

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES AND WATER USE LICENCE- COMMENT AND REVIEW OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR 2 SEAM (PTY) LTD. PROPOSED OPENCAST PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

REF NUMBERS: (MP) 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (405) EM AND 2 SEAM EA_41

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998)

APPLICANT AND BACKGROUND: 2 Seam (Pty) Ltd., an existing opencast coal mine, is in the process of applying, in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 2002 (MPRDA) (Act No. 28 of 2002), and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Listing Notice 1, 2 and 3, 2014 published in Government Notice (GN) No. 983, 984 and 985 of 4 December 2014 and amended in June 2021) under the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), and the National Environmental Waste Management Act (Act 56 Of 2008) for an Environmental Authorisation and Waste Management Licence, to include a washing plant, tailings facility, associated stormwater management infrastructure, a contractor's yard and an opencast coal pit within the approved mining right boundary over portions 6, 29, 31, and 50 of the Farm Vlaklaagte 45 IS and portion RE of the Farm Lourens 472 IS. A Section 102 application in terms of the MPRDA (2002, as amended), will be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) for the amendments to the Environmental Management Programme. Notice is also hereby given in terms of Section 40 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), that 2 Seam (Pty) Ltd. proposes to lodge an application for various water uses as listed in Section 21 (Section 21 a, c, g, i and j) for the proposed project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:

The 2 Seam project, located on the abovementioned farms, lies approximately 11km northwest of Kriel, Mpumalanga. 2 Seam is planning to add additional opencast mining areas within the existing mining right areas to extend the life-of-mine (LoM). Various amendments to the existing EA/EMP as well as IWUL will also be applied for to align the specific conditions with the current status of the mine as well as to provide more clarity on certain conditions. Furthermore 2 Seam will be applying for a coal washing plant and tailings facility on site, associated stormwater management infrastructure (PCDs and clean and dirty water berms) and a contractor's yard. The stream diversion of the Olifants River will also be applied for.

LEGISLATION:

- Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), as amended;
- Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Listing Notice 1, 2 and 3, 2014 published in Government Notice (GN) No. 983, 984 and 985 of 4 December 2014 and amended in June 2021) under the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998);
- National Environmental Waste Management Act (Act 59 Of 2008); and
- Section 40 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).

REGISTRATION AND COMMENT:

As a potential I&AP, you are invited to register and comment on the proposed application and associated reports. The Draft Scoping Report will be made available for a 30 day review and comment period, from **24 June 2022 to 25 July 2022** and will be made available on an electronic link: A hard copy of the report will also be made available at the mine. All necessary measures will be put in place to ensure that the COVID-19 protocols are adhered to when reviewing the document. Should you require a CD copy of the report, please contact ELEMENTAL. Further opportunities for public participation will be communicated with registered I&APs.

All comments must be directed to:

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