

**PROPOSED AGGREGATE / GRAVEL MINE ON A PORTION OF  
PORTION 15 ON THE FARM RIETSPRUIT NR 437, IS MSUKALIGWA  
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT**



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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Inzalo Crushing and Aggregates (Pty) Ltd (hereinafter referred to as “the Applicant”) intends applying for a mining permit to mine stone aggregate/ gravel on a portion of Portion 15 on Farm Rietspruit nr 437, IS, Msukaligwa Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

The proposed mining footprint will be 4.9 ha and will be developed over an undisturbed area of the farm. The mining method will make use of blasting in order to loosen the hard rock; the material will then be loaded and hauled to the crushing plant where it will be screened to various sized stockpiles. The aggregate will be stockpiled until it is transported from site using tipper trucks. All mining related activities will be contained within the approved mining permit boundaries.

The proposed mining area is approximately 4.9 ha in extent and the applicant, intends to win material from the area for at least 2 years with a possible extension of another 3 years. Waste and mineralisation on a scale of a few hundred to thousands tons per day may be drilled and blasted to break off from the pit face in blocks. The material is then loaded and hauled to various stockpiles and/or waste dumps. Waste rock is hauled to a waste dump. Waste dumps can be piled at the surface of the active pit, or in previously mined pits. Mineralised material is stockpiled in a separate location

The proposed project triggers listed activities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014 (as amended 2017) and therefore requires an environmental impact assessment (basic assessment process) that assess project specific environmental impacts and alternatives, consider public input, and propose mitigation measures, to ultimately culminate in an environmental management programme that informs the competent authority (Department of Mineral Resources and Energy) when considering the environmental authorisation. This report, the Final Basic Assessment Report, forms part of the departmental requirements, and presents the first report of the EIA process.

### **Project description**

Inzalo Crushing and Aggregates (Pty) Ltd (hereinafter referred to as “the Applicant”), applied for environmental authorisation (EA) and a mining permit to mine aggregate/ gravel on a portion of Portion 15 on the Farm Rietspruit nr 437, IS Msukaligwa Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

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The proposed mining area is approximately 4.9 ha in extent and the applicant, intends to win material from the area for at least 2 years with a possible extension of another 3 years. The gravel to be removed from the quarry will be used for construction industry in the vicinity. The depth of the quarry will be approximately 15m. The proposed quarry will therefore contribute to the upgrading / maintenance of road infrastructure and building contracts in and around the Ermelo area

The mining activities will consist out of the following:

- Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil;
- Blasting
- Excavating;
- Crushing & Screening;
- Stockpiling and transporting;
- Sloping and landscaping upon closure of the site; and
- Replacing the topsoil and vegetation the disturbed area.

The mining site will contain the following:

- Drilling equipment;
- Excavating equipment;
- Earth moving equipment;
- Static crushing and screening plants
- Access Roads;
- Site Office (Containers);
- Site vehicles;
- Parking area for visitors and site vehicles;
- Vehicle service area;
- Wash bay;
- Workshop (Containers);
- Salvage Yard;
- Bunded diesel and oil storage facilities;
- Generator on bunded area;
- Ablution Facilities (Chemical Toilets);
- Weigh Bridge; and
- Demarcated general and hazardous waste area.

## **Public Participation Process:**

During the initial public participation process the stakeholders and I&AP's were informed of the project by means of background information documents that were sent or hand delivered directly to the contact persons. A 30-days commenting period was allowed which expired on 31 January 2022. The following I&AP's and stakeholders were informed of the project.

An advertisement was placed in the Highveld Tribune on 14 December 2021, and two on-site notices were placed, one at the entrance of the site and the other at Ermelo's public library. A 30-days commenting period was allowed which expired on 31 January 2021. In accordance with the timeframes stipulated in the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended by GNR 326 effective 7 April 2017) the Draft Basic Assessment Report was compiled and was distributed for comment and perusal to the I&AP's and stakeholders. A 30-day commenting period, ending 29 January 2021, was allowed for perusal of the documentation and submission of comments. The comments received on the DBAR will be incorporated into the Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) that will be submitted for decision making to DMRE, which will be allowed for perusal of the documentation and submission of comments

*Table 1: List of the I&AP's and stakeholders that were notified of the proposed aggregate / gravel mine project*




<b>SURROUNDING LANDOWNERS &amp; INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES</b>	<b>STAKEHOLDERS</b>
<p><b><u>Surrounding landowners &amp; lawful occupiers:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Gerhard Scheepers trust</li> <li>■ De Era trust</li> <li>■ Gerhard Scheepers trust</li> <li>■ Oubaas De Jager Familie Trust</li> <li>■ Gerhard Scheepers Trust</li> <li>■ Ngungude Petrus Khanyi - Deceased</li> <li>■ Rachel Monica Phumzile Khanyi - Wife</li> <li>■ Karel Stefanus Erasmus</li> <li>■ Sipho Samuel Mhlanga</li> <li>■ Dulobase (Pty) Ltd</li> <li>■ Johannes Petrus Strauss</li> <li>■ Magagula Family Communal Prop Assoc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land &amp; Environmental Affairs</li> <li>■ Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism</li> <li>■ Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism – Environmental Impact Management</li> <li>■ Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport</li> <li>■ Department of Water &amp; Sanitation</li> <li>■ Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environment</li> <li>■ Department of Labour</li> <li>■ South African Heritage Resource Agency</li> <li>■ Eskom</li> <li>■ GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT OFFICE</li> <li>■ Gert Sibande District Municipality</li> <li>■ Gert Sibande District Municipality - Planning</li> </ul>

SURROUNDING LANDOWNERS & INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES	STAKEHOLDERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Sanet Magagula</li> <li>■ Maria Magagula</li> <li>■ Wouter Kuhn Trust</li> <li>■ Inus De Wit</li> <li>■ Mr George Ronquest</li> <li>■ Mr Christo Clark</li> <li>■ Mr Jannie Myburgh</li> <li>■ Mr Kerneels van Rensburg</li> <li>■ Mr Riaan van Rensburg</li> <li>■ Me Rika Hamman</li> <li>■ Mr Werner Labuschagne</li> <li>■ Mr Johan van Greunen (Rietspruit Crushers PTY LTD)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Msukaligwa Local Municipality</li> <li>■ Msukaligwa Local Municipality Ward Councillor 8</li> </ul>
I&AP'S AND STAKEHOLDERS THAT REGISTERED/COMMENTED DURING THE INITIAL NOTIFICATION PERIOD	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Inus de Wit</li> <li>■ Rietspruit Crushers</li> <li>■ Eksom</li> <li>■ GSDM</li> <li>■ Karel Stephanus</li> </ul>	

## **Summary of issues raised by I&APs**

(Compile the table summarising comments and issues raised, and reaction to those responses)





*Table 1: Summary of issues raised by IAPs*





<b>Interested and Affected Parties</b>		<b>Date Comments Received</b>	<b>Issues raised</b>	<b>EAPs response to issues as mandated by the applicant</b>	<b>Section and paragraph reference in this report where the issues and or response were incorporated.</b>
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<b>AFFECTED PARTIES</b>	<b>X</b>				
<b>Landowner/s</b>					
 Gerhard Scheepers Trust	X	No comments received			N/A.
<b>Lawful occupier/s of the land</b>					
N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>Landowners or lawful occupiers on adjacent properties</b>	<b>X</b>	-	-	-	-
 De Era Trust	X	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A
 Oubaas De Jager Familie Trust	X	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A


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Me Rachel Monica Phumzile Khanyi	X	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mr Karel Stefanus Erasmus	X	Comments received	<p>What specialized studies have been completed? Need to see those specialized studies in order to understand the impact on my farm and to comment on it.</p> <p>My concerns is that you are not conducting full EIA which requires specialized studies to be completed. My concerns is also that no proper consultation will conducted with me and that I would not be able to comment on all the specialized studies that you are required to complete. Please see the attached sheet.</p> <p>I, Karel Stefanus Erasmus, a farmer adjacent to Portion 15 on Farm Rietspruit objects to the application for mining permit by Inzalo Crushing and Aggregates (Pty) Ltd based on the following ground:</p> <p>It is not evident from your Background Information Document what specialized studies will or have been conducted. It is important for me to understand what detrimental affects your project will have on my farming, I would therefore like to see what specialist studies have been conducted</p>	<p>Response from Greenmined:</p> <p>The above matter as well as the letter received from you dated Monday 26 January 2021 refers. We thank you for your valuable participation and for submitting comments. Please see the responses to your comments below.</p> <p>It is important to note that the Background Information Document dated 9 December 2021 is a document providing background for the first phase of this proposed project. More information relating to the project will be provided in the Draft Basic Assessment Report. The purpose of the Background Information Document is to invite parties to register as interested and affected parties. The effects and the impacts of the proposed activity will only be assessed when the Draft Basic Assessment Report is compiled. All interested and affected parties, including yourself, will be afforded ample opportunity to comment on the proposed activity and its possible impacts.</p> <p>We note your concern that we are not conducting a full Environmental Impact Assessment. Please note that the proposed project triggers five listed activities in</p>	Appendix F2: Proof of public participation process

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		<p>and I would like the opportunity to comment on those specialized studies.</p> <p>What impact will your project have on the adjacent water course? Have you completed any specialized studies assessing what impact your activity will have on the downstream water course?</p> <p>Also, the area which you are proposed to mine is within 600 meters from my farm building and I do fear that the blasting will cause damage to the infrastructure. Are you going to apply for the 500m blasting permit and also? I would like to see the blasting risk assessment that you have compiled in this regard?</p> <p>I would appreciate if you can provide me with the information requested in order for me to review the full set of identified impacts and mitigation measures proposed.</p>	<p>terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014 (as amended 2017). These activities that are triggered, all fall under Listing Notice 1 and 3 of the EIA Regulations, which means that a Basic Assessment and not an EIA must be conducted.</p> <p>The effects and impacts of the proposed activity will be assessed when the Draft Basic Assessment Report is compiled. Any further studies as proposed by you will then be conducted during this phase should it be found applicable by the specialist in the particular field of expertise.</p> <p>The Background Information Document is compiled according to the screening report that shows which environmental theme will have a high sensitivity. Since the application is still in its early phases, we have appointed a wetland specialist to conduct a study that will include a comprehensive assessment of each watercourse and wetland as required by the relevant legislation and guidelines. This will be provided to all I&amp;AP's who will be allowed the opportunity to comment in the next 30-day commenting period. In terms of blasting, the legislation states that we require a permit when infrastructure is within 500 meters of the blasting site. However, a blasting specialist will be</p>	



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				appointed before the commencement of any mining activities and the following will be implemented:  Planning the type, duration, and timing of blasting with due cognizance of other land users and structures in the vicinity; and  Informing the surrounding landowners and communities in writing ahead of any blasting event.  If you are concerned about your infrastructure, the specialist will place a vibro-recorder near your farm building to test the vibration of the blast.  We trust you will find this in order. Please do not hesitate to contact us in the event of any uncertainties  Mrs Sonette Smit	
 Mr Sipho Samuel Mhlanga		No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A
 Dulobase Pty Ltd		No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A
 Magagula Family Communal Prop Assoc	X	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A
 Wouter Kuhn Trust	X	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A

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<b>Municipal councillor</b>					
 Cllr Bongani Gladwell Motha	X	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Municipality</b>					
 Gert Sibande District Office	X	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A
 Gert Sibande District Municipality	X	Comments received	<p>Response received from Lindokuhle Magagula - Gert Sibande District</p> <p>Gert Sibande District Municipality as a stakeholder and commenting party would like to enquire on whether a public participation meeting has been conducted for the proposed project and if not will one be held and when?</p>	<p>Thank you for your email. There is no public participation meeting scheduled at this stage. We will send you a link with the DBAR as soon as it is available, please send us your comments thereafter. Should you require a meeting with the EAP, kindly send us three possible dates for a zoom meeting after the commenting period ends on 31 January 2022.</p>	Appendix F2: Proof of public participation process
 Gert Sibande District Municipality - Planning	X	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A

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 Msukaligwa Local Municipality	X	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Organs of state (Responsible for infrastructure that may be affected Roads Department, Eskom, Telkom, DWA e</b>					N/A
Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport	X	No comments received.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eskom	X	Comments received.	<p>Response received from Herry Ludere - Eskom:</p> <p>Please receive attached Eskom Distribution Consent Letter, Annex D &amp; E and map layout. If you accept Eskom's condition please complete Annex D and E and send back to me before commencement of the project.</p> <p>Note : Eskom's Distribution consent doesn't relieve the applicant from obtaining the necessary statutory, land owner or municipal approvals.</p> <p>We thank you and hope that you find the above in order, and please don't hesitate to contact us should you've any queries or seek clarity</p>	<p>Good day,</p> <p>Your email dated 17 January 2022 refers.</p> <p>Your comments and conditions will be send to the applicant for further handling.</p> <p>We thank you for taking part in the public participation process.</p>	Appendix F2: Proof of public participation process

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<b>Communities</b>	N/A	No community were identified within the study area.			
<b>Dept. Land Affairs &amp; Environmental Affairs</b>					
Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs	X	No comments received	N/A	NA	N/A
<b>Traditional Leaders</b>	N/A				
<b>Other Competent Authorities affected</b>					
Department of Labour - Mpumalanga Provincial Office;	X	No comments received	N/A	NA	N/A
Department of Water and Sanitation	X	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A
South African Heritage Resources Agency	X	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism	X	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A
Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism - Environmental Impact Management	X	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>OTHER AFFECTED PARTIES</b>					
N/A					
<b>INTERESTED PARTIES</b>					
Mr Inus De Wit		Comments received	Hi Sonette,  Trust you are well? Please register me as an IAP for the mining permit application on portion 15 of Retspruit in Ermelo.	Good day Mr de Wit,  Thank you for your emails dates 3 and 24 January 2022. You are registered as interested and affected party on this application and will receive future correspondence in this regard	Appendix F2: Proof of public participation process
Mr Johan van Greunen (Rietspruit Crushers PTY LTD)		Comments received	Dear Sonette  Your notice of application in terms of section 27 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act for Inzalo Crushing and Aggregates (Pty) Ltd – MP 30/5/1/3/2/13080 MP bears reference.  Rietapruit Crushers, is a miner and supplier of sand and aggregate products based in Ermelo and has been in operation for more than 40 years. We have	Dear Sir,  <b>RE NOTICE OF APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 27 OF THE MINERALS AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT 28 OF 2002 (“MPRDA”) AND THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT 107 OF 1998 (“NEMA”) AS WELL AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED 2017)</b>	Appendix F2: Proof of public participation process

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		<p>a long and proud record of creating jobs and empowering the community and intent on doing so for another 40 years.</p> <p>Rietspruit Crushers would like to officially register as an interested and affected party and lodge our objection to the mining permit applications made by Inzalo Crusing and Aggregates (Pty) Ltd for “Dolerite, Gravel and Sand” on Portion 15 of the farm Rietspruit 437 IS, in the magisterial district of Ermelo, Mpumalanga. The proposed mining permit area is situated on the farm portion adjacent to Rietspruit Crusher mining licence area.</p> <p>We are not in favour of your application and will oppose it. The basis of our objection is as follows:</p> <p><b>1. <u>Environmental Studies:</u></b></p> <p>In your notification you stated that the proposed project trigger listed activities and therefore requires full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to be conducted. We agree with this point however, further in the document you kept referring to a draft Basic Assessment that will be compiled for this project. Due to the listed activities that will be triggered a Basic Assessment will not be sufficient and a full EIA will need to be completed. In your Background Information Document, you do not mention what critical</p>	<p>We refer to the above matter and your letter dated 20 January 2022. We take note of the contents of your abovementioned letter and wish to reply to your objections on a point-by-point basis.</p> <p>From the outset it is important to note that the Background Information Document dated 9 December 2021 is a document providing background for the first phase of this proposed project. More information relating to the project will be provided in the Draft Basic Assessment Report. The purpose of the Background Information Document is to invite parties to register as interested and affected parties. The effects and impacts of the proposed activity will only be assessed when the Draft Basic Assessment Report is compiled. All interested and affected parties will be afforded ample opportunity to comment on the proposed activity and its possible impacts.</p> <p><b>Environmental Studies:</b></p> <p>In your letter, you state the following:</p> <p>In your notification you stated that the proposed project triggers listed activities and therefore requires [a] full Environmental Impact Assessment to be conducted. We agree with this point however, further in the document you kept referring to a draft Basic Assessment that will [be] compiled for this project. Due</p>	

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		<p>specialist studies will be conducted. In these studies, we are supposed to see what the impacts of your mine will have on the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air quality</li> <li>• Archaeology</li> <li>• Surface Water</li> <li>• Groundwater</li> <li>• Ecology</li> <li>• Land use &amp; planning</li> <li>• Waste management</li> <li>• Economy</li> <li>• Noise</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Visual</li> <li>• Quality of life</li> <li>• Nuisance</li> </ul> <p>In your notification you do not state that you will apply for a water use license in terms of section 40 of the National water Act, 36 of 1998. We find this to be of concern due to the fact that your proposed pit will be within 500m from the delineated riparian and/or wetland zone pertaining to a water body (be it a wetland, pan perennial or non-perennial water course or the like). Note, that under the latest DWS requirement the 500m is not from the centre of the relevant water body, but from the edge of the delineated riparian and/or wetland zone as defined by the relevant regulation. However, your notification</p>	<p>to the listed activities that will be triggered a Basic Assessment will not be sufficient and a full EIA will need to be compiled. The full EIA which is required will be based on specialist studies that will have to be completed. In your Background Information Document, you do not mention what critical studies will be conducted. In these studies, we are supposed to see what the impacts of your mine will have on the following categories: air quality, archaeology, surface water, groundwater, ecology, land use &amp; planning, waste management, economy, noise, soil, visual, quality of life and nuisance.</p> <p>As stated in the Background Information Document, the proposed project triggers five listed activities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (hereinafter referred to as “NEMA”) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014 (as amended 2017) (hereinafter referred to as the “EIA Regulations”). These listed activities are: GNR 327 Listing Notice 1 of 2017 Activity 21, GNR 327 Listing Notice 1 of 2017 Activity 27, GNR 327 Listing Notice 1 of 2017 Activity 28, GNR Listing Notice 1 of 2017 Activity 35 and GNR Listing Notice 1 of 2017 Activity 4(f)(i)(ee).</p> <p>It is common cause that activities which fall under Listing Notice 1 of the EIA Regulations do not require the full EIA process, but rather the Basic Assessment</p>	

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		<p>omits the following critical studies which forms part of the application for a water use license. These studies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wetland delineation study</li> <li>• Biodiversity and Ecology study</li> <li>• Soil Study</li> <li>• Geohydrological study</li> </ul> <p>As interested and affected parties Rietspruit Crushers require to see what impacts have been identified by all the necessary specialist studies which you should have conducted and how will these impact be addressed. In the absence of any specialist studies, Rietspruit Crushers will be lead to the conclusion that the impact of the mining and operational activities will be detrimental to the environmental and also that the guidelines for applying for a water use license was not following which cause Rietspruit Crushers to further object to this application for a mining a permit. In your notification you failed to indicate any maps or diagrams indicating the relevant buffer zones around the relevant water bodies. Therefore, Rietspruit Crushers can only deduce that the required mandatory specialist studies have not been conducted therefore Rietspruit Crushers is not awarded the opportunity to comment on the impacts of the mine and what mitigations</p>	<p>process. Accordingly, an EIA need not be conducted for the proposed project, as none of the proposed activities trigger an activity under Listing Notice 2 of the EIA Regulations.</p> <p>It is evident from the Background Information Document that, in line with the relevant legislation and regulations, provision will be made for the basic assessment process that assess project specific environmental impacts and alternatives, consider public input and propose mitigation measures to ultimately culminate in an environmental management programme that informs the competent authority (the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy) when considering the environmental authorisation.</p> <p>Again, we reiterate that the Background Information Document merely serves as a means to provide background information for the purpose of the first phase of this proposed project. The effects of the impacts of the proposed activity will be assessed when the Draft Basic Assessment Report is compiled. Any further studies as proposed by you will then be conducted during this phase should it be found applicable by the specialist in the particular field of expertise.</p>	



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		<p>measures have or are proposed to minimise and reduce the impacts.</p> <p>You have also omitted the fact that a full Environmental Impact Assessment will have to be conducted due to the fact that the activities on your mining premises will trigger GNR 984 Listing Notice 2 Activity 21 IN ADDITION TO GNR 983 Activities 21, 22 and 35 listing Notice 1. You do not state in the notification of Inzalo Crushing and Aggregates (Pty) Ltd intention to apply for a mining permit that this process will be followed and that all the mandatory specialist studies will be conducted. This point also emphasized the fact that you are failing to provide Rietspruit Crushers the opportunity to provide informed comments on your application.</p> <p><b><u>2.Socio-economic Impact</u></b></p> <p>It is clear to Rietspruit Crusher that the necessary socio-economic impact studies have been omitted from the mining permit application. These studies should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social and labour impact study</li> <li>• Marketing survey and analysis</li> </ul> <p>Failure to conduct such studies indicates that you have not adequately considered the financial</p>	<p>Furthermore, you state that the proposed project will trigger Listing Notice 2 Activity 21. This is incorrect, seeing as this activity was repealed in 2021.</p> <p>You further state under this heading that an application for a water use license in terms of section 40 of the National Water Act 36 of 1998 (“NWA”) will have to be brought in relation to the proposed project, seeing that the “proposed pit will be within 500m from the delineated riparian and/or wetland zone pertaining to a water body”. We do not dispute the fact that a water use license will be necessary in the event of the occurrence of such an activity. However, the proposed project does not fall within 500 meters from the delineated riparian and/or wetland zone. A wetland study is currently being undertaken in order to corroborate this statement and more information in relation thereto will be available in the Draft Basic Assessment Report. Should an application in terms of section 40 of the NWA be necessary, this will be set out in the Draft Basic Assessment Report.</p> <p><b>Social-economic impact</b></p> <p>You state that the necessary socio-economic impact studies have been omitted from the mining permit application and that these studies should include a social and labour impact study and a marketing survey and analysis.</p>	

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		<p>feasibility of a second quarry in the Msukwalikwa area, especially in close proximity to an already established quarry, and if such a quarry, and if such a quarry will be able to operate profitably in an already constrained market. It also indicates that you have not considered the effect that a second quarry will have on Rietspruit Crushers and the potential job losses which Rietspruit Crushers may then face as a consequence. Therefore, you have not considered the negative impact which your quarry will have on the local employment in the area.</p> <p>It should be noted that Rietspruit Crushers has been mining and producing aggregates for over 40 years and over that span Rietspruit Crushers has experienced the full swing of the volatility in the market. Despite the necessary socio-economic studies not being conducted or the failure to even consider conducting these studies, this amplifies the point that you have not taken due care in considering the market in which you want to operate and that you are ill-informed on the sustainability of a second quarry in Ermelo</p> <p><b><u>3. Abusing of the mining permit system</u></b></p> <p>Further to Rietspruit Crushers objection is the fact that you're the 5th application for a mining permit in the last ten years on this portion. This is a clear</p>	<p>As mentioned in the Background Information Document, the aggregate to be removed from the quarry will be used for local construction and building projects in the vicinity. Should any additional workers be required for this project, they will be sourced from the local community. Due to the small size of the proposed operation, we are of the opinion that these studies are not required.</p> <p>We will, however, consult with an expert specialist in this particular field and elaborate on the above in the Draft Basic Assessment Report.</p> <p><b>Abusing of the mining permit system</b></p> <p>The area lends itself to prospecting and mining. Inzalo Crushing and Aggregates (Pty) Ltd has no intention of mining in the area for a period longer than five years and in an area that is larger than 4.9 ha.</p> <p>We cannot comment on the intention of other companies in the past.</p> <p>We trust you find the above in order.</p>	

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		<p>abuse and violation of the intent behind the mining permit application of the Department of Mineral Rights. A mining permit is valid for the period specified in the permit which may not exceed a period of two years and may be renewed for three periods each of which may not exceed one year. A mining right is granted for larger operations and longer periods (more than 2 years). For what you are planning it is clear that you do not want to apply for a full mining right and that you are attempting to by-pass the requirements by applying for a mining permit. This indicates that you do not want to compete on a level playing field with Rietspruit Crushers and comply with all the necessary regulations which you would need to comply with when you have a mining right. This improper.</p> <p>The points raised here are not exhaustive. Even so we feel it is sufficient reason for us to oppose your application in its current form. Should there be any change and/or amendment to your documentation arising from this process, please forward it to us. We would appreciate your formal acknowledgement of receipt of our comments as well as any feedback pertaining to it within 10 working days.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>		

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Mr Jannie Myburgh	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mr Kerneels van Rensburg	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mr Riaan van Rensburg	No comments received	N/A	N/A	N/A
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