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COPPER SUNSET SAND (PTY) LTD

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY PROCESS REQUIRED FOR THE PROPOSED SAND MINING PROJECT NEAR SASOLBURG, FREE STATE PROVINCE

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).

Environmental Application and Closure Process

Copper Sunset appointed Digby Wells to independently facilitate the Environmental Authorisation Process required for the Mining Permit Application. Copper Sunset intends to apply for:

- A Mining Permit in accordance with Section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA).
- Environmental Authorisation for Listed Activities as per 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 triggered Activity 21 of Listing Notice 1 (GN R 983 of 4 December 2014), which thus requires a Basic Assessment (BA) process to be undertaken.

Public Participation Process

Stakeholders affected by or interested in the Environmental Authorisation Process are invited to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) to ensure continuous involvement in the consultation process. Comments and or questions can be addressed to the Digby Wells Stakeholder Engagement Office using the information as provided below. 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 www.digbywells.com.

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