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INTRODUCTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an independent Environmental Consultant by **Sakakama Coal (Pty) Ltd** to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), compile an Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPr) and undertake a Public Participation Process (PPP) for Section 24G application (Ref: TBA). The goal of the abovementioned is to acquire an Environmental Authorisation for the established Coal Processing Plant on plot 12 of Portion 2 of the Farm Leeuwpoot 283 JS, situated in the Magisterial District of Nkangala, eMalahleni Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

Sakakama Coal (Pty) Ltd commenced with an activity within the aforesaid farm portion without an Environmental Authorization (EA) thus, contravening S24F. This application is aimed to rectify the unlawful commencement of Coal Processing Plant.

The Purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide a perfunctory description of the project and outline EIA processes through BAR & EMPr to be followed and contributions from Stakeholders, 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, both negative and positive will be submitted and made available to the relevant Departments such as the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs, Department of Mineral Resources & Energy and if requested, DFFE and Water & 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 aforesaid activity.

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 consultant details provided on the left of this page.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed activity is on plot 12, portion of Portion 2 of the Farm Leeuwpoort 283 JS, situated in the Magisterial District of Nkangala, eMalahleni Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. About 12 km South of Witbank town along Unnamed tar road which transverse by R544.

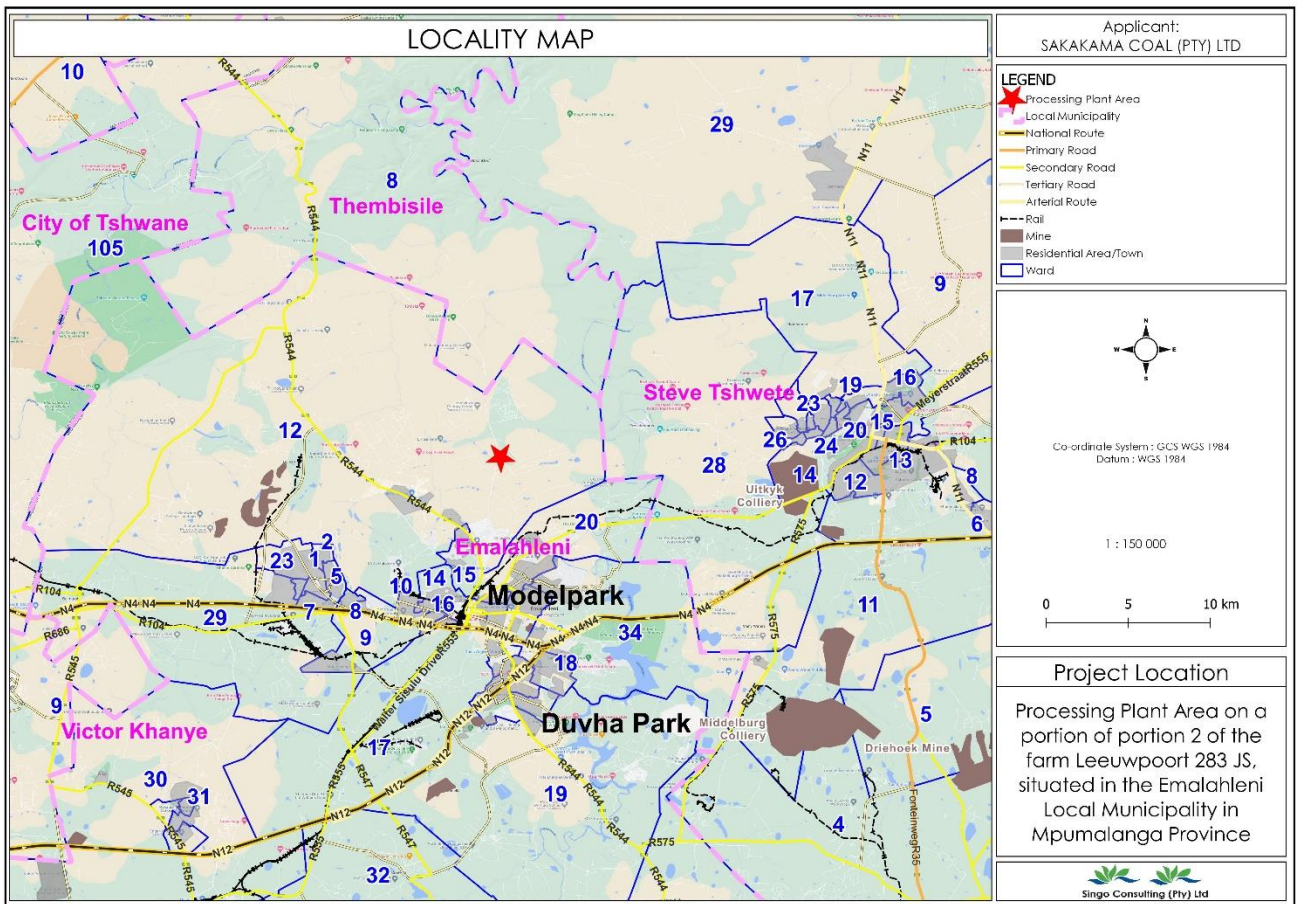


Figure 1: Locality Map

Type of Activity

This project is about Coal Processing Plant which utilizes a Jig to prepare desired product. Coal preparation plants typically employ several parallel circuits of cleaning and dewatering operations, with each circuit designed to optimally treat a specific size range of coal. Jigging is one of the important techniques used for the washing of coal in coarser size range and is based on the difference in the specific gravity of the solid particles. In the jig, the separation of materials of different specific gravity is accomplished in a bed which is rendered fluid by a pulsating current of water so as to produce stratification. The aim is to dilate the bed of solid particles being treated and to control the dilation so that the heavier, smaller particles can penetrate the interstices of the bed and the larger high specific gravity particles can fall under a condition probably like hindered settling. Particles of different densities are then likely to segregate when they settle. Repeating such an operation makes the lighter particles remain on the top layer and the heavier particles drop down to the bottom layer



Figure 2: Typical example of a Jig Plant on site

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

This application is in terms of S24G of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). Notice is hereby given in terms of the EIA regulations, under sub-regulation 41 (1) and sub-section 41 (4), published in the Government Gazette No 38282 of December 2014, of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) and under Government Gazette No 37083 of 29 November 2013 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Management Act, (Act no 50 of 2008), NWA, that Sakakama Coal (Pty) Ltd proposes the establishment on the aforesaid property. As part of the EIA process, especially the PPP for the proposed project, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register and submit any comments or concerns to the **Public Participation Officer (PPP Officer), Miss Rofhiwa Nmutandani**. The draft report will be available for review for 30 days calendar period from **13 May 2023- 11 June 2023**. This report will be at the **Klarinet Library** and distributed via emails; Dropbox link; Google drive; WeTransfer, etc and a soft copy upon request from Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd using the detailed PPP Officer's contact's below, via emails, Dropbox link; Google drive; WeTransfer, etc.

The objective of an EIA is to minimise or if possible, avoid negative environmental impacts rather than mitigate them from the beginning of a project (DEA, 2015:7; Madlome, 2016:6). The commencing of any of the activities before obtaining authorisation by the competent authority concerned is prohibited and it is an offense.

Unauthorised initiation or continuance of activities recognised in terms of the Environment Impact Assessment Regulations may be corrected through an application to the relevant MEC or Minister, depending on who the competent authority will be for such authorization in accordance with the current delegations, in terms of Section 24G of NEMA, read in conjunction with section 7 (Transitional provision) of the National Environmental Management Amendment Act (Act No. 8 of 2004).

As part of the EIA process, more especially the Public Participation Process (PPP) for this proposed project, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register and kindly submit any comments or concerns to reach **Miss Rofhiwa Nmutandani** using the contact details provided below. The public is also invited to review and comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).

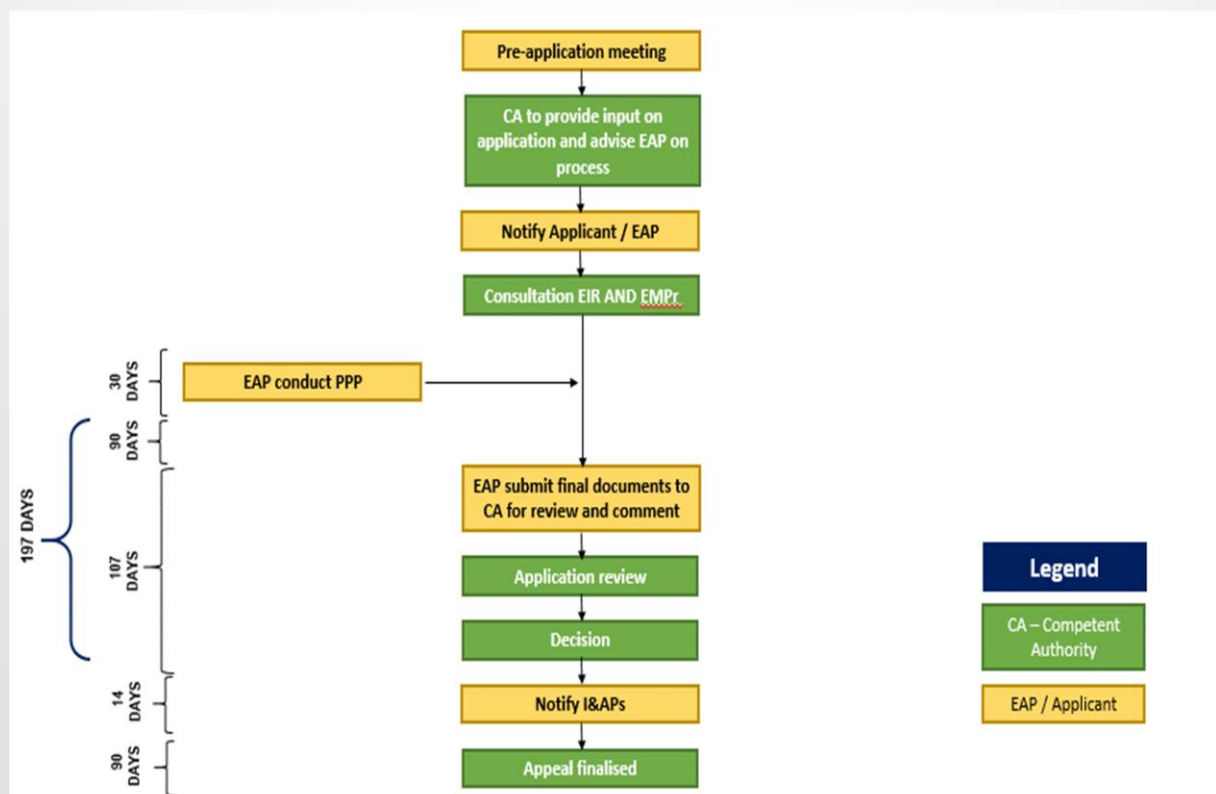


Figure 3: The Section 24G Impact Assessment Process



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REGISTRATION & COMMENT SHEET (S24G (Ref: TBA))

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