



20 January 2021

South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)  
P.O. Box 4637  
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**Dear SAHRA Eastern Cape Provincial Official**

**NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION TO OBTAIN A MINING PERMIT FOR A PROPOSED BORROW PIT ON THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM VLAKTEFONTEIN 210, LADY GREY DISTRICT, EASTERN CAPE.**

Notice is given of an application for Environmental Authorisation ("EA") in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations as amended under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) for a mining permit. The above application will be made for the proposed establishment of a gravel borrow pit and associated activities, structures and infrastructure on the Remainder of the farm Vlakfontein 210, Lady Grey District, Eastern Cape province.

This notification provides stakeholders and / or identified Interested and Affected Parties ("I&AP") with the opportunity to comment on the proposed project and to indicate their interest.

**Related Activities**

The following activities will be applied for:

Activities in terms of GN. R. 327 of the NEMA 2014 Regulations as amended:

- Activity 21 (a) and (b) – *"Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), including – (a) associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks, directly related to the extraction of a mineral resource; or (b) the primary processing of a mineral resource including winning, extraction, classifying, concentrating, crushing, screening or washing;"*

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- Activity 27 - *"The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation"*.

The borrow pit will be situated at more than 100 m from the nearest watercourse and approximately 380m from the edge of the nearest wetland. No watercourses will be impacted during the excavation of the gravel.

### **Project Description**

- Turn180 Environmental Consultants ("**Turn 180**") was appointed by Tau-Pele Construction (Pty) Ltd ("**the Applicant**") as Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("**EAP**") to manage the required authorisation processes on their behalf.
- The Draft Basic Assessment Report ("**BAR**") will be sent to any all registered I&AP upon their request.
- Applications will be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources ("**DMR**") to obtain EA for the Mining Permit.

The mining activities will entail the following:

- Clearance of the proposed mining area not exceeding an area of 5ha of vegetation and topsoil which will be stockpiled separately.
- Overburden (if any) will be removed and stockpiled.
- The gravel will be excavated, loaded and hauled to construction sites where it will be used for the upgrading of the R58 road. No drilling and/or blasting will occur.
- Stormwater will be diverted around the active mining areas and all areas regarded as "dirty areas" by means of berms to enter the natural drainage areas. Dirty water will be contained on site to evaporate.

### **Locality**

The proposed mining area with an extent not exceeding 5ha and will be located on the Remainder of the farm Vlakfontein 210 in the Lady Grey District at the following coordinates:

30°42'5.75"S **and** 26°59'32.28"E

Please refer to the attached locality map (Figure 1).

## **General Aspects and impacts**

- The mining activities will create direct and indirect job opportunities for the local community which will improve their socio-economic conditions.
- General waste (i.e. paper, plastic, glass bottles, etc.) will be collected and disposed of at an authorised landfill site on a regular basis.
- Drilling and blasting will not take place. Earthmoving equipment will be used to excavate the gravel.
- Mining activities may lead to noise and dust generation. Mining activities will only take place during daylight working hours. Appropriate dust-suppression measures will be implemented if dust is a concern.
- Preliminary desktop assessment indicated that no water resources will be impacted by the excavation of the gravel as there are no watercourses or wetlands within 100m from the Mining Permit area. However, an ecologist and wetland specialist have been appointed to conduct a study and report which will be sent to all registered I&AP and Stakeholders.
- No vegetation will be cleared outside the footprint of the mining area.

## **Invitation to participate.**

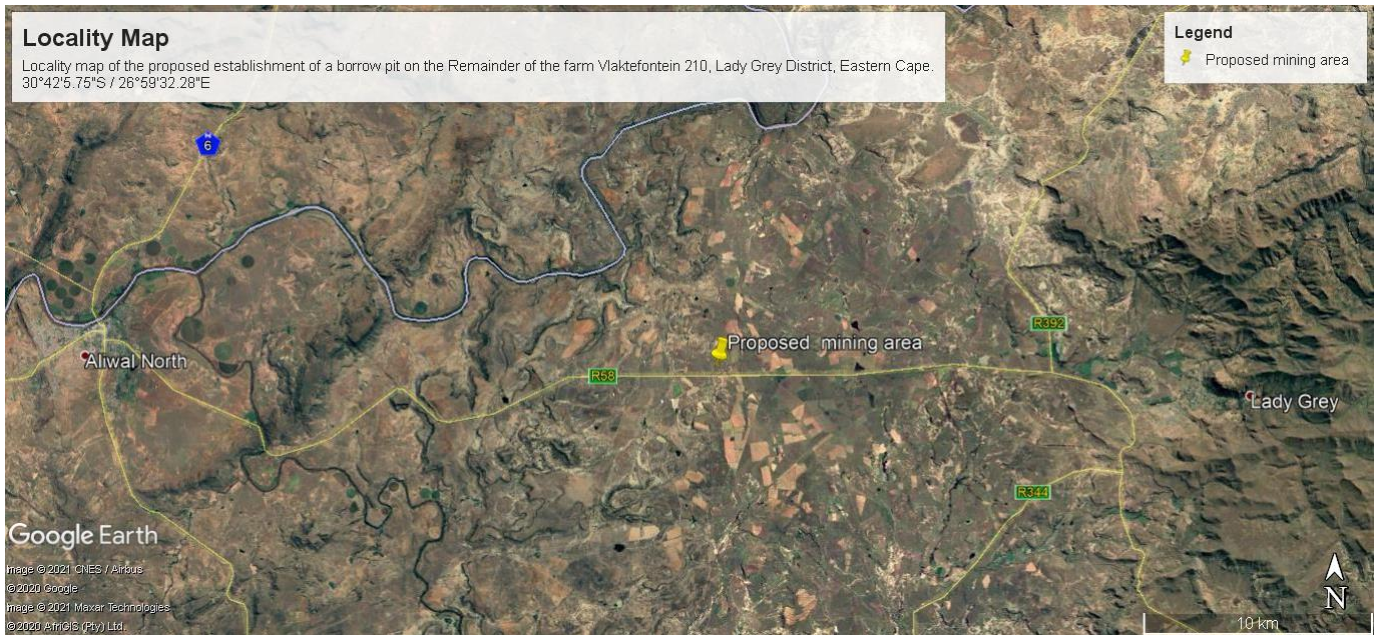
You are requested to send any issues and/or concerns regarding the proposed project to Lizel Kennedy at Turn 180: 072 873 6665 or 072 967 7962 (Tel), Suite 221, Private Bag X01, Brandhof, 9324 or [lizel@turn180.co.za](mailto:lizel@turn180.co.za) or [admin@turn180.co.za](mailto:admin@turn180.co.za) (e-mail) within 30 days from the date on this letter (on or before 22 February 2021).

Your feedback in this regard is appreciated.

Regards



Louis De Villiers



**Figure 1: Locality map of the proposed establishment of the proposed borrow pit**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

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<b>Land Owner Name:</b>	
(Individual/MPY/TRUST/CC)	
<b>Contact Person:</b>	
<b>Street name and house number adjacent to area under investigation</b>	
<b>Contact detail of Contact Person given above:</b>	
	<b>Tel:</b>
	<b>E-mail:</b>
	<b>Fax:</b>
	<b>Physical address (Street Address):</b>
<b>Comment or any concerns:</b>	
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