

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE SERITI COAL (PTY) LTD KRIEL COLLIERY BLOCK F WEST SECTION OPENCAST PROJECT
KENNISGEWING VAN DIE AANVANG VAN OPENBARE DEELNAMEPROSES VIR DIE SERITI COAL (EDMS) BPK. KRIEL STEENKOOPLYN BLOK F WES GEDEELTE OOPGROEF PROJEC
(DMR Mining Right number: no MP 30/5/1/2/2/236 MR)

In terms of the requirements of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no 107 of 1998) (NEMA), the Mineral and Petroleum Resource Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) (MPRDA), and the National Water Act, 1998 (Act no 36 of 1998) (NWA), as well as the Regulations and Guidelines thereunder, all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are encouraged and allowed the opportunity to participate in environmental governance.

Background: Seriti Coal's Kriel Colliery is an existing coal mining operation which is situated approximately 7 km South West of Ga Nala (Kriel) in the Mpumalanga Province (Emalahleni Local Municipality; Nkangala District Municipality). Seriti Coal is the holder to the approved Mining Right (ref no (MP 30/5/1/2/2/236 MR) on various farm portions. The current approved Environmental Management Programme (EMP) for Kriel Colliery allows for underground mining operations in their Block F Section (located on portions 2 and 4 of the farm Vlaklaagte 83 IS). However due to the coal depth in the western portion of the coal reserve, it is proposed that opencast operations would be more feasible for this section.

Applications: Seriti Coal will therefore be applying for authorisation in terms of Section 102 under the MPRDA for the amendment of the approved EMP. The application will also include an application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the requirements of the NEMA for a Scoping and Environmental Impact Report (S&EIR) process. Seriti Coal will also be applying to amend their approved Water Use Licence (WUL) in terms of the requirements of the NWA for Water Uses associated with the project. It is the purpose of these applications to amend the EMP and WUL to allow for the opencast operations in the Block F West section within the approved Kriel Colliery Mining Rights boundary.

Availability of the Draft Scoping Report for public comment: The Draft Scoping Report under the NEMA, as required by the MPRDA is available for public comment for a period of 30 days, from 13 November 2019 until 13 December 2019. Copies of the Draft Scoping Report will be made available for public review at:

- The reception at Kriel Colliery.
- The Kriel Public Library.
- An electronic copy of the document will be available at www.cleanstream.co.za.

Comments on the Scoping Report or proposed project:

A register and comment sheet will accompany the document at the public viewing stations. Please complete the register subsequent to reviewing the document. Alternatively, you can submit comments directly to Clean Stream Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd. (CSEC) by fax, email, telephone, or via the website (contact details below) by 13 December 2019.

Invitation to public meeting: A public meeting will be held on the 26th of November 2019 at the Kriel Community Hall (in Kriel Town) from 10:30 until 12:30. Any person who may be interested in the project is hereby invited to attend the meeting. The project will be presented at the meeting and all attendees will be given various opportunities to provide their inputs to the project.

Additional information: Additional information on the application as well as the activities and Water Uses proposed is available from CSEC as the contact details below.

I&AP registration: If you have not already done so, in order to ensure that you are identified as an I&AP, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter to the contact person listed below by 13 December 2019. Alternatively, I&AP registration can take place at www.cleanstream.co.za.

In terme van die vereistes van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet nr 107 van 1998) (WNO), die Wet op die Ontwikkeling van Minerale en Petroleum Hulpbronne, 2002 (Wet 28 van 2002) (WOMPH), en die Nasionale Waterwet, 1998 (Wet nr 36 van 1998) (NWW), sowel as die Regulasies en Riglyne daarop, moet alle Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Partye (B&GP) aangemoedig word en die geleentheid gegun word om deel te neem aan omgewingsbestuur.

Agtergrond: Seriti Coal Kriel Steenkoolmyn is 'n bestaande mynboubedryf wat ongeveer 7 km suidwes van Ga Nala (Kriel) in Mpumalanga Provinsie (Emalahleni Plaaslike Munisipaliteit; Nkangala Distriksmunisipaliteit regsgedeele) geleë is. Seriti Coal besit 'n goedgekeurde mynboureg (verwysingsnr ref no (MP 30/5/1/2/2/236 MR) op verskeie plaas gedeeltes. Die huidige goedgekeurde Omgewingsbestuursprogram (OBP) vir Kriel Steenkoolmyn maak voorsiening vir die ondergrondse mynbou aktiwiteite in hul Blok F Gedeelte (geleë op gedeeltes 2 en 4 van die plaas Vlaklaagte 83 IS). Weens die diepte van die steenkool afsetting in die westelike gedeelte van hierdie steenkool reserve, word oopgroef mynbou as die meer haalbare ontginnings metode beskou.

Aansoek: Seriti Coal sal daarom aansoek doen vir magtiging in terme van artikel 102 van die WOMPH vir die wysiging van die goedgekeurde OBP. Die aansoek sal ook 'n applikasie insluit vir Omgewingsmagniging in terme van die vereistes van die WNO vir 'n Bestekopname- en Omgewingsimpakverslag (B&OIV) proses. Seriti Coal sal ook aansoek doen vir 'n aanpassing van hulle goedgekeurde Watergebruikslisensie (WGL) in terme van die vereistes van die NWW vir Watergebruik met betrekking tot die projek. Die doel van hierdie aansoek is om die OBP en WGL aan te pas om voorsiening te maak vir die bykomende oopgroef bedrywighede by die Blok F westelike gedeelte binne die goedgekeurde Kriel Steenkoolmyn mynboureg grense.

Beskikbaarheid van die Konsep Bestekopnameverslag vir openbare kommentaar: Die Konsep Bestekopnameverslag in terme van die WNO soos vereis deur die WOMPH is beskikbaar vir openbare kommentaar vir 'n periode van 30 dae vanaf 13 November 2019 tot 13 Desember 2019. Afskrifte van die Konsep Bestekopnameverslag sal beskikbaar wees vir openbare insae te:

- Kriel Steenkoolmyn ontvangs.
- Die Publieke Biblioteek in Kriel.
- 'n Elektroniese kopie van die dokument sal beskikbaar wees op www.cleanstream.co.za.

Kommentaar rakende die Konsep Bestekopnameverslag of voorgestelde projek:

'n Register en kommentaarblad sal die dokument vergesel by die publieke besigtigingslokale. Voltooi asseblief die register nadat u die dokument nagegaan het. Alternatiewelik, kan u direk kommentaar lewer aan Clean Stream Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd (CSEC) per faks, e-pos, telefonies of deur ons webwerf (kontak besonderhede hieronder) teen 13 Desember 2019.

Uitnodiging na 'n openbare vergadering: 'n Openbare vergadering sal gehou word op die 26ste November 2019 te Kriel Gemeenskap (in Kriel dorp) vanaf 10:30 tot 12:30. Enige persoon wat moontlik belangstel in die projek word hiermee uitgenooi na die vergadering. Die projek sal by die vergadering bekendgestel word en al die teenwoordiges sal verskeie geleenthede kry om hulle insette op die projek te lewer.

Bykomende inligting: Bykomende inligting oor die aansoek, sowel as die voorgestelde aktiviteite en water verbruik, is beskikbaar by CSEC by die onderstaande kontakbesonderhede.

Registrasie van B&GP: Indien u dit nog nie gedoen het nie en om te verseker dat u as B&GP geregistreer word, verskak asseblief u naam, kontak besonderhede en belang in die projek aan die kontak persoon hieronder teen 13 Desember 2019. Alternatiewelik kan u as 'n B&GP registreer op www.cleanstream.co.za.

Contact details / Kontak besonderhede:

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NOTIFICATION: ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION PROCESS.

Elandsfontein Colliery Pty Ltd (hereafter referred to as the applicant) has appointed Geo Soil and Water cc (GSW) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with undertaking the necessary environmental authorisation and amendment processes for Elandsfontein Colliery. In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (Government Notice R982 as amended, promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998-NEMA), notice is herewith given of an application/s which will be subjected to a public participation process.

Applicant: Elandsfontein Colliery Pty Ltd

Application/s:

- Integrated Environmental Authorisation (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act – NEMA (Act 107 of 1998)- Listed activity/ies:
 - o GNR 983: Activities 9, 12, 13, 14, 19, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, 34, 45, 46, 48, 50, 51, 56, 57, 67.
 - o GNR 984: Activities 6, 7, 15, 16, 17, 24.
 - o GNR 985: Activities 12 and 14.
- Waste Management Licence in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act- NEM:WA (Act 59 of 2008) - Listed activities: GNR 921: Category B1, B2, B3, B7, B10, B11, C1.
- Water Use Licence (WUL) in accordance with the National Water Act – NWA (Act 36 of 1998) - Listed Water uses: Section 21 (a), (b), (c), (g), (i) and (j) and GN 704 exemption where relevant; and
- Amendment of Rights, Permits, Programmes, and/or Plans in accordance with Section 102 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act - MPRDA (Act 28 Of 2002).

Additional listed activities and/or water uses may be identified during the process.

Location: The proposed project is located on a portion of the remaining extent of portion 8; remaining extent of portion 1; a portion of the remaining extent of portion 6; portion 44; portion 14 and the remaining extent of portion 7 of the Farm Elandsfontein 309 JS, located in Emalahleni Local Municipality, Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The site is ±4km south of Kwa-Guqa and ±16km west of Emalahleni. The centre point of the site is 25°53'05.01"S and 29°05'36.57"E.

Activity: The Elandsfontein Colliery comprises of 2 distinct mining rights (MR314 and MR63). The applicant plans to consolidate the two mining areas into a single mining right with associated EMP. In addition, the applicant wishes to expand their existing mining operations to include additional mineral resource areas (i.e.: new open cast & underground areas within the consolidated mining right boundary).

Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS) has been appointed by Geo Soil and Water cc (GSW) to assist with undertaking the necessary Public Participation Process (PPP). EIMS will follow the procedures defined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GRN982 of 2014, as amended) for undertaking an Integrated Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. In accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, a public participation process will be undertaken. You are hereby invited to register and comment on the proposed project and applications. In order to ensure that you are identified and registered as an I&AP and that your comments are captured, please submit your name, contact details, the reason for your interest or any comments, in writing or telephonically, to EIMS by no later than 9 December 2019 Please note that only registered I&AP's will be informed of future project information and opportunities for participation. In order to avoid missing out on opportunities for public participation please submit I&AP registrations, or any queries, comments, or concerns with regards to this application, as soon as possible to EIMS at:

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Please include the project reference number 1323 in all correspondence

KENNISGEWING: OMGEWINGS MAGTIGINGS PROSES

Elandsfontein Steenkoolmyn Edms Bpk (hierna verwys as die aansoeker) het Geo Soil and Water cc (GSW) as die omgewings-assesseringspraktisyn (EAP) aangestel om te help met die onderneming van die nodige omgewings magtiging en wysigingsprosesse vir Elandsfontein Steenkoolmyn. In ooreenstemming met die vereistes van Hoofstuk 6 van die Omgewings impak-assesserings regulasies (EIA Regulasies) (Regeringskennisgewing R982 soosgewysig, gepromulgeer onder die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur Wet 107 van 1998 NEMA), word hiermee kennis gegee van 'n aansoek/e vir Omgewingsmagniging (EA) wat onderworpe is aan 'n publieke deelname proses.

Naam van Aansoeker: Elandsfontein Steenkoolmyn Edms Bpk

Aansoek/e:

- Geïntegreerde Omgewingsmagniging (EA) in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur – NEMA (Wet 107 van 1998)- Gelyste aktiwiteite:
 - o GNR 983: Aktiwiteite 9, 12, 13, 14, 19, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, 34, 45, 46, 48, 50, 51, 56, 57, 67.
 - o GNR 984: Aktiwiteite 6, 7, 15, 16, 17, 24.
 - o GNR 985: Aktiwiteite 12 and 14.
- Afvalbestuurslisensie in ooreenstemming met die vereistes van die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur: Afval Wet – NEM:WA (Wet 59 van 2008) – Gelyste aktiwiteite: GNR 921: Kategorie B1, B2, B3, B7, B10, B11, C1.
- Watergebruikslisensie in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Waterwet – NWA (Wet 36 van 1998) – Gelyste watergebruik: Afdeling 21 (a), (b), (c), (g), (i) en (j) en GN 704 vrystelling, waar relevant; en
- Wysiging van Regte, Permite, Programme, en/ of Planne in ooreenstemming met Afdeling 102 van die Wet op die Ontwikkeling van Minerale en Petroleum Hulpbronne – MPRDA (Wet 28 van 2002).

Addisionele gelyste aktiwiteite en/ of watergebruik kan geïdentifiseer word gedurende die aansoekproses.

Ligging: Die voorgestelde projek is geleë op 'n gedeelte van die oorblywende omvang van porsie 8; oorblywende omvang van porsie 1; 'n gedeelte van die oorblywende omvang van porsie 6; porsie 44; porsie 14 en die oorblywende omvang van porsie 7 van die plaas Elandsfontein 309 JS, in Emalahleni Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Nkangala Distrik Munisipaliteit, Mpumalanga Provinsie. Die perseel is ongeveer 4km suid van Kwa-Guqa en ongeveer 16km wes van Emalahleni. Die middel van die perseel is 25°53'05.01"S en 29°05'36.57"E.

Aktiwiteit: Elandsfontein Steenkoolmyn bestaan uit twee mynregte (MR314 en MR63). Die aansoeker beplan om die twee mynregte te konsolideer in 'n enkele mynreg asook die gepaardgaande Omgewings bestuursplanne (EMPRs). Boonop beplan die aansoeker om die bestaande mynoperasies uit te brei om addisionele minerale hulpbronne areas in te sluit (in ander woorde: nuwe oopgroef- en ondergrondmyn areas binne die gekonsolideerde myn reg grens).

Environmental Impact Management Services (EIMS) is deur Geo Soil and Water cc (GSW) aangestel om te help met die onderneming van die nodige proses vir Publieke Deelname (PPP). EIMS sal die prosedures volg soos uiteengesit in die Omgewingsimpak-assessering (EIA) Regulasies (GNR982 van 2014, soos gewysig) vir die onderneming van 'n geïntegreerde Omvangs bepaling en Omgewings impak-assesseringsproses (EIA). 'n Proses vir Publieke Deelname sal in ooreenstemming met Hoofstuk 6 van die EIA Regulasies geskied. U word hiermee uitgenooi om te registreer en kommentaar te lewer op die voorgestelde projek en aansoek. Om te verseker dat u geïdentifiseer en geregistreer is as 'n Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party (I&AP) en dat u kommentaar opgevang word, dien asseblief u naam, kontakbesonderhede, die rede vir u belangstelling of enige kommentaar, geskrewe of telefonies, aan EIMS in, nie later as 9 Desember 2019 nie. Let op dat slegs geregistreerde I&APs ingelig sal word van toekomstige projek informasie en geleenthede vir deelname. Om te voorkom dat u uitmis op enige geleenthede vir publieke deelname, dien asseblief u I&AP regisrasie, of enige navrae, kommentaar, of bekommernisse met betrekking tot hierdie aansoek in so gou as moontlik aan EIMS by:

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