

**QUEENSTOWN QUARRY (PTY) LTD
A PORTION OF THE FARM LESSEYTON NO 81,
CHRIS HANI MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT,
EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

**SECTION 102 APPLICATION
EXPANSION OF MINING AREA**

COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2026

REF NR: EC 30/5/1/2/2/009 MR – 00052 MR/102



NOTIFICATION OF SECTION 102 APPLICATION AND DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT TO STAKEHOLDERS AND I&AP'S DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

COMMENTING PERIOD: 18 AUGUST 2026 – 21 SEPTEMBER 2026

The relevant stakeholders, landowners and I&APs were informed of the Draft Basic Assessment Report by means of an advertisement (English and Xhosa) placed in the Representative newspaper on 14 August 2026, and English and Xhosa on-site notices placed at the Queenstown Quarry site entrance, the Lesseyton Public Clinic, Lukhanji Superspar retail store, and the Soweto No 1 Spaza shop (also known as the AH Community Shop) in Lesseyton.

One thousand (1 000) English and Xhosa flyers were also distributed in the Lesseyton community on 18 August 2026. A notification letter inviting comments on the DBAR over a 30-day commenting period (ending 21 September 2026) was sent to the landowner, neighbouring landowners (to the Quarry), stakeholders, and any other I&AP that may be interested in the project.

Also refer to Appendix H2 for the proof of public participation. The following tables provide a list of the I&APs, stakeholders, and surrounding landowners that were informed of the project.

STAKEHOLDERS				
	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF CONTACT PERSON	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
1	Chris Hani District Municipality	Municipal Manager: Mr Gcobani Mashiyi	18 August 2026	No comments received
2	Enoch Mgijima Local Municipality	Acting Municipal Manager: Mr Aphiwe Mkhangelwa	18 August 2026	No comments received
3	Enoch Mgijima Local Municipality – Ward 18 Councillor	Mrs Ntomboxolo Solani	18 August 2026	No comments received

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	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF CONTACT PERSON	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
4	Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (Regional Office; Chris Hani District)	Ms Xolile Titus; Ms Jackoleen Breetzke; Mr ML Nkosi	18 August 2026	No comments received
5	Department of Labour (Komani/Queenstown Office; Regional East London Office)	Me Unathi Thambo; Mr Yawa	18 August 2026	No comments received
6	Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform (Chris Hani District Office; Amathole District Office)	Dr Mzwanele Dlova; Ms N Bongco	18 August 2026	No comments received
7	Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (Regional East London Office)	Mr Babini Mbewu	18 August 2026	No comments received
8	Department of Agriculture (Komani/Queenstown Office; Regional East London Office)	Dr Mzwanele Dlova; Ms Nyameka Bongco	18 August 2026	No comments received
9	Department of Transport	Mr J Mhlomi, Me Barbara Creecy	18 August 2026	No comments received
10	Department of Water and Sanitation	Me Molepo Khuthadzo	18 August 2026	No comments received
11	Eskom	Me Angelina Shalang	18 August 2026	No comments received
12	Department of Education – Regional Office	Mr Ntandazo Matika	18 August 2026	No comments received
13	Department of Public Works & Infrastructure (Regional Office; Chris Hani District; Amathole District)	Mr MD Qwase; Mr T Marala; Ms Z Ndungane	18 August 2026	No comments received
14	SANRAL	Mr C Njingana	18 August 2026	No comments received

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	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF CONTACT PERSON	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
15	Komani Airport	Mr Mark Sahd	18 August 2026	No comments received
16	Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency (ECPTA)	HOD Office	18 August 2026	No comments received
17	Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (ECPHRA)	Me Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama	18 August 2026	08 September 2026
<p><u>Comments received from Case Officer Me Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama on 08 September 2026:</u></p> <p>Having reviewed the submitted heritage specialist reports, ECPHRA provides the following comments:</p> <p>1. The Desktop Paleontological Impact Assessment is generally acceptable. However, the submitted KML file is incorrect and must be replaced with the correct spatial dataset.</p> <p>2. The Heritage Impact Assessment requires revision and further information on the following matters:</p> <p>The southern portion of the study area contains rock shelters associated with mixed rock art. The report does not indicate whether these sites were surveyed during the field assessment. Clarification is required regarding the location of these sites and the potential impacts of proposed blasting activities on associated heritage resources protected under Section 35 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA).</p> <p>The statement that there is no rock art in Tsolo/Mthatha area is incorrect and must be amended accordingly.</p> <p>The report must be updated to reflect the current official place names and ensure that all geographic names are correctly spelt.</p> <p>The field survey was undertaken on 14 December 2021. The specialist must provide reasons for the significant delay between the survey date and the submission of the report to ECPHRA.</p> <p>References on pages 30 and 43 identifying SAHRA as the competent authority must be corrected. In terms of Sections 8 and 35 of the NHRA, ECPHRA is the responsible heritage resources authority for provincial and local heritage resources within the Eastern Cape. SAHRA's authority is generally limited to Grade I heritage resources and matters specifically assigned to it under the NHRA.</p> <p>In terms of Section 38(3) of the NHRA, sufficient information must be provided to enable the heritage resources authority to assess the impact of the proposed development on heritage resources. ECPHRA reserves further comment pending submission of revised heritage specialist reports addressing the above matters.</p>				

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<p><u>Greenmined Environmental's Response to ECPHRA on 22 September 2026:</u></p> <p>“Greenmined Environmental (Pty) Ltd, acting as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner on behalf of Queenstown Quarry (Pty) Ltd, hereby submits the revised Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the proposed expansion of the Queenstown Quarry mining footprint on a portion of the Farm Lesseyton No. 81, Komani.</p> <p>The revised HIA is submitted in response to ECPHRA's Interim Comment dated 04 September 2026 (received 08 September 2026), issued under Case ID 29787. In its comments, ECPHRA requested that the HIA be revised to provide further clarification regarding, amongst others, rock shelters and rock art within the broader area, the field survey undertaken, the potential implications of blasting, the use of current place names, and the identification of ECPHRA as the relevant heritage resources authority.</p> <p>The heritage specialist has considered ECPHRA's comments and revised the HIA accordingly. The revised report, dated September 2026, includes the additional information and corrections requested by ECPHRA. In particular, the report now provides additional contextual information regarding known rock art within the greater Komani and surrounding region and clarifies the circumstances surrounding the field survey and subsequent submission of the report.</p> <p>Importantly, the amendments made in response to ECPHRA's comments do not alter the findings of the field assessment. The specialist again confirms that no isolated archaeological finds were recorded within the surveyed project footprint and that no heritage sites, structures, features or archaeological artefacts, including Stone Age or Iron Age material, were identified during the survey. Accordingly, notwithstanding the presence of known heritage resources and rock art within the broader Komani region, no such resources were identified within the proposed mining expansion footprint.</p> <p>The conclusions and recommendations of the HIA therefore remain unchanged. From a cultural heritage perspective, the specialist recommends that the proposed mining activities may proceed and concludes that no further heritage mitigation measures are required, subject to the prescribed chance-find procedures should previously unidentified archaeological material or human remains be encountered during mining activities.</p> <p>We trust that the revised HIA adequately addresses the matters raised in ECPHRA's Interim Comment. We further confirm that the correct KML file reflecting the proposed project footprint has been uploaded to the SAHRIS case. We respectfully request ECPHRA to review the amended report and supporting spatial information and provide its further/final comment that will be submitted to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources upon receipt.”</p>				
18	South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	SAHRA Case Officer	18 August 2026 (uploaded via SAHRIS)	As per above from ECPHRA

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	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF CONTACT PERSON	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
	Eastern Cape Land Claims Commissioner Office	Land Claims Commissioner Office	18 August 2026	09 September 2026
<p>The Commission on Restitution of Land Rights confirmed that there is a claim on the farm Lesseyton No 81.</p> <p>Following receipt of this information, the Applicant appointed its legal representatives to engage directly with the Regional Land Claims Commissioner: Eastern Cape regarding the matter.</p> <p>The Applicant's attorneys subsequently submitted formal correspondence to the Commission requesting that Queenstown Quarries (Pty) Ltd be registered as an interested and affected party in relation to the land claim. The correspondence further requested detailed information regarding, inter alia, the identity and status of the claim, the extent and boundaries of the land concerned, any overlap with the existing mining right and proposed expansion area, and the current procedural status of the claim.</p> <p>The land claim is therefore receiving separate attention through direct engagement between the Applicant's legal representatives and the Commission on Restitution of Land Rights. This process will continue independently of the environmental authorisation process, and the Applicant has reserved its rights to make further representations once sufficient information regarding the claim has been received and considered.</p> <p>The correspondence submitted by the Applicant's attorneys to the Commission is included in Appendix H2 as evidence of the consultation and subsequent actions undertaken in response to the land claim notification.</p>				

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	NAME OF LANDOWNER / I&AP	INTEREST / AFFILIATION (SURROUNDING LANDOWNERS)	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
19	Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform (managed by the Department of Public Works)	Farm Lesseyton 81 – Application Area (landowner)	18 August 2026	No comments received

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20	Me Charlaine Strydom	Farm Doornhoek 177 Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) – surrounding landowner	18 August 2026	No comments received
21	Mr Nico Visser	Farm Weltevreedem North 175 (Remaining Extent) – surrounding landowner	18 August 2026	No comments received
22	Civil and General (Pty) Ltd Mr Rhys van der Westhuyzen	Farm Weltevreedem North 175 Portion 44 (Remaining Extent) – surrounding landowner	18 August 2026	No comments received
23	Mr Andrew Green	Farm Weltevreedem North 175 Portion 31 – surrounding landowner	18 August 2026	No comments received
24	Mr Noor	Farm Weltevreedem North 175 Portion 46 – surrounding landowner	18 August 2026	No comments received
25	Me Yvette Edwards	Farm Adanja 174 Portion 8 – surrounding landowner	18 August 2026	No comments received
26	Mr Lawrence Moorcroft	Farm Providence 149 Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) – surrounding landowner	18 August 2026	No comments received
27	Department of Public Works	Farm Bombani 62 Portion 1; Farm Tabata 63 Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) – surrounding landowner	18 August 2026	No comments received
28	Transnet	Farm Lesseytonrail 84 Portion 0 – surrounding landowner	18 August 2026	No comments received

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29	Lesseyton Mission Church	Farm 80 Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) – I&AP	18 August 2026	No comments received
30	Lesseyton Assembly of God Church	Lesseyton Church Office - Interested and Affected Party	18 August 2026	No comments received
31	Shalom Temple International Pastor Joseph Nxumalo	Interested and Affected Party	18 August 2026	20 August 2026
<p><u>Pastor Joseph Nxumalo commented on 20 August 2026:</u></p> <p><i>"We acknowledge receipt of your notice regarding the proposed expansion of the quarry.</i></p> <p><i>Having considered the notice, our church has no concerns or objections regarding the proposed expansion. We recognise and appreciate the company's contribution to employment and the economic development of our local community.</i></p> <p><i>We have also attached a letter requesting assistance from the quarry with the supply of gravel to help repair the access road leading to our church premises. We would greatly appreciate your favourable consideration of this request."</i></p> <p>Letter Attachment:</p> <p><i>"We urgently request your assistance in repairing the access road to Shalom Temple International in Lessyton 1- Hillside View. The current condition of the road makes safe access difficult and poses a serious 10th concern. As we are preparing for our upcoming Year Celebration Conference in 1st - 4th October 2026 , we are expecting a significant number of attendees. Without immediate intervention, accessibility and safety will be severely compromised, affecting not only our gathering but the broader community that relies on this road. We humbly appeal for your support through gravel/sabunge supply. Your timely assistance will make a direct and meaningful impact, ensuring safe access for all and contributing to the success of this important community event. We are available to engage further at your convenience and would greatly appreciate your urgent consideration.</i></p>				

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<p><u>Response from Raumix (Queenstown Quarry (Pty) Ltd on 28 August 2026</u></p> <p><i>“Thank you for reaching out to us and for considering our company as a potential contributor to your cause.</i></p> <p><i>Unfortunately, due to our current economic position, we are unable to make any donations at this time. We truly appreciate the valuable work your organization is doing and regret that we are unable to assist on this occasion.</i></p> <p><i>We wish you every success with your initiative and thank you for your understanding.”</i></p>				
32	Rainbow Christian Church	Lesseyton Church Office – Interested and Affected Party	18 August 2026	No comments received
33	AH Community Shop / Soweto No 1 Store	Shop Owner and employees – Interested and Affected Party	18 August 2026	No comments received
34	N.G. Mgijima	Lesseyton Primary School – Interested and Affected Party	18 August 2026	No comments received
35	Thandile Tabata	Nomzamo Day Care – Interested and Affected Party	18 August 2026	No comments received
36	N.S. Pekula	Ikhwezi Lokusa Educare – Interested and Affected Party	18 August 2026	No comments received
37	Phamela Dube	Lingomsolethu Day Care Centre – Interested and Affected Party	18 August 2026	No comments received

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The I&AP's and stakeholders were informed of the proposed project and invited to comment on the DBAR through:

- ◆ telephonic discussions and Whatsapp messages;
- ◆ direct notification with notification documents (letters, emails, flyers);
- ◆ placement of on-site notices;
- ◆ the placement of an advertisement (English and isiXhosa) in the Representative newspaper; and
- ◆ isiXhosa flyers that were distributed in the Lesseyton Community.

During the public participation period comments were received from the

- ◆ Shalom Temple,
 - ◆ ECPHRA, and
 - ◆ the Land and Restitution Commission;
- and addressed as noted earlier.

Also refer to Appendix H2 for the proof of public participation conducted.

-END OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT-