

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

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MINING PERMIT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION ON PORTION OF PORTION 3 OF THE FARM EMESFOUR 29 MT, (DMRE REF: LP 30/5/1/3/2/11844 MP).

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INTRODUCTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an independent Environmental Consultant by **CHIPO HOLDINGS (PTY) LTD** to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Compile an Environmental Management Programme report (EMPr) and undertake Public Participation Process (PPP). This is done for processes of acquiring Environmental Authorization for the proposed Mining Permit Application within **portion of portion 3** of the **Farm Emesfour 29 MT** in the Magisterial District of Musina in Limpopo Province (**DMRE REF: LP 30/5/1/3/2/11844 MP**). 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 of the EIA process through BAR & EMPr, both negative and positive will be submitted and made available to the relevant Departments such as the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy if requested, Environmental Affairs, Water and Sanitation, Landowners and other interested stakeholders.

This Background Information Document therefore requests and invite I&APs to comment on the environmental, physical, social and economic impacts associated with the proposed mining 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 Mulaudzi Ndimuhulu Shammah** through given means of communication also attached there.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Mining Permit Application has been submitted for the extraction of **Alluvial Diamonds** on the property mentioned above. The area of interest is situated approximately 15.66 km north of Madimbo and approximately 48 km east of Musina, within the Musina Local Municipality. It is close to the border between South Africa and Zimbabwe just at the Limpopo River. Figure 1 below illustrates the regulation map of the proposed project and Figure 2 is the Google Earth Map showing the location of the proposed area.

Mining activities will be undertaken over a period of two (2) years with a possibility of extension of 3 years. Alluvial diamond mining is an above ground form of mining which concentrates on gathering diamonds on the surface. The method to be used in conduction of this mining project is dredging. Alluvial mining is carried out in an organized framework, in this sort of mining, large amount of sand will be removed from riverbeds to a processing plant outside of the mining permit area for screening of alluvial diamond. This will be done by a dragflow hydraulic flurry pumps and mechanical dredgers where possible. Desktop study of the area has commenced, and this incorporates desktop geographical and geological mapping. This will be followed by detailed (Hydrogeological, Hydrological and Ecology study). To ensure or minimise impacts on the receiving environment, all the activities will be guided by the project's EMPr.

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 extract 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 include: National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998),

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.

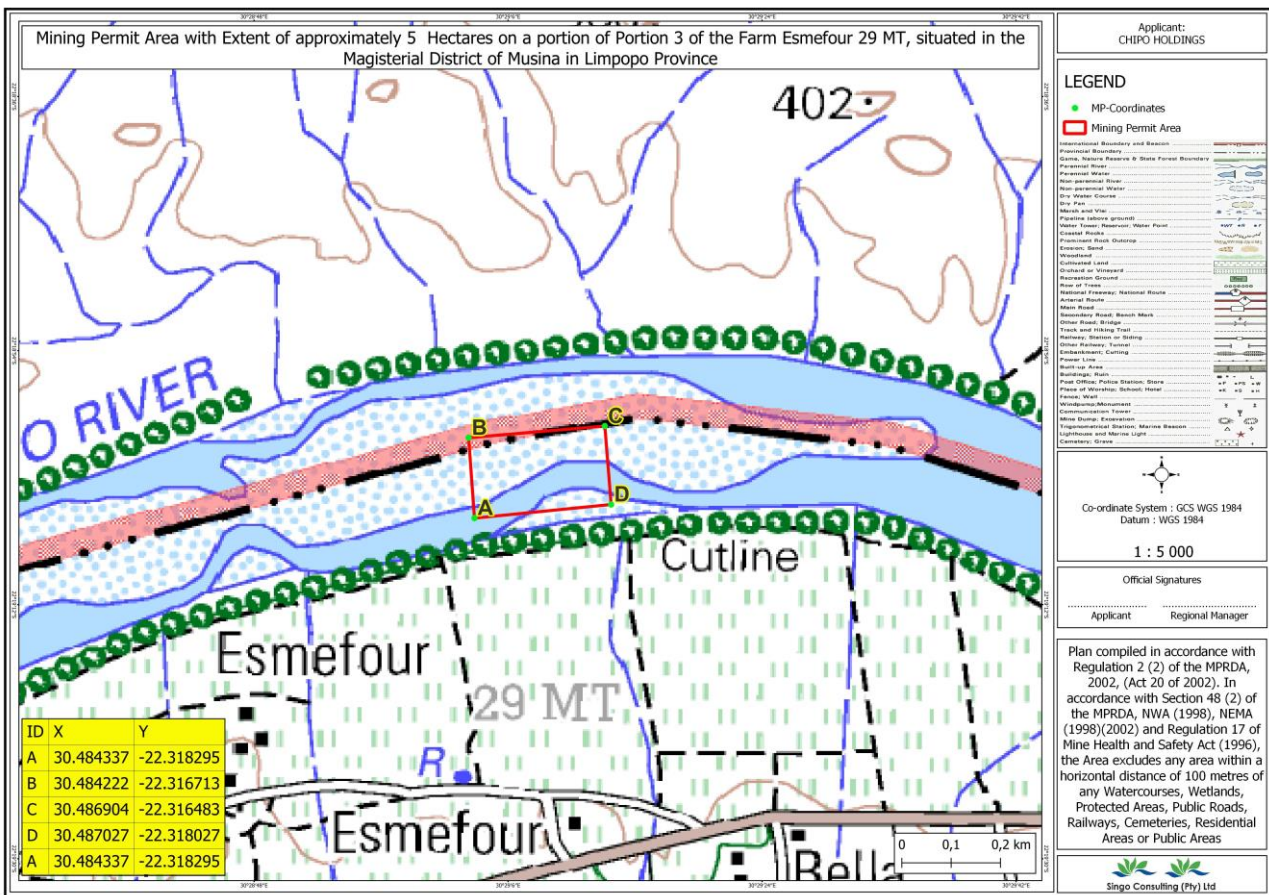


Figure 1: Regulation 2.2 plan of the proposed project area (30.484337, -22.318295)



Figure 2: Google Earth View of the proposed project area

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 when/if necessary.

These tools are regarded crucial because they are utilized in order 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 is to afford the I&APs with an opportunity to comment and provide valuable inputs during the planning phase of the project.

For this specific proposed project, I&APs will be given a period of 30 days to comment and raise issues/concerns with regards to this BID excluding holidays.

Kindly keep the following dates:

- ❖ Stakeholder engagement and consultation: **03/06/2022 – Ongoing.**
- ❖ Review of Draft BAR & EMPr: **04/07/2022 – 02/08/2022 (Excluding public holidays)**
- ❖ Submission of the BAR & EMPr: **10/08/2022**

The Draft BAR & EMPr will be available at the Musina Public Library and Musina Local Municipality Notice Board (Corner Irwin & Scholtz, Musina, 0900), Electronic copies will be made available upon request from Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd, using the detailed EAP contact's below, via emails; Dropbox link; Google drive; WeTransfer, etc.



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REGISTRATION & COMMENT SHEET (DMRE REF : LP 30/5/1/3/2/11844 MP)

Mining Permit Application on portion of portions 3 of Farm Esmefour 24 MT situated in the Magisterial District of Musina

Attention: **Ndimuhulu Shammah Mulaudzi**

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Please indicate why you would have an interest in the above-mentioned project.					
Please feel free to add an additional sheet of paper to add your comments. Kindly provide your comments and questions here:					
Please add any person you think may be interested and affected parties:					
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