

NOTICE OF SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Notice is given of an application for Environmental authorization that was submitted to the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (DEDET), in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) governing environmental authorisation:

Name of property: Mooifontein 109 IT, Voorslag 274 IS, Sterkfontein 242 IS and Vlakfontein 108 IS

Project description: The development concept entails the mining of coal and the associated activities on the abovementioned property.

The application was submitted for the following activities in terms of the Government Notice R. 544 & R. 545, 2 August 2010:

Indicate the number and date of the relevant Government Notice:	Activity No (s) (in terms of the relevant notice) :	Describe each listed activity:
No. R. 544 of 18 June 2010	11	The construction of: (i) canals; (ii) channels; (iii) bridges; (iv) dams; (v) weirs; (vi) bulk storm water outlet structures; (vii) marinas; (viii) jetties exceeding 50 square metres in size; (ix) slipways exceeding 50 square metres in size; (x) buildings exceeding 50 square metres in size; or (xi) infrastructure or structures covering 50 square metres or more where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.
No. R. 544 of 18 June 2010	13	Storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 but not exceeding 500 cubic metres;
No. R. 544 of 18 June 2010	18	The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock from (i) a watercourse; (ii) the sea; (iii) the seashore; (iv) the littoral active zone, an estuary or a distance of 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater- but excluding where such infilling, depositing, dredging, excavation, removal or moving (i) is for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a management plan agreed to by the relevant environmental authority; or occurs behind the development setback line.
No. R. 544 of 18 June 2010	22	The construction of a road outside urban areas – (i) With a road reserve wider than 13,5 meters; or (ii) Where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 meters; or (iii) For which an environmental authorization was obtained for the route determination in terms of activity 5 in Government Notice 387 of 2006 or activity 18 I Notice 545 of 2010.
No. R. 544 of 18 June 2010	28	The expansion of existing facilities for any process or activity where such expansion will result in the need for a new, or amendment of, an existing permit or license in terms of national and provincial legislation governing the release of emissions or pollution, excluding where the facility, process or activity is included in the list of waste management activities published in terms of section 19 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008) in which case the Act will apply.
No. R. 545 of 18 June 2010	15	Physical alteration of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land for residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use where the total area to be transformed is 20 hectares or more.
No. R. 545 of 18 June 2010	20	Any activity which requires a mining right or renewal thereof as contemplated in sections 22 and 24 respectively of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002).

Application for an integrated water use license i.t.o. S.21 of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 to undertake the following activities:

- (a) taking water from a water resource;
- (b) storing water;
- (c) impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse;
- (i) altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse;
- (g) disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource

Extent: The study area is approximately 250 ha in extent.

Date: 28 February 2013

Ref No.: 17/2/3 GS-146

Name of the proponent: South African Coal Mine Holdings

Location: The proposed mine is situated on the farm Mooifontein 109 IT, Voorslag 274 IS, Sterkfontein 242 IS and Vlakfontein 108 IS, in Breyten, Mpumalanga Province.

Queries regarding this matter should be referred to:

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In order to ensure that you are identified as an interested and/or affected party, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter to the contact person given above before the 28 February 2013.