

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

PROPOSED MINING APPLICATION TO MINE AGGREGATE FROM THE BORROW PIT SITUATED ON PORTION 4 OF THE FARM LOWER OAKLANDS NO 16728 SITUATED IN THE KWADUKUZA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF THE ILEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL.

1. PURPOSE OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide a brief description of the project, baseline environment, the process to be followed as well as to obtain initial comments and contributions from Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's).

I&AP's are hereby invited to comment on the potential environmental and social issues relating to the proposed project. The comments received will ensure that relevant issues are evaluated and will form part of the assessment.

2. BACKGROUND TO PROJECT

Mattioda Collabora Heavy Equipment and Spares (Pty) Ltd is applying for a mining application to mine aggregate from the borrow pit located on Portion 4 of the Farm Lower Oaklands No 16728 situated in the KwaDukuza Local Municipality of the iLembe District Municipality situated in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal.

The new application forms part of the Applicants strategy/approach to combat illegal mining whilst also initiating the process to recommence aggregate mining within the immediate vicinity to provide material for further road upgrades and maintenance.

Afzelia Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to undertake the Basic Assessment Report for the proposed project.

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed mining area is approximately 1.5 ha in extent and the applicant, Mattioda Collabora Heavy Equipment and Spares (Pty) Ltd, intends to excavate material from the area for at least 2 years with a possible extension of another 3 years.

It is an existing borrow pit that has been mined for aggregate to a depth of approximately 4 meters and has a footprint of 1.3 hectares.

The applicant intends to mine material from within the existing footprint and will not cause any new disturbance in the area.

The aggregate material to be mined from the borrow pit will be used for further road upgrades and maintenance in the vicinity.

4. RELEVANT LEGISLATION

The Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014) identify activities which may not commence without an authorisation from the competent authority, who in this case is the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR).

In order to apply for authorisation for the borrow pit mining activities, the assessment and communication of potential impacts must follow the procedures described in Government Notice R 327 of the EIA Regulations.

The proposed project is subject to a Basic Assessment Report Application process in terms of the following Listed Activity:

GOVERNMENT NOTICE	ACTIVITY NUMBER	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION
GNR 327	21	Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of Section 27 of the MPRDA, including: Associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks directly related to the extraction of a mineral resource.

GNR 327	22	The decommissioning of any activity requiring (i) a closure certificate in terms of Section 43 of the MPRDA (2002).
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5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP)

The PPP is a process in which stakeholders and I&APs are afforded an opportunity to comment on or raise issues relevant to the proposed mining and / or the EIA process. Stakeholders and I&APs are invited and urged to:

- Respond (by phone, fax, mail or e-mail) to the invitation to participate in the PPP;
- Complete and forward (mail, fax or e-mail) the attached registration and comment form to Afzelia Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd;
- Contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) regarding any query, comment or request for further project information; and
- Review the draft and final Basic Assessment reports within the legislated review periods that will be stipulated in the advertisements, as well as notification emails, letters and faxes.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN I&AP

I&APs have a right to participate in this process by requesting further information or by informing the consultant of concerns regarding the environment in relation to the project. In order to participate in the EIA process, an I&AP must:

- Register on the project database in order to receive detailed information regarding the EIA process (See **Appendix 1**);
- Inform any other parties (neighbours, friends, colleagues, etc.) who may be interested and/or affected by the project about the EIA process and encourage involvement and participation;
- Ensure that any comments regarding the project are submitted within the timeframes that have

been approved or set by the authorities, or within any extension of a timeframe agreed to by authorities and the applicant; and

- Disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest in the approval or refusal of the application for the project.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PPP CONSULTANT

In terms of the EIA Regulations, the PPP Consultant has the following responsibilities:

- Engage the key stakeholders, Competent Authority and I&APs;
- Provide sufficient information regarding the project and associated impacts;
- Ensure that all issues raised are recorded and forwarded to the environmental specialists to address in their impact studies; and
- Facilitate a transparent process.

You have been identified as a potential I&AP in this process and are therefore invited to participate in the project by registering. Your comments will ensure that all relevant issues are documented and considered and will assist in informed decision-making by the relevant authorities.

Should you wish to register as an I&AP and/or receive additional information regarding the project, you are requested to complete the registration form, on Page 6 and email, post or hand deliver it to Afzelia Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd by 23rd April to 21st May at the following address:

Thobakazi Zozo and /or Andrew Batho at Afzelia Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd, P.O BOX 37069, Overport, 4067 | First Floor, 236 9th Avenue, Morningside, Durban, 4001. 031 303 2835/ 083 734 4254 | thobakazi@afzelia.co.za or andrew@afzelia.co.za.

We invite all stakeholders and I&APs to participate freely and to submit any comments or information you feel may be useful.

UMQULU WOLWAZI WESENDLALELO

ISICelo SEZIMAYIMI ESIPhakanyisiwe SOKUVUKA EMGODINI SIVUKE EMGODI OBULELEKILE OHLELWE ENGXENYE 4 YE-FARM LOWER OAKLANDS NO 16728 EHLALWE KUMASIPALA WAKWAMAKHAYA WAKWADUKUZA WOMASIPALA WESIFUNDA SASE-ILEMBE, KWAZULU NATALI.

1. INHLOSO YOMBHALO WOLWAZI WESENDLALELO

Inhloso yalo Mbhalo Weminingwane Yangemuva (i-BID) ukuhlinzeka ngencazelo emfushane yephrojekthi, imvelo eyisisekelo, inqubo ezolandelwa kanye nokuthola ukuphawula kokuqala kanye neminikelo evela kumaqembu anentshisekelo nabathintekayo (I & AP's).

Ama-I & AP ngalokhu ayamenywa ukuba aphawule ngezinkinga ezingaba khona zemvelo nezenhlalo eziphathelele nomsebenzi ohlongozwayo. Imibono etholakele izoqinisekisa ukuthi izindaba ezifanele ziyahlolwa futhi zizoba yingxene yokuhlolwa.

2. ISENDLALELO SOMSEBENZI

IMattioda Collabora Heavy Equipment and Spares (Pty) Ltd ifaka isicelo sokufaka isicelo esisha semayini emayini yokubolekwa ekhona emgodini oboleki okhona osePortion 4 ePulazi Lower Oaklands No 16728 etholakala kuMasipala waKwaDukuza kaMasipala wesiFunda iLembe esendaweni Isifundazwe saKwaZulu-Natali.

Isicelo esisha siyingxene yecebo / indlela yabafakizicelo yokulwa nezimayini ezingekho emthethweni kanti futhi siqala inqubo yokuvuselela izimayini ezihlanganisiwe endaweni eseduze ukuhlinzeka ngezinto zokwenziwa ngcono kwemigwaqo nokulungiswa.

I-Afzelia Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd iqokelwe ukwenza Umbiko Oyisisekelo Wokuhlola wale phrojekthi ehlongozwayo.

3. INCAZELO YOMSEBENZI

Indawo yezimayini ehlongozwayo ilinganiselwa ku-1.5 ha kanti umfakizicelo, iMattioda Collabora Heavy Equipment and Spares (Pty) Ltd, uhlose ukumba okokusebenza kule ndawo okungenani iminyaka emibili ngokunwetshelwa eminye iminyaka emithathu.

Kungumgodi wokubolekwa okhona osekumbiwe ukuhlanganiswa nawo ukujula okucishe kube ngamamitha ama-4 futhi unonyawo lwamahektha ayi-1.3.

Umfakizicelo uhlose ukumba okwenziwe ngaphakathi konyawo olukhona futhi ngeke kubangele ukuphazamiseka okusha endaweni.

Impahla ehlanganisiwe ezokwembiwa emgodini obolekiwe izosetshenziselwa ukuqhubeka nokulungiswa kwemigwaqo nokunakekelwa kwendawo eseduze.

4. UMTHETHO OSEBENZEKAYO

I-Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014) ikhomba imisebenzi engeke iqale ngaphandle kwemvume evela kusiphathimandla esinekhono, kulokhu okunguMnyango Wezinsiza Zezimbiwa (i-DMR).

Ukuze ufake isicelo sokugunyazwa kwemisebenzi yezimayini zemigodi ebolekiwe, ukuhlolwa nokuxhumana kwemithelela engahle ibe khona kumele kulandele izinqubo ezichazwe kuSaziso Sikahulumeni R 327 seMithetho ye-EIA.

Iphrojekthi ehlongozwayo ingaphansi kwenqubo Yesicelo Sombiko Wokuhlola Okuyisisekelo ngokuya Ngalo Msebenzi Osohlwini Olandelayo:

GOVERNMENT NOTICE	ACTIVITY NUMBER	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION
GNR 327	21	Noma yimuphi umsebenzi ofaka phakathi ukusebenza kwalowo msebenzi odinga imvume yezimayini ngokweSigaba 27 se-MPRDA, kufaka phakathi: Inqalasisinda ehlanganisiwe, izinhlobo kanye nemisebenzi yomhlaba ehlobene ngqo nokukhishwa kwesetshenziswa samaminerali.
GNR 327	22	The decommissioning

		of any activity requiring (i) a closure certificate in terms of Section 43 of the MPRDA (2002).
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5. INQUBO YOKUBAMBA IQHAZA KOMPHAKATHI (PPP)

I-PPP iyingqubo lapho ababambiqhaza nama-I & AP benikezwa khona ithuba lokuphawula noma lokuphakamisa izindaba ezihambisana nemayini ehlongozwayo kanye / noma nenqubo ye-EIA. Ababambiqhaza nama-I & AP bayamenywa futhi bayanxuswa:

- Phendula (ngocingo, ifeksi, i-imeyili noma i-imeyili) esimemweni sokubamba iqhaza kwi-PPP;
- Gcwalisa uphinde uthumele (ngeposi, ngefeksi noma nge-imeyili) ifomu lokubhalisa nelokuphawula elinamathiselwe ku-Afzelia Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd;
- Thintana noMsebenzi Wokuhlola Kwezemvelo (EAP) maqondana nanoma yimuphi umbuzo, ukuphawula noma isicelo sokuthola eminye imininingwane yephrojekthi; futhi
- Buyekeza okusalungiswa kanye nemibiko yokugcina yokuHlola Okuyisisekelo ngaphakathi kwezikhathi zomthetho zokubuyekeza ezizobekwa ezikhangisweni, kanye nama-imeyili ezaziso, izincwadi kanye nefeksi.

6. IZIBOPHO ZE-I & AP

Ama-I & AP anelungelo lokubamba iqhaza kule nqubo ngokucela eminye imininingwane noma ngokwazisa umxhumanisi ngezinto ezikhathazayo ngokuphathelele nemvelo maqondana nomsebenzi. Ukuze ubambe iqhaza kwinqubo ye-EIA, i-I & AP kumele:

- Bhalisa kusizindalwazi sephrojekthi ukuze uthole imininingwane egcwele mayelana nenqubo ye-EIA (Bheka iSithasiselo 1);
- Yazisa noma yimaphi amanye amaqembu (omakhelwane, abangani, osebenza nabo, njll.) Abangaba nentshisekelo kanye / noma abathintekayo kuphrojekthi mayelana nenqubo ye-EIA futhi bakhuthaze ukubamba iqhaza nokubamba iqhaza;
- Qinisekisa ukuthi noma ikuphi ukuphawula mayelana nephrojekthi kufakwa ngezikhathi ezibekiwe ezivunyelwe noma ezibekwe ngabaphathi, noma kunoma yisiphi isikhathi esinqunyelwe isikhathi esivunyelwane ngaso ngabaphathi kanye nomfakisicelo; futhi

- Ukudalula noma iyiphi intshisekelo yebhizinisi, yezezimali, eyomuntu siqu noma enye ekuvunyelweni noma ekwenqatshweni kwesicelo sephrojekthi.

7. IZIBOPHO ZOMBONELELI WE-PPP

Ngokwemigomo ye-EIA, uMxhumanisi wePPP unale misebenzi elandelayo:

- kubandakanya ababambiqhaza abakhulu, Isiphathimandla Esinekhono nama-I & AP;
- Ukunikezela ngemininingwane eyanele mayelana nephrojekthi kanye nemithelela ehambisana nayo
- Ukuqinisekisa ukuthi zonke izingqinamba eziphakanyisiwe ziyarekhodwa futhi zithunyelwe kochwepheshe bezemvelo ukuze bazibheke ezifundweni zabo zomthelela; futhi
- Ukwenza lula inqubo esobala.

Ukhonjwe njenge-I & AP engaba khona kule nqubo ngakho-ke uyamenywa ukuba ubambe iqhaza kuphrojekthi ngokubhalisa. Ukuphawula kwakho kuzoqinisekisa ukuthi zonke izindaba ezifanele ziyabhalwa futhi ziyacatshangelwa futhi zizosiza ekuthathweni kwezinqumo ezinolwazi yiziphathimandla ezifanele.

Uma kwenzeka ufisa ukubhalisa njenge-I & AP kanye / noma uthola imininingwane eyengeziwe mayelana nephrojekthi, uyacelwa ukuthi ugcwalise ifomu lokubhalisa, ekhasini le-6 bese uthumela nge-imeyili, ngeposi noma ngesandla ulilethe kwa-Afzelia Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd ngomhla ka-23 Ephreli Umhlaka 21 Meyi kulelo kheli elilandelayo:

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Simema bonke ababambiqhaza nama-I & APs ukuthi babambe iqhaza ngokukhululeka futhi bathumele noma yimiphi imibono noma imininingwane obona ukuthi ingasiza.

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