

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION BY JAMENTS (PTY) LTD FOR **COAL** RESOURCES ON PORTION 10 OF THE FARM **GOEDEHOOP 106 IT**, MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF ERMELO IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE



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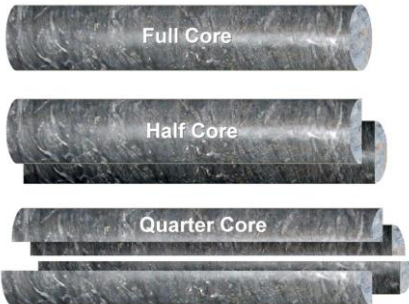


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1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Jaments (Pty) Ltd, has applied for a Prospecting Right on Farm Goedehoop 106 IT in terms of Section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA). The prospecting right was accepted on 23-08-2018, DMR ref: MP MP30/5/1/1/2/15321PR).

This Background Information Document (BID) has been developed to:

- Share information about the proposed Project;
- Present the Prospecting Right Application process according to South African legislation; and
- Provide more details about the Public Participation Process (PPP) which will be followed.

1.1 Appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioners

Jaments (Pty) Ltd has appointed Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd, as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to conduct the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), & hence compile an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and to undertake the PPP for this Prospecting Right Application. Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd aims to protect and manage best remaining environment, for this reason it should be noted that the proposed prospecting project will be done with sustainability concept consideration.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Prospecting Right Application has been submitted for the prospecting of coal resources on portion10 of the farm Goedehoop 106 IT. The project area is situated approximately 22 km north east of Ermelo. From Ermelo the site can be accessed via N17 which is about 7 km away from the site. Prospecting activities will be undertaken over a period of five (5 years) and the application includes both invasive and non-invasive methods. Invasive methods are prospecting activities that result in land disturbances; in this project they entail drilling of 19 boreholes using Percussion drilling and diamond drilling method. Coal samples will be taken to the lab for further analysis such that the quality can be established and hence the resource can be modelled.

Non-invasive methods are prospecting methods that do not cause disturbances to the land and includes desktop research, geological mapping, consultation with land owners, and potential resource modeling. It is anticipated that nineteen (19) diamond core boreholes will be drilled for prospecting purposes. Stakeholders affected by the proposed prospecting activities, during the prospecting period will be consulted before any activities take place.

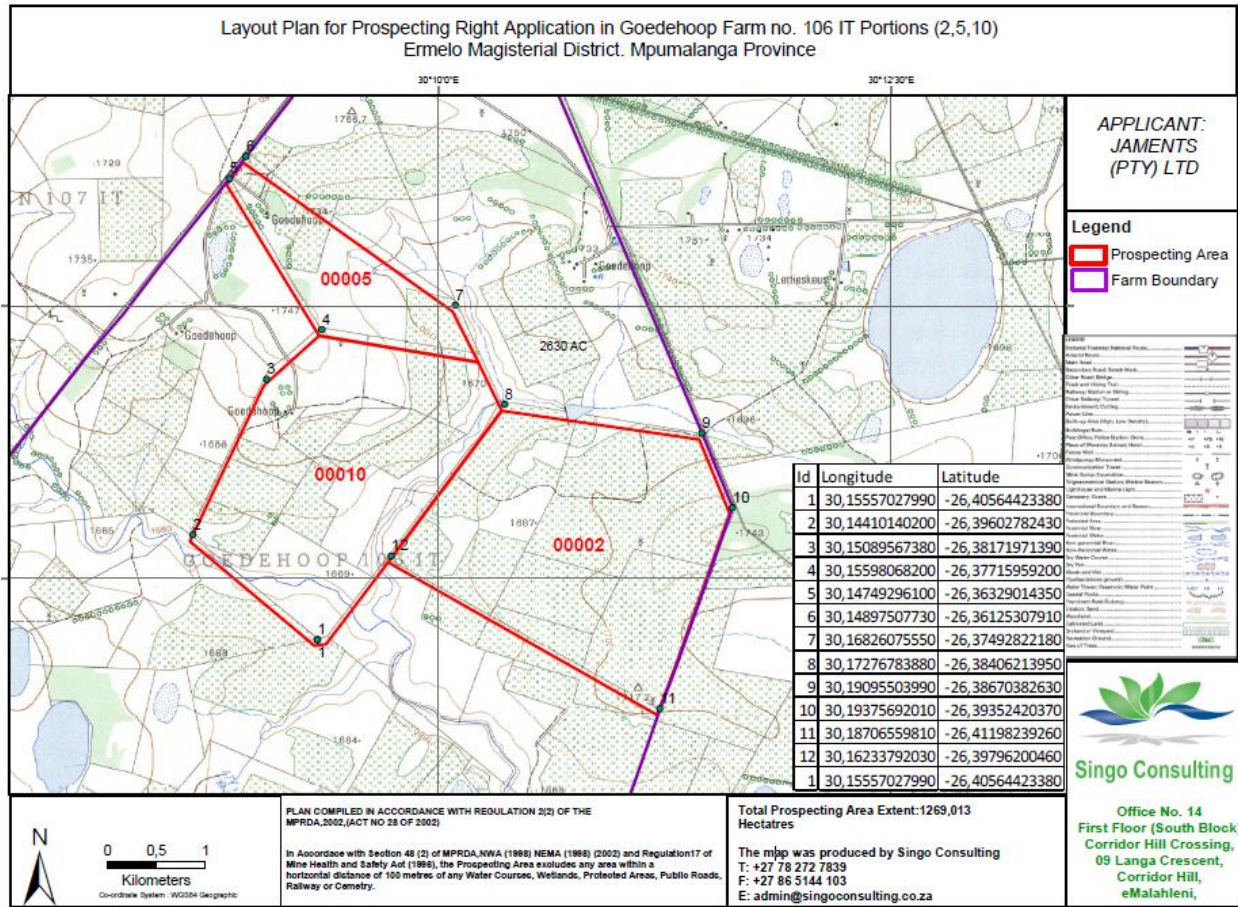


Figure 1: Plan showing applied area.



Figure 2. Satellite image showing applied area.

3. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Coal remains a major source of energy in South Africa with Mpumalanga province being a dominant producer of various grades of coal. The domestic utilization and export of these various coal grades has contributed vastly to South Africa's economy furthermore this has aided in eradicating poverty, providing much needed development and job opportunities. Therefore there is a need to continue to harness these economic benefits of coal resources.

4. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

4.1 Legislation

In terms of the Minerals and Petroleum Resource Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002), National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) and Associated EIA Regulations (GNR 326 of 07 April 2017), Jaments (Pty) Ltd is required to consult with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). Comments received from I&APs will be recorded and included in the EMP that will be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) in Mpumalanga Province. The EMP will be compiled and implemented to ensure

that potential impacts of the proposed prospecting activities are mitigated and managed. According to the MPRDA, the EMP need to include the following activities but is not limited to:

- Describing the environment that is likely to be affected by the proposed prospecting;
- Identifying the potential impacts;
- Assessing the significance of the potential impacts of the proposed project on the environment, socio economic conditions and cultural heritage; and
- Evaluating the proposed mitigation measures to minimize negative impacts.

5. Public Participation Process

Stakeholders affected by or who are interested in the proposed Project are invited to register as I&AP to become involved in the PPP. The following anticipated dates are important to note for the PPP going forward:

- Stakeholder engagement and re-consultation: **28 June– 23 July 2019**

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- * Contributions from stakeholders will assist in informed decision-making for authorities and provides information to be considered by the project team and specialists conducting research. All comments can be submitted using the contacts details which appear on the cover page.
- * E-copies of the Draft Basic Assessment Report will also be made available upon request on: **owen@singoconsulting.co.za**

Please complete the following in clear handwriting or typing to register as an interested and affected party (I&AP) and **return to the EAP using contacts on page 1 by no longer than 23 July 2019**

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
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</i>		
Please add any person you think may be interested and affected parties:		
Full name	Company	
Address		
E-mail	Contact No.	