

Motivation for not investigating Alternatives

Preferred site: The applicant has applied for a prospecting right for 1 890.1891ha and is intending on prospecting the proposed areas in a sustainable manner. Manganese ore and iron ore is one of the most common mineral on the surrounding area and farms. No alternative site has been considered since the application area is a preferred site for this application.

There were no alternative sites which were considered during the application of the Prospecting Right. The reasons were that the identified 1891ha applied for in terms of Mineral and Petroleum Resource Act is the only targeted area for Prospecting activities and the department of mineral resources only issue a prospecting right to the area that the applicant applied for. It is in this areas were potential of the manganese ore and iron ore mineral has been identified. Therefore no alternative sites that offer a better practical and economic option than the one identified.