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**APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 of 1998) AS AMENDED (NEMA) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS 2014, IN RESPECT OF PORTIONS 12, OF THE FARM BOSCH KRANS 53 IS, PORTION 8, 2 OF THE DORSFONTEIN 71 IS, PORTION 1, 2, 3 OF THE FARM FENTONIA 54 IS, PORTION 4, 10,11, 13, AND 5 OF THE FARM WELSTAND 55 IS, SITUATED WITHIN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OFNKANGALA.**

The above refers,

The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment received by the Department on 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 refer.

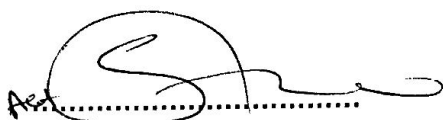
1. The Department has evaluated the submitted SR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2(2) of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (as amended) (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

Regulations, 2014. The SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 22(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014. 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.

2. It should be noted that the Department requires the following to be undertaken and form part of the final EIR and EMPr to be submitted.
    - a) All the activities to be undertaken on site must be described and the impacts that they will have on the physical, biological, social, economic and cultural aspects of the environment must be assessed.
    - b) A description of the impact management objectives, including management statements identifying the impacts and risks that need to be avoided, managed and mitigated as identified through the environmental impact assessment process for all of phases of the development and the method of monitoring of the implementation of the impact management actions.
    - c) Feasible and reasonable alternatives based on the different types/categories of alternatives must be identified and assessed, so that the Department can be able to make an informed decision.
    - d) Public Participation Process must be transparent and all comments received during the process must be incorporated into the comments and response report of the final Environmental Impact Report.
    - e) 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.
    - f) All comments from interested and affected parties must be adequately addressed in the final Environmental Impact Report.
    - g) For linear activities such as roads and pipelines, a description of the co-ordinates of the corridor in which the proposed activities are to be undertaken. The impacts of these linear activities must be thoroughly assessed.
    - h) A motivation for the need and desirability of the project must be included.
    - i) The financial provision calculation to be provided must cater for the proposed mining activities.
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3. 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.
4. Submit report generated by national web based environmental screen tool in terms of section 24(5)h of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and Regulation 16(1)(b)(v) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 24, as amended.
5. 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 that are relatable to one another;
  - Co-ordinates;
  - Legible legends;
  - Alternatives;
  - Scale and
  - Vegetation types of the study area.
6. You are requested to submit two (2) hard copies of the EIAR and EMPr and at least one electronic copy (CD/USB) of the complete EIAR and EMPr to this Regional Office.
7. 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



**REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION**  
**MPUMALANGA REGION**

DATE 28/05/2021

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