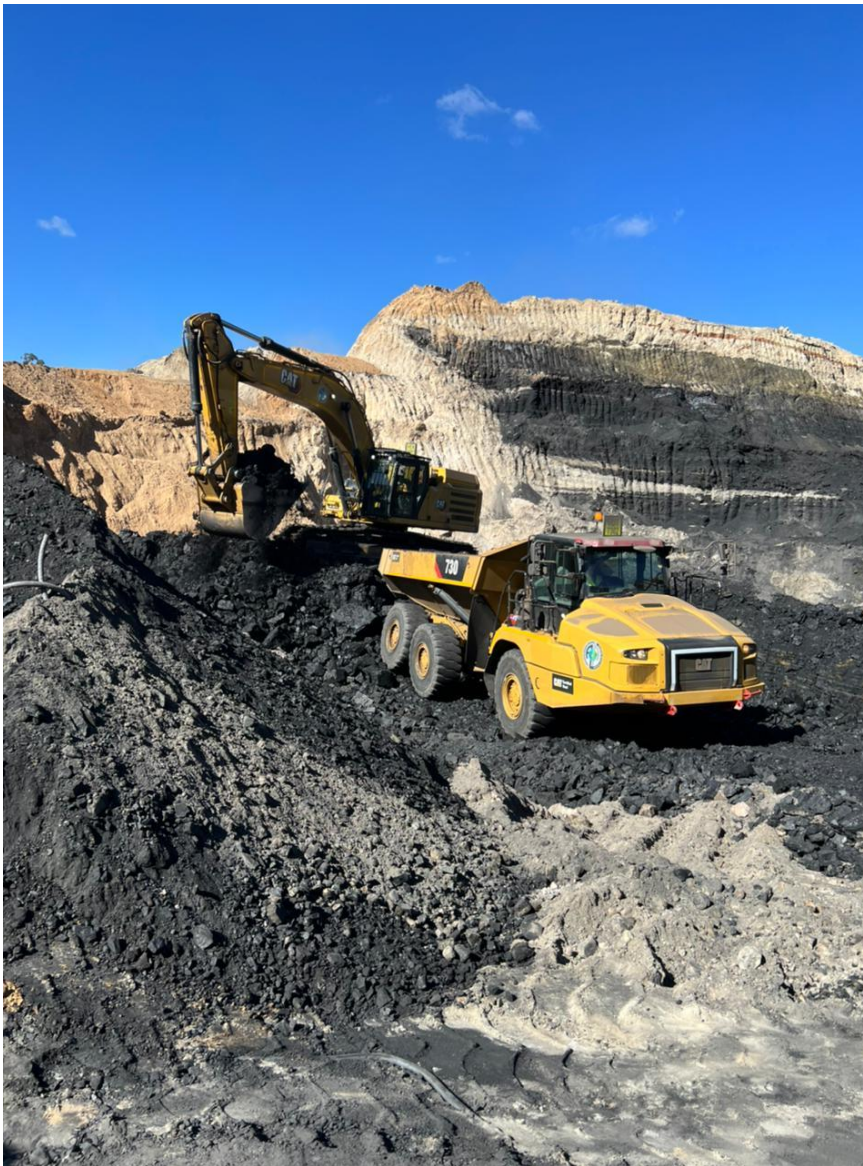


BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

MINING PERMIT APPLICATION ON PORTION OF PORTION 2 OF THE FARM COUWENBURG 300 IR UNDER THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF VICTOR KHANYE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.



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INTRODUCTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an independent Environmental Consultant by **Matshambane Trading CC** to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) through Basis Assessment, compile a Basic Assessment Report for 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 **a portion of Portion 2 of the Farm Couwenburg 300 IR** under the **Magisterial District of Victor Khanye, Mpumalanga Province. (DMRE Ref: MP 30/5/1/3/2/ (13424) 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 (DMRE) and if requested, Department of Environmental Affairs, Department of 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 **Ms Nthabiseng Molefe** through given means of communication also attached there.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Mining Permit Application has been submitted for the extraction of **Coal** resources on the property mentioned above. The Mining Permit is situated approximately 8.18 km North of Devon and approximately 19.53 km East of Vischkuil (Refer to figures 1 and 2) .

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 developed 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 pit, 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 pit (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.

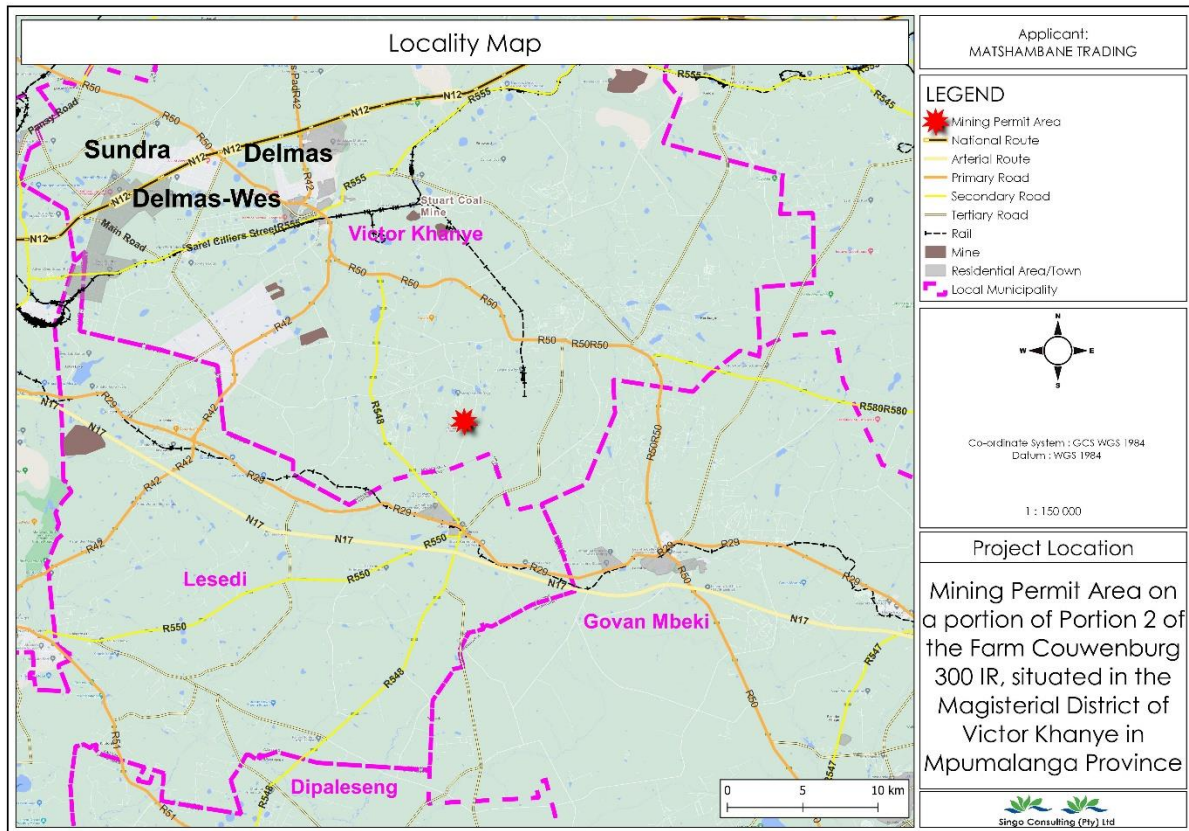


Figure 1: Locality Map of the project area.

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

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 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 include: National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998), National Air Quality Standards (GN 1210: 2009) and National Dust Control Regulations (GN 275: 2017).

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.

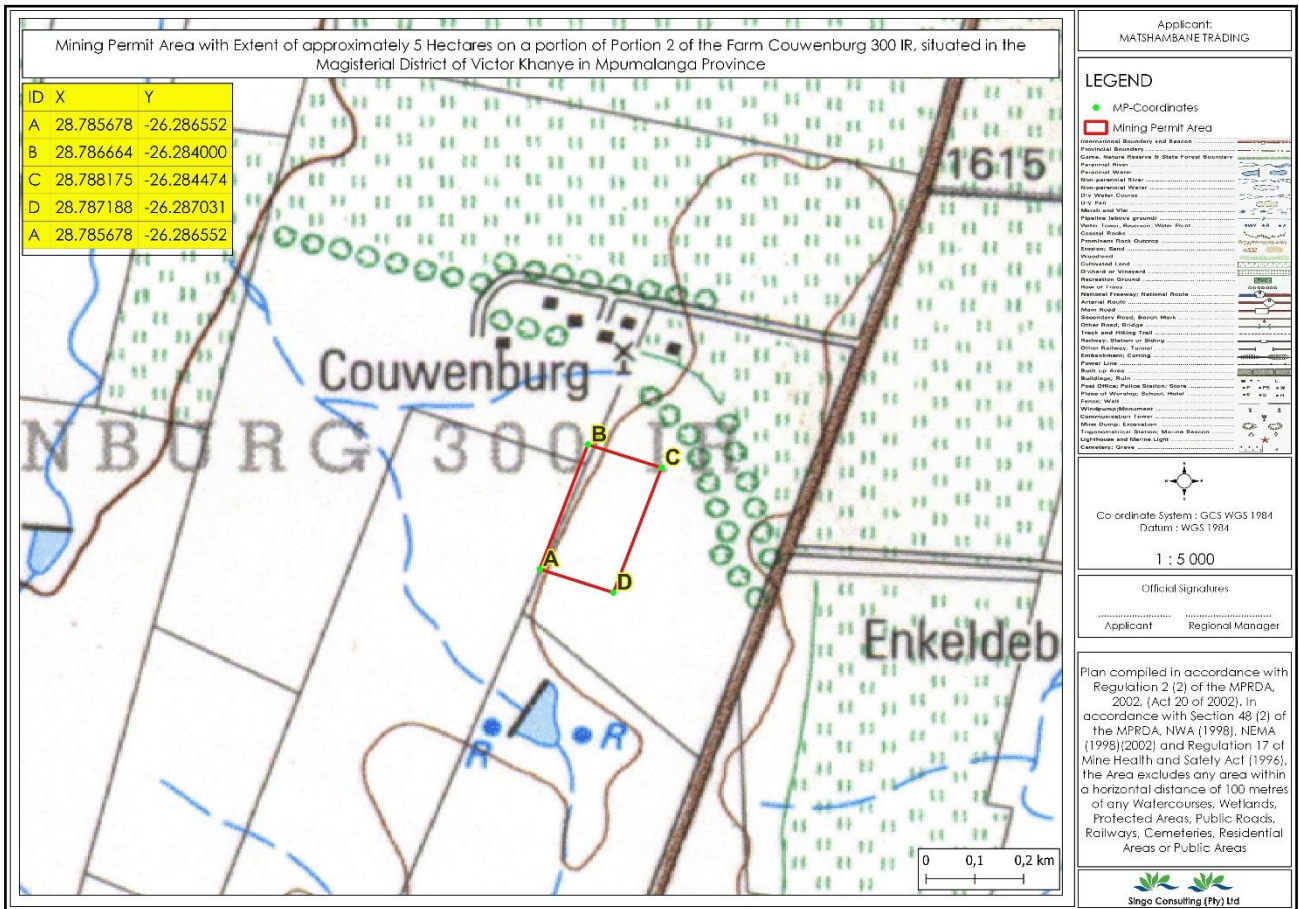


Figure 2: Regulation 2.2 map of the proposed project area. Point A co-ordinate (-26.286552; 28.785678).

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 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. 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. **Comments on the BID need to be submitted before the 05th of September 2022.**

Kindly keep the following dates:

Review of Draft BAR & EMPPr: **Monday the 05th of September 2022 – Thursday the 06th of October 2022.**

The **BAR & EMPPr** will be available for review at **Delmas Library (Cnr. Sarel Cilliers & Van Riebeeck St, Delmas, 2210) and Victor Khanye Local Municipality** and a soft copy upon request from **Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd** using **Ms Nthabiseng Molefe's** contact details attached below.

Comments on the Draft BAR & EMPPr are to be submitted on or before the 06th of October 2022.

REGISTRATION & COMMENT SHEET

Mining Permit Application on portion of portion 2 of the Couwenburg 300 IR, situated under the Magisterial District of Witbank, Mpumalanga Province, (DMRE Ref: MP 30/5/1/3/2/13424 MP).

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