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DMR Ref. No.: WC30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (162 and 163) EM

Dear Stakeholder

Notification of Refusal of Environmental Authorisation for the Proposed Extension of Tormin Mine, West Coast, South Africa

Mineral Sands Resources (Pty) Ltd (MSR) is applying for authorisation of the proposed extension of Tormin Mine, near Koekenaap on the West Coast. MSR appointed SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (SRK) to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR, also referred to as an Environmental Impact Assessment [EIA]) process required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA). On 12 June 2017, the Final Scoping Report was submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR).

Notice is hereby given that in a letter dated and issued on 22 November 2017, and in terms of the:

- NEMA;
- National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008 (NEM:WA); and
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014,

the DMR refused the Integrated Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the proposed extension of Tormin Mine. The reasons for the decision are set out in Annexure 1 of DMR's decision attached to this letter.

In terms of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014, any person wishing to appeal against the decision must, within 20 days of the date of the notification of the decision, submit an appeal on the prescribed form and in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Appeal Regulations to the Department of Environmental Affairs (see below), and also submit copies of the appeal to the DMR, the applicant (MSR) and all registered Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs).

The appeal must be submitted to:

Department of Environmental Affairs: Appeals and Legal Review Directorate

Attention: Directorate Appeals and Legal Review

Email: appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za

Post: Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001

By Hand: Environment House, c/o Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Roads, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083

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1. Department of Mineral Resources

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Fax: (021) 427 1046

Post: Private Bag X09, Roggebaai, 8012

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Attention: MSR – Sibonelo Mkhize

Email: sibonelo@mineralcommodities.com

Fax: (021) 525 1902

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An appellant can obtain the contact details of registered IAPs from jedutoit@srk.co.za or smasson@srk.co.za.

Should you require further information, please contact Scott Masson of SRK at smasson@srk.co.za; Postnet Suite #206, Private Bag X18, Rondebosch, 7701; Fax: 086 530 7003; Tel: (021) 659 3060.

Yours faithfully,

SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd

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The image shows the SRK Consulting logo, which consists of a stylized orange 'V' shape followed by the text 'srk consulting' in a sans-serif font. Below the logo is a handwritten signature in black ink. To the left of the signature, there is a small text block containing identification numbers and a disclaimer.

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Attachments:

DMR's Decision dated 22 November 2017