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**APPLICATION FOR INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMENDED (NEMA) AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT, 2008 (ACT 59 OF 2008) AS AMENDED (NEMWA), AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014 ON FARMS GELUK 512 KS, GELUK 513 AND IRONSTONE 847 KS, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF SEKHUKHUNE, LIMPOPO REGION.**

### **APPLICANT: RAKHOMA MINING RESOURCES (PTY) LTD**

The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment received to this by the Department on **27<sup>th</sup> July 2015** refers.

1. The Department has evaluated the submitted SR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment and it was found that the said documents comply with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2(2) of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (as amended) (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014. The SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 22(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.

2. You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.
3. Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). This includes, but is not limited to the **Provincial Heritage Resources Authority, Provincial Environmental Department, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and the local municipality**. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof of the attempts that were made to obtain comments should be submitted to the Department.
4. In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the EIR and EMPr which needs to be submitted to this office as prescribed:
  - a) Consult the draft EIA/EMP document with all Interested and affected parties and provide proof that the concerns have been raised, addressed and incorporated into the EIA and EMP. Include the proof of detailed participation and the results thereof. Notwithstanding the geographical location (i.e. in relation to town and communities/farmlands) and ownership of the area applied for, please note that as part of the results of Public Participation the following details must be indicated:
    - Date of public meetings,
    - Minutes of the meetings,
    - Attendance register with name of the organisation, contact number and the signature thereof,
    - Views and concerns of the interested and affected parties , etc
  - b) Also note that you may employ different methods to inform interested and affected parties about the public participation such as news paper advert, notification letters, public notices, etc. However these methods shall not be viewed as results of public participation rather means of notifying different parties.
  - c) A specialist must assess the impact of the additional activities on air quality, develop an Air Quality Management Plan to counter such impacts, and also recommend performance monitoring measures.
  - d) A specialist must investigate the impact of the proposed project on surface and ground water resources and deduce mitigation measures thereof and performance monitoring standards.
  - e) An Archaeological Impact Assessment must be conducted to determine if there will be any graves, old houses, signs of historical significance and/or materials of archaeological importance. Incorporate recommendations of such report into the EIA and EMP.
  - f) Measures to mitigate visual impacts of the activities must be developed.
  - g) Commitment on monitoring and indication of the standards, methods and the frequency of submission of an environmental audit report/performance assessment report to this department.

- h) Clear and specific standards for silt, noise and dust levels and commitment to monitoring levels
  - i) The inclusion of the procedures that relate to emergencies and proposed remediation hereto, for example: discuss the contingency plans with respect to floods, accidental spills and management of hazardous materials such as oil, diesel, etc; in the proposed mining area.
  - j) Details of the future land use for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning in 20-30 years.
  - k) The total footprint of the proposed development should be indicated.
  - l) Should a Water Use License be required, proof of application for a license needs to be submitted.
  - m) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the vegetation ecology with regard to lowland-highland interface in the locality should be indicated.
  - n) The impacts of the proposed facility on avifauna and bats must be assessed in the EIA phase.
  - o) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the surrounding industrial area.
  - p) Information on services required on the site, e.g. sewage, refuse removal, water and electricity. Who will supply these services and has an agreement and confirmation of capacity been obtained?
  - q) A construction and operational phase EMP to include mitigation and monitoring measures.
  - r) Should blasting be required, appropriate mitigation measures should be provided.
  - s) **Notwithstanding the above-mentioned specialist reports, you are advised to also undertake any studies which may be relevant during the impact analysis.**
5. The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 with regards to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.
6. Please ensure that the EIAR includes the A3 size locality maps of the area and illustrates the exact location of the proposed development. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:
- Maps are relatable to one another;
  - Co-ordinates;
  - Legible legends;
  - Indicate alternatives;
  - Scale and
  - Vegetation types of the study area.
7. Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subjected to any permits or authorisations in terms of the provisions of any Specific Environmental Management Acts (SEMAs), proof of such application will be required.
8. You are requested to submit three (3) hard copies of the EIAR and EMPr on prescribed time frames in terms of Regulation with at least one electronic copy (CD/DVD) of the complete EIAR and EMPr to this Regional

Office. Please note that such copies are not including the hardcopies which to be forwarded to organs of state administering a law relating to matters affecting the environment. **You are therefore requested to consult with every organ of state that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to this application of environmental authorisation and submit the comments to this department.**

9. Your attention is brought to Section 24F of the NEMA which stipulates "that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority".

Yours faithfully

  
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**REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION**

**LIMPOPO REGION**

**DATE:** 06/10/2015 .....

*Please quote this office file number as reference for any correspondence.*

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