

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Application:		Prepared by:	Prepared for:
Prospecting Right for Coal on Portion 1 and a Portion of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Annyspruit 140 HT		 Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd	
Magisterial District:	Mkhondo		

INTRODUCTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by **Notre Coal (Pty) Ltd** to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and undertake Public Participation Process (PPP). This is done for processes of acquiring Environmental Authorization for the proposed Prospecting Right Application within **Portion 1 and a Portion of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Annyspruit 140 HT**, situated under the **Mkhondo Magisterial District, Mpumalanga Province** with **DMRE Ref: MP 30/5/1/1/2/17554 PR**.

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, both negative and positive will be submitted and made available to the relevant Departments such as the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy 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 proposed prospecting 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 Dineo Makhubela** through given means of communication also attached there.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Prospecting Right Application has been submitted for the Purpose of prospecting **Coal** on the property mentioned above. This proposed prospecting Area, as seen in figure 1 and figure 2 below is situated within Mkhondo, approximately 20.3 km away from Dirkiesdorp settlement, refer to figure 1 and 2 below.

Prospecting activities will be undertaken over a period of five (5) years and are designed in phases, each phase conditional on the success of the previous phase. Both invasive and non-invasive methods will be implemented. Invasive are those activities which have footprint or cause harm (if not mitigated or managed properly) or those that have a physical impact on the environment, while non-invasive do not cause any harm or effects on the environment.

Non-invasive: Desktop study of the area has commenced, and this incorporates desktop geographical and geological mapping. This will be followed by detailed geochemical and geotechnical surveys. In turn, this is followed by detailed geophysical studies.

Invasive: A detailed drilling, sampling, assaying and mineralogical study will be carried out. Diamond method will be utilised to prospect in situ of Coal only. To ensure or minimise impacts on the receiving environment, All the activities will be guided by the project's BAR & EMPr.

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Therefore, EIA (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 prospect the existence and occurrence of Coal 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 36974: 2013).

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.

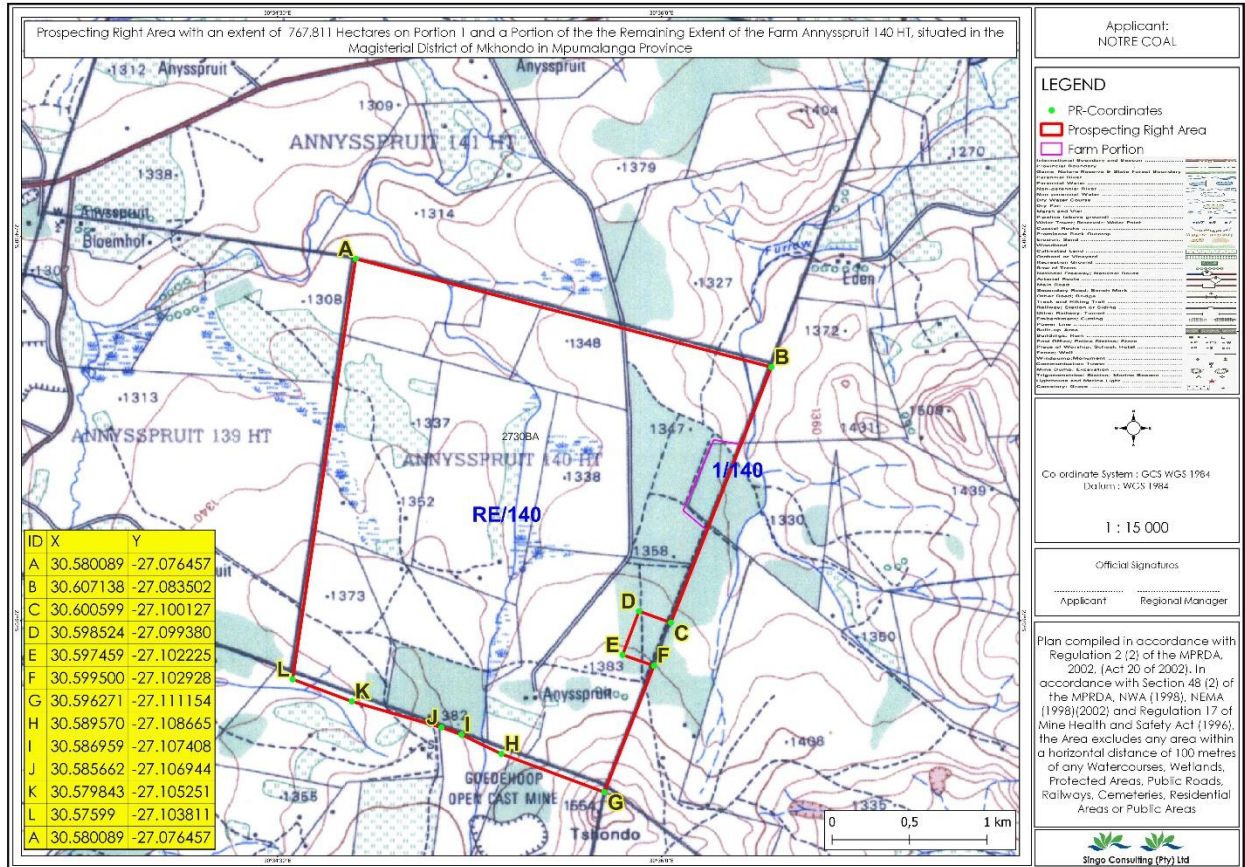


Figure 1: REG 2.2 Map of the proposed project area (-27.076457, 30.580089)

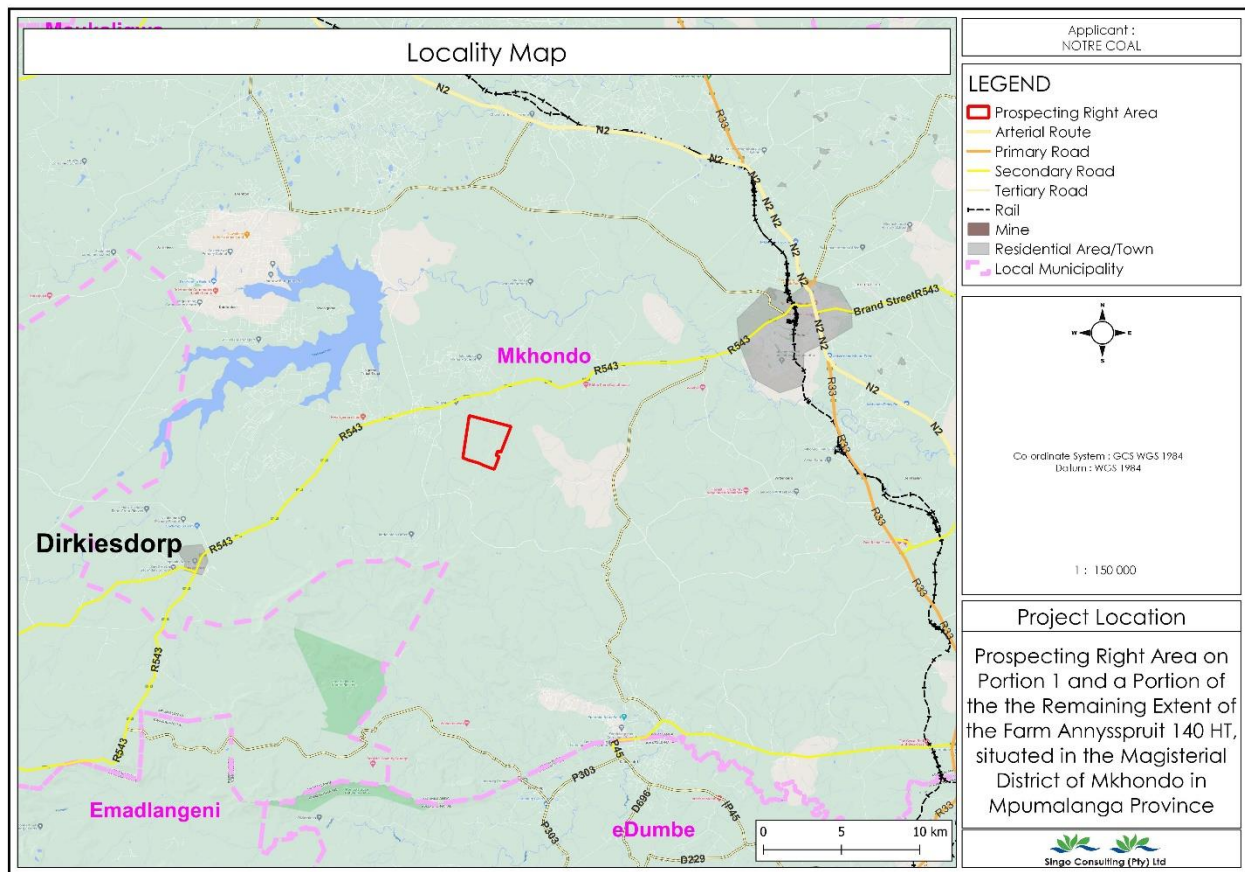


Figure 2: Locality map of the proposed project area

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 Prospecting Right 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. The key objectives of the Public Participation Process (PPP) during the EIA Process are to afford I&APs an opportunity to understand the proposed project and to provide valuable contributions during the planning phase.

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 proposed project, I&APs will be given a period of 30 days to comment and raise issues/concerns with regards to this BID.

Kindly keep the following dates:

- ❖ Announcement of project: **05th of August 2022**
- ❖ Stakeholder engagement and consultation: **On-going throughout the process of compiling the BAR & EMPr**
- ❖ Review of Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Programme report (EMPr): **Monday the 05th of September 2022 - Wednesday the 05th of October 2022.**

Hard copy reports will be made available at **Mkhondo Public Library (Retief St and Market St, 2380)** and **Mkhondo Local Municipality (Cnr Market and De Wet Street, eMkhondo)** electronic copies of the Draft BAR & EMPr will be available upon request from Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd, using the EAP's contacts below. Comments on the draft BAR and EMPr to be submitted before/on the **5th of October 2022.**



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REGISTRATION & COMMENT SHEET

Prospecting Right Application on Portion 1 and a Portion of the Remaining Extent of
 the Farm Annysspruit 140 HT by Notre Coal (Pty) Ltd

(DMRE Ref: MP 30/5/1/1/2/17554 PR)

Attention: **Ms Dineo Makhubela** Email: dineo@singoconsulting.co.za

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I would like to receive my notifications be (mark with "X"):		Post	<input type="checkbox"/> E-mail: <input type="checkbox"/> Fax: <input type="checkbox"/>
Please indicate why you would have an interest in the above-mentioned project.			
Please provide your comments and questions here:			
<i>Please feel free to attach a separate document</i>			
Please add any person you think may be interested and affected parties:			
Full name		Company	
Address			
E-mail		Contact No.	