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ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MINING ACTIVITIES IN  
RESPECT OF THE FARMS GROBLERSRECHT 175 IS, MOOIPLAARS 165 IS,  
TWEEFONTEIN 203 IS, VAALWATER 173 IS, WELTEVREDEN 174 IS,  
NOOITGEDACHT 493 IS, LEEUWPAN 494 IS, SCHOONOORD 164 IS,  
VLAKFONTEIN 166 IS, VRYPLAATS 163 LQ, HELPMAKAAR 168 IS, OP GOEDEN  
HOOP 205 IS AND KLIPFONTEIN 495 IS, SITUATED WITHIN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF  
NKANGALA, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment received by the  
Department on 12 March 2021 refer.

1. The Department has evaluated the submitted SR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact  
Assessment dated 12 March 2021 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum  
requirements of Appendix 2(2) of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (as amended)  
(NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014. The SR is hereby accepted by  
the Department in terms of regulation 22(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.

2. You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks  
contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the

NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended and include applicable waste listed activity as per GNR.921 in terms of National Environmental Management: Waste Act, Act 59 of 2008.

3. It should be noted that the Department requires the following to be undertaken and form part of the final EIR and EMPr to be submitted.
  - a) All the activities to be undertaken on site must be described and the impacts that they will have on the physical, biological, social, economic, and cultural aspects of the environment must be assessed
  - b) A description of the impact management objectives, including management statements identifying the impacts and risks that need to be avoided, managed and mitigated as identified through the environmental impact assessment process for all of phases of the development and the method of monitoring of the implementation of the impact management actions.
  - c) Feasible and reasonable alternatives based on the different types/categories of alternatives must be identified and assessed, so that the Department can be able to make an informed decision.
  - d) Public Participation Process must be transparent, and all comments received during the process must be incorporated into the comments and response report of the final Environmental Impact Report.
  - e) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof of the attempts that were made to obtain comments should be submitted to the Department
  - f) All comments from interested and affected parties must be adequately addressed in the final Environmental Impact Report.
  - g) For linear activities such as roads and pipelines, a description of the co-ordinates of the corridor in which the proposed activities are to be undertaken. The impacts of these linear activities must be thoroughly assessed.
  - h) A motivation for the need and desirability on the proposed mining activities must be included
4. The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 with regards to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.
5. Please ensure that the EIR includes the A3 size locality maps of the area and illustrates the exact location of the proposed development. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:
  - Maps are relatable to one another.

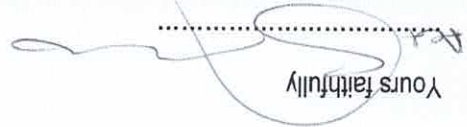
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DATE 30/04/2021

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Yours faithfully

6. You are requested to submit two (2) hard copies of the EIA/ and EMP/ and at least one electronic copy (CD/DVD) of the complete EIA/ and EMP/ to this Regional Office.
7. Your attention is brought to Section 24F of the NEMA which stipulates "that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority".

- Co-ordinates.
- Legible legends.
- Indicate alternatives and
- Scale