

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

Mining Permit and Environmental Authorization Application for Coal on portion of the remaining extent of the farm Roodepoort 151 IS, situated in the Magisterial district of Steve Tshwete in Mpumalanga Province.



DMRE Ref: MP30/5/1/1/3/13941 MP

2023

INTRODUCTION AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner by **Jaments (Pty) Ltd** to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Compile a Basic Assessment Report (BAR), Compile an 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 of **Coal on portion of the remaining extent of the farm Roodepoort 151 IS, situated in the Magisterial district of Steve Tshwete in Mpumalanga Province.**

This Background Information Document (BID) is intended to provide a cursory description of the project, outline the EIA procedures to be followed, and solicit input from interested and affected parties (I&APs) on relevant project-related issues. It also serves as a forum for comments and concerns.

The results of the EIA, Both negative and positive will be submitted and made available to relevant state Departments such as the Department of mineral Resources and Energy(DMRE), Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Department of water and sanitation (DWS) as well as landowners(s)/ lawful occupier(s), interested and affected parties and other relevant stakeholders. Therefore, the I&APs are requested and invited to remark in this background information document on the physical, social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed mining permit activities. Please know that your input is highly valued because it helps to guarantee that pertinent concerns are considered. Please register and provide your interest and concerns regarding the proposed project on the registration form attached at the end of this BID and return it to Ms. Innocent Monama using the provided contact information, which is also attached.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Jaments (Pty) Ltd has applied for a mining permit to mine coal on portion of the remaining Extent of the farm Roodepoort 151 IS, Magisterial District of Steve Tshwete in Mpumalanga Province. The method that will be employed is a very basic form of open cast mining, and a 5-ha area will be demarcated for mining activities. Blasting and subsequent mining of the coal utilizing a truck and shovel operation will be conducted. The mined coal will be crushed and screened utilizing a mobile crushing and screening plant. A front- end loader will be utilized to load the material into

haulage trucks. The coal will be processed within/off the site. Should the proposed mining activities change, this will be indicated in the form of a Section 102 Amendment Application of the MPRDA.

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

As a result, the EIA process will be carried out in line with the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment regulations as amended in April 2017. The activity will be carried out in compliance with the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002). Other regulatory standards to be followed include the 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. All of the above shall be strictly adhered to in order to ensure that the observable repercussions are assessed and reduced in accordance with their significance, so assuring the preservation of the receiving environment and population.

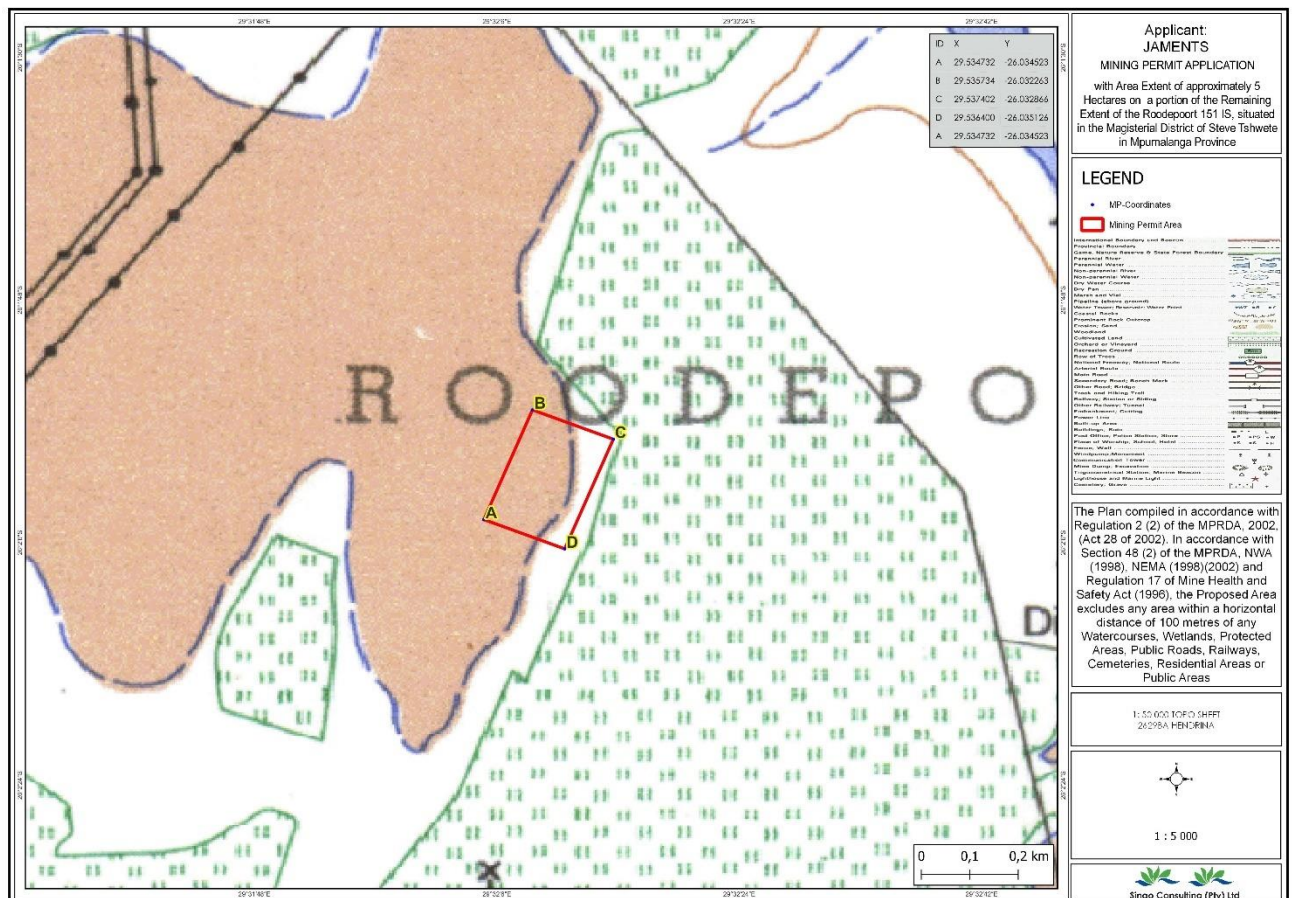


Figure 1: Regulation 2.2 map of the proposed project area (-26.034523, 29.534732)

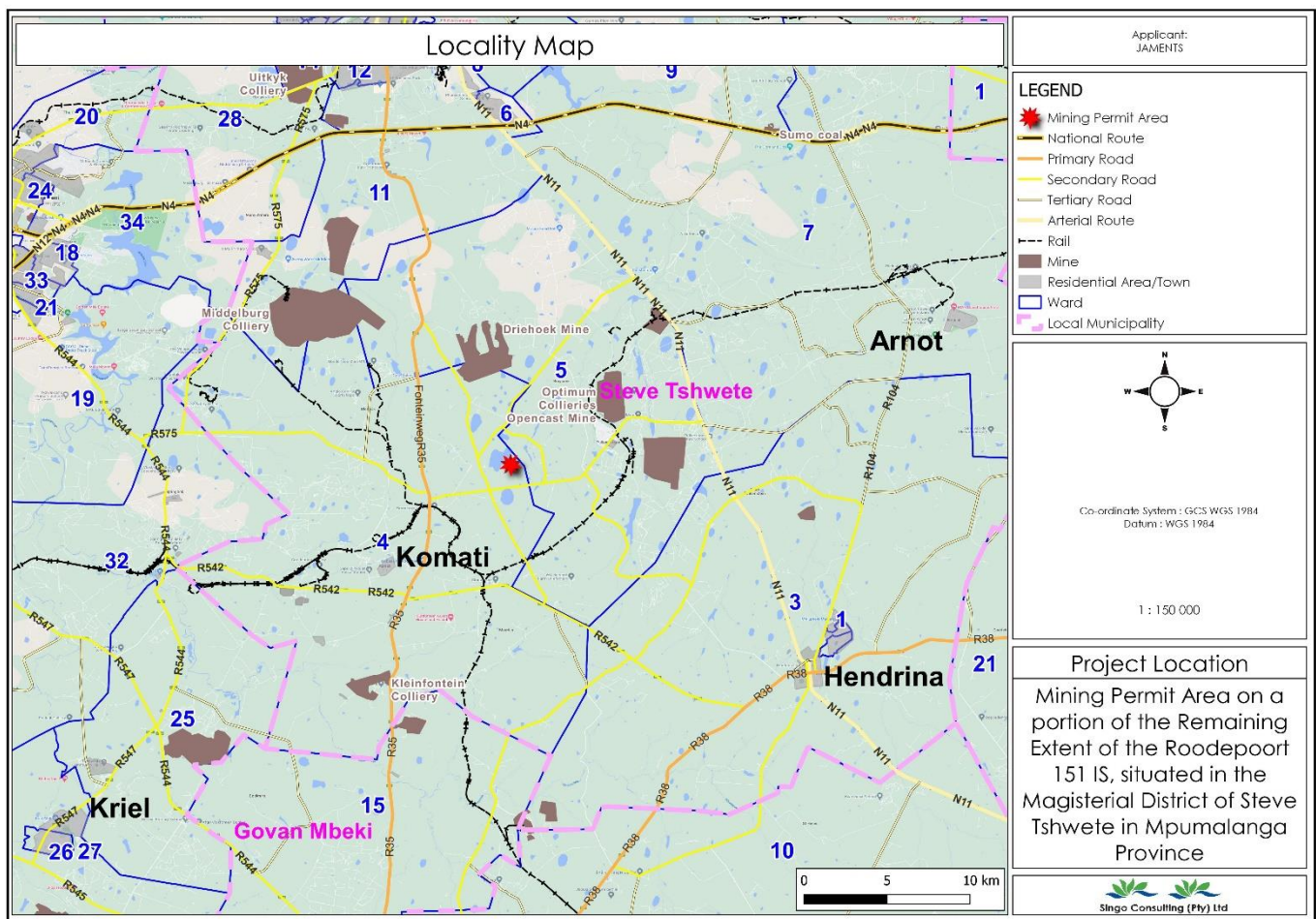


Figure 2: Locality map of the project area

BASIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESSES

These are planning and decision-making methods to identify potential environmental, economic, and social repercussions of a proposed activity before it begins. These, along with public issues and concerns, must be detected early enough to be analysed and integrated into final reports when/if necessary. These tools are seen as critical since they are used to demonstrate to the key stakeholders the potential implications, which ultimately determines whether the mining application process is successful or unsuccessful.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The process of Environmental Impact Assessment continues to rely heavily on public participation. It guarantees that relevant and sufficient information is provided in an open and transparent manner. The Public Participation phase provides a chance for I&APs to learn about the project and make vital comments to the EIA process. I&AP can be any individual, group of

individuals, or organisation interested in or affected by the planned activity, as well as any organ of state with authority over any component of the activity. The primary goal of PPP is to provide an opportunity for I&APs to comment and provide valuable suggestions throughout the project's

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development phase.

For this specific planned project, I&APs will have 30 days to comment and voice issues/concerns about this BID.

Please note the following:

- A notice will be published in the local paper, Middleburg Observer on the **18th of Augst 2023.**
- A2 site notices will be placed around the farm boundary, local library notices board and identified public spaces.
- The Draft BAR & EMPr will be made available at **Gerard Sekoto Library and Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.**
- The draft BAR & EMPr will be available for review from the **Thursday the 07th of September 2023 to Sunday the 08th of October 2023 (with the exclusion of public holidays).**
- Electronic copies of the DBAR and EMPr will be made available upon request from **Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd** via emails, Dropbox links, Google Drive, We Transfer, and so on, using the PPP Officer's contact details below.

REGISTRATION & COMMENT SHEET

Mining Permit and Environmental Authorization Application for Coal on portion of the remaining extent of the farm Roodepoort 151 IS, situated in the Magisterial district of Steve Tshwete in Mpumalanga Province (DMRE Ref: MP30/5/1/1/3/13941 MP).

Attention: **Ms Innocent Monama**

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Company					
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I would like to receive my notifications be (mark with "X"):			Post:	<input type="checkbox"/>	E-mail:
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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 add any person you think may be interested and affected parties:					
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