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INTRODUCTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an independent Environmental Consultant by **Xoladani Siphiwudumo (Pty) Ltd** to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), compile an Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPr) and undertake a Public Participation Process (PPP) for the Mining Permit Application. **Xoladani Siphiwudumo (Pty) Ltd** has lodged an application for Mining Permit with **(DMRE Ref: MP 30/5/1/1/3/ (13068) MP)** for the purpose of establishing a **Coal** mining operation on a **Portion of Portion 13 of the Farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS**, under the Magisterial District of **Emalahleni, Mpumalanga Province**.

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) (Act 28 of 2002) and EIA regulations 2014, published under Government Notice No. 982 in Gazette No. 3822 of 8 December 2014, amended on 7 April 2017, that **Xoladani Siphiwudumo (Pty) Ltd** has applied for Mining Permit Application for the above-mentioned mineral.

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 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 Mineral Resources & Energy and 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 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 Portion of Portion 13 of the Farm Blesboklaagte 296 JS, under the Magisterial District of Emalahleni, Mpumalanga Province. Approximately 5.64 km East of Kwa-Guqa & about 6.65 km West of Emalahleni

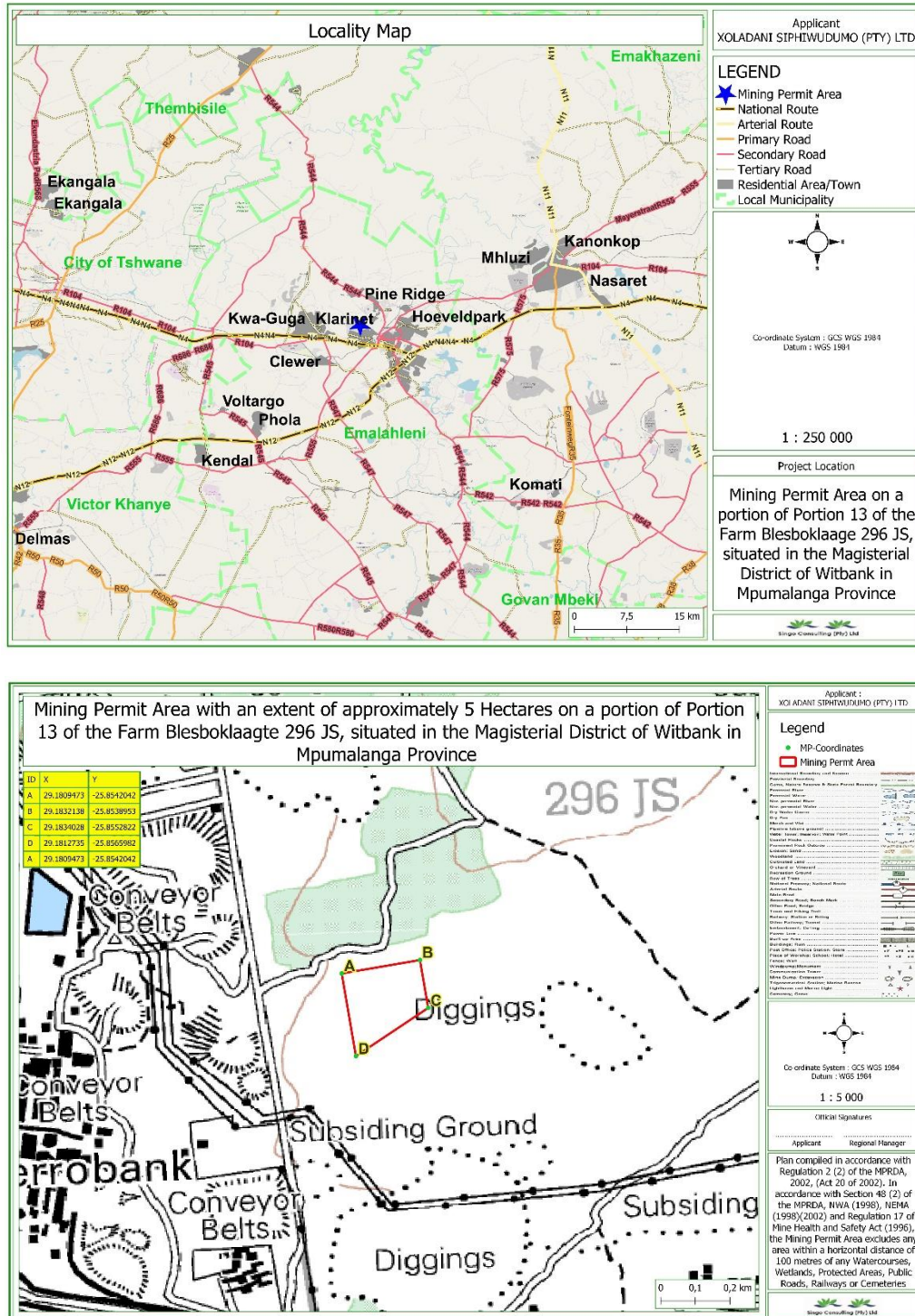


Figure 1: Locality Map & Reg 2.2

Type of Activity

Mining activities will be undertaken over a period of two (2) years. This project will entail an open cast method of excavation. The mine design will be according to the dimension of the applied mineral deposit within the project area, but overall mining activities will be limited to an area of 5 Ha as per mining permit requirements. The topsoil will be stockpiled elsewhere on site preferably next to the farm boundary and will be used during rehabilitation period. Once a box cut has been made, the overburden and mineral resources where necessary will be loosened by blasting. The loosened material will then be loaded onto trucks by excavators. A haul road will be situated at the side of the open cast, forming a ramp up which trucks can drive, carrying ore and waste rock. Waste rock will be piled up at the surface, near the edge of the open cast (waste dump). The waste dump will be tiered and stepped, to minimize degradation. All the activities will be guided by the project's EMPr such that the project does not impact the environment negatively.

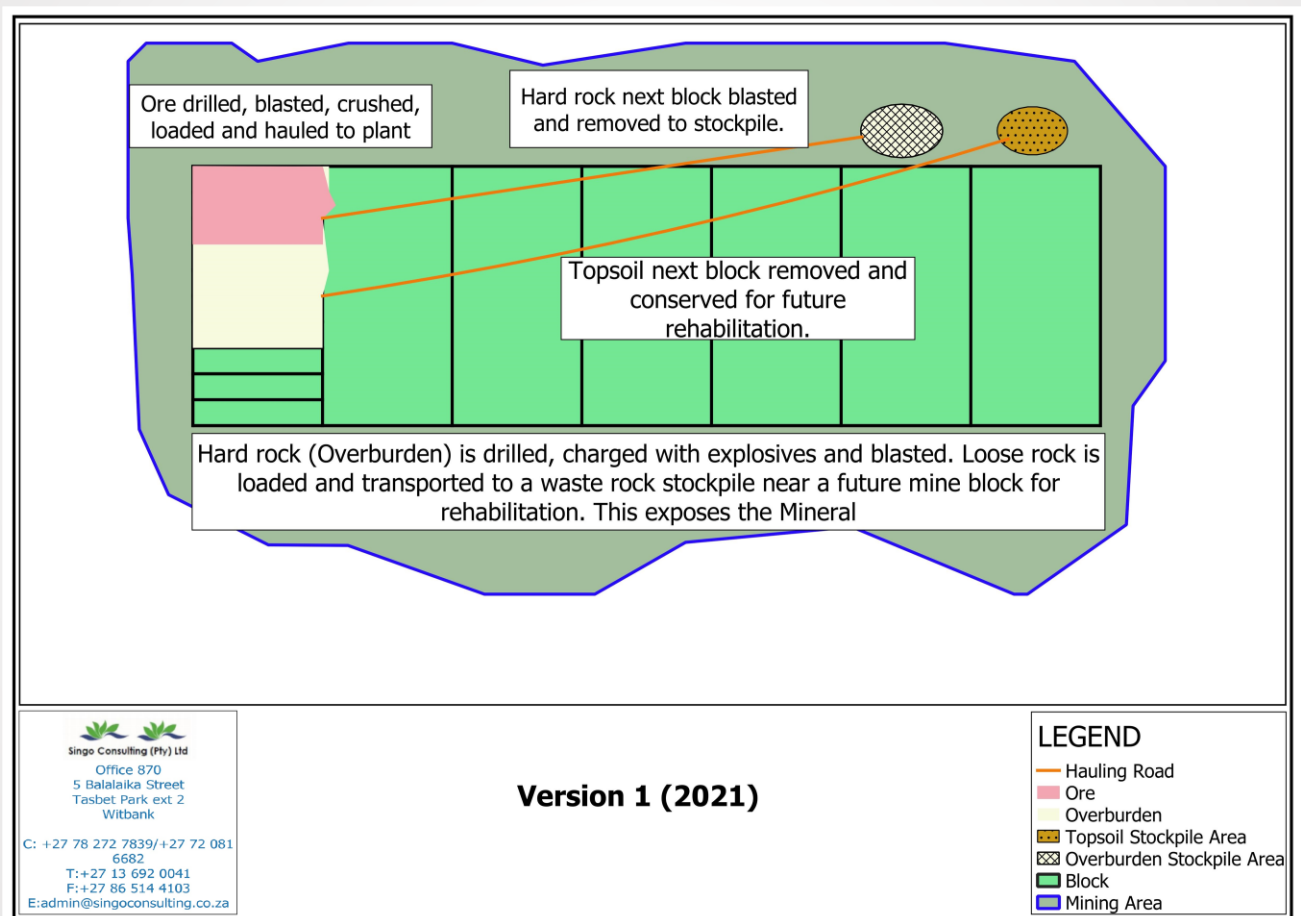


Figure 1: Typical Example mine development

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

EIA through BAR & EMPr 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 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) as amended. 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.

Registration as Interested & Affected Party: As part of the EIA process, more especially the Public Participation Process (PPP) for this proposed mining permit project, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register and kindly submit any comments or concerns to reach **Mr Netshiavha Owen** by not later than the **20 May 2022** on the contact details provided below. The public is also invited to review and comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) and Environmental Management Programme report (EMPr). The Draft BAR & EMPr will be available for review for 30 days' calendar period from **Saturday the 21st of May 2022 until Sunday the 20th of June 2022**. The Draft BAR & EMPr will be available at **Klarinet Public Library** and a soft copy upon request from Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd using the detailed EAP's contact's below, via emails; Dropbox link; Google drive; WeTransfer, etc.

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 **Mr. Netshiavha Owen** 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).



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Please indicate why you would have an interest in the above-mentioned project.					
Please provide your comments and questions here:					
Please feel free to attach a separate document					
Please add any person you think may be interested and affected parties:					
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E-mail				Contact No.	