

Background Information Document (BID)

For a Mining Permit Application by HlokoHloko Investments Holdings (Pty) Ltd in respect of Coal on portion of the remaining extent of Portion 10 of the Farm Hartbeestspruit 281 JS, situated in the Magisterial District of eMalahleni in Mpumalanga Province.

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INTRODUCTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an independent Environmental Consultant by **Hlokohlolo Investments Holdings (Pty) Ltd** to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Compile a Basic Assessment Report (BAR) & Environmental Management Programme report (EMPr) and undertake Public Participation Process (PPP). This is done for processes of acquiring Environmental Authorization for the proposed Mining Permit Application for **Coal** on **portion of the remaining extent of Portion 10 of the Farm Hartbeestpruit 281 JS**, situated in the Magisterial District of **eMalahleni** in Mpumalanga Province.

The Purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide a perfunctory description of the project and outline EIA processes to be followed and contributions from Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) on the issues related to the project in question, allowing comments and concerns to be raised.

Results of the EIA, both negative and positive, will be submitted and made available to the relevant Departments such as the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy and if requested, Department of Forestry Fisheries and the Environment, Department of Water and Sanitation, landowners and other I&APs.

This BID therefore requests and invites I&APs to comment on the environmental, physical, social and economic impacts associated with the proposed mining activities. Be assured that your comments are of great value as they ensure that relevant issues are taken into consideration. Attached at the end of this document is a registration form, kindly complete it and send it back to **Ms. Lesego Montshiwa** through given means of communication also attached there.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A Mining Permit Application has been submitted for the extraction of **Coal** on the property mentioned above. This Mining Permit Area, as seen in Figure 1 and Figure 2, is situated approximately 18.20km Northwest of Model Park.

Mining activities will be undertaken over a period of two (2) years. This project will entail an open cast method of excavation. The mine design will be developed according to the dimension of the applied mineral deposit within the project area, but overall mining activities will be limited to an area of 5 Ha as per mining permit requirements. The topsoil will be stockpiled elsewhere on site preferably next to the farm boundary and will be used during rehabilitation period. Once a box cut has been made, the overburden and mineral resources where necessary will be loosened by blasting. The loosened material will then be loaded onto trucks by excavators. A haul road will be situated at the side of the pit, forming a ramp up which trucks can drive, carrying ore and waste rock. Waste rock will be piled up at the surface, near the edge of the open pit (waste dump). The waste dump will be tiered and stepped, to minimize degradation. All the activities will be guided by the project's EMPr such

that the project does not impact the environment and population negatively.



REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Therefore, EIA through BAR & EMP process to be undertaken will be conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) and Environmental Impact Assessment regulations as amended (April 2017).

The activity is to extract the existence and occurrence of the applied mineral; therefore, this will be conducted in accordance with Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, (Act 28 of 2002). Other regulatory guidelines to be followed includes National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998), National Air Quality Standards (GN 1210: 2009) and National Dust Control Regulations (GN 827: 2013) as amended.

These all will accurately be followed to ensure that identified impacts are assessed and mitigated according to their significance so that the protection of the receiving environment and populations is met.

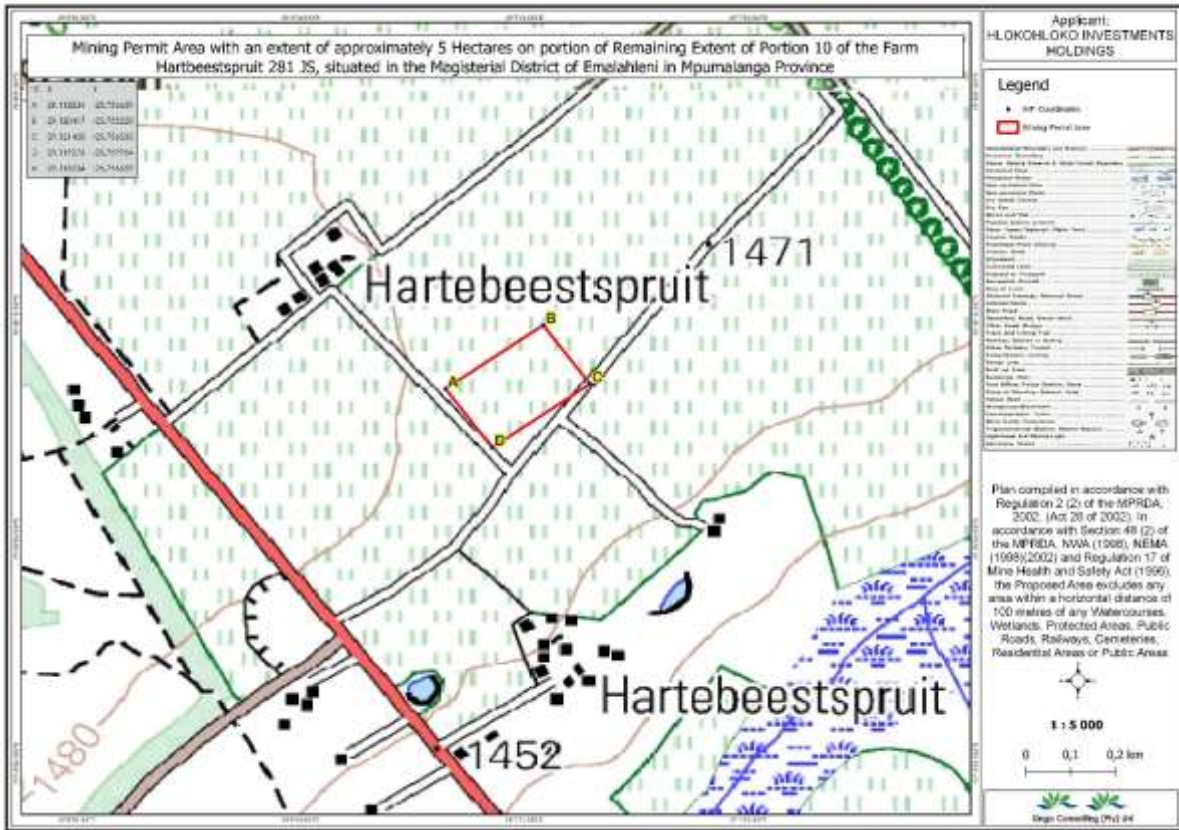


Figure 1: Regulation 2.2 plan of the proposed project (A: -25.756639, 29.118234)

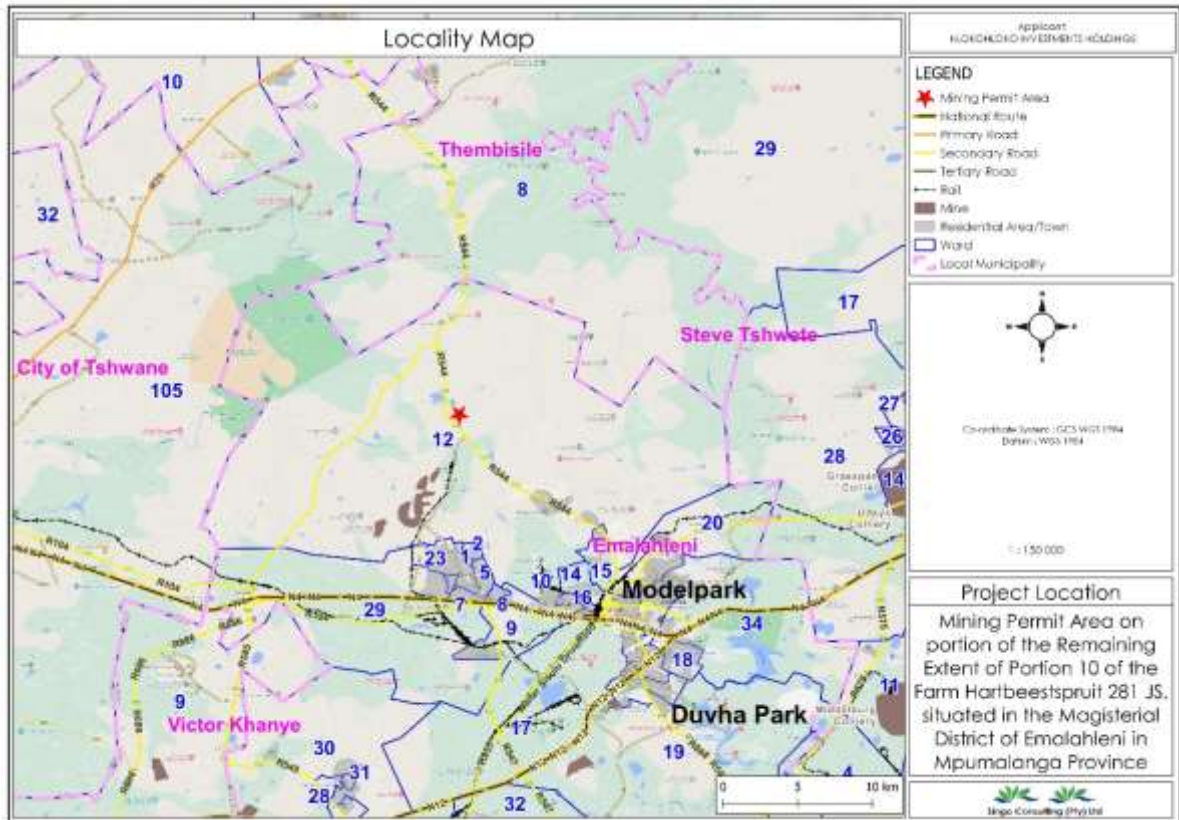


Figure 2: Locality map of the proposed project

BASIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESSES

These are planning and decision-making tools used in identifying potential environmental, economic and social consequences of a proposed activity prior the commencement of the activity. These together with the public issues and concerns are to be identified sufficiently early so that they can be assessed and incorporated into the final reports when/if necessary. These tools are regarded crucial because they are utilized to demonstrate to the relevant stakeholders about the potential impacts, which in turn leads to the mining application process being a success or declined.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP)

Public Participation remains a cornerstone of the Environmental Impact Assessment process. It ensures provision of relevant and enough information with openness and transparency. PPP presents to I&APs, an opportunity to understand what the project is about, and affords them an opportunity to make valuable contributions towards the EIA process.

I&AP can be any person, group of persons or organization interested in or affected by the proposed activity, and any organ of state that may have jurisdiction over any aspect of the activity.

For this specific proposed project, I&APs will be given a period of 30 days to comment and raise issues/concerns with regards to the Draft BAR & EMPr. **These comments must be submitted to Ms. Lesego Montshiwa no later than 10th of March 2023.**

Please note the following:

- The Draft BAR & EMPr will be available at **eMalahleni Local Municipality (Civic Centre, Cnr Mandela & Arras Streets, eMalahleni) and Klarinet Public Library (Blesboklaagte 296-JS, eMalahleni, 1035).**
- The Draft BAR & EMPr will be available for review from **Thursday the 09th of February 2023–Friday the 10th of March 2023.**
- Electronic copies will be made available upon request from Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd, using the contact details of the Environmental Technician, **Ms. Lesego Montshiwa.**



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REGISTRATION & COMMENT SHEET

**Mining Permit Application on portion of the remaining extent of Portion 10 of the Farm
Hartbeestpruit 281 JS,**

Attention: **Lesego Montshiwa**

Email: lesego@singoconsulting.co.za

Title	Name	Surname
Company		
Designation		
Address		
Tel No.	Fax No.	
E-mail	Cell No.	
I would like to receive my notifications be (mark with "X"):	Post <input type="checkbox"/>	E-mail: <input type="checkbox"/> Fax: <input type="checkbox"/>
Please indicate why you would have an interest in the above-mentioned project.		
Please provide your comments and questions here:		
<i>Please feel free to attach a separate document should the space provided be depleted.</i>		
Please add any person you think may be interested and affected parties:		
Full name	Company	
Address		
E-mail	Contact No.	