

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

PROSPECTING RIGHT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION FOR LEGARE MINING SERVICES (PTY) LTD WITHIN ALL PORTIONS OF THE FARM DE KROON 444 JQ, SITUATED UNDER THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF BRITS, NORTH-WEST PROVINCE.



## INTRODUCTION

**Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd** has been appointed as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by **Legare Mining Services (Pty) Ltd** to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), 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 Prospecting Right Application on the Farm **De Kroon 444 JQ** situated in the Magisterial District of Brits, North-West Province. **DMRE REF: NW 30/5/1/1/2/13013 PR**.

## PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

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 & Energy and 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 Betty Ntuli** using the contacts details provided.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Prospecting Right Application has been Lodged for **Chrome, Cobalt, Nickel, PGMs, Silicon & Uranium** on the above mentioned property.

This Prospecting Area, as seen in Figure 1 & 2 below is located approximately 5.85 km south-east of Brits, about 1.10 km south-west and Damonsville.

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. 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 and later, a detailed drilling, sampling, assaying and mineralogical study. Diamond methods and/or Percussion drilling will be utilised for the prospecting of the minerals sought for. To ensure or minimise impacts on the receiving environment, All the activities will be guided by the project's EMPr.

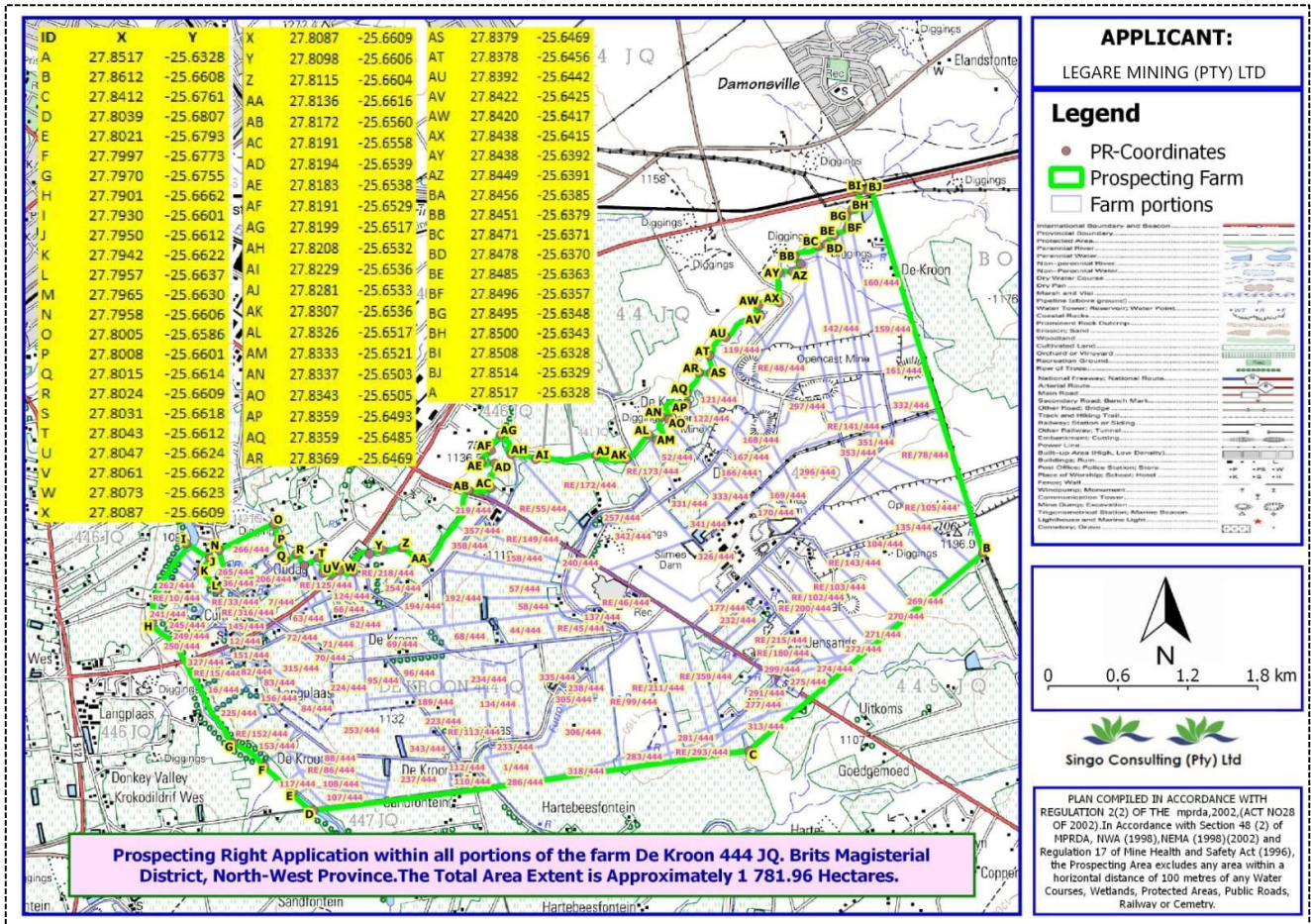


Figure 1: Regulation 2.2 map of the Proposed Project area



Figure 2: google earth view of the area under study

## REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The following relevant legislation will be followed for this project: Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002, (Act 28 of 2002) (MPRDA), National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 38 of 1998), EIA regulation, as amended (April 2017), National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998), National Air Quality Standards (GN 1210:2009) and National Dust Control regulations (GN 275:2017). In terms of the MPRDA, it is required to consult with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). Comments received from I&APs will be recorded and included in the EMPr for the project which will be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR). The EMPr will be compiled and implemented to ensure that potential impacts of the proposed prospecting activities are mitigated and managed. According to the MPRDA, the EMPr needs to include the following activities but is not limited to:

- ❖ describing the environment that is likely to be affected by the proposed prospecting; and identifying potential impacts;
- ❖ Assessing the significance of the potential impacts of the proposed project on the environment, socio economic conditions and cultural heritage; and evaluating the proposed mitigation measures to minimize negative impacts.

## 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 to 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 as 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 processes 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.

The key objective of PPP during the Scoping phase is to afford the I&APs with an opportunity to comment and provide valuable inputs during the planning phase of the project.

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.

Kindly keep the following dates:

- ❖ Announcement of the Prospecting Right Application: **Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2021**
- ❖ Stakeholder engagement and consultation: **Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 - Saturday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2021**
- ❖ Review of Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Programme report (EMPr): **Tuesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2021 until Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2021.**

**Due to risks associated with Covid-19, mass meeting will not be held as clearly stipulated in the regulation (Section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act & hard copies of the Draft BAR & EMPr may not be made available at any public space or premises closed to the public. Electronic copies will be made available upon request from Singo Consulting (Pty) Ltd, using the detailed EAP'S contact's below, via emails; Dropbox link; Google drive; WeTransfer, etc.**



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**REGISTRATION & COMMENT SHEET- (DMRE REF: NW 30/5/1/1/2/13013 PR).**

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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"/>
<b>Please indicate why you would have an interest in the above-mentioned project.</b>		
<b>Please provide your comments and questions here:</b>		
<i>Please feel free to attach a separate document</i>		
<b>Please add any person you think may be interested and affected parties:</b>		
Full name	Company	
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