

Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd  
Registration Number: 92/05927/07  
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EIMS Ref: 1102/EC/kn

Dear Key Interested and Affected Party:

**NOTIFICATION REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ON VARIOUS FARMS WITHIN THE BOTHAVILLE DISTRICT (LEJWELEPUTSWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY), IN THE FREE STATE PROVINCE.**

On behalf of our client **White Rivers Exploration Pty Ltd:**

Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) has been appointed by White Rivers Exploration (Pty) Ltd to assist in preparing and submitting a Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and undertaking a Public Participation Process (PPP), in support of an application for a Prospecting Right without bulk sampling and Environmental Authorisation. You have been identified as a potential Interested and Affected Party (I&AP). The prospecting right application will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002, as amended) (MPRDA) and the associated regulations and the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) and the associated regulations and has been lodged at the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) – Free State.

White Rivers Exploration (Pty) Ltd has applied for a prospecting right that will enable them to ascertain if economically viable mineral deposits of Ore (Silver Ore, Gold Ore, Copper Ore, Iron Ore, Manganese Ore, Molybdenum Ore, Nickel Ore, Ore, Tungsten Ore, Zinc Ore), Diamond (Alluvial), Cobalt, Coal, Lead, Platinum Group Metals, Rare Earths, Sulphur and Uranium exist within the area applied for. Due to the availability of historical geological data, only non-invasive prospecting techniques will be utilized. There will therefore be no requirement for access to the farms within the application area and as such no physical disturbance to the area shall occur. Non-invasive prospecting techniques to be employed during the prospecting activities include data capturing, digitization and synthesis of historical data, development of 3 dimensional (geological) models, resampling of historical cores, and resource estimation.

The application area is approximately 9703.3043 ha in extent. The proposed prospecting area is situated immediately adjacent to the town Bothaville and approximately 40 km north of Welkom in the Bothaville District of the Free State Province and includes the following farm portions;

- Portions RE, RE of 1, 2, RE of 3 of 1, 5 of 3, 8, 14, 15 of the farm De Bank 407;
- Portions RE, 1 and RE of 2 of the farm Doornhoek 514;

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- Portions RE, 1 and 2 of the farm Eenzaamheid 94;
- Portions RE and 1 of the farm Goedgevonden 1160;
- Portions RE and 1 of the farm Wolvedoorns 4861;
- Portions RE and 1 of the farm Enkeldoorn 605;
- Portion RE of the farms Kameelvlëij 479, Mooihoek 60 and Verdrietput 174; and
- Farms Boschrand 361, De Brug 897, Karoodam 1188, Kwaggadrif 898, Morester 1175, Saxony 870, Skaapkraal 899, and Vreugde 98.

The application for a prospecting right and environmental authorisation process will be carried out as stipulated in Section 16 of the MPRDA and Chapter 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (GNR 982) promulgated under the NEMA. A public notification and involvement process is being carried out as part of the process.

This notice is in accordance with clause 16 of the MPRDA and Chapter 6 of GNR 982 of the NEMA, which requests that White Rivers Exploration (Pty) Ltd notify in writing and consult with the land owner or lawful occupier and any other affected party. The results of the consultation will be included in the BAR submission in order for the DMR to adjudicate on the application.

Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) are provided a period of 42 days to register and comment on the proposed activity and application. The draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will be available during this period on the EIMS website ([www.eims.co.za](http://www.eims.co.za)) from the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2015 to the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 for review and comment. Should you wish to register as an I&AP for this project, please submit your name, contact details and any comments, concerns or objections you may have regarding the project in writing or telephonically, to Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS), by no later than the **15<sup>th</sup> of December 2015 (Contact details are provided at the end of this letter)**. Please include the project reference number in all correspondence.

Please note that only registered I&AP's will be informed of any project information post the registration phase. Comments will be included in the final BAR, to be submitted to the DMR at the end of the process. Please include comments, concerns and suggestions that you believe need to be addressed in the BAR to be submitted and considered by the DMR. Should you have any comments or concerns you can fill out the attached questionnaire and return it to EIMS or submit your comments in writing or telephonically to EIMS.

Any queries, comments, or concerns with regards to this application can be directed to EIMS at:

- Contact person: Kelly Nesbitt
- E-mail: [oribi@eims.co.za](mailto:oribi@eims.co.za)
- Fax: 011 787 3059
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Any comments or concerns regarding this application can also be directed to the DMR (and a copy sent to EIMS) at:

- Attention: Mine Environmental Management Directorate DMR - Free State
- Enquiries: Ms. R.R. Ramaboea
- Fax: 057 357 6603
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Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any queries or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kelly Nesbitt