

16 August 2023

Our ref: 1439/SK/jw

To whom it may concern

Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP):

**NOTIFICATION: ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT 107 OF 1998): ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS (2014) FOR THE PROPOSED HARMONY FREE STATE SOUTH 6 (FSS6) RECLAMATION PIPELINE, IN THE MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA.**

Notice is given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (Government Notice R982 as amended, promulgated under the National Environmental Management (Act 107 of 1998-NEMA), that the above-mentioned project was granted an Environmental Authorisation on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 by the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE).

The reasons for the decision provided by the competent authority are provided as an attachment hereto. A copy of the decision and Environmental Authorisation (EA) is available upon request from EIMS at the details provided below:

- Contact Person: Jolene Webber
- EIMS Reference Number: 1439
- Postal Address: P.O. Box 2083; Pinegowrie; 2123
- Telephone: (011) 789 7170/ Fax: (086) 571 9047
- E-mail: [Saaiplaas@eims.co.za](mailto:Saaiplaas@eims.co.za)

Please include the project reference number 1439 in all correspondence.

Should you wish to Appeal any aspect of the decision, an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations of 2014 (Government Notice R993) within 20 calendar days<sup>1</sup> of the date of this notification and must be submitted in writing in the prescribed appeal form obtainable from the relevant appeal administrator.

An extract from Chapter 2 of the National Appeals Regulations is presented below for your convenience:

*4(1) An appellant must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party<sup>2</sup> and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from:*

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<sup>1</sup> When a period of days must in terms of these Regulations be reckoned from or after a particular day, that period must be reckoned as from the start of the day following that particular day to the end of the last day of the period. If the last day of the period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, that period must be extended to the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday. The period of 15 December to 5 January, as well as any public holidays must be excluded in the reckoning of days.

<sup>2</sup> Please note that as a registered I&AP, and in accordance with our Privacy Policy, your contact information as contained within the I&AP database will be made available to any appellant on request for the purposes of complying with Regulation 4(1) of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014 (GNR 993).

- a) *the date that the notification of the decision for an application for an environmental authorisation or a waste management licence was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or*
- b) *the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the competent authority, issuing authority or licensing authority, in the case of decisions other than those referred to in paragraph (a).*

4(2) *An appeal submission must be:*

- a) *submitted in writing **in the form obtainable from the appeal administrator**; and*
- b) *accompanied by-*
  - i. *a statement setting out the grounds of appeal;*
  - ii. *supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal submission; and*
  - iii. *a statement, including supporting documentation, by the appellant to confirm compliance with regulation 4(1) of these Regulations.*

An appeal, including any supporting documentation, must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Administrator whose contact details are presented below:

Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment

Attention: Directorate Appeals and legal Review

Email: [appeals@dfre.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dfre.gov.za)

Tel: (012) 399 9356

By post: Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001

By hand: Environment House, (473 Steve Biko) Corner Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083

A copy of the lodged appeal must be submitted to:

Department of Mineral Resources and Energy

Attention: Regional Manager: Free State Region

By facsimile: 057 357 6003

Email: [mamokete.mpatane@dmre.gov.za](mailto:mamokete.mpatane@dmre.gov.za)

By post: Private Bag X33, Welkom, 9460

By hand: The Strip Building, 314 Stateway Street, Welkom, 9459

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind Regards,

Jolene Webber