

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

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**PROSPECTING RIGHT AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR MARBLE  
(DIMENSION STONE), JASPER (GEMSTONE), DIAMOND  
AND LIMESTONE ON ALL PORTIONS OF THE FARM DELFT  
499 MS  
(DMRE REF: LP 30/5/1/1/2/14725 PR).**

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## INTRODUCTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an independent Environmental Consultant by **Bestcho Construction and Projects (Pty) Ltd** to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), compile an Environmental Management Programme report (EMPr) and undertake Public Participation Process (PPP). This is done for processes of acquiring Environmental Authorization for the proposed Prospecting Right Application on **all portions of the farm Delft 499 MS** in the Magisterial District of Musina in Limpopo Province **(DMRE REF: LP 30/5/1/1/2/14725 PR)**.

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 process through BAR & EMPr, both negative and positive, will be submitted and made available to the relevant Departments such as the Department of Mineral Resources & Energy and if requested, Department of Forest, Fisheries and Environmental, Department of Water and Sanitation, Landowners, and other interested stakeholders.

This BID therefore requests and invites I&APs to comment on the environmental, physical, social, and economic impacts associated with the proposed prospecting 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 Rofhiwa Nemutandani** through given means of communication also attached there.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Prospecting Right Application has been submitted for the searching of **Marble (Dimension stone), Jasper (Gemstone), Diamond and Limestone** on the property mentioned above. The project as seen on figure 1 is approximately 35.72 km southwest of Musina and approximately 49.40 km northwest of Makhado (Louis Trichardt).

Prospecting activities will be undertaken over a period of five (5) years and are designed in phases, each phase conditional on the success of the previous phase. Both invasive and non-invasive methods will be implemented. Desktop study of the area has commenced, and this incorporates desktop geographical and geological mapping. This will be followed by detailed geochemical and geotechnical surveys. In turn, this is followed by detailed geophysical studies and later, a detailed sampling, assaying and mineralogical study. All the activities will be guided by the project's EMPr.

## REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Therefore, EIA 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 search the existence and occurrence of the applied minerals; therefore, this will be conducted in accordance with Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, (Act 28 of 2002). Other regulatory guidelines to be followed include National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998), Air Quality Act 2004 (Act 39 of 2004) and National Dust Control Regulations (GN 827: 2013).

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.



## **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 Prospecting Right application process being a success or declined.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP)**

PPP 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&APs 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.

The key objective of PPP is to afford the I&APs with an opportunity to comment and provide valuable inputs during the planning phase of the project.

#### **Kindly keep the following dates:**

- ❖ Stakeholder engagement and consultation: **On going throughout the EIA process**
- ❖ Review of Draft BAR & EMPr: **10<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 to 08<sup>th</sup> of November 2022**

The Draft BAR & EMPr will be available at the **Musina Public Library (Corner Irwin & Scholtz, Musina, 0900)**, and soft copy (via emails; Dropbox link; Google drive; WeTransfer, etc) upon request from Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd using the detailed Environmental Technician's contacts below.

Comments on the DBAR & EMPr should be submitted to Ms Rofhiwa Nemutandani no later than the **8<sup>th</sup> of November 2022**.



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**REGISTRATION & COMMENT SHEET**

Prospecting Right Application on all portions of the farm Delft 499 MS, situated in the Magisterial District of Musina (DMRE Ref.: LP 30/5/1/1/2/14725 PR).

Attention: **Rofhiwa Nemutandani**

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Feel free to add an extra comment sheet			
<b>Please add any person you think may be interested and affected parties:</b>			
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