

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Application:

**Prospecting Right on all Portions
of the farm Ekangala 610 Jr,**

**Magisterial
District:
Thembisile Hani**

Prepared by:



Prepared for:



INTRODUCTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an independent Environmental Consultant by **Legare Mining Services (Pty) Ltd**, to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), compile a Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and 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 of the farm Ekangala 610 JR** in the Magisterial District of Thembisile Hani in Mpumalanga Province with **DMRE Ref: MP 30/5/1/1/2/17454 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 (both negative and positive) of the EIA process, will be submitted and made available to relevant Departments such as the Department of Mineral Resources & Energy (DMRE), and if requested, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment, Department of Water and Sanitation, Landowners, and other interested stakeholders through the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPr).

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 **Mr Ncamiso Mathenjwa** through given means of communication also attached there.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Prospecting Right Application has been submitted for the prospecting of **Coal** resource on the property mentioned above. This proposed Prospecting Right area, as seen in figure 1 and figure 2 below is situated approximately 1.99 km East of eKangala, approximately 0.35 KM from the boarder of City of Tshwane (Gauteng).

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 prospect the existence and occurrence of the applied mineral; therefore, this will be conducted in accordance with Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, (Act 28 of 2002). Other regulatory guidelines to be followed includes National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998), National Air Quality Standards (GN 1210: 2009) 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.

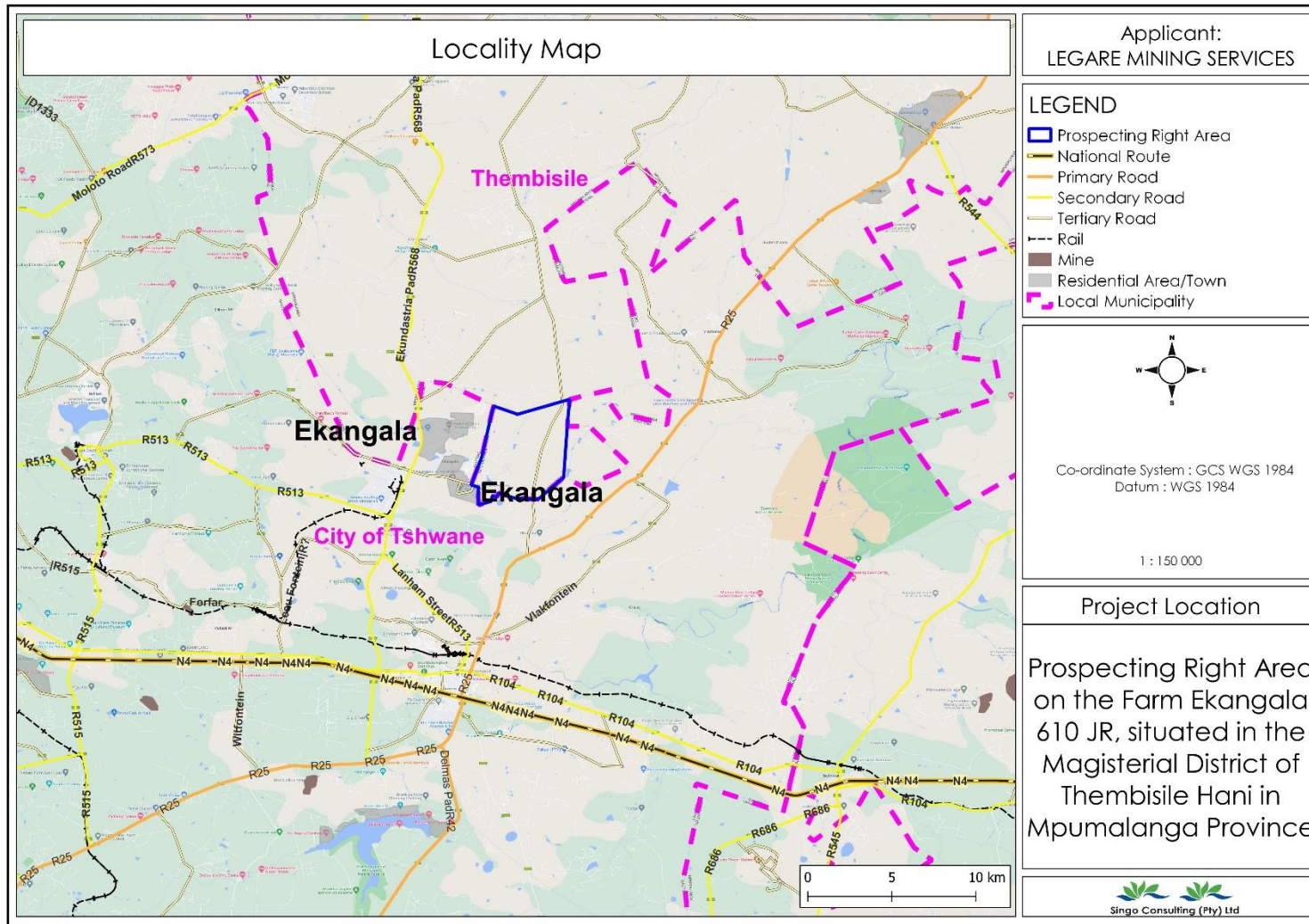


Figure 1: Locality Map of the proposed project area

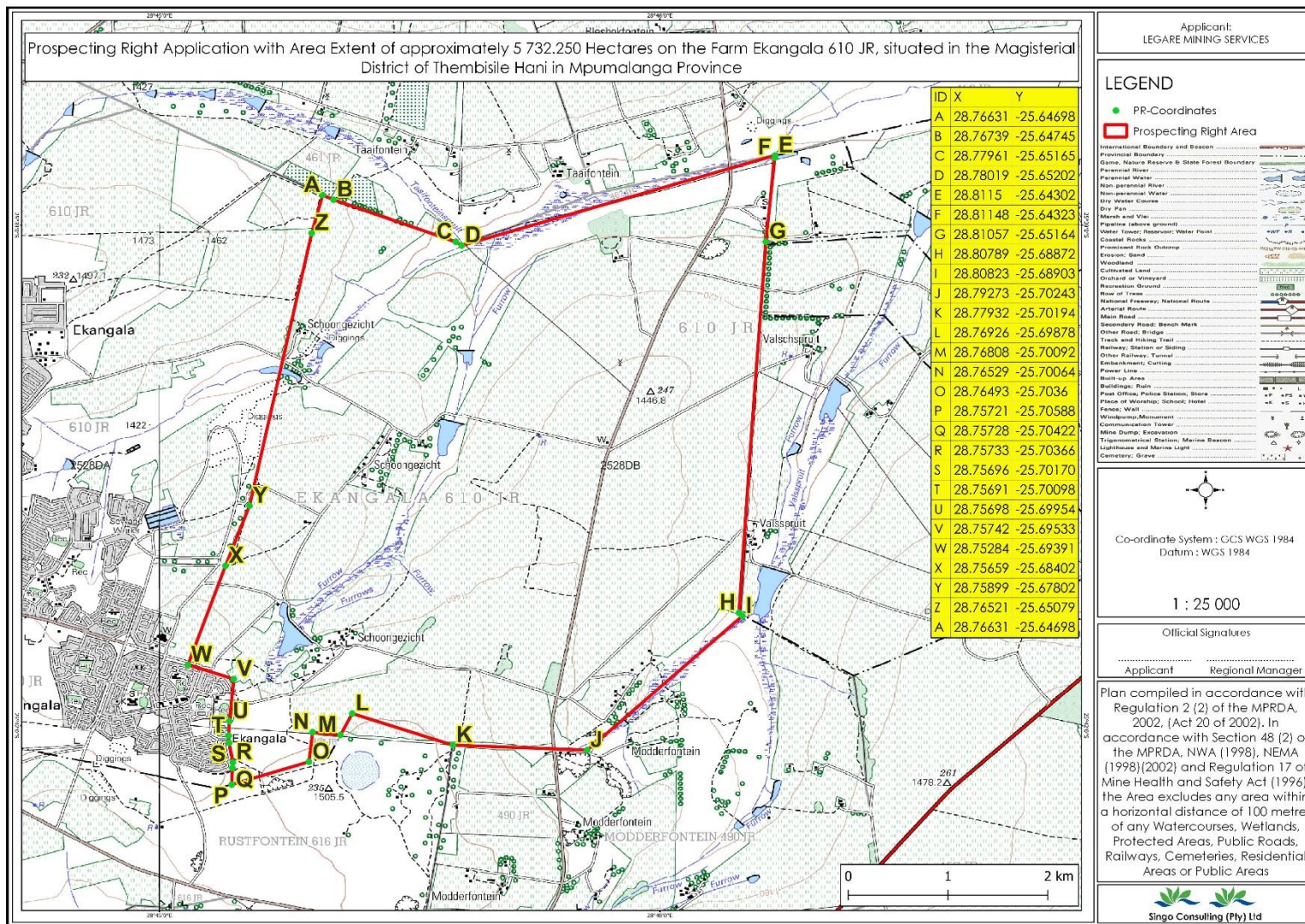


Figure 2: Reg2(2) of the proposed project area (A -25.696362, 28.777394)

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.

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 Mining Permit application process being a success or declined.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Public Participation remains a cornerstone of the Environmental Impact Assessment process. It ensures provision of relevant and enough information with openness and transparency. Public Participation process 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&AP 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 during the EIA process 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:

Ongoing throughout the process of compiling the BAR & EMPr

- ❖ Review of Draft BAR & EMPr:

30th of October 2022 – 28th of November 2022.

The report will be made available at The **Thembisile Hani Local Municipality** (Along the R573 Stand No. 24 Moloto Road, Kwaggafontein-B, Mbombela, 0458), **SAPS eKangala Police Station** (1752 Section E, Bronkhorstspuit, Ekangala, 1021) and **eKangala TLC Community Library** (Ekangala B, Ekangala, 1021). Furthermore, the report will be available upon request, via email from the respective Environmental Technician.

Comments on the Draft BAR & EMPr must be submitted no later than 28th of November 2022.

For comments or concerns about the proposed project, please contact Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd, using the contact details of the Environmental Technician below.



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REGISTRATION & COMMENT SHEET

Prospecting Right Application on All Portions of the Farm eKangala 610 JR, situated under the Magisterial District of Thembisile Hani, Mpumalanga Province.

DMRE Ref: MP 30/5/1/1/2/17454PR

Attention: **Ncamiso Mathenjwa**

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Please add any person you think may be interested and affected parties:			
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