

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Basic Environmental Assessment and General Authorisation/Water Use Licence Application for the proposed Exxaro Belfast Resettlement Project, Emakhazeni Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province

Notice is given in terms of Section 54 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2014 (Government Notice No. R 983 and R 984 of 2014) read with the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (amended) with the intent of the following project:

Exxaro Coal Mpumalanga (Pty) Ltd is proposing to establish a resettlement village of approximately 9 hectares as part of their RAP for the Belfast mine on a site located north of the N4 freeway approximately 11.5 km from Belfast Town and 10 km east of the N4 & R33 interchange. The resettlement village proposed is only for the community members that is part of the Belfast RAP process. The proposed settlement is proposed on portion 13 of the farm Zoekop 426 JS, part of the remainder of the farm Paardeplaats 425 JS and portion 13 of the farm Leeuwbank 427 JS. The proposed area is situated in an undeveloped rural area with no existing water, sewerage, internal roads and storm water infrastructure.

The project requires authorisation from the Mpumalanga Department of Agricultural, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARLEA) via the Basic Assessment (BA) process. In terms of the National Water Act 36 of 1998, an application will also be submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation. Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to undertake both authorisation processes.

For more information, to raise any initial issues or concerns or register as an Interested and Affected Party, please contact Aurecon at the contact details provided below:

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