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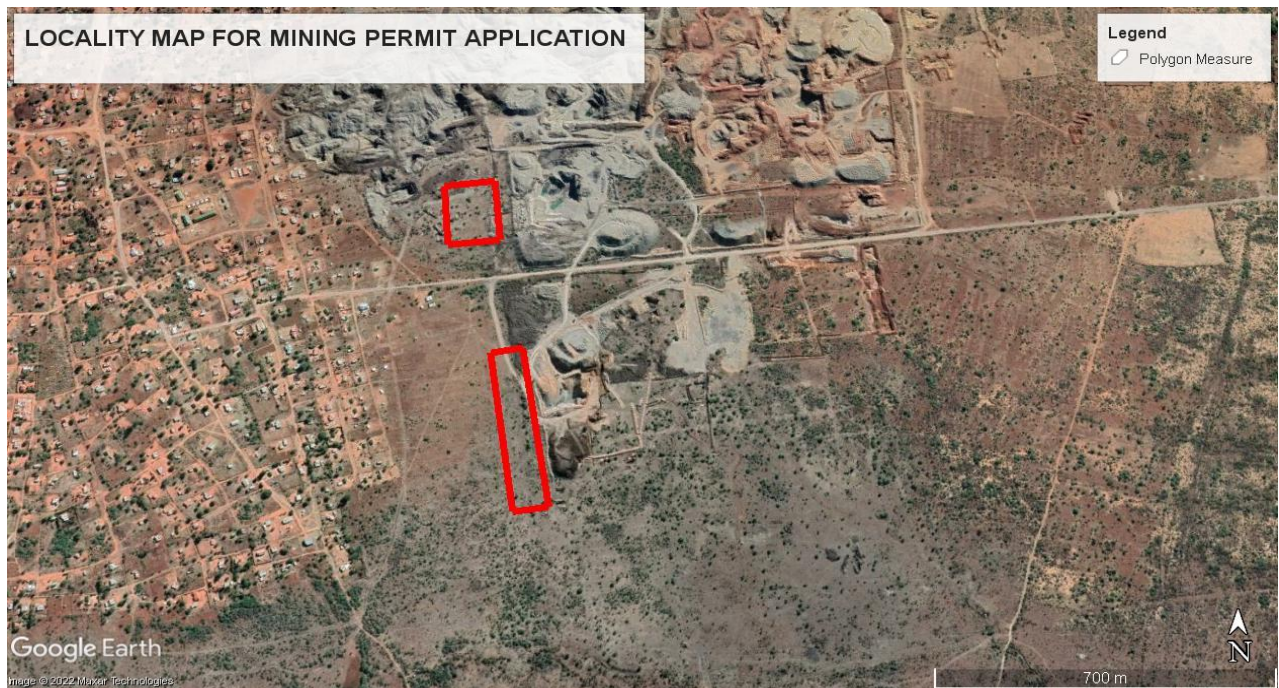
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1. INTRODUCTION

Western Limb Minerals and Investments (Pty) Ltd applied for Mining Permit with the Department of Mineral Resources & Energy for Chrome Ore ,PGM, Nickel Ore ,Gold Ore ,Diamond Alluvial, General and Diamond in Kimberlite in respect of certain portion of portion 6 of the farm Vogelstruinek 173 JP situated in the Magisterial District of Mankwe in the North West province.



The applicant is required to comply with the requirements of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 (Act No. 28 of 2002), section 27(5) as amended by section 23(e) of the act which stipulates that upon acceptance of its Mining Permit application, Applicant) must

- Submit a BAR & EMPr as required in terms of chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998.
- Notify in writing and consult with the landowner (traditional and title deeds owners), lawful occupiers of the property (and any other affected parties including adjacent and non-adjacent properties), whose socio-economic conditions may be directly affected, the municipality, relevant state departments and other agencies must be consulted and submit the results of the said consultation to the department of mineral resources.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT.

The purpose of this document is:

- To notify potential stakeholders of the Mining Permit application -the Department of Mineral Resources Reference Number: **NW30/5/1/3/2/1127 MP**



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- To provide I&APs with the information that will allow them to participate in the proposed project and meaningful provide comment and concerns that will be incorporated into the BAR & EMPr Report.
- Invite potential stakeholders to register themselves as I&APs.
- Inform potential stakeholders of the process to be followed in the Report
- To provide information on the environmental work to be done to meet the requirements of the environmental and mining legislation.

3) INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED MINING ACTIVITIES

3.1) PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Mining Permit application is approximately 4.9 hectares in extent. The life of the mine is estimated at 2 years from the construction to the closure and includes the period of rehabilitation.

The major products would be magnetite ore which would be mined optimally via the open cast using excavator, front end loader and damper.

3.2) DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED MINING ACTIVITY

The mining activities can be divided into three categories

i. CONSTRUCTION PHASE

During this phase, the infrastructure for the proposed mining activities is constructed and, includes the following:

- Fencing of the mine area
- Site preparation and clearing
- Construction of mine infrastructure such as, stockpile areas, mobile offices and mobile toilets.
- Construction of access roads.

ii. PRODUCTION PHASE

During this phase vegetation, top soil, and subsoil will be removed, drilling and excavation of the overburden will be done in order to remove the proposed minerals. Rehabilitation will be done concurrently. Removed topsoil will be stored on the site separately from the subsoil to prevent mixing of soil layers and to be used for rehabilitation.

Once minerals are removed, the overburden is placed back into the void. The topsoil will then be placed back onto the levelled area rehabilitated. The following activities will take place during production phase: topsoil removal, overburden drilling, excavation, loading and hauling, transportation.

iii. DECOMMISSIONING OR CLOSURE PERIOD



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Although rehabilitation will be done concurrently with the proposed project, filling of the final void and reinstatement of roads will be done after the mining is complete. After decommissioning, closure activities will include maintenance and aftercare to ensure that rehabilitation is successful. In this regard, although closure objectives have not been finalised, the goal that will be considered is to rehabilitate the area to a close as reasonably possible to pre-mining.

4) WHO ARE THE INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES?

- In terms of chapter 5 of NEMA and in relation to the assessment of environmental impact of a listed activities or related activity, means an interested and affected party contemplated in section 24(4) (a) (v), and which includes any person, group of persons or organisation interested in or affected by such operation or activity.
- I&APs also often referred to as stakeholders, need to be notified and consulted with, as part of the application process for Prospecting Right application. All to register themselves as I&APs, if they felt it is relevant.
- Please note that only registered I&APs will receive follow-up information as the application process continues. Any person can at time throughout the application process identify and register him/herself as an I&AP, keeping in mind that some processes would already be completed at that time.
- All I&APs are invited to also identify other parties they feel should regard this mining permit application or to share this information document with them. Please notify the applicant of any other party you feel should be included in the contact database; we need to contact them directly.
- I&APs are invited to participate in the consulting process by sharing their input, concerns, comments and/or suggestions throughout the process. Please note that you keep to the specified timeframe and we kindly request that you keep to the specified

time frames which will be communicated I&APs throughout the process. Input received will be included in an issues & response register as part of the Report to be submitted to DMR.

5) IMPORTANT

- Please contact Mabirimisa Consulting and Projects (Pty) Ltd to register yourself or your company/ organization as interested and affected party. Only registered I&AP will receive further information and notification regarding the proposed project.
- Please send us your comments or concerns. Preferably in writing to, Post Office Box 10640, Klerksdorp 2570 or by e-mail to mabirimisaconsulting@gmail.com or info.mbsconsulting@gmail.com or by fax 086 557 9215 within 30 days of this information of this information. You are also welcome to call 082 752 1754 or 063 855 9539
- You are welcome to use the attached registration & environmental questionnaire sheet or to write a letter. E-mail or send a fax.
- Please feel free to circulate this information to other people/ parties which you feel should be notified of the matter.

Comments sheet



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