

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

PREPARED FOR WASTE LICENCE, ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME REPORT) AND WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATIONS FOR COAL DUMP REHABILITATION/ RECLAMATION FACILITY ON THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM KLIPSPRUIT 138 HT, PORTION 7 OF THE FARM ANNYSSPRUIT 141 HT AND PORTION 1 OF THE FARM ANNYSSPRUIT 139 HT. WAKKERSTROOM AND PIET RETIEF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Foloji Construction & Projects CC to undertake an Environmental Impact Study (EIA) in accordance with Environmental Impact Regulations, 2014 published according to Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act 1998, Act No. 107, of 1998 as amended. Foloji Construction & Projects CC intends to reclaim/rehabilitate friable coal material abounded and/or buried by previous mining company on the 58.1968 Hectares constituting the Remaining Extent of the farms Klipspruit 138 HT, Portion 7 of the farm Annyspruit 141 HT and Portion 1 of the farm Annyspruit 139 HT under Wakkerstroom and Piet Retief Magisterial Districts, Mpumalanga Province.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the National Environmental Management Act (Act no. 107 of 1998) (as amended) of an Integrated Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process to be followed for a Waste Management Licence application to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment as the licensing authority for all listed hazardous waste activities as per National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act no. 59 of 2008), and Integrated Water Use Licence application to the Department of Water and Sanitation as per the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998), for the aforementioned development.

2. PROJECT LOCALITY

The area of interest is located in close proximity of the eMatafuleni Community and at about 25.55 km West of eMkhondo (Piet Retief). The site can be located by the following coordinates: -27.071457° S 30.554128° E. The R543 cuts through the site which links the Piet Retief and Dirkiesdorp Town.

3. Project Description

Remediation, reclamation or rehabilitation in this regard, is the process of repairing any negative effects of mining activities on the environment. This can be simply returning the site to a safe and stable condition, restoring pre-mining conditions as closely as possible to support the future sustainability of the site, or improving the landscape with new features. Foloji Construction & Projects CC has as of 08 August 2022 attained an Environmental Authorisation from the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA) with Ref: 1/3/1/16/1G-252 for the processing plant currently operational on certain portion of the site. Coal waste will be recycled and processed as far as practical thereby distributing to the intended market. All other generated waste will be handled appropriately through permitted waste service providers.

4. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

❖ National Environmental Management: Waste Act, No. 59 of 2008

With the enactment of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008 ("NEMWA"), all waste-related activities that were previously listed under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) are now listed within the scope of the NEMWA.

The project is listed GN 921, 2013 (amended by GNR 1094, 2017)- List of waste management activities that have, or are likely to have, detrimental effect on the environment; as follows: Category B: (1, 2, 9 & 11). An application for an environmental authorisation and waste license following the Scoping and EIA process as outlined in the EIA Regulations, 2014, will be undertaken by the appointed EAP.

❖ The National Water Act, No. 36 of 1998

The Water Use License Application (WULA) under the provisions of the National Water Act No.36 of 1998 (NWA,1998) as required for the proposed Coal Dump Rehabilitation/ Reclamation Facility will be applied to the Department of Water and Sanitation for the triggering section 21 water uses.

To quantify the impact of the development on the water bodies, the following studies have been identified:

- Wetland Delineation and Impact Assessment
- Surface water
- An ecological study and;
- A geohydrological study.

Additional studies that have been proposed as integral in this application(s) thus far:

● Rehabilitation plan	● Waste Classification	● Soil study
● Traffic management	● IWWMP	● Air Quality
● Water balance		

❖ Other Applicable Legislation

- National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, No 10 of 2004
- National Waste Management Strategy, 2011
- Waste Classification and Management Regulations, GN 634 of 2013
- National Norms and Standards for the Storage of Waste, GN 926 of 2013
- National Domestic Waste Collection Standards, 2011

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Registration as Interested & Affected Party: 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 EAP, Dr Kenneth Singo, and Enviro Technician, Ms Betty Ntuli by no later than 03 February 2023. It is of paramount importance that Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) register in order to receive updates of the process. All comments received will be recorded and addressed as part of the Scoping and full Environmental Impact Assessment process. This opportunity is being offered to you so you can:

- Register as an I&AP and to respond to the environmental compliance process;
- Raise issues of concern and provide suggestions for enhanced benefits;

- Contribute to local knowledge; and
- Comment on the Scoping Report.

Availability of Reports: The public is also invited to review and comment on the Draft Scoping Report which will be made available for the 30 calendar days period commencing from 14 December 2022 to 03 February 2023. The Draft Scoping Report will be made available at the following places: Dirkiesdorp Police Station, KwaNgema Clinic, Mkhondo Local Municipality & Mkhondo Public Library. Furthermore, electronic copies will be made available upon request from Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd, using the contact details below, via emails; Dropbox link; Google drive; WeTransfer, etc.

Public Meetings: Meetings will be communicated once the date, venue and time has been confirmed. Online video conferencing tools such as Microsoft Teams, Skype; Hang out, Zoom and GoToMeeting will be used to engage with stakeholders for online discussions if required. The purpose of online video conferencing will be to discuss the proposed project, the Draft studies, the Draft SR/EMPr, potential impacts and mitigation measures. Stakeholders will be also provided with an opportunity to physically engage with the Project team and raise their issues of concern as stated above.

How to respond: If you would like to register as an I&AP with regards to the EIA process, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter to the contact person given below by no later than 03 February 2022. Please find attached Registration and Comments Form (Appendix 2).

6. Contact details

ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICIAN & EAP'S DETAILS RESPECTIVELY:



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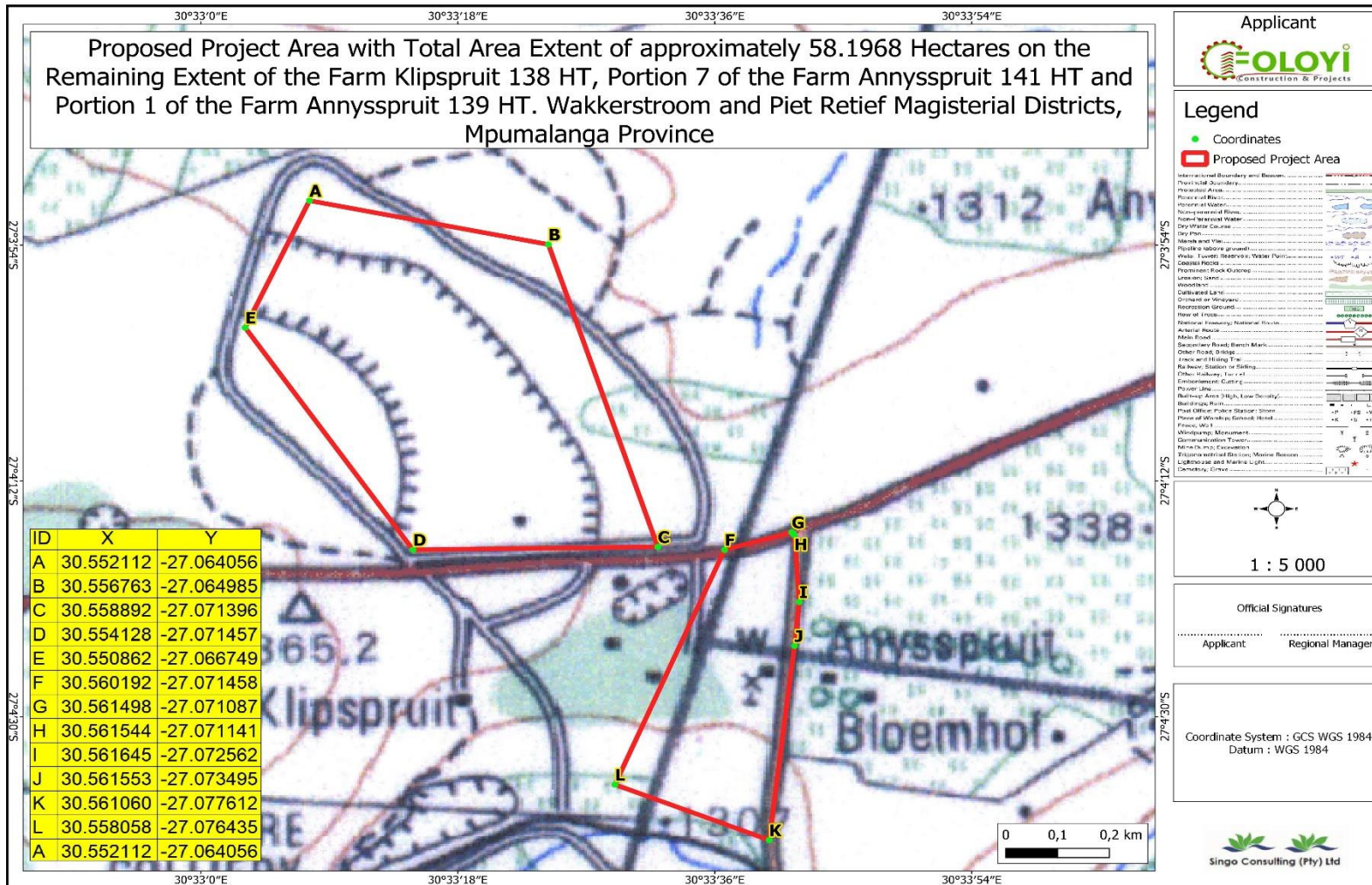
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Appendix 1: Locality Maps



Proposed development Area

Legend

- 📍 Annysspruit
- 📍 Development Area
- 📍 Matafuleni Community



Appendix 2: Comment & Registration Form



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Registration and comment sheet: **COAL DUMP REHABILITATION/ RECLAMATION FACILITY**

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I would like to receive my notifications via (mark with "X"):			Post	<input type="checkbox"/>	E-mail <input type="checkbox"/>
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Please indicate why you would have an interest in the above-mentioned project.					
Please provide your comments and questions here (feel free to attach a separate document)					
Please add any person you think may be interested and affected parties:					
Full name		Company			
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