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Contact details of Interested & Affected Party :

Name : DIocese OF GRAHAMSTOWN OF THE
ANGELICAN CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA represented
by B.R. AMSTERDAM.
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Please list your comments on the project. Should you require more space, use additional page :

1.	<u>REFGE to Annexure A attached hereto.</u>
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

or

I have ~~no comments~~ objections on the proposed project.

Signed : BKA

REGISTRAR : DIocese OF GRAHAMSTOWN.

Notice not received. BKA confirm that I have received the Public Consultation Notice.

Signature

I.D. Number

Date

Name and contact details of alternate / nominated person to be contacted instead :

Name : REV. ROBIN MURRAY - Representative of landowner

☒ Land owner ☐ Tenant ☐ Other Interested Party

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ANNEXURE A

OBJECTION TO PROPOSED MINING OF DOLOMITE, LIMESTONE, SAND (GENERAL), STONE AGGREGATE, GRAVEL and BUILDING SAND ON PORTIONS OF PORTION 17 AND THE REMAINDER OF FARM LOMBARD'S POST, 289, BATHURST, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

1. INTRODUCTION

This objection to the proposed mining as stated above is submitted on behalf of the Diocese of Grahamstown of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa hereinafter referred to as. The Diocese is represented by Brenda Amsterdam in her capacity as Registrar of the Diocese and attorney to the Diocese and Bishop of Grahamstown in his capacity as head of the Diocese.

2. PROPERTY

The property in respect of which this property is submitted is described as Portion 1 of Farm No. 289, Bathurst. A deeds search confirming the Diocese' ownership of the land is attached.

3. LAND USE

In a document generated by or on behalf of S.A. Lime Eastern Cape (Pty) Ltd and titled Mining Right Scoping Report: Southwell Limestone, it is indicated on page 9 at clause 4.6 that the land in question is currently occupied by farming activities of Mr Colin Stirk. A copy of the relevant page is attached, marked annexure C.

The document fails to indicate that the land as well as portion 4 of farm 289 of which the Diocese is also the owner, has on it a complex of buildings known as Southwell¹, consisting of the following:-

1. Southwell Mission School (1844);
2. St James Church (1851);
3. Mission Church (1868);
4. St James Church Cemetery (c 1870s, possibly prior);
5. More recent teachers accommodation (in wattle and daub technique);
6. Contemporary school buildings
7. Graves presumed to be related to farm labourers – these are undated.

The writer of the source document comments on the buildings as follows:-

¹ Source: Heritage Survey by Umlando: Archaeological Tourism and Resource Management dd 27 November 1979, compiled by Gavin Anderson

"The series of buildings are integral to the history of the area, as the land was set up in Trust for members of the community. Most of the members of the surrounding farms are buried in the cemetery and the St James (an Anglican Church), appears to be central to the farming religion of the area. The earliest grave with visible writing dates to 1855.

Significance: The buildings are significant in terms of their age, historical reference to the area and mostly well preserved features."

Photographs of the buildings marked Annexure D is attached.

4. CONSULTATION PROCESS

We refer to a meeting held with land owners on 27th November 2012. A copy of page 1 of the minute of that meeting is attached, marked Annexure E.

It is noted in the minute that Ms B Amsterdam, representing the Diocese tendered an apology and at point 3 it is indicated that "they(presumably the Diocese) supports the project, provided that the value of the land will not be negatively affected by the mining operation."

The above is blatantly untrue as the Diocese has never received notice of a meeting, an apology was never tendered and nor was any person or persons delegated to express an opinion on behalf of the Diocese at such a meeting.

The source of the information is not indicated and one can only surmise that the statement alleging the cooperation of the Diocese has been used to mislead.

5. OBJECTIONS TO THE PROJECT

The Diocese objects to the proposed mining in the strongest terms, for the following reasons:-

- (a) The potential damage to historical buildings cannot be quantified. In our considered opinion there is a real threat damage to the buildings and priceless stained glass windows as a result of the use of burnt lime and vibrations caused by heavy equipment and blasting. The large volumes of dust will also be potentially damaging to the buildings;
- (b) The serenity of the church grounds and two grave yards will be severely damaged. The graves and gravestones may also potentially be damaged;
- (c) A number of parishioners have indicated that should mining commence they will leave the church. This will affect the income of the church which is utilised to maintain the buildings thus leading to deterioration of buildings that until now have been maintained by the commitment of the parishioners.
- (d) Of gravest concern to the church is the negative impact mining will have on its planned heritage route which will encompass all its churches from Cuylerville to Southwell. The Diocese has established a non – profit company to spearhead the project. Should mining be allowed, not only will the buildings be potentially

compromised, but the Diocese will also be denied a potential source of income that would have funded the preservation of historical buildings and its ministry to the poor.

6. CONCLUSION

In light of the above the Diocese cannot under any circumstances support the proposed mining as the consequences for its property and ministry will be far reaching.



B.R. AMSTERDAM

**REGISTRAR: DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN OF THE
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA**

289 , BATHURST RD, P:1 (CAPE TOWN)
Deeds Office Property Farm

Search Information

Summary	
Search Type	DEEDSOFFICE PROPERTY FARM
Search Description	289 , BATHURST RD, P:1 (CAPE TOWN)
Reference	BRENDA
Date	26/06/2013

Farm Information

Summary	
Deeds Office	CAPE TOWN
Property Type	FARM
Municipality	WESTERN DC
Province	EASTERN CAPE
Registration Division	BATHURST RD
Farm Name	LOMBARDS POST
Farm Number	289
Portion Number	1
Previous Description	-
Diagram Deed	T232/1954
Size	2M 305SQRD M
LPI Code	C00800000000028900001

Owner Summary

Owner Name	ID / Reg. Number	Purchase Price	Purchase Date
DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN	-	R 0,00	-

Owner Information

Owner 1 of 1	
Owner Type	TRUSTEES
Owner Name	DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN
ID / Reg. Number	-
Title Deed	T194/1871
Registration Date	17/06/1871
Purchase Price	R 0,00
Multiple Owners	NO
Multiple Properties	NO
Share	-
Purchase Date	-
Microfilm Reference No.	-

Endorsement(s)

Document Number	Microfilm Ref. Number	Institution	Value
FARM BA 289/1	1985 0008 1599	-	UNKNOWN

History Information

Document Number	Microfilm Ref. Number	Owner	Value
No information available.			

Internal Enquiry History

Company Name	Contact Person	Contact Number	E-mail Address	Enquiry Date
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4 REGULATION 49 (a) : METHODOLOGY APPLIED TO CONDUCT THE SCOPING

4.1 Identification & Description of Community

No communities of historically disadvantaged people with interest or rights in the study area have been identified. The immediate community is a typical Eastern Cape rural farming community.

4.2 State whether or not the Community is also the landowner.

The land is privately owned. See paragraph 4.6 below for the affected land owners.

4.3 State whether or not the Department of Land Affairs has been identified as an interested and affected party.

The Department of Rural Development and Land Affairs might be a commenting authority in terms of the MPRDA at the discretion of the Regional Manager DMR, but not custodian of land applicable to this mining right application.


4.4 State specifically whether or not a land claim is involved.

No land claims are involved.

4.5 Name the Traditional Authority identified by the applicant.

Not applicable as the land is privately owned land.

4.6 List the landowners identified by the applicant (Traditional and Title Deed owners)

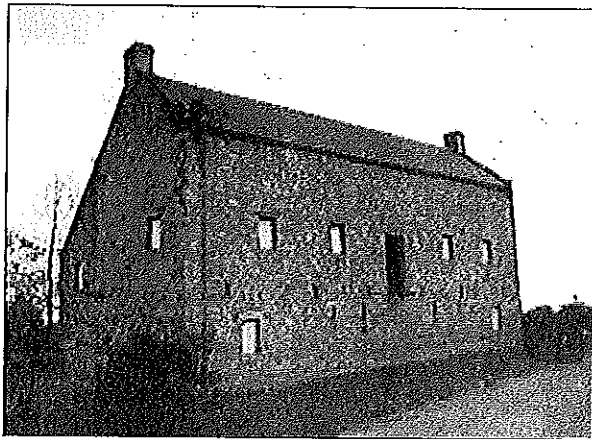
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- Portion 17 of the farm Lombard's Post No. 289 in the Administrative district of Bathurst of the Eastern Cape Province, belonging to Mr Colin Lynn Stirk (ID: 6111055009087) ;
 - Portion 1 of the farm Lombard's Post No. 289 in the Administrative district of Bathurst of the Eastern Cape Province, belonging to the Diocese of Grahamstown ;
 - The Remainder of the farm Lombard's Post, No. 289 in the Administrative district of Bathurst, belongs to Mr Peter Norman Keeton (ID: 5110205013080)

4.7 List the lawful occupiers of the land concerned.

Mr. Peter Keeton and Mr. Colin Stirk and their families are the lawful occupiers of the land. The land belonging to the Diocese of Grahamstown is currently being occupied by farming activities of Mr. Colin Stirk.

FIG. 5: VARIOUS BUILDINGS AT SOUTHWELL

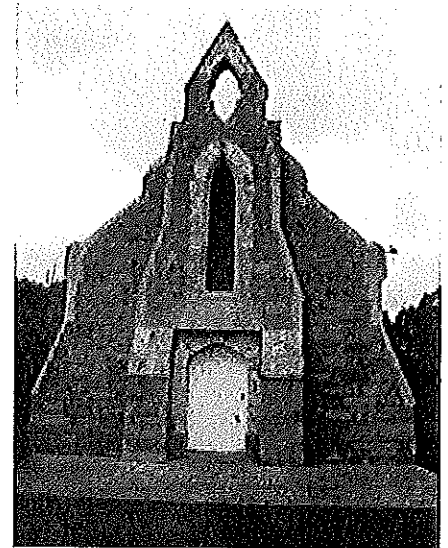
Lombard's Post



Southwell School



Mission Church



St James Church

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17 Appendix F : Minutes of Meetings held with Landowners

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD WITH LANDOWNERS

on 27 NOVEMBER 2012 at 11h00

AT LOMBARDSPOST, NDAMBE MUNICIPALITY

MEETING NO. 01

Attendance:

Mr C Stirk (Landowner) : CSK
 Mrs L Stirk (Landowner) : LSK
 Mr P Keeton (Landowner) : PKN
 Mr R Gerber (Consultant) : RGR
 Ms V Lessing (Consultant) : VLG

Apologies:

Ms B Amsterdam (Representative Diocese of Grahamstown) : BAM

	COMMENT	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE
1.	RGR gave each landowner a copy of the Background Information Document (BID)		
2.	A copy of the BID was emailed to BAM in her absence.		
3.	BAM indicated that they support the project, provided the value of the land will not be negatively affected by the mining operation.		
4.	PKN indicated that he would support the project. He emphasised that there are several graves that must however be assessed before mining commences.		
5.	RGR affirmed that a heritage assessment will be done as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment.	RGR	January 2013

S.A. Lime Southwell Minutes of Meeting

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