

## ***The Environmental Assessment Practitioner -***

I, **Marissa Ilse Botha**, declare that –

- I act as the independent environmental assessment practitioner in this mining right application in terms of Section 22 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act No. 28 of 22);
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I will comply with the Act, regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in regulation 8 of the regulations when preparing the application and any report relating to the application;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing – any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- I will ensure that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on documents that are produced to support the application;
- I will ensure that the comments of all interested and affected parties are considered and recorded in reports that are submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application, provided that comments that are made by interested and affected parties in respect of a final report that will be submitted to the competent authority may be attached to the report without further amendment to the report;
- I will keep a register of all interested and affected parties that participated in a public participation process;
- I will provide the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal regarding the application, whether such information is favourable to the applicant or not;
- All the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct;

- Will perform all other obligations as expected from an environmental assessment practitioner in terms of the regulations;
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of Regulation 71 and is punishable in terms of Section 24F of the Act. .

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Ilse Botha', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Mrs. Marissa Ilse Botha**

Date: 15 July 2016