

8 July 2020

Project Reference No: COP6147

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY PROCESS REQUIRED FOR THE PROPOSED  
SAND MINING PROJECT NEAR SASOLBURG, FREE STATE PROVINCE,  
FS30/5/1/3/2/10308MP.

Dear Stakeholder,

## 1 Introduction

Copper Sunset Sand (Pty) Ltd (Copper Sunset) intends to apply for a Mining Permit in terms of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA). The proposed 5 hectares (ha) area for the mining of sand exists within the existing New Vaal Colliery mining area (New Vaal Life Extension Project). The Project is located in the northern part of the Free State Province, approximately 2.8 km south of the town Vereeniging. The project area falls under the Metsimahalo Local Municipality (MLM).

## 2 Environmental Authorisation Process

Copper Sunset appointed Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) to independently facilitate the environmental applications relevant to the proposed Project. Copper Sunset intends to apply for a Mining Permit through completing a Mining Permit Application in terms of Section 27 of the MPRDA. The proposed project triggers Listed Activities of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (GN R 982 of 4 December 2014 as amended by GN R 326 of 7 April 2017) promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA). The project triggers Activity 21 of Listing Notice 1, and therefore requires a Basic Assessment (BA) process to be undertaken and approval received prior to the commencement of mining activities. This process requires a comprehensive public consultation process.

## 3 Background Information

The proposed project falls within an existing MRA of the New Vaal Colliery, which is owned by Seriti Resources. It is proposed that Copper Sunset will mine the 5 ha of sand through a Mining Permit. If still feasible thereafter, Copper Sunset proposes to apply for a Mining Right to mine an additional 9.2 ha to extract the remaining sand. This however will form part of a separate Environmental Authorisation process to be conducted should the Mining Permit be approved.

## 4 Public Participation Process

The national South African Regulatory Framework requires a Public Participation Process (PPP) to be undertaken as part of an Environmental Authorisation application. A PPP involves notifying stakeholders of the proposed Project and providing Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with enough information to enable effective engagement.

To satisfy the requirements of Regulations 40 through 44 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), this notification letter serves to inform you as a potential I&AP of the proposed Project, the associated Environmental Authorisation process and the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) for public review.

The draft Basic Assessment will be available for public comment for 30 days on the Digby Wells website from the **08 July 2020 to 08 August 2020**.

**Due to the COVID-19 national lock down, the draft BAR has been released electronically. To access the report (free of charge/ data-free); please click on the following link <http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/> or copy the link to your URL or visit our website.**

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Please complete and return the attached registration and comment form to Digby Wells if you wish to register as a stakeholder, as well as indicate your interest in receiving further information regarding the Environmental Authorisation process. Your comments and feedback are highly valued.

You may direct any queries via the following contact details:

**Telephone:** 011 789 9495  
**Postal Address:** Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125  
**Email Address:** [sh@digbywells.com](mailto:sh@digbywells.com)

*Yours sincerely,*



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**REGISTRATION AND COMMENT FORM**

**July 2020**

*Registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be informed of ongoing developments via their preferred means of communication (SMS, email, post or fax). The reports will be made available via the Digby Wells website [www.digbywells.com](http://www.digbywells.com) (under Public Documents) and public places presented above. Comments raised by stakeholders will assist in informed decision-making for authorities and provides information to be considered by the project team and specialists conducting the Environmental Assessment Process. Please register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and provide comments by sending this form, or other written correspondence, to the contact details provided below:*

**Ms. Modiegi Monaedi** of Digby Wells Environmental Stakeholder Engagement Office:

**Fax:** (011) 789 9498, **Telephone:** (011) 789 9495, **Postal Address:** Private Bag X10046,  
Randburg, 2125

**Email:** [sh@digbywells.com](mailto:sh@digbywells.com)

Please formally register me as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)	Yes		No	
I would like to receive my notifications by	Email	SMS	Post	Fax

**Please indicate which sector you represent and also provide a name**

Government Department	
Municipality	
Community	
Non-Government Organisation	
Business	

Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2014, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, as amended, Section 44 (1) requires that we *gather comments* from I&APs. Please complete the questions below. Should you require assistance in completing these

<b>If you are a <i>landowner or land occupier</i>, please indicate which farm(s) and portion(s) you reside on</b>			
Landowner			
Land occupier			
<b>Please fill in your contact details below for the project database</b>			
Title, Full Name			
Designation			
Cell phone		Fax	Tel
Email			
Postal Address			

questions please contact the Stakeholder Engagement Office at contact information provided above.

<b>How do you think the project might impact (affect) you?</b>
<b>How do you think the project might impact (affect) your socio-economic conditions? (e.g. livelihoods, farm, business, household)</b>



**How can these impacts be managed, avoided and / or fixed?**


**If you are a landowner or occupier, what is your land currently being used for?**


**Are there any environmental, social or heritage features on the proposed project area we need to be aware of?**


**Where are these found?**


**Do you think the project could impact (affect) infrastructure you might have? (e.g. houses, buildings, roads)**


**If so how can these impacts (affects) be managed, avoided or fixed?**

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**General Comments**


If there are any other stakeholders, we should include onto the stakeholder database for the proposed project, please provide their contact details.

Title, Full Name		Title, Full Name	
Organisation		Organisation	
Cellphone		Cellphone	
Email		Email	

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_



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