

Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd
Registration Number: 1992/005927/07
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MDEDET Ref: 17/2/3 GS-126
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DWA Ref: To be allocated

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party:

Notice of application for Environmental Authorisation, Waste Management Licence and Integrated Water Use Licence

Notice is hereby given that applications in terms of the EIA Regulations 2010, Section 24 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA), Section 45 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act 59 of 2008) (NEMWA) and Section 40 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA) has been lodged with Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET), Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) and Department of Water Affairs (DWA) respectively. The activities to be undertaken requires applications subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process as required by Section 4 of GN R718 and Sections 26 to 35 of GN R 543 of the EIA regulations.

Applicant: Mashala Hendrina Coal (Pty) Ltd

Project Name: De Wittekrans Coal Mine

Project Location: The proposed project is situated on the western side of the N11 between the towns of Ermelo (40 km north-northwest) and Hendrina (15 km south-southeast) within the Msukaligwa and Steve Tshwete Local Municipalities, which fall under the Gert Sibande District Municipality of the Mpumalanga Province. It is situated within the Olifants Water Management Area in the B12A quaternary drainage region with the Klein-Olifants River transecting the site.

Proposed Activity: Mashala Hendrina Coal holds a current prospecting right and has applied for a mining right in respect of coal reserves on the farm De Wittekrans 218 IS, Groblershoek 191 IS, Groblershoop 192 IS, Israel 207 IS and Tweefontein 203 IS. The proposed mining methods to be used are opencast mining, making use of the roll-over method and the bord and pillar mining method for the underground sections. Included in the infrastructure to be constructed is a service water treatment plant, sewage treatment plant, coal beneficiation plant, co-disposal facility, mine water storage dams and waste storage areas.

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Activities Applied for:

- EIA Regulations Listing Notice 1 (GN R544 of 2010): Activities No 9, 11, 13, 22, 39;
- EIA Regulations Listing Notice 2 (GN R545 of 2010): Activities No 8, 10, 15, 19, 20;
- Waste management activities Category A (GN718 of 2009): Activities No 2, 4 and 18;
- Waste management activities Category B (GN718 of 2009): Activities No 1, 7 and 11; and
- Water uses in terms of Section 21 of NWA: 21(a), 21(b), 21(c), (f), (g), (i) and (j).

EIA and Public Participation Process:

Geo Soil and Water CC (GSW) has been appointed as an independent environmental assessment practitioner, to co-ordinate, manage and compile the relevant environmental impact and management reports, as well as to facilitate the relevant public participation process related to the proposed project in terms of the NEMA, NEM:WA and NWA. The study will be undertaken in two phases namely Scoping phase and Impact Assessment phase and will include a Public Participation Process in compliance with GN R807 of 2012. The Public Participation Process will seek to identify and involve stakeholders in the environmental studies.

Should you wish to be registered as a stakeholder, receive further information on the proposed project and/or raise issues of concern with regard to the proposed development, please contact Ms. Nobuhle Hughes at Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd. (EIMS) on the contact details below. All registered interested and affected parties (IAPs) will be notified of the availability of the Scoping Report and Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report once available for review and comment.

Contact Details:

- Contact person: Nobuhle Hughes
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Note: In order to receive the relevant information on time, please register as I&AP by writing to us via e-mail or post on or before the 25th March 2013.

Sincerely,

Nobuhle Hughes