

GALLA HILLS QUARRY

BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT IN TERMS OF NEMA

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 41(2) published in Government Notice No. R.982 under Chapter 6 of the National Environmental Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014 of the intent to compile a Basic Assessment Report in support of an application for an environmental authorization and a mining permit in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, as amended and in respect of listed activities that have been triggered by an application in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA (as amended)).

Project Proposal:

Galla Hills Dairy has submitted an application for a mining permit and environmental authorisation for the operation of an open cast gravel mine (quarry) on an area of 4,9595 ha. The application is for a 2 year period with possible application for extension of 2 x 2 year periods.

The land is owned by Vallon Trust who purchased the land from Mr L. I. van der Vyver. Mr van der Vyver was previously issued a mining permit for an area of 1.5 ha, which includes the existing mined area as pictured in the "google image" attached as Appendix 3. The permit issued to Mr van der Vyver has expired.

Location:

Remainder of the farm Roode Krantz, Farm No. 203 in the Lukhanji Municipality, Division of Queenstown, Eastern Cape Province

Coordinates: 31° 57' 57.50" S and 26° 47' 37.75" E

See attached locality map (Appendix 2) and overview of the project area (Appendix 3).

DATE OF NOTICE: 10th JUNE 2016

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to register as interested and affected parties (I&APs) in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and to obtain their initial comments on the proposed project.

Please review this BID and submit your written registration and comments on the proposed project by 17h00 on 14th July 2016. To register and comment please use the form provided in this document and send per fax or e-mail to Chris Bradfield whose contact details are reflected on the form. Should you not register in writing within the given period, it is assumed that you are not interested in commenting on the Draft BAR or participating in the EIA process.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

National Environmental Management Act (NEMA)

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GN R. 982, R. 983, R. 984 and R. 985) promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended), identify certain activities, which “*could have a substantial detrimental effect on the environment*”. These listed activities require environmental authorisation from the competent authority, the Department: Mineral Resources, prior to commencing any development.

The proposed development of the quarry triggers listed activities in terms of NEMA and the 2014 EIA Regulations and accordingly requires environmental authorisation from DMR.

The activities listed are as follows: **Application for environmental authorisation to undertake the following activities:**

Number and date of the relevant notice:	Activity No (s) (in terms of the relevant notice) :
GN R. 983 dated 4 th Dec 2014	Activities 21, 22, 27, 28(ii) & 35
GN R. 985 dated 4 th Dec 2014	Activities 12(a)(ii)

Accordingly, the proposed project will require the submission of a Basic Assessment Report (BAR) as outlined in Section 19 of GN R. 982.

National Water Act, 1998

The National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998), Section 21(g) may require a Water Use Registration. An application if required will be submitted as directed by the Department of Water Affairs.

National Heritage Resources Act, 1999

The National Heritage Resources Act, 1999, (Act No. 25 of 1999) and specifically Section 2 will require that an Archaeological Impact Assessment and or Paleontological Impact Assessment be made for an authorisation. Specialist studies will be submitted as directed by the Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (ECPHRA).

National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act

The National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004) may require that an application be made for an atmospheric emission licence / provisional atmospheric emission licence as envisaged in Chapter 5. An application, if required will be submitted as directed by the Air Quality Manager (Chris Hani District Municipality).

BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The purpose of the basic assessment process is to identify and describe potential positive and negative environmental impacts, (social, economic and biophysical), associated with the proposed project and to investigate and assess alternatives, if any and impacts.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED?

You have been identified as a potential Interested and / or Affected Party (I&AP) for this project, either because you represent an affected organisation or because of your proximity/location to the proposed project. Public participation is a key component of this environmental process and will take place at various stages throughout the project. This process will include the following steps:

- Advertising the project in the Queenstown Representative;
- Erecting site notice;
- Distributing notices to adjoining land owners/users;
- Distributing this BID to all identified stakeholders;
- Lodging of the Draft BAR and informing registered I&APs who have indicated that they wish to review the Draft BAR regarding the availability of the Draft BAR for a 30 day comment period during which registered I&APs have the opportunity to review the draft document and raise any issues or concerns;
- Finalising the BAR, taking cognisance of comments received from I&APs;
- Submitting the Final BAR to Department: Mineral Resources (DMR) and inform registered I&APs who have indicated that they wish to review the Final BAR regarding the availability of the Final BAR for a 30 day comment period during which registered I&APs have the opportunity to review the final document and raise any issues or concerns;
- Revise the Final BAR including any comments received from registered I&APs;
- Submit the Revised Final BAR to DMR for consideration for a Record of Decision (RoD); and
- Inform registered I&APs in respect of the Record of Decision (RoD) received from DMR and the appeal procedure.

I&APs requiring assistance in another language other than English, may contact isi-Xwiba Consulting CC.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN I&AP

According to GN No. R543, Regulation 56 the responsibilities of an I&AP are as follows:

- a) I&APs must register as such in writing to the EAP (isi-Xwiba Consulting CC). A registration form is included in this document;
- b) Registration and comments must be submitted within the timeframes as stipulated in the NEMA Regulations and in this BID; and
- c) Any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which that party may have in the approval or refusal of the application must be disclosed.

WAY FORWARD

Should you wish to register as an I&AP and raise any initial issues or concerns regarding the proposed project, please communicate in writing with the person EAP whose contact details are listed on the registration form.

INTERESTED AND / OR AFFECTED PARTY REGISTRATION FORM

ONLY WRITTEN REGISTRATION RECEIVED BY 17h00 ON 14th JULY 2016 WILL BE RECOGNISED

GALLA HILLS QUARRY

NAME		DESIGNATION	
ORGANISATION		TEL	
FAX		E-MAIL	
POSTAL ADDRESS			
INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT ¹			
COMMENTS			

Please indicate how you would prefer to be contacted: FAX E-MAIL MAIL

CONTACT DETAILS OF EAP

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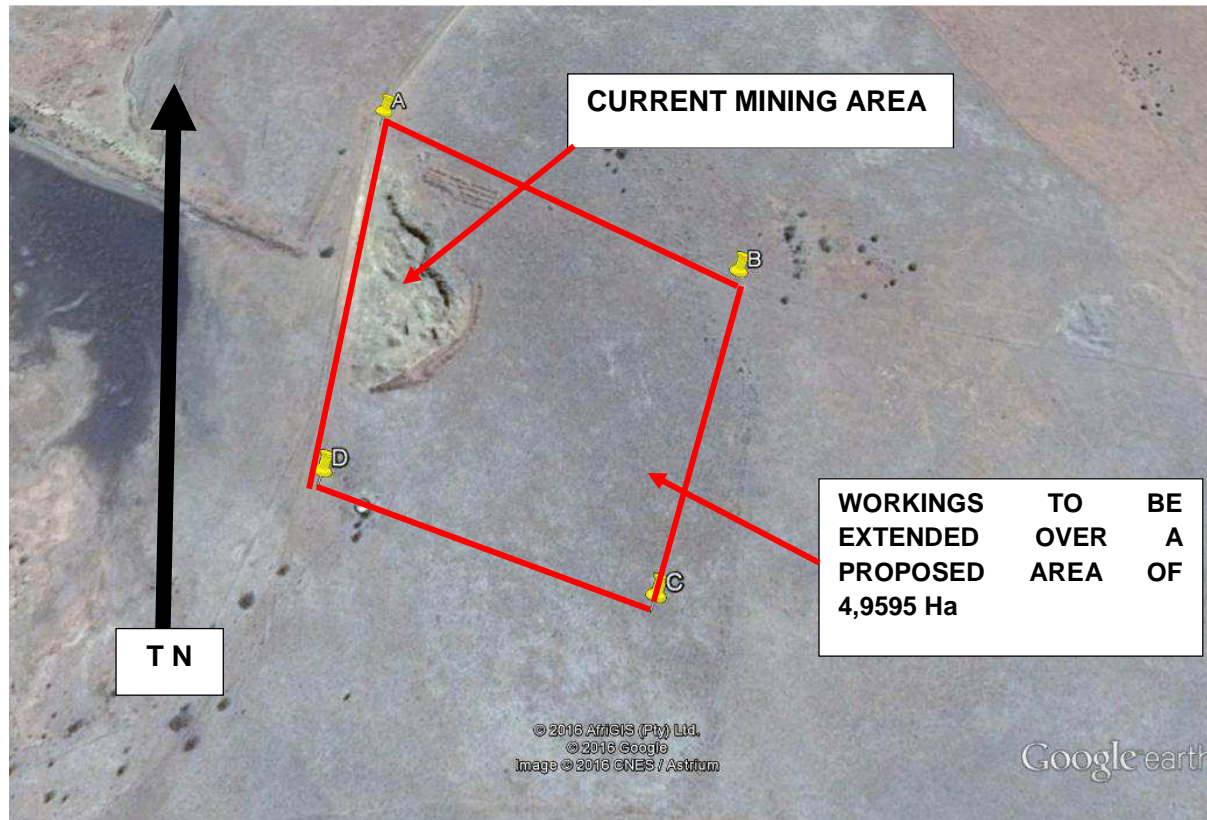
NOTE - Preferred method of communication to the EAP is per e-mail or fax as the postal service is not reliable.

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¹ An I&AP must disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which that party may have in the approval or refusal of the application in terms of GN R543, Section 56.



APPENDIX 2 - LOCALITY MAP
NOT TO SCALE



APPENDIX 3 - OVERVIEW OF MINING AREA

Coordinates:

- A 31.964883° S & 26.793538° E
- B 31.965992° S & 26.795842° E
- C 31.967708° S & 26.795303° E
- D 31.967086° S & 26.793433° E