

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

Mining Permit and Environmental Authorization application for Coal and Pseudocoal on portion of portion 109 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS situated under District of Emalahleni, Mpumalanga Province.

DMRE REF: MP 30/5/1/1/2/13062 MP



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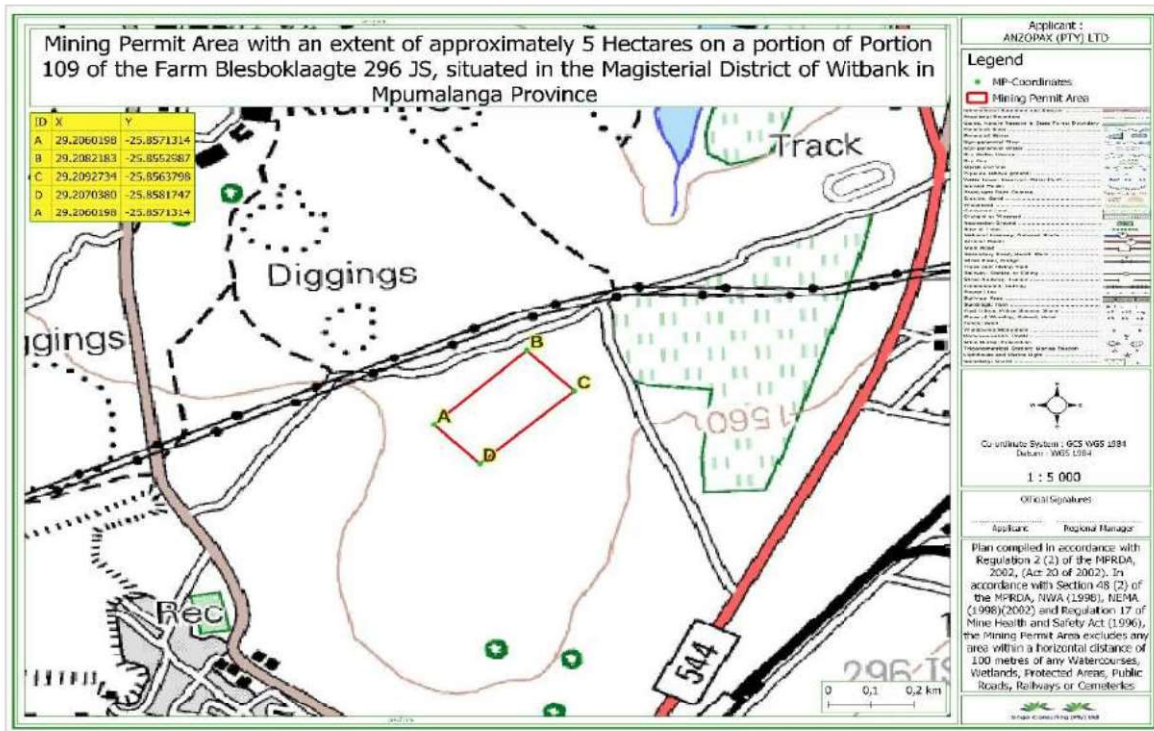


Figure 1: Regulation 2.2 map of the proposed project area

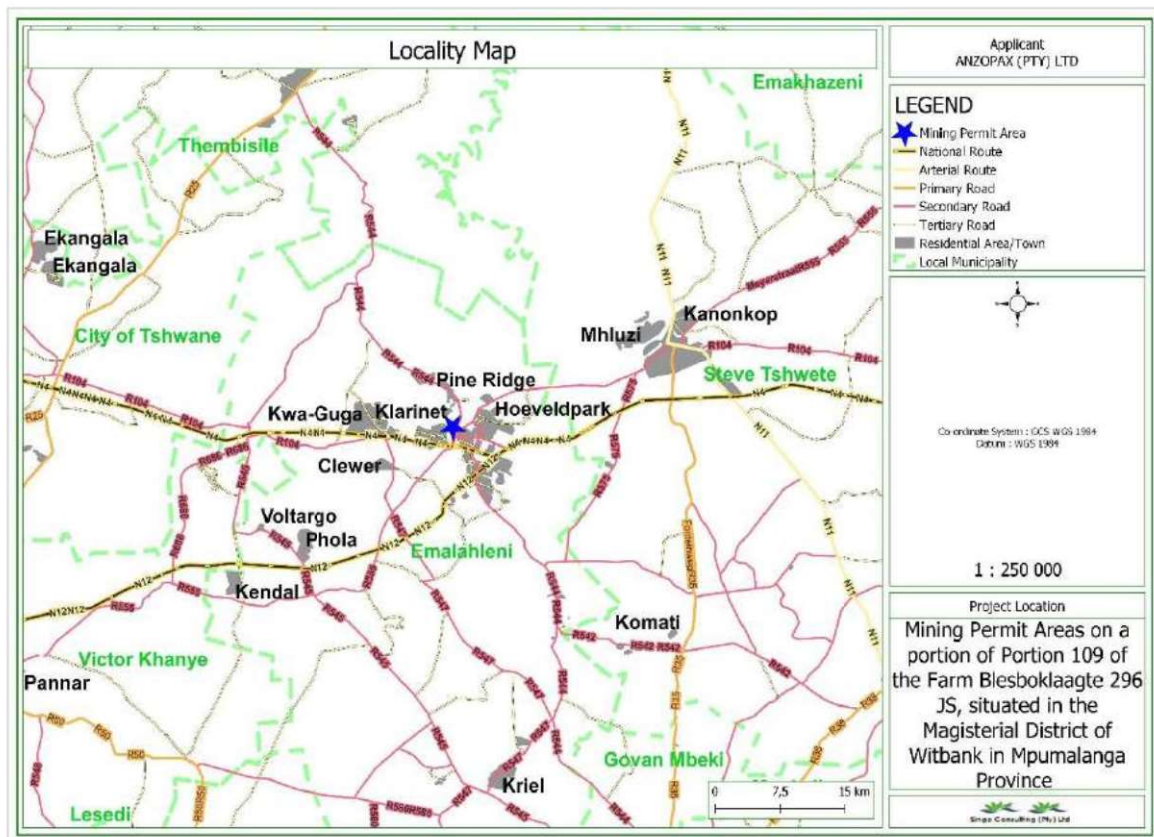


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**REGISTRATION & COMMENT SHEET**

**Mining Permit and Environmental Authorization Application on portion of portion 109 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS by Anzopax (Pty) Ltd (Dmre Ref: MP 30/5/1/1/2/13062 MP).**

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# BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

## Application:

Mining Permit for on portion of  
portion 109 of the farm  
Blesboklaagte 296 JS

## Prepared by:

  
Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd

## Prepared for:

Italo Clothings (Pty)  
Ltd

Local Municipality: Emalahleni

## INTRODUCTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an independent Environmental Consultant by **Italo Clothings (Pty) Ltd** to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), compile Basic Assessment Report (BAR) & Environmental Management Programme report (EMPr) and undertake Public Participation Process (PPP). This is done for processes of acquiring Environmental Authorization for the proposed Mining Permit Application within portion of portion 109 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS, situated under Local Municipality of Emalahleni, under Nkangala District Municipality jurisdiction of Emalahleni Magisterial District in Mpumalanga Province. **DMRE Ref: MP 30/5/1/1/3/ (13061) MP.**

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Mining Permit Application has been submitted for the extraction of **Coal and Pseudocoal** on the property mentioned above. This Mining Permit Area, as seen in figure 1 & 2 below, is situated approximately 5.02 km West of Emalahleni/Witbank town and approximately 22.6 km North-East of Phola.

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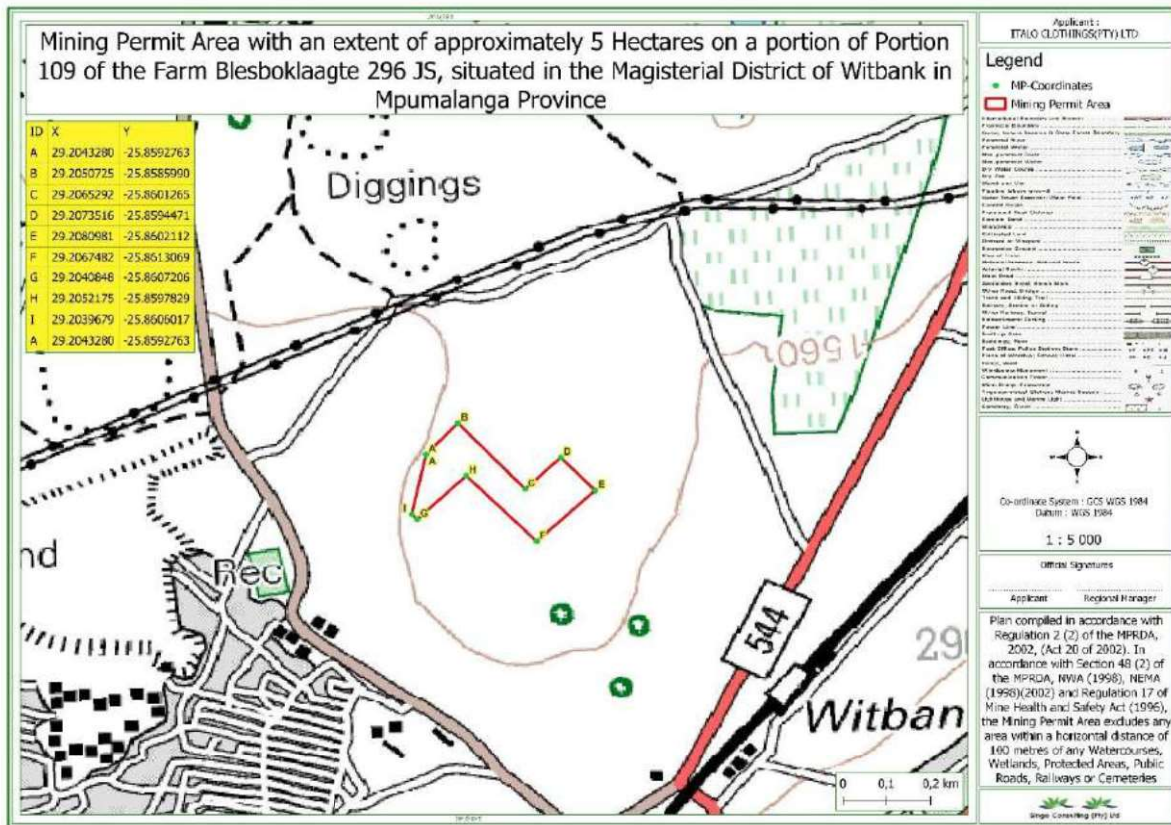


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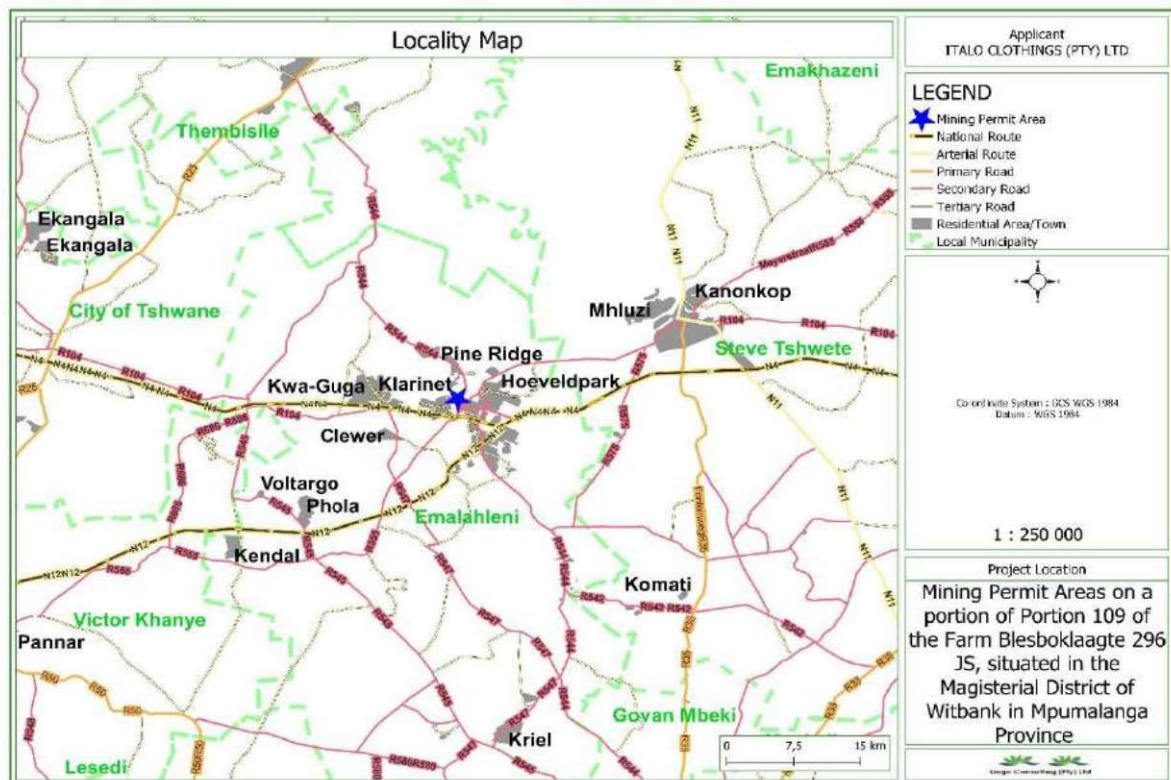


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Kindly keep the following dates:

- ✦ Stakeholder engagement and consultation: **April 2022**
- ✦ Review of draft BAR & EMPr: **Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2022 to Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2022**
- ✦ Submission of the Final BAR & EMPr: **26<sup>th</sup> of July 2022**





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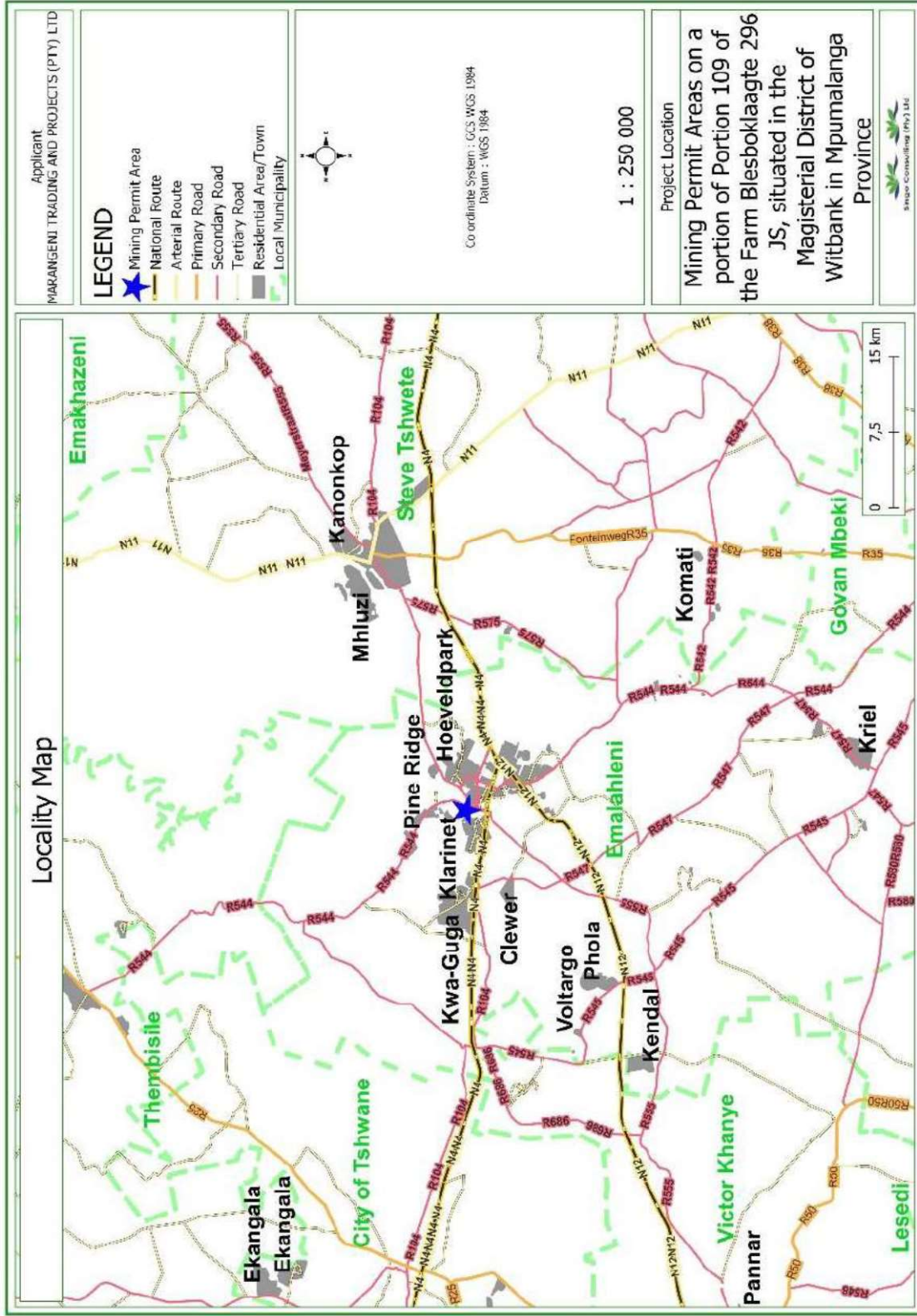


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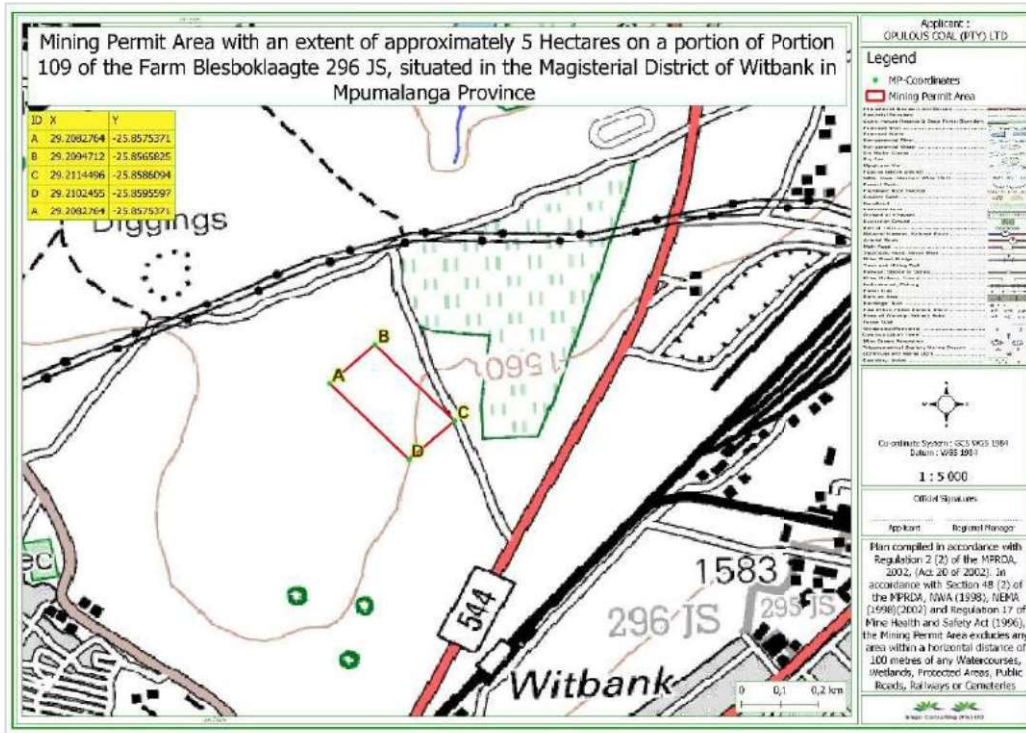


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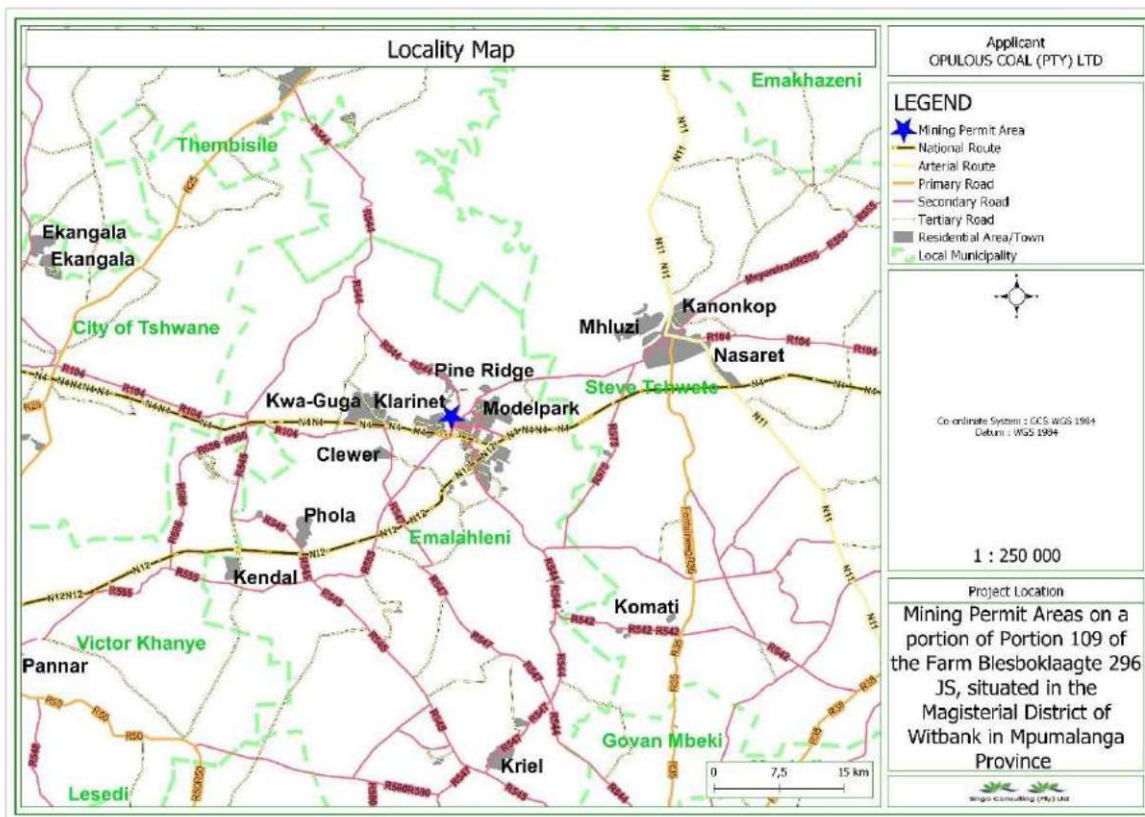


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- The draft BAR & EMPr will be available for review from **Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2022 to Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.**
- Electronic copies of the DBAR and EMPr will be made available upon request via emails, Dropbox link, Google drive, We Transfer, etc. from Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd using the contact details of the EAP below.

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## REGISTRATION & COMMENT SHEET

Mining Permit and Environmental Authorization Application on portion of portion 109 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS by Opolus Coal (Pty) Ltd (DMRE REF: MP 30/5/1/1/3/13064 MP).

Attention: **Ms Sinazo Bhengu**

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# Background Information Document (BID)

for Mining Permit Application by PL Mokiting Wathabo (Pty) Ltd in respect of portion of portion 109 of the Farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS, under the Magisterial District of Emalahleni, Mpumalanga Province.

DMRE REF: MP 30/5/1/3/2/13071 MP



PREPARED FOR

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## INTRODUCTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an independent Environmental Consultant by **PL Mokiting Wathabo (Pty) Ltd** to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Compile an Environmental Management Programme report (EMPr) and undertake Public Participation Process (PPP). This is done for processes of acquiring Environmental Authorization for the proposed Mining Permit Application for **Coal** on portion of portion 109 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS, under the Magisterial District of Emalahleni, Mpumalanga Province.

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Results of the EIA, both negative and positive will be submitted and made available to the relevant Departments such as the Department of Mineral Resources and if requested, Environmental Affairs, Water and Sanitation, Landowners and other interested stakeholders.

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Mining Permit Application has been submitted for the extraction of **Coal** resources on the property mentioned above. This Mining Permit Area, as seen in Figure 1, is situated approximately 1.79 km North East of Die Heuwel.

Mining activities will be undertaken over a period of two (2) years. This project will entail an open cast method of excavation. The mine design will be developed according to the dimension of the applied mineral deposit within the project area, but overall mining activities will be limited to an area of 5 Ha as per mining permit requirements. The topsoil will be stockpiled elsewhere on site preferably next to the farm boundary and will be used during rehabilitation period. Once a box cut has been made, the overburden and mineral resources where necessary will be loosened by blasting. The loosened material will then be loaded onto trucks by excavators. A haul road will be situated at the side of the pit, forming a ramp up which trucks can drive, carrying ore and waste rock. Waste rock will be piled up at the surface, near the edge of the open pit (waste dump). The waste dump will be tiered and stepped, to minimize degradation. All the activities will be guided by the project's EMPr such that the project does not impact the environment negatively.

## REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

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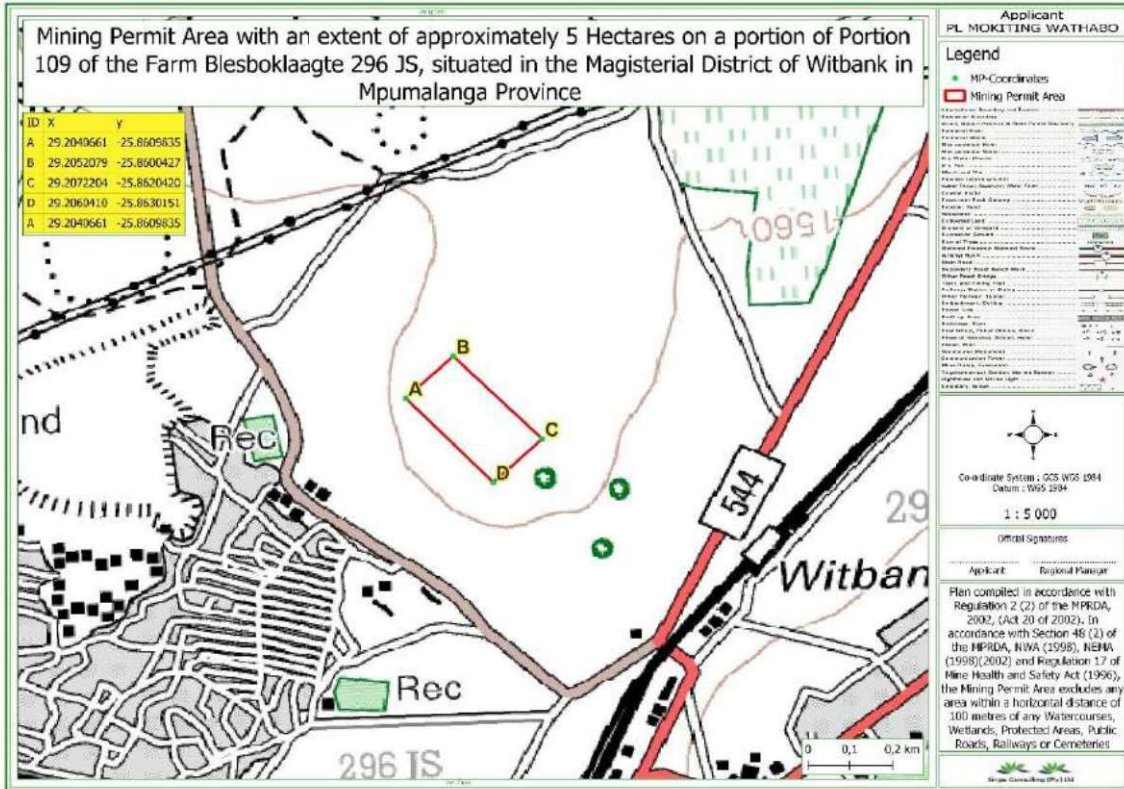


Figure 1: Regulation 2.2 plan of the proposed project

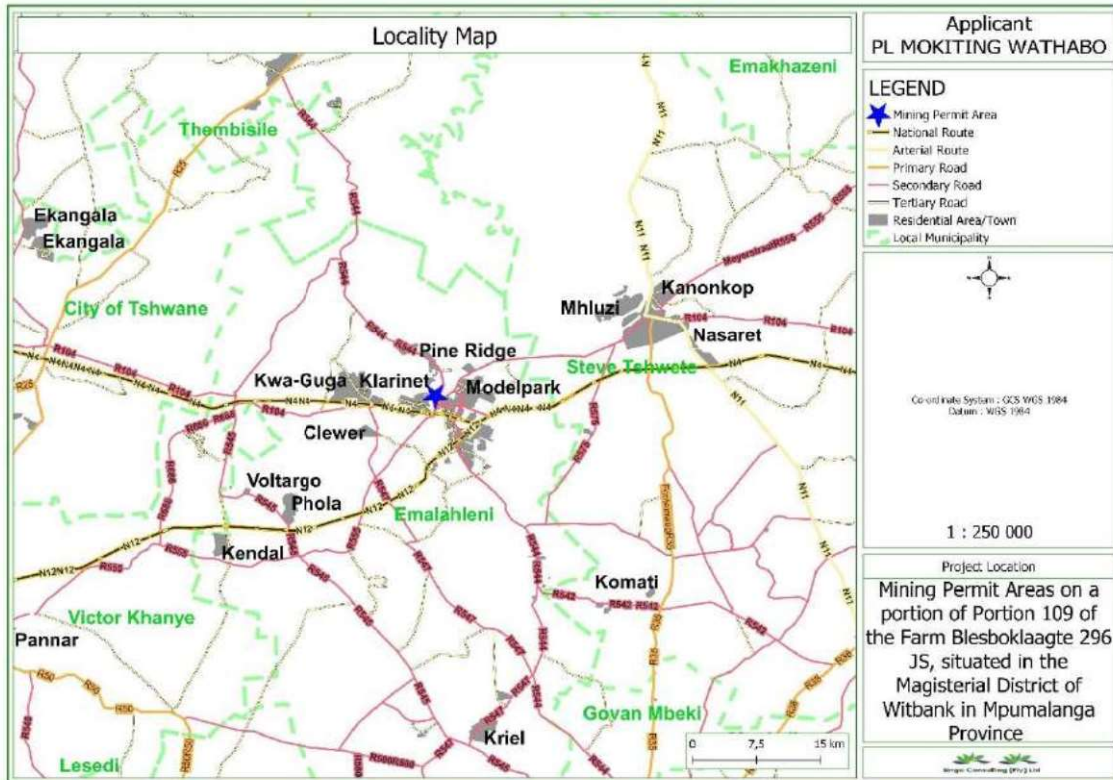


Figure 2: Locality map of the proposed project



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Please note the following:

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- The Draft BAR & EMPr will be made available at Klarinet Public Library (Blesboklaagte 296-JS, Emalahleni, 1035).
- The draft BAR & EMPr will be available for review from **21 May 2022 to 20 June 2022**.
- The electronic copies will be made available upon request from Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd, using the detailed EAP'S contact's below, via emails; Dropbox link; Google drive; WeTransfer, etc.



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**REGISTRATION & COMMENT SHEET (DMRE REF: \_\_\_\_\_ )**

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# BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

## Application:

**Mining Permit on Portion of portion 109 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS.**

**Magisterial District:**

**Witbank**

## Prepared by:



## Prepared for:

**Razau Resources (Pty) Ltd**

## INTRODUCTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an independent Environmental Consultant by **Razau Resources(Pty) Ltd** to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Compile an Environmental Management Programme report (EMPr) and undertake Public Participation Process (PPP). This is done for processes of acquiring Environmental Authorization for the proposed Mining Permit Application on **Portion of portion 109 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS** in the Magisterial District of Witbank in Mpumalanga Province. **DMRE Ref: MP 30/5/1/1/3/130&5 MP.**

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Mining Permit Application has been submitted for the extraction of **Coal & Pseudocoal** resource on the property mentioned above. **This Mining Permit Area, as seen in figure 1 & 2 below, is situated Approximately 4.77 km Southwest from eMalahleni, 1.93 km North East of Klarinet and 2.79 km South East of Lynville.**

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## REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

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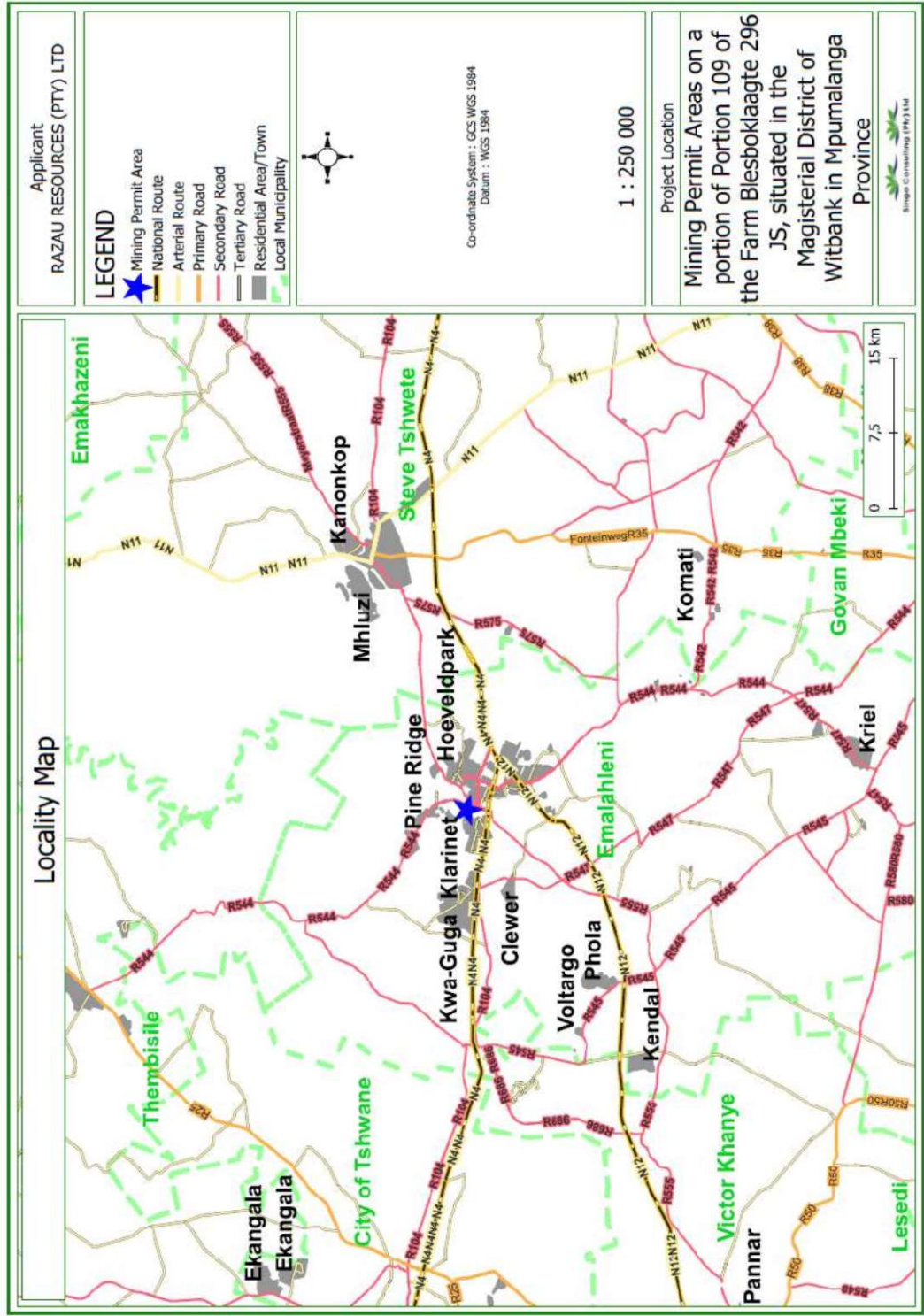


Figure 1: Locality Map of the proposed project area



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**REGISTRATION & COMMENT SHEET**

**Mining Permit Application on Portion of portion 109 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296**

**JS, situated under the Magisterial Districts of Witbank, Mpumalanga Province,**

**DMRE Ref: MP 30/5/1/1/3/13065 MP.**

Attention: **Abel Mojapelo**

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**Mining Permit on Portion  
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Blesboklaagte 296 JS.**

**Magisterial                  Witbank  
District:**

## Prepared by:



## Prepared for:

**Royalty Laboratory (Pty)  
Ltd**

## INTRODUCTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

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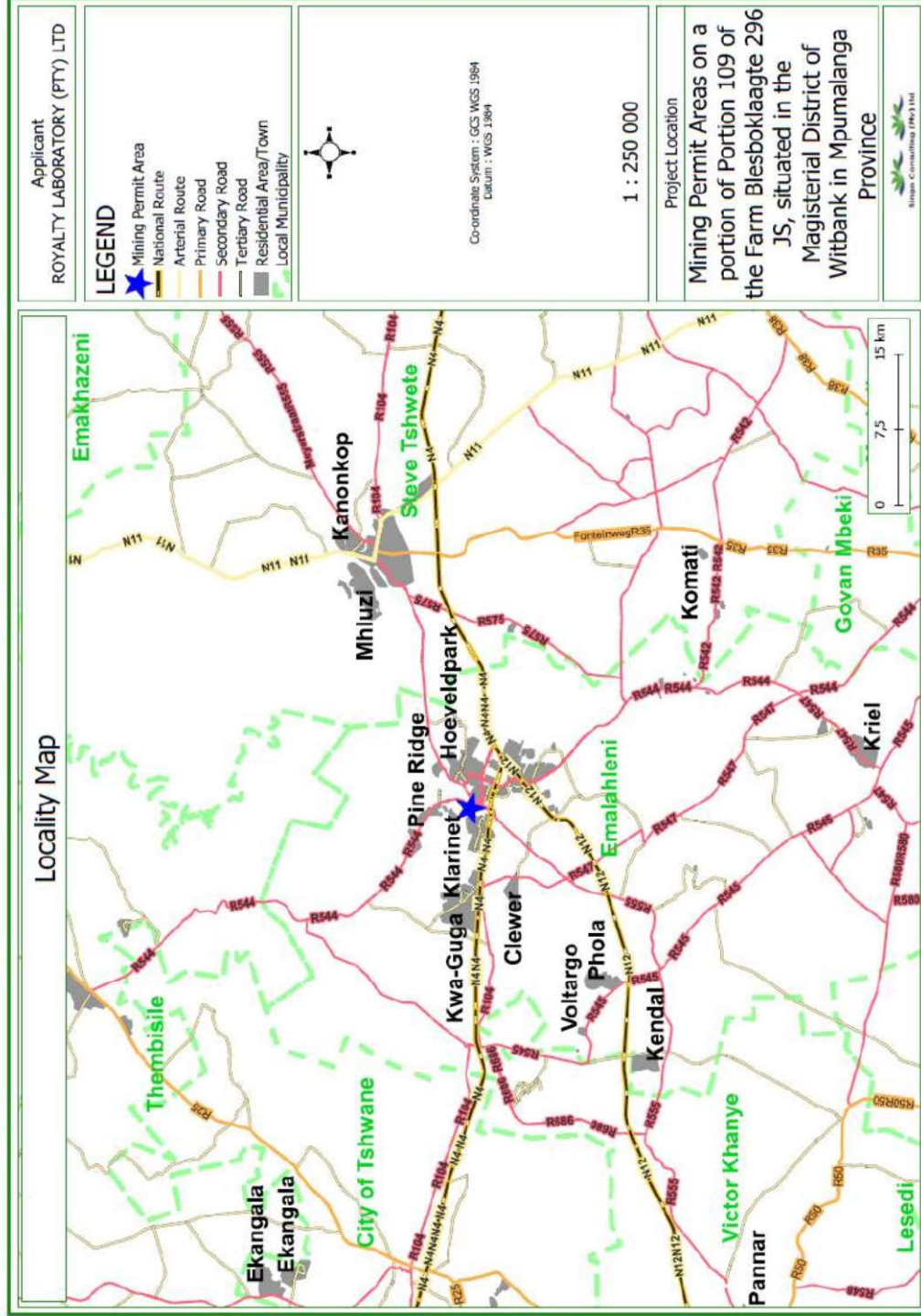


Figure 1: Locality Map of the proposed project area



Figure 2: Google Earth Map of the proposed project area

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**Mining Permit Application on Portion of portion 109 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296  
 JS, situated under the Magisterial Districts of Witbank, Mpumalanga Province.**

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# BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

<b>Application:</b>		<b>Prepared by:</b>	<b>Prepared for:</b>
Mining Permit on a portion of portion 109 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS		 Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd	Thongwane 307 Holdings (Pty) Ltd
<b>Magisterial District:</b>	Emalahleni		

## INTRODUCTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an independent Environmental Consultant by **Thongwane 307 Holdings (Pty) Ltd** to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Compile an Environmental Management Programme report (EMPr) and undertake Public Participation Process (PPP). This is done for processes of acquiring Environmental Authorization for the proposed Mining Permit Application within **portion of portion 109 of the Farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS, under the Magisterial District of Emalahleni, Mpumalanga Province. (DMRE Ref: MP 30/5/1/1/3/ (13067) MP)**

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Mining Permit Application has been submitted for the extraction of **Coal** resources on the property mentioned above. The Mining Permit area is situated within Witbank approximately 1.57 km South-east of Truck Strippers and about 0.63 km North-east of License Department Witbank.

Mining activities will be undertaken over a period of two (2) years. This project will entail an open cast method of excavation. The mine design will be developed according to the dimension of the applied mineral deposit within the project area, but overall mining activities will be limited to an area of 5 Ha as per mining permit requirements. The topsoil will be stockpiled elsewhere on site preferably next to the farm boundary and will be used during rehabilitation period. Once a box cut has been made, the overburden and mineral resources where necessary will be loosened by blasting. The loosened material will then be loaded onto trucks by excavators. A haul road will be situated at the side of the open cast, forming a ramp up which trucks can drive, carrying ore and waste rock. Waste rock will be piled up at the surface, near the edge of the open cast (waste dump). The waste dump will be tiered and stepped, to minimize degradation. All the activities will be guided by the project's EMPr such that the project does not impact

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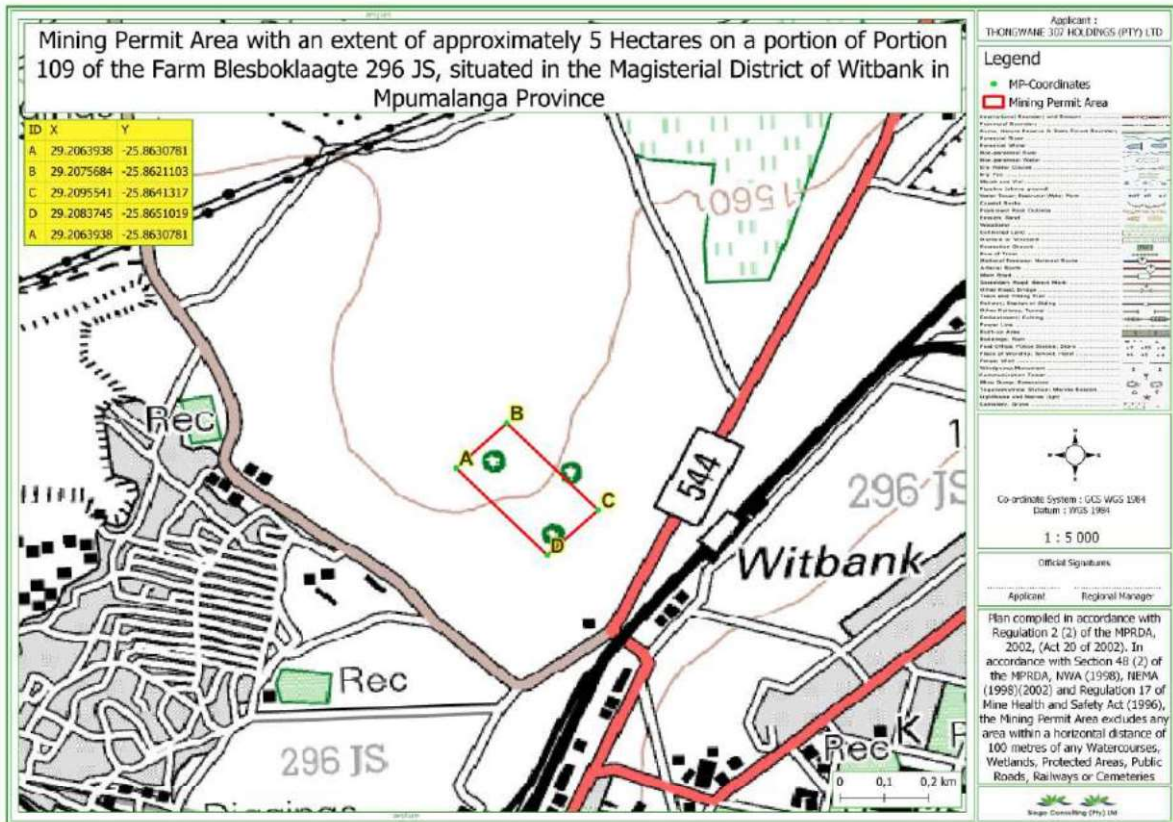


Figure 1: Regulation 2.2 map of the proposed project area (29.2063938-25.8630781)

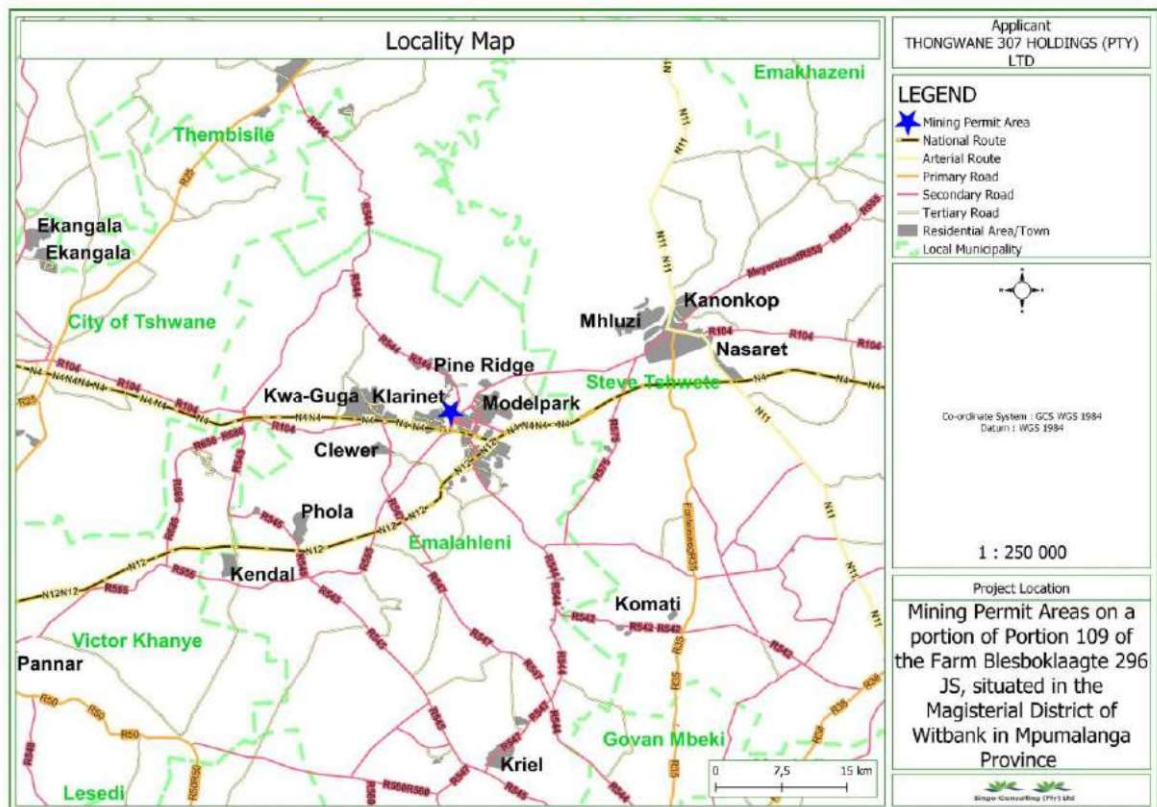


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**REGISTRATION & COMMENT SHEET**

**Mining Permit Application on portion of portion 109 of the Farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS  
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# BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

<b>Application:</b>	<b>Prepared by:</b>	<b>Prepared for:</b>
Mining Permit on a portion of portion 78 of the farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS	 Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd	<b>Wakwa Ndlondlo</b>
<b>Magisterial District:</b>	<b>Emalaheni</b>	

## INTRODUCTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an independent Environmental Consultant by **Wakwa Ndlondlo** to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Compile an Environmental Management Programme report (EMPr) and undertake Public Participation Process (PPP). This is done for processes of acquiring Environmental Authorization for the proposed Mining Permit Application within **portion of portion 78 of the Farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS, under the Magisterial District of Emalaheni, Mpumalanga Province. (DMRE Ref: MP 30/5/1/1/3/ (13070) MP)**

The Purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide a perfunctory description of the project and outline EIA processes to be followed and contributions from Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) on the issues related to the project in question, allowing comments and concerns to be raised.

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This Background Information Document therefore requests and invite I&APs to comment on the environmental, physical, Social and economic impacts associated with the proposed Mining Activities. Be assured that your comments are of great value as they ensure that relevant issues are taken into consideration. Attached at the end of this document is a registration form, kindly complete it and send it back to **Mr Mathako Khodani** through given means of communication also attached there.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Mining Permit Application has been submitted for the extraction of **Coal** resources on the property mentioned above. The Mining Permit area is situated within Witbank and approximately 0.63 km South-west of Khaya Bricks and Sand, and about 1.47 km North-east of Truck Strippers.

Mining activities will be undertaken over a period of two (2) years. This project will entail an open cast method of excavation. The mine design will be developed according to the dimension of the applied mineral deposit within the project area, but overall mining activities will be limited to an area of 5 Ha as per mining permit requirements. The topsoil will be stockpiled elsewhere on site preferably next to the farm boundary and will be used during rehabilitation period. Once a box cut has been made, the overburden and mineral resources where necessary will be loosened by blasting. The loosened material will then be loaded onto trucks by excavators. A haul road will be situated at the side of the open cast, forming a ramp up which trucks can drive, carrying ore and waste rock. Waste rock will be piled up at the surface, near the edge of the open cast (waste dump). The waste dump will be tiered and stepped, to minimize degradation. All the activities will be guided by the project's EMPr such that the project does not impact

## REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

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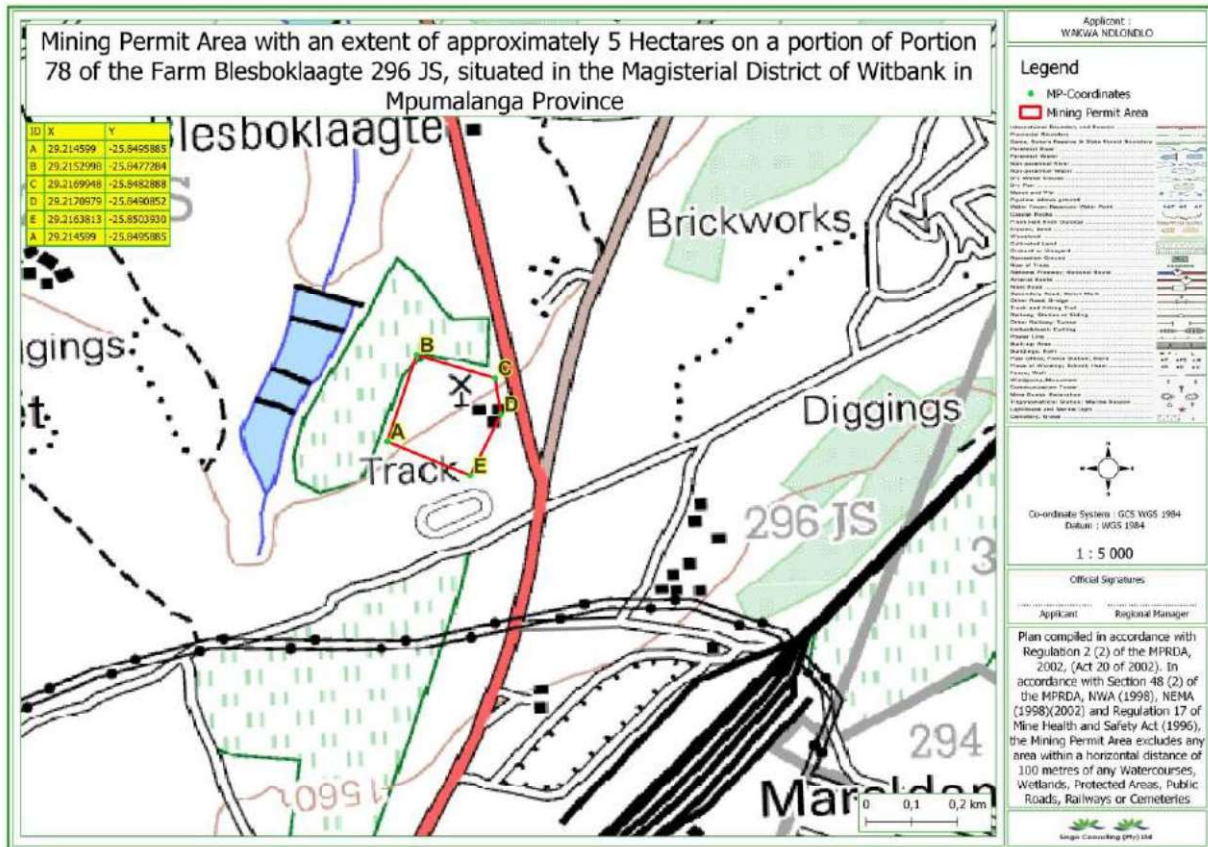


Figure 1: Regulation 2.2 map of the proposed project area (29.2063938-25.8630781)

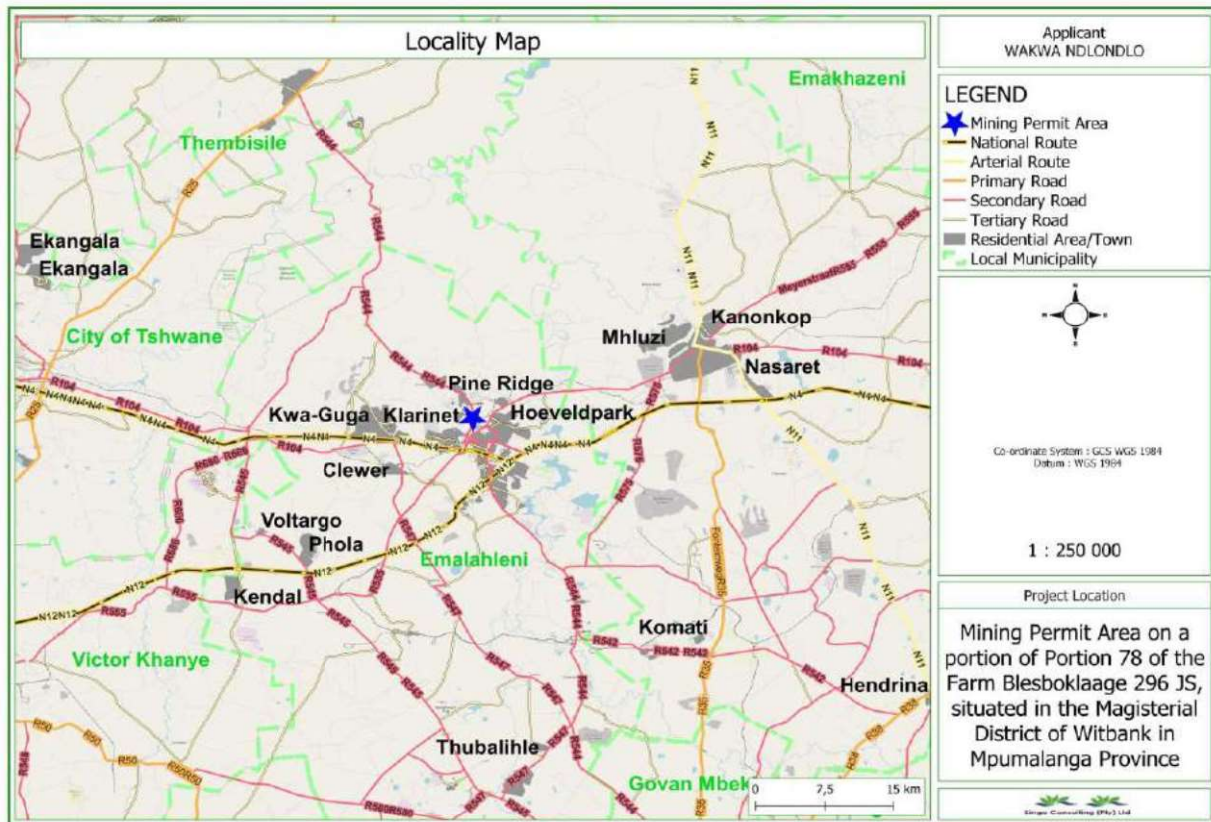


Figure 2: Locality map of the proposed project area

## **BASIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESSES**

These are planning and decision-making tools used in identifying potential environmental, economic and social consequences of a proposed activity prior the commencement of the activity.

These together with the public issues and concerns are to be identified sufficiently early so that they can be assessed and incorporated into the final reports when/if necessary.

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**Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd** has been appointed as an independent Environmental Consultant by **Xoladani Siphwiwudumo (Pty) Ltd** to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), compile an Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPr) and undertake a Public Participation Process (PPP) for the Mining Permit Application. **Xoladani Siphwiwudumo (Pty) Ltd** has lodged an application for Mining Permit with **(DMRE Ref: MP 30/5/1/1/3/ (13068) MP)** for the purpose of establishing a **Coal** mining operation on a **Portion of Portion 13 of the Farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS**, under the Magisterial District of **Emalahleni, Mpumalanga Province**.

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) (Act 28 of 2002) and EIA regulations 2014, published under Government Notice No. 982 in Gazette No. 3822 of 8 December 2014, amended on 7 April 2017, that **Xoladani Siphwiwudumo (Pty) Ltd** has applied for Mining Permit Application for the above-mentioned mineral.

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# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed activity is on Portion of Portion 13 of the Farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS, under the Magisterial District of Emalahleni, Mpumalanga Province. Approximately 5.64 km East of Kwa-Guqa & about 6.65 km West of Emalahleni

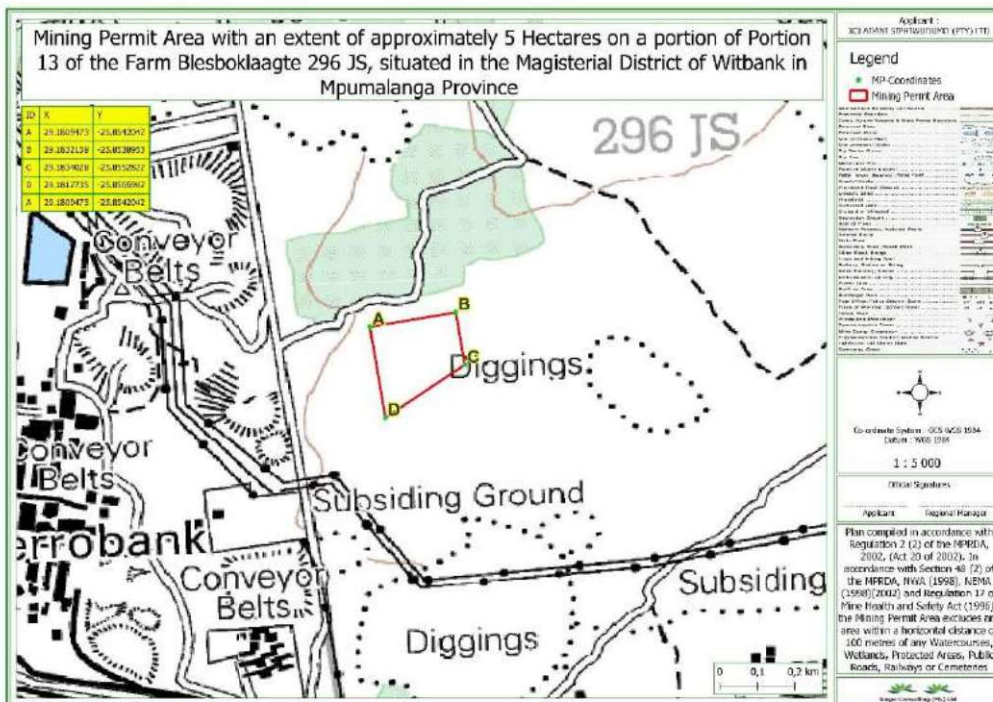
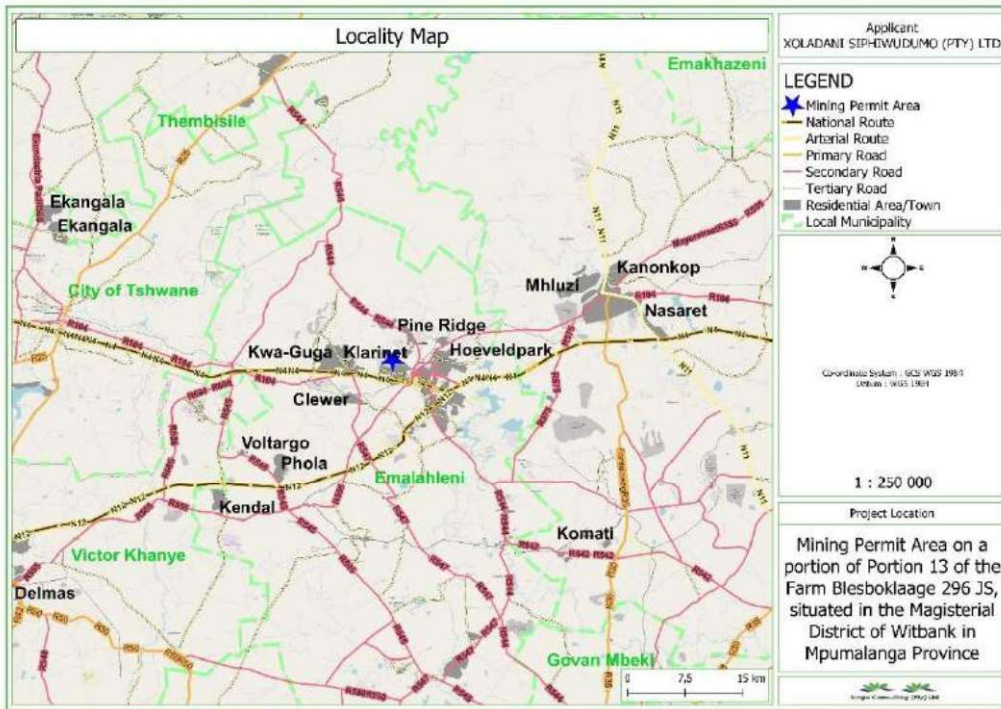


Figure 1: Locality Map & Reg 2.2

## Type of Activity

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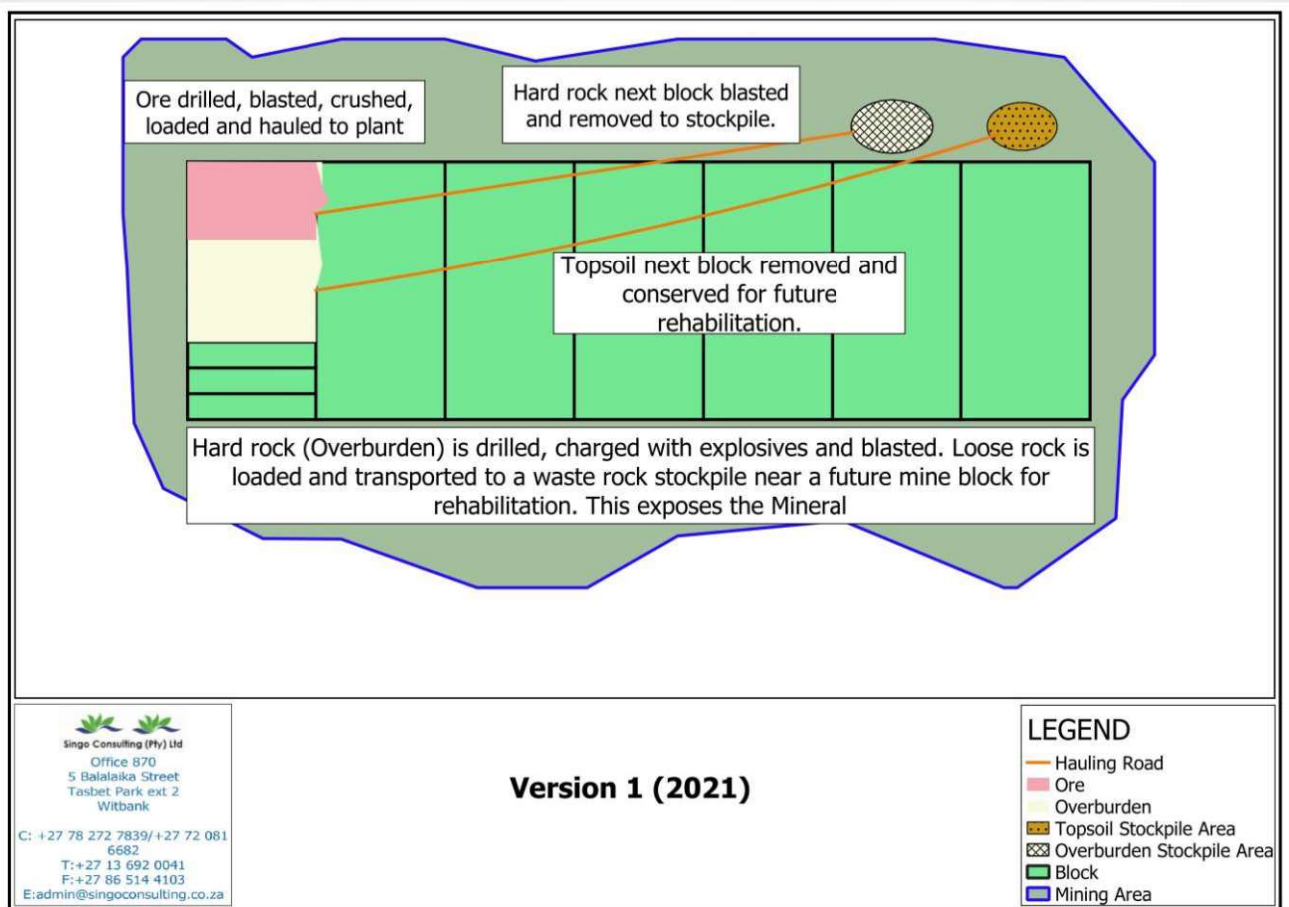


Figure 1: Typical Example mine development



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**Registration as Interested & Affected Party:** As part of the EIA process, more especially the Public Participation Process (PPP) for this proposed mining permit project, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register and kindly submit any comments or concerns to reach **Mr Netshiavha Owen** by not later than the **20 May 2022** on the contact details provided below. The public is also invited to review and comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) and Environmental Management Programme report (EMPr). The Draft BAR & EMPr will be available for review for 30 days' calendar period from **Saturday the 21th of May 2022 until Sunday the 20th of June 2022**. The Draft BAR & EMPr will be available at **Klarinet Public Library** and a soft copy upon request from Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd using the detailed EAP's contact's below, via emails; Dropbox link; Google drive; WeTransfer, etc.

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