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**APPENDIX 5: REGISTERED LAND CLAIMS LETTER**



**OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL LAND CLAIMS COMMISSIONER: NORTHERN CAPE**

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Applicant: **ABS AFRICA**

1. **LAND CLAIMS ENQUIRY: FARM VOGELSTRUIS-BULT 104 PORTION 1, PROVINCE NORTHERN CAPE**
2. **FARM VOGELSTRUIS-BULT 104 PORTION 25, PROVINCE NORTHERN CAPE**
3. **FARM VOGELSTRUIS-BULT 104 PORTION 26, PROVINCE NORTHERN CAPE**
4. **FARM SLIMS DAM 154 PORTION 0, PROVINCE NORTHERN CAPE**

We refer to your letter dated: 29 November 2017

We confirm that as at the date of this letter no land claims appear on our database in respect of the Property. This includes the database for claims lodged by 31 December 1998; and those lodged between 1 July 2014 and 27 July 2016 in terms of the Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Act, 2014. Whilst the Commission takes reasonable care to ensure the accuracy of the information it provides, there are various factors that are beyond the Commission's control, particularly relating to claims that have lodged but not yet been gazetted such as:

1. Some Claimants referred to properties they claim dispossession of rights in land against using historical property descriptions which may not match the current property description; and
2. Some Claimants provided the geographic descriptions of the land they claim without mentioning the particular actual property description they claim dispossession of rights in land against.

The Commission therefore does not accept any liability whatsoever if through the process of further investigation of claims it is found that there is in fact a land claim in respect of the above property.

If you are aware of any change in the description of the above property after 19 June 1913 kindly supply us with such description so as to enable us to do a further search.

Yours faithfully

**COMMUNICATION DIVISION**

**OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL LAND CLAIMS COMMISSIONER: NORTHERN CAPE**

**NQABISA MKALIPI**

**DATE: 29/11/2017**

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## APPENDIX 6: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MATERIALS

## Site Notice

**SITE NOTICE / INVITATION TO COMMENT**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR MINING RIGHT, ENVIRONMENTAL  
AUTHORISATION AND INTEGRATED WATER USE LICENCE**

**Vardocube (Pty) Ltd, Prieska Zinc Copper Project (Vardocube Section), Copperton,  
Siyathemba Local Municipality, Northern Cape**

**Notification**

Notification is hereby given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998, Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002, and the National Water Act 36 of 1998 of the intent to apply for a Mining Right, Environmental Authorisation (EA), and Integrated Water Use Licence for activities associated with the Prieska Zinc Copper Project (Vardocube Section).

The latter is an endeavour that is proposing to establish an underground mining operation in the vicinity of the historical Prieska Copper Mine (PCM).

In addition, notification is also given that the Draft Scoping Report is available as follows for public review and comment until **29 October 2018**:

- ➔ By download: <http://www.abs-africa.com/project-documents/>
- ➔ By e-mail: [prieskapp@abs-africa.com](mailto:prieskapp@abs-africa.com)

Hard copies are available for review at the following venues:

- ➔ Alkantpan Lodge in Copperton
- ➔ Prieska Municipal Library, Stewart Street, Prieska
- ➔ Orion Minerals Office, Loots Boulevard, Prieska
- ➔ Marydale Municipal Office, Van Wyk Street, Marydale
- ➔ Niekerskooop Municipal Office, Church Street, Niekerskooop

**Project Summary**

The applicant is applying for a Mining Right on the Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the Farm Vogelstruisbult 104.

The activity being applied for is exclusively for underground mining with no requirement for any surface area disturbance within the proposed mining right area.

Orion Minerals (Orion), through its subsidiary company of Vardocube (Pty) Ltd., is the holder of a prospecting right in the Copperton area of the Northern Cape Province. The prospecting right was recently executed, and drilling of the Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide (VMS) Deposit, to confirm the mineral resource estimate for copper and zinc has commenced.

The proposed Vardocube mining right area is adjacent to the Repli Trading No. 27 (Pty) Ltd. (Repli) mining right area. Repli is also a subsidiary of Orion and a Mining Right Application (DMR Reference No: NC30/5/1/2/3/2/1/10138 MR) for Repli was submitted in April 2018 and is expected to be finalised by the first quarter of 2019. Please note that the Mining Right Application for Vardocube is entirely separate to the Mining Right Application for Repli.

The Copperton Deposit extends across the Repli and Vardocube prospecting right areas. Through its subsidiary company Vardocube, Orion therefore intends to access and mine the full extent of the Vardocube mining area via the refurbished existing Hutchings Shaft, situated on Portion 25 of the Farm Vogelstruisbult 104, within the proposed Repli mining right area.

A commercial agreement will be entered into between Repli and Vardocube so that all other infrastructure and structures established to support the proposed Repli surface and underground mining will also be used for the underground mining of the deposit on Vardocube. The infrastructure and structures to be established by Repli have been designed with sufficient capacity to accommodate the additional ore and tailings from the Vardocube underground mining.

**Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting Process**

The proposed development concerns listed activities identified in Listing Notice 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014. Accordingly, a Scoping and Environmental Impact Report (S&EIR) Process must be applied to the application for EA.

ABS Africa has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner, responsible for undertaking the required S&EIR Process.

The EA and IWULA will be undertaken concurrently and informed through the S&EIR Process. The Scoping Phase of the S&EIR process has been completed and the findings thereof compiled into a Draft Scoping Report which is available for public review and comment. To register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), obtain a copy of the Draft Scoping Report or for further information, please contact the appointed independent environmental assessment practitioner below:

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**Date of Placement: 26 September 2018**



## KENNISGEWING / UITNODIGING OM KOMMENTAAR TE LEWER

### KENNISGEWING RAKENDE DIE AANSOEK OM 'N MYNREG, OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING EN WATERVERBRUIKSLISENSIE ASOOK DIE BESKIKBAARHEID VAN DIE VOORLOPIGE OMVANGSBEPALINGSVERSLAG (OBV)

Vardocube (Pty) Ltd, Prieska Zinc Copper Projek (Vardocube Afdeling), Copperton,  
Siyathemba Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Noord Kaap

#### **Kennisgewing**

Kennis word hiermee gegee ingevolge die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur Wet (NOBW), (Wet 107 van 1998), die Wet op die Ontwikkeling van Minerale en Petroleum Hulpbronne (OMPW), (Wet No. 28 van 2002), asook die Nasionale Waterwet (NWW), (Wet 36 van 1998) van die beplande aansoek om 'n Myn Reg, Omgewingsmagtiging en Geïntegreerde Waterverbruikslisensie vir aktiwiteite geassosieer met die Prieska Sink-Koper Projek (Vardocube Afdeling). Laasgenoemde poog om 'n ondergrondse mynbou-operasie in die omgewing van die historiese Prieska Kopermyn (PCM) te vestig.

Kennis word hiermee ook gegee van die beskikbaarheid van die voorlopige Omvangsbepalingsverslag (OBV) wat beskikbaar sal wees vir publieke hersiening en insette tot en met **29 Oktober 2018**:

- Deur af te laai via die internet: <http://www.abs-africa.com/project-documents/>
- Via e-pos: [prieskapp@abs-africa.com](mailto:prieskapp@abs-africa.com)

Kopieë van die dokument kan ook by die volgende plekke besigtig word:

- Alkantpan Lodge in Copperton
- Prieska Munisipale Biblioteek, Stewart Straat, Prieska
- Orion Minerals Kantore, Loots Boulevard, Prieska
- Marydale Munisipale Kantore, Van Wyk Straat, Marydale
- Niekerkshoop Munisipale Kantore, Kerk Straat, Niekerkshoop

#### **Projek Beskrywing**

PCM is 'n geslote myn geleë ongeveer 3 km suid van Copperton en 60 km suidwes van die dorp Prieska in die Siyathemba Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Noord-Kaap Provinsie. Dit is tussen 1971 en 1991 as 'n ondergrondse koper- en sink myn bedryf.

Die applikant doen aansoek om 'n Mynreg op die Resterende Gedeelte van Gedeelte 1 van die Plaas Vogelstruisbult 104.

Die aktiwiteit waarvoor aansoek gedoen word, is slegs vir ondergrondse mynbou sonder enige vereiste vir enige versteuring van die oppervlak binne die voorgestelde mynreg.

Orion Minerals (Orion), deur sy affiliaat maatskappy Vardocube (Edms.) Bpk., is die houër van 'n prospekter reg in die Copperton-gebied van die Noord-Kaap Provinsie. Die prospekter reg is onlangs toegeken, en die boorwerk van die Vulkaniese Massiewe Sulfied (VMS) reserwe, om die beskikbaarheid van minerale hulpbronne vir koper en sink te bevestig, het begin.

Die voorgestelde Vardocube-mynreg is aangrensend aan die Repli-mynboureg. Repli is ook 'n filiaal van Orion en 'n Mynregte Aansoek (DMR Verwysingsnommer: NC30 / 5/1/2/3/2/1/10138 MR) vir Repli is in April 2018 ingedien en sal na verwagting gefinaliseer word deur die eerste kwartaal van 2019. Let asseblief daarop dat die Mynreg aansoek vir Vardocube heeltemal afsonderlik is vir die Mynreg aansoek vir Repli.

Die Copperton reserwe strek oor die Repli en Vardocube prospekterreg gebied. Orion wil dus deur sy filiaalmaatskappy Vardocube toegang tot die ondergrondse minerale verkry deur gebruik te maak van die reeds bestaande Hutchings-skag, geleë op Gedeelte 25 van die Plaas Vogelstruisbult 104, binne die voorgestelde Repli-mynreg.

'n Handelsooreenkoms sal tussen Repli en Vardocube aangegaan word sodat alle infrastruktuur en strukture wat ingestel is op die voorgestelde Repli-oppervlak om ondergrondse mynbou te ondersteun, ook gebruik sal word vir die ondergrondse ontginning van die reserwe deur Vardocube. Die infrastruktuur en strukture wat deur Repli gestig gaan word, is ontwerp met voldoende kapasiteit om die bykomende erts en myn-oorblyfsels van die Vardocube-ondergrondse mynbou te akkommodeer.

#### **Omvangsbepaling en Impakbepaling Proses**

Die voorgestelde ontwikkeling het betrekking tot gelyste aktiwiteite wat geïdentifiseer is in Noteringskennisgewing 2 van die OIB-regulasies, 2014. Gevolglik moet 'n Omvangsbepaling- en Omgewingsimpak-proses vir die aansoek vir 'n Omgewingsmagtiging onderneem word.

ABS Africa (Pty) Ltd (ABS Africa) is aangestel as onafhanklike omgewingsbepalingspraktisyn om die Omvangsbepaling en Impakbepaling Proses te onderneem. Die omvangsbepaling fase van die Omvangsbepaling en Impakbepaling proses is voltooi en die bevindinge is saamgevat in die voorlopige Omvangsbepalingsverslag (OBV) wat nou beskikbaar is vir publieke hersiening en kommentaar.

Die Omgewingsmagtiging en Geïntegreerde Waterverbruikslisensie sal terselfdertyd onderneem word en sal ingelig word deur die omvangsbepaling en Impakbepaling proses.

Om te registreer as 'n Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Partye (B&GP'e), verdere inligting te bekom of om 'n kopie van die voorlopige OBV te bekom, kontak asb. die onderstaande onafhanklike omgewingsbepalingspraktisyn:

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**Datum van Kennisgewing: 26 September 2018**







On the boundary fence alongside the access road to the Alkantpan Test Range



On the boundary fence of Portion 1 of Vogelstruisbult 104, at the intersection of the road to Copperton, Marydale





On the boundary fence at the intersection of the road to Copperton, after turning off the R357

## **Minutes of Meetings**