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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (EMPR) FOR SOUTH COAST STONE CRUSHERS, MARGATE, KWAZULU-NATAL



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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

South Coast Stone Crushers (Pty) Ltd. (SCSC) operates a quarry approximately 4.5 km north of Margate KwaZulu-Natal. The Margate Quarry is located on Lots 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000 and 2001 of Uvongo within Ugu District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal. Access to the site is obtained from Quarry road with the surrounding landuse being characterised by small to medium size industries, industrial parks, canelands, banana plantations, two nature reserves and an informal settlement.

The quarry has been operational for over 45 years and is a main supplier of aggregates to the manufacturing and road construction industries along the southern coast of KwaZulu-Natal. The Quarry is an open cast operation and is used to mine blue-grey tillite which is washed and crushed to form aggregates. The site consists of the quarry site itself, site offices, the crushing plant and a batching plant.



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SCSC has an approved Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPR), since the EMPR was last revised in 2000 the information is outdated and therefore the existing EMPR needs to be revised. SCSC is also proposing to extend the existing mining area by an additional 13 hectares in an effort to align the benches.

SCSC is in the process of lodging an application for the revision and amendment to the quarry's existing EMPR in terms of Section 102 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA) with the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Mineral Resources (DMR).

SRK Consulting South Africa (Pty) Ltd. (SRK) has been appointed by SCSC to compile the relevant documentation for the revision and amendment to the existing EMPR.

The purpose of this document is to provide Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with:

- Information on the mining process and potential impacts;
- Information on the proposed extension of the existing mining area; and
- An opportunity to provide input into the identification of potential issues and concerns relating to the proposed extension. I&APs are encouraged to register as stakeholders or submit their comments on the proposed project by the 05 December 2014 as per details provided at the end of this document.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The following provides a brief synopsis of the legislation and its applicability on the Amendment

Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA)

A Section 102 application will be lodged with the DMR for the amendment to the existing EMPR.

The amended EMPR will include an assessment of the possible impacts associated with the proposed extended mining area. The EMPR will detail the mitigation measures for the identified impacts.

All documents will be made available to the public for review, once the Draft EMPR has been drafted and submitted to the authorities.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT DURING AMENDMENT PROCESS

Stakeholders are invited to register their interest in the EMPR revision and amendment application process and are requested to submit comments on the BID and EMPR documents. To register as an I&AP please complete the register and comment sheet below.

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Please complete and submit your comments to the Stakeholder Engagement Contact Person by the 5 th December 2014								
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