically Endangered, although the offset ratios are currently calculated according to the remaining extent and not the threat status. CapeNature supported the use of a ratio of 1:30 in initial engagements and is still endorsed. The highest ratio for the various criteria would always apply. Therefore, the offset requirement for the loss of 4 ha is 120 ha.

Investigation of the proposed target offset site started with remainder of of the same property where mining is taking place. As there is a large area of CBA remaining on site for the current mining proposal, the target offset could be fully achieved on the same property (would not have been possible with the original proposal). The proposed offset site was based on the refined mapping from the botanical specialist, with the targeted area being the pristine Breede Sand Fynbos on site, thereby ensuring that the offset targets like for like in the best condition. The proposed offset area incorporates this area along with intervening areas to create a less convoluted conservation area, resulting in a target offset area of 164 ha, which exceeds the offset requirements.

In summary, CapeNature supports this proposal as a preliminary recommendation to inform decision-making. The offset meets the necessary requirements in terms of the biodiversity offset guidelines and will contribute towards the conserving priority biodiversity and the conservation estate. We do however recommend that a full biodiversity offset report is included with the final submission and should provide recommendations for inclusion as conditions of approval in the environmental authorisation (should this be issued). The location of the offset on the same property is potentially easier than off site, in terms of cost, time, practicality and involvement of additional parties.

CapeNature will not comment on the additional faunal and butterfly assessments or the refined botanical sensitivity mapping here, as we would require the full reports in order to do this. Based on the information provided however, it is apparent that the findings of these

studies have been incorporated into the biodiversity offset, including habitat provision for threatened butterfly species.

As previously indicated, the proposed biodiversity offset must be presented to the CapeNature Protected Area Expansion and Stewardship Review Committee on 2 February 2022, in order to provide a final recommendation, specifically regarding the protected area status. Preliminary costing has been provided for securing the site and for management. Further details regarding the logistics, costs and roles and responsibilities can be finalized in and included in the final submission. The current proposal provides for full responsibility by the applicant and the project team, but certain actions can only be undertaken by the responsible authorities. We recommend that the applicant should provide a written commitment to securing the offset in the submission of the final report.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Yours sincerely

Rhett Smart

For: Manager (Landscape Conservation Intelligence)

cc. Doug Macfarlane, Eco-Pulse Environmental Consulting Services Corne Claassen, CapeNature

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PROOF OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY ON 29 OCTOBER 2020



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Email well received and thank you..

Regards

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From: Marlene Lingenfelder
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From: Andre Oosthuizen < Andre.Oosthuizen@westerncape.gov.za>

Sent: 02 December 2020 03:12 PM

To: Christine Fouche
Cc: Adri La Meyer

Subject: RE: DEADP comments_Draft EIAr_Mining right expansion_Ptn 4_Farm Zandberg

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Categories: Zandberg

Good afternoon

The earlier attachment was not dated. Please received herewith a dated version of the comment issued earlier.

Regards

Andre Oosthuizen

Directorate: Development Facilitation

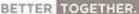
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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCES:

16/3/3/6/4/1/2/B1/14/1110/20 (Development Management)
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19/2/5/3/B1/14/WL0035/20 (Waste Management)
19/4/4/1/BL2 – Zandberg Sandput (Pty) Ltd (Air Quality Management)

DATE: 2 December 2020

The Board of Directors
Greenmined Environmental (Pty) Ltd
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7129

For attention: Ms Christine Fouché

Tel: (021) 851 2673

E-mail: christine.f@greenmined.co.za

PER E-MAIL

Dear Madam

COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR LISTED ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED MINING RIGHT EXPANSION ON PORTION 4 OF THE FARM ZANDBERG FONTEIN NO. 97, ROBERTSON (DMRE REF: WC30/5/1/2/2/87MR & WC30/5/1/2/2/10080MR)

The Draft Scoping Report ("DSR") dated June 2020, the Department's comments thereto dated 20 July 2020, and the e-mail notification of 29 October 2020 regarding the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Report, refer.

The Department apologises for the slight delay in submitting comments on the Draft EIA Report. Please find consolidated comments from various directorates within the Department on the Draft EIA Report dated October 2020 that was downloaded from the website of the environmental assessment practitioner.

- 1. Directorate: Development Facilitation Ms Adri La Meyer (<u>Adri.Lameyer@westerncape.gov.za</u>; Tel: (021) 483 2887):
- 1.1. It is not apparent from Appendix A1 (Regulation 42 mine plan dated 20 November 2019) and Appendix A2 (undated Regulation 2.2. mine plan) what the extension area of the preferred layout alternative entails. Both mine plans indicate the entire extent of the originally proposed 108.3ha mining right expansion area, in addition to the existing, approved 17.68ha mining footprint. The proposed mine design plan included as Appendix C does indicate the proposed extension area of the preferred layout alternative (Layout Alternative 1). Please amend both mine plans to indicate the extent (27ha) of the preferred layout alternative in relation to the originally proposed 108ha mining area, i.e. Appendix C must be overlain on the mine plans. A final layout plan must be compiled, which excludes the southern portion of the proposed mining footprint (to be regarded as a ""no-go" area and treated as a Biodiversity Offset Area).
- 1.2. Further to the above, throughout the Draft EIA Report and in Appendices A1 and A2 it is indicated that the mining expansion area is 108.3ha, thus resulting in a total mining area of 126ha. The Final EIA Report must clearly indicate that the southern portion (81ha) of the originally proposed mining expansion area will be excluded from mining activities.
- 1.3. Please note that Appendix F1 only contains the converted mining right for the initial 7.48ha mining area, which was valid until 28 February 2016. The mining right renewal until May 2047 and the subsequent 10.2ha extension granted in December 2018 were not included as appendices to the Draft EIA Report.
- 1.4. Page 26 of the Draft EIA Report indicates that Appendix F2 contains a copy of the rezoning approval by Langeberg Municipality in March 2018. Please be advised that Appendix F2 contains correspondence from the then Breede River Winelands Municipality dated 02 August 2002 in relation to a consent use for existing mining activities.
- 1.5. Final comment from Heritage Western Cape in response to the Heritage Impact Assessment compiled by ACO Associates cc dated April 2020 must be included in the Final EIA Report to be submitted to the competent authority.
- 2. Directorate: Development Management (Region 1) Ms Ayesha Hamdulay (<u>Ayesha.Hamdulay@westerncape.gov.za</u>; Tel: (021) 483 0756):
- 2.1. Although the area to be mined has been reduced to 27ha, the area is still located within a Critical Biodiversity Area ("CBA"). As previously indicated in our comments on the DSR, this Directorate does not support mining within a CBA.
- 2.2. It is noted that an on-site area of 81ha will be set aside as a biodiversity offset. Please be advised that comment must be obtained from CapeNature regarding the proposed offset and must be included in the Final EIA Report.

- 2.3. The Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") must be updated to include fines for non-compliance.
- 3. Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management Ms Shehaam Brinkhuis (Shehaam.Brinkhuis@westerncape.gov.za; Tel: (021) 483 8309):
- 3.1. It is essential that the 100m buffer to the northern drainage line is always treated as a "no-go" area for not only mining, but also any other associated activities, such as haul roads, lay-down areas, etc. Furthermore, the identified greater "no-go" area of 81ha (shown as the red shaded portion of the red polygon in Figures 5 and 7 in the Draft EIA Report) should be strictly enforced.
- 3.2. The Storm Water Management Plan dated October 2020 as contained in Appendix Q must be implemented, with ongoing monitoring of effectiveness and adjustments undertaken where required. The recommendation for the storm water management plan to be reviewed biennially and adjusted to reflect the site-specific conditions relating to storm water control, is strongly supported.
- 3.3. Please amend the EMPr to include reference to section 30 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") pertaining to the <u>control of incidents</u>, and not only reference in terms of "housekeeping" and waste management. In the event of a significant accidental spill or leak of hazardous substances (i.e. petrol, diesel, etc.) during any phase of the proposed activities, such an incident(s) must be reported to all relevant authorities, in accordance with section 30 of NEMA, 1998. It is recommended that the final bullet point on page 221 of the EMPr and section 8 of the Emergency Response Procedures (Appendix P) be amended to include the requirement that <u>any</u> incident must also reported to this Directorate.
- Directorate: Waste Management Mr Lance Anders (<u>Lance.Anders@westerncape.gov.za</u>; Tel: (021) 483 2891):
- 4.1. This Directorate is satisfied that its comments on the DSR have been adequately addressed in the Draft EIA Report and EMPr.
- 5. Directorate: Air Quality Management Ms Gavaza Mhlarhi / Mr Peter Harmse (Gavaza.Mhlarhi@westerncape.gov.za / Peter.Harmse@westerncape.gov.za; Tel: (021) 483 8343):
- 5.1. It is noted that fugitive dust emissions will occur from mining activities and the potential establishment of haul roads. The management actions related to dust mitigation indicated in the Draft EIA Report and the mitigation measures relating to dust emissions indicated in the EMPr are supported and must be strictly implemented.
- 5.2. It is noted that noise generated by the proposed activities will have a limited impact. All noise levels of machinery and work activities on-site must be monitored and controlled on. The sources of impacts during sand mining activities would likely be from operational vehicles and machinery which should be monitored for excessive emissions, as stipulated in the EMPr.

- 6. The applicant is reminded of its "general duty of care towards the environment" as prescribed in section 28 of the NEMA, 1998 which states that "Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorised by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimise and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment."
- 7. Please direct any enquiries to the official/s indicated in this correspondence should you require any clarity on any of the comments provided.
- 8. The Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw comments or request further information based on any information received.

Yours faithfully

pp head of department

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

RESPONSE SEND TO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING - WESTERN CAPE ON 3 DECEMBER 2020



From: Christine Fouche

Sent: 03 December 2020 11:59 AM

To: 'Andre Oosthuizen'

Cc: Adri La Meyer; Marlene Lingenfelder

Subject: RE: DEADP comments_Draft EIAr_Mining right expansion_Ptn 4_Farm Zandberg

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Dear Sir

Greenmined Environmental (Pty) Ltd herewith acknowledge receipt, and thank you for the comments submitted 02 December 2020 on the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report that is part of the Section 102 amendment application submitted by Zandberg Sandput (Pty) Ltd.

Your comments are noted, have been forwarded to the project team and relevant specialists for consideration, and a response will follow in due course.

We trust you will find this in order. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the event of any uncertainties.

Kind Regards / Vriendelike Groete Christine Fouche



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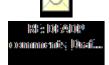
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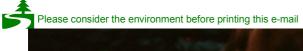
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From: Lyle Martin < Lyle.Martin@westerncape.gov.za>

Sent: 30 October 2020 10:45 AM **To:** Marlene Lingenfelder

Subject: Job 25240 - Pt 4 Farm Zandbergfontein 97, Robertson

Good Day

1. Receipt is herewith acknowledged of your letter/email WC30/5/1/2/2/10080MR dated 29 October 2020.

2. Kindly note that the matter is receiving attention and that a further communication will be addressed to you as soon as circumstances permit.

Lyle Martin

Administrative Clerk: Road Planning

Road Management Transport and Public Works Western Cape Government

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To: Christine Fouche Cc: Grace Swanepoel

Subject: Notification of Draft Scoping Report - WC 30/5/1/2/2/87 MR - Zandberg Sandput

(Pty) Ltd - Job 25240

Dear Christine,

Your letter dated 29 October 2020 refers.

It is noted in the DSR that our conditions previously specified in our letter dated 19 February 2020 are being implemented.

We have no further comment.

Best regards

Faisal Fakier Pr. Eng.

Chief Directorate: Road Network Management

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Good afternoon

This is Job 25240, you commented on 19 February. Still applicable?

Regards

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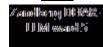
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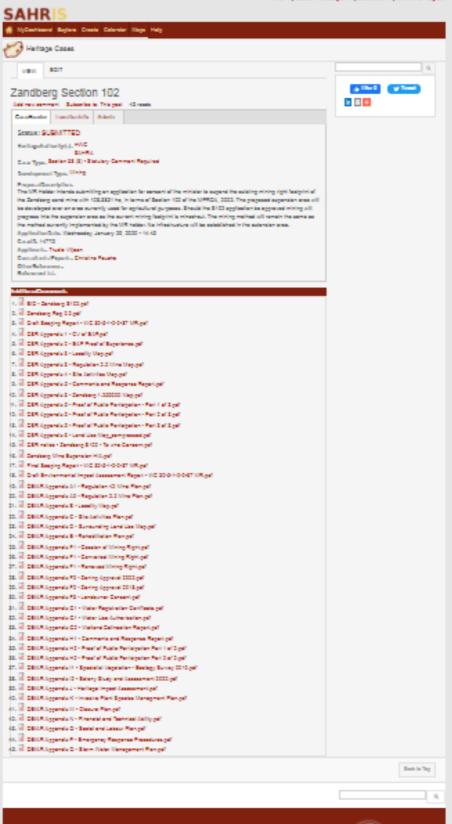
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No	Name	Interest
18	Mr AN Viljoen	Portion 0 of Zand Berg 101
	Mr Phillpe du Toit	Portion 0 of Zandbult 98
	Mr Jan de Necker	Portion 2 (RE) of Appels Drift 107
	PMr hilip & Almien du Toit	Portion 0 of Farm 109
	(Lamaison Goree Trust)	
19	Mr Jan Rabie	Remainder of Laughing Waters 96
		Portion 0 of Die Gwarries 93
		Deorista 113 (Pty) Ltd
20	Mr Schalk Colyn	Portion 2 (RE) of Klip Berg 136
21	Me Alba Lambreght	Portion 4 of Zandfontyn 407 & Portion 10 & 12 of Vledermuisdrift 398
22	Me Debby Satchel	Deo Volente Sand-mine



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MOTIVATION LETTER AND TESTIMONIALS IN SUPPORT OF THE EXPANSION OF ZANDBERG SAND MINE



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MOTIVATION LETTER FOR THE EXTENTION OF ZANDBERG SANDPUT (PTY) LTD SAND MINING ACTIVITIES ON PORTION 4 OF THE FARM ZANDBERG FONTEIN NO 97 IN THE ROBERTSON MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Background Information:

The Zandberg Sand Mine operated under an old order mining permit (Reference No: MP 39/98) that was converted to a new order mining right (Protocol No: 1435) in terms of Item 7 of Schedule 2 of the MPRDA, 2002 in March 2011. This mining right (7.4826 ha) was valid until February 2016, upon which a renewal application was lodged with the DMRE. The mining right was subsequently renewed until May 2047. In 2014, the MR Holder applied for a 10.2026 ha extension of the approved 7.4826 ha mining area that was granted in December 2018. In November 2018, the mining right was ceded from WJ Viljoen to Zandberg Sandput (Pty) Ltd that is the current MR holder.

The mining activity entails the direct mining of blocks/strips of sand of ± 0.25 ha in size. The topsoil is stockpiled at the edge of the strip to be replaced during the rehabilitation of the area. The sand is then removed from the stripped area with a front-end-loader that loads it directly onto the trucks of clients. Mined-out strips are rehabilitated as mining progress into new areas, with no more than two strips (± 0.5 ha) open at any given time.

The sand of the Zandberg Sand Mine is of excellent quality and is sold to the building-, civil-, and construction industries within the Western Cape Province. The Zandberg sand is free of organic matter such as Port Jackson (Acacia saligna) and Redeye Wattle/Rooikrans (Acacia cyclops) seeds. In the building industry this is important as "contaminated" sand causes popping of plaster when the contaminants (seeds) react with the moisture in the mixture, expand, and cause cavities in the plaster.

Clientele and Sand Market:

The sand of Zandberg Sand Mine (hereafter referred to as Zandberg) is sold to clients in Robertson, Bonnievale, Montagu, McGregor, Ashton, Stilbaai, Ladysmith, Riviersonderend, Swellendam, Heidelberg and Riversdale.

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Apart from Zandberg, the only other legally operational sand mine, is located near Worcester. However, the product of this mine is of lesser quality than the Zandberg sand, and the Worcester mine does not have the capacity to fulfill the high demands of the construction industry in the area.

The testimonial letters attached to this document attest to the high quality rendered by Zandberg to their customers. CP Concrete (Pty) Ltd is a ready-mix company who buys ±1 000 ton sand/month from Zandberg for ready-mix concrete that is supplied to clients in Montagu, Bonnievale, Ashton, Stilbaai, Ladysmith etc. CP Concrete (Pty) Ltd is approximately 20 km from Zandberg, and of the opinion that the sand, bought from the mine, provides them with an edge in the market due to the high quality of the sand and the affordable cost at which this base product (for them) is obtained. This allows them to supply their customers with a high quality concrete at the most cost effective price.

High Rock Trading 88 CC (hereafter referred to as High Rock) is a transport company that delivers material to the construction industry. High Rock has been a Zandberg customer for ±10 years, and employ ten drivers that is dependent on the continued operation of the company. The company operates from Montagu and supplies building sand (bought from Zandberg) to clients in Robertson, McGregor, Ashton, Montagu, Bonnievale, Swellendam. The company also has a road maintenance contract with the Langeberg Municipality, for which the sand bought from Zandberg is used. High Rock is ±30 km from the Zandberg Sand Mine.

Eram Boublok & Vervoer (hereafter referred to as Eram) manufactures bricks and also supplies sand (from Zandberg) to clients in Barrydale, Swellendam, Montagu, Ashton, Robertson and McGregor. Eram is situated in Bonnievale, and therefore the acquisition of sand from Roberson is of fundamental importance to the company as the cost of sand has a direct impact on the selling price of their products. Should the company buy sand from Worcester (only other legal sand mine in the vicinity), Eram will no longer be able to compete in the building industry as the additional transport cost will render their products too expensive for the target market. The company employs 20 Bonnievale residents that is dependent on the continued operation of the company. Further to this, the majority of the company's clients buy bricks for improvements/extensions to their RDP houses, and an increase in brick prices will have a direct impact on these and other clients. In their testimonial letter, Eram praises the high quality of the Zandberg sand that is crucial in the manufacturing of their products. Eram is ±36 km from the Zandberg Sand Mine, while the second nearest sand supplier (Worcester) is ±80 km from the company. In addition to the added travelling cost, the additional turnaround time associated with transporting sand from Worcester will have serious cost and efficiency implications to the company.

Impact on clients and the current developments within the direct vicinity of the Zandberg Sand Mine should the mine run out of sand:

As mentioned earlier, the only other legal sand mine is in Worcester, that will substantially increase the travel cost, -time, and effort that companies in the Robertson and greater area has to exert to obtain sand.

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Zandberg has been a trusted supplier of high quality clean sand to their clients since the 1980's. Should the mine run out of sand/mining space, it will have a direct impact the product quality of their clients of which CP Concrete, High Rock and Eram are but a small example.

Zandberg Sand Mine was closed between 2016 and 2019 while sorting out legal matters regarding their mining right. During this time the buyers had to obtain sand from either Worcester or Malmesbury (>200 km). In 2017, a RDP development was planned in McGregor that needed sand for the building of houses. Although the contractor delayed parts of their project for a year, in the hope that the Zandberg Sand Mine will reopen, they eventually had to make use of fill sand from another source, that had to be brought in at a much higher cost, to at least be able to start with drainage pipes and pipeline. With the development of the Silwerstrand Golf Estate (2017/2018) the contractors had to make use of alternative sand suppliers as the Zandberg Sand Mine was still closed. Three years later (2021), the result of sub-standard sand used in the plaster is evident in the constant popping and cracking that requires endless maintenance.

In light of the above, should the Zandberg Sand Mine run out of sand/mining space, and therefore cease to operate it will have far-reaching effects on a lot of businesses within the direct vicinity of Langeberg Local Municipality area, which in turn will have a negative effect on the economic development and job creation/job security within the area. The impact of potential closure will be of such a nature that it will force its clients' businesses to a standstill. This will have a major impact on not only contract prices, but also contract periods, which in turn will result in penalties payable.

Currently, many developments are being constructed in the Langeberg Local Municipality area which include new estate developments, living complexes and the renovation of petrol stations.

Another impact that may arise from a premature closure of Zandberg, is the illegal sand mining from the banks of the Breede River. In such circumstance, the sand will be mined without any statutory requirements or compliance that will have far reaching detrimental effects to the receiving environment. All along the Breede River in this area, are heavy infestations of Port Jackson-, as well as Bluegum trees. Illegal mining of sand contaminated with the seeds of invader plant species (such as Port Jackson and Bluegum) will also have a devastating effect on the construction industry. Apart from the danger such contaminated sand poses to developments, it will also accelerate the distribution and proliferation of invader plant species throughout the province.

Socio-economic impacts on employees and the community

Zandberg Sand Mine currently has three full time employees (including management), which employees reside within the local community. There is also one board member, who does not form part of the full time employees.

In accordance with the Social and Labour requirements of the mine, the total amount to be spent on Human Resource Development within the first ten years should the Section 102 amendment application in terms of the

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Mining and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 be successful will be in the region of R 538 000 which will be used to uplift the local community and increase the local economic development.

The premature closure of Zandberg will have far-reaching effects on a lot of business within the direct vicinity of mine as well as the greater Langeberg area, which in turn will have a negative effect on the economic development and job creation/job security within the area.

Attached hereto as **Annexures "A", "B"** and **"C"** respectively are letters from CP Concrete (Pty) Ltd, High Rock Trading 88 CC, and ERAM Boublok & Vervoer, from which letters the far-reaching implications is evident should the Zandberg Sand Mine cease to operate.

Signature of Author



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Company Registration Number – 2012/058811/07 VAT Number – 4730261494

29 September 2021

CP Concrete se motivering waarom ons van Zandberg Sand gebruik maak, is as volg:

Ons is geleë in Wolhuter Straat, Robertson. Ons gebruik plus minus 'n 1 000 Ton - Sand per maand van Zandberg Sand, sodat ons ons Concrete dienste kan lewer aan ons kliente.

Ons kliente strek oor 'n groot area, onder andere, Montagu, Bonnievale, Ashton, Stilbaai, Ladysmith ens.

Dit sal vir ons baie ekstra kos om sand van iewers anders te kry, wat ons pryse aan ons kliente merkwaardig sal opskuif. Ons wil graag die beste pryse en kwaliteit aan ons kliente lewer.

So ons is vir die uitbreiding van Zandberg Sand. Ons sien dit as 'n voordeel vir ons besigheid en dorp.

Director - Lauhan Malherbe

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Translate from Afrikaans to English (CP Concrete)

CP concrete's motivation letter for the use of Zandberg Sandput (Pty) Ltd product, is as follows:

We are located in Wolhuter Street, Robertson. We use plus minus 1000 tons of sand per month from Zandberg Sandput, so that we can provide our concrete services to our clients.

Our clients span a large area, including Robertson, Bonnievale, Montagu, Mc Gregor, Ashton, Stilbaai, Ladysmith, Riviersonderend, Swellendam, Heidelberg and Riversdale

It will cost us a lot to get sand from somewhere else, which will raise our prices remarkably to our customers. We want to provide the best prices and quality to our customers.

So we are in favor of expanding Zandberg Sand mine. We see this as an advantage for our business and town.

the goal isn't to live forever, it is to protect a planet that will



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14/09/2021

Goeie dag

Ons is vervoer besigheid vir die bounywerheid.
Ons koop Bousand vir ons kliente al +- 10jaar.
Ons het 10 drywer wat afhanklik is van hulle werk.
High Rock verkaf vanaf Robertson,
Mcgregor, Ashton, Montagu, Bonnievale Swellendam en
al die boere gemeenskap met Bousand. Ons bedien ook
die Langeberg Municipality vir instandhouding van ons
paaie met sand. Indien wel ander verskaffer moet
gekry word sal dit hoogs moontlik wees dat ons nie al
ons mense sal kan behou aangesien koste sal klim. Ons
alternatief om sand te kry is Worcester en ons is gelee
op Montagu en ons almal weet koste van Diesel beloop.
Ons sal dus beslis kliente verloor oor pryse en tyd.

Die Uwe

Datum

14/09/2021



Translate from Afrikaans to English (High Rock Trading)

Good day

We are a transportation business for the construction industry. We have been buying building sand for our clients for about ten years. We have ten drivers who depend on this business for their livelihoods. High Rock provides services from Robertson, McGregor, Ashton, Montagu, Bonnivale, Swellendam, and all the farming community with building sand.

We also serve the Langeberg Municipality for road maintenance. If another supplier has to be found, it will be highly possible that we will not be able to keep all our staff members as costs will increase. Worcester is other alternative to getting sand and we are located in Montagu and we all know costs of Diesel is very high. Thus we will lose customers over price and time.

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ERAM BOUBLOK & VERVOER

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SKRYWE INSAKE SAND VERBRUIK VERKRYGBAAR VANAF ZANDBERG TE ROBERTSON

ERAM BOUBLOK EN VERVOER IS 'N MEDIUM KLEIN BESIGHEID WAT STENE VERVAARDIG MET 20 PERSONEEL IN DIENS.

ONS VERSKAF SAND IN DIE BREE MARK TOT EN MET BARRYDALE, SWELLENDAM, MONTAGU, ASHTON, ROBER TSON, MCGREGOR.

BONNIEVALE EN DIE VERKRYGING VAN SAND IN ROBERTSON IS VIR ONS VAN KARDINALE BELANG AANGESIEN ONS NAASTE VERSKAFFER NAAS ROBERTSON DAN WORCESTER IS EN DIT BEINVLOED DIE PRYS VAN ONS BOU BLOKKE ENSOVOORTS EN DIT DAN NIE VIR ONS 'N KOMPETERENDE MARK LAAT NIE AANGESIEN DIE VERVOER KOSTE VANAF WORCESTER DIT VIR ONS DUUR MAAK EN DAN IS PRODUK VAN

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ONS MEESTE KLIÊNTE IS PLAASLIK WAT VERBETERINGS AAN HULLE RDP HUISE DOEN OM DIT OOK VIR HULLE SO VER MOONTLIK KOSTE EFFEKTIEF TE MAAK.

DIE GEHALTE VAN ZANDBERG SANDPUT IS OOK VAN UITSTAANDE GEHALTE EN IS 'N BAIE GOEIE SKOON SAND.

INDIEN SAND VAN WORCESTER AF GERY MOET WORD MAAK DIT OOK DAT ONS NIE SO PRODUKTIEF EN EFFEKTIEF KAN FUNKSIONEER AS GEVOLG VAN DIE TYD FAKTOR. ONS IS TANS +- 36 KM VANAF ZANDBERG ONS 2DE NAASTE VERSKAFFER IS 80KM VANAF ONS AANLEG.

EK GLO EN VERTROU DAT DIE PUNTE AAN U UITGEWYS DIE VERKRYGING VAN SAND TE ROBERTSON EN DIE EKONOMIESE IMPAK VERDUIDELIK.

DIE UWE

EJ VAN DER BANK (ERAM BOUBLOK)

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Translation from Afrikaans to English (Eram Boublok & Vervoer)

Eram Boublok & Vervoer is a medium small business that manufactures bricks with 20 staff members.

We supply sand in the broad market up to and including Barrydale, Swellendam, Montagu, Ashton, Robertson, Mcgregor.

Bonnievale and the acquisition of sand in Robertson is of utter importance to us as our nearest supplier next to Roberston is Worcester and this affects the price of our building blocks etc. Which does not leave us a competitive market as the transport cost from Worcester make it expensive for us and then product from elsewhere is cheaper as their raw material is closer to their plant.

Most of our clients are locally making improvements to their RDP homes to make it cost effective for them as much as possible.

The quality of Zandberg Sandput product is outstanding and can be classified as very clean sand.

If sand has to be driven from Worcester it also means that we cannot function as productively and effectively due to the factor. We are currently + - 36 km from Zandberg and our 2nd nearest supplier is 80km from our plant.

I believe and trust that the points pointed out to you explain the disposition of sand at Robertson and the economic impact.

Sincerely

EJ van der Bank

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