

6 November 2012

Dear Regulatory Authority

**NOTIFICATION OF THE INTENTION OF LEHATING MINING (PTY) (LTD) TO SUBMIT AN EIA  
APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED LEHATING MINE**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Lehating Mining (Pty) Ltd (Lehating) proposes to develop a new underground manganese mining operation near Hotazel in the Joe Morolong Local Municipality, located in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality, in the Northern Cape Province. The proposed mining operations will be located on Portion 1 of the farm Lehating 741 and access to the project area will be through Portion 2 of the farm Wessels 227. The proposed activities identified at this stage include the proposed underground mining operation, the establishment of related surface infrastructure and access roads. Additional project related details are provided in the attached Background Information Document (BID).

In this regard, the following NEMA listed activities could be triggered:

- **Regulation 544 (Listing Notice 1):**
  - **1** (construction of facilities for the generation of electricity);
  - **10** (construction of facilities for the transmission and distribution of electricity);
  - **11** (construction of bridges);
  - **12** (construction of facilities for off-stream storage of water);
  - **13** (construction of facilities for the storage, and/or handling of a dangerous good);
  - **18** (infilling or depositing of any material into a watercourse);
  - **22** (construction of a road); and
  - **26** (any process or activity identified in terms of Section 53(1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004).
- **Regulation 545 (Listing Notice 2):**
  - **5** (construction of facilities for any process or activity which requires a permit or license in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008);
  - **15** (physical alteration of undeveloped vacant or derelict land); and
  - **19** (construction of a dam)

- **Regulation 546 (Listing Notice 3):**
  - **2** (construction of reservoirs for bulk water);
  - **3** (construction of masts or towers);
  - **4** (construction of a road);
  - **9** (construction of above ground cableways);
  - **10** (construction of facilities for the storage, and/or handling of a dangerous good);
  - **14** (vegetation clearance of an area of 5 hectares or more); and
  - **16** (construction of infrastructure within a watercourse).

NEM:WA listed activities that could also be triggered include:

- Category A:
  - **1** (The temporary storage of general waste); and
  - **2** (The temporary storage of hazardous waste)
- Category B:
  - **7** (The treatment of effluent, waste water or sewage); and
  - **11** (The construction of facilities for activities listed in Category B).

The project will incorporate various water uses that will be associated with the proposed mine development. These potential activities will be refined further during the EIA process and included in the Water Use License Application accordingly.

## **2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

Prior to the commencement of the proposed project, environmental authorisation is required. The following Acts: are applicable:

- Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 28 of 2002 (MPRDA).
- National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA).
- National Water Act, 36 of 1998.

The proposed project may also require a waste licence under the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 59 of 2008 (NEMWA).

SLR Consulting (Africa) (Pty) Ltd (SLR), an independent firm of environmental consultants, has been appointed to manage the environmental impact assessment process.

As part of the EIA process, a public involvement process is being undertaken.

In accordance with Regulation 15 of the EIA Regulations, 2010 (Government Notice No. R.543 of 18 June 2010), Lehating is required to provide notification to the registered landowner on whose property the proposed activity is to be undertaken, adjacent landowners, land users, Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs), ward councillors, local and district municipality officials and regulatory authorities. This letter therefore

serves as a written notice to you, the regulatory authority, indicating the intention of Lehating to undertake the proposed project on the above-mentioned portions of land.

You are invited to attend the regulatory authority scoping meeting which has been arranged for the project, as outlined below. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the proposed project and environmental assessment process.

**Date: Tuesday 27 November 2012**

**Time: 10:00**

**Venue: Hotazel Recreation Club**

Please contact the people listed above should you need directions to the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, and wish to be involved in the EIA process via correspondence, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter in writing to the contact person(s) given above within 21 days of publication of this advertisement and/or at the public scoping meeting to ensure that you are identified as an interested and/or affected party (IAP).

If you have any initial comments, we request that you submit them to SLR in writing or at the meeting.

Should you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Kind regards

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