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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS AN "EA") AS REQUIRED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 3 (6) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 AS AMENDED SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) AND REGULATION 19 OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED REGULATIONS AS READ TOGETHER WITH SECTION 16 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 28 OF 2002) AS AMENDED BY SECTION 12 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2008 (ACT NO.49 OF 2008).

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1. The above-mentioned matter refers.
2. We confirm having received your application for an Environmental Authorisation lodged on 23th September 2021.
3. Kindly also note that the activity applied for in your application is listed under Listing Notice 1 of the NEMA: EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended, therefore your application will follow the basic assessment process. Please note that only activities listed on the application will be considered when issuing the environmental authorisation and the onus is on the EAP/applicant to ensure that all activities related to the proposed prospecting activities are included on the application.
4. Your attention is therefore brought to Regulation 19 (1) of the said Regulations which states that *"where basic assessment must be applied to an application the applicant must **within 90 days of receipt of the application** by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority- a basic assessment report, inclusive of specialist reports, where applicable a closure plan, which have subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days which reflect the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority.* You are also reminded that a Basic Assessment Report must contain the information set out in Appendix 1 while the Environmental Management Programme must contain the information set out in Appendix 4 as prescribed on Regulation 19 (3) and (4) of the NEMA: EIA Regulations, 2014 published on the 07th April 2017.
5. **Kindly note that your timeframes for the submission of the basic assessment report (90 days) shall be considered applicable in case your prospecting right application lodged in terms section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2008 (Act No.49 of 2008) is accepted i.e. from the date which the Regional Manager signed the acceptance letter. Further, note that if your prospecting right application is rejected, your application for environmental authorization will be refused considering that it has been triggered by the prospecting right application, which has already been rejected.**
6. In case your prospecting right application is accepted, you will be required to consult with every organ of state that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to this application (Basic Assessment Report) as required in

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terms of Regulation 7 (2) of the EIA Regulations, 2014. The organs of state which must be consulted includes but is not limited to the Local and District Municipalities, National Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Department of Rural, Environmental and Agricultural Development, Department of Water and Sanitation and South African Heritage Resources Agency and/or North West: Provincial Heritage Resources Agency. Any public participation process must be conducted for a period of at least 30 days as per Chapter 2, Regulation 3 (8) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

7. In case if the community owns the land in question, you are required to consult with such community and submit a resolution to this office.
8. You are also requested to submit the Public Participation Process as stipulated in the Gazette published on 5th June 2020 for consideration by the competent Authority.
9. In case if prospecting right application is accepted you are required to attached/submit screening tool report with regard to the proposed activity on the BAR. Kindly note that is compulsory requirement for utilization of screening tool as from 4 October 2019. The screening tool can be accesses at <https://screening.environment.gov.za>.
10. Your application has been assigned to **Mr Mutali Mulaudzi** who could be reach at the following contact details: Tel: (018) 487 4300/4398.

Yours faithfully



REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION

NORTH WEST REGION

DATE: 2/11/2021

ALL THE CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE REGIONAL MANAGER OF DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY: NORTH WEST REGION.

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