

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORISATION, MINING RIGHT AND WATER USE LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that an application for environmental authorisation in terms of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2010 (regulations in terms of chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act no 107 of 1998, as amended (NEMA) has been lodged with the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development Environment and Tourism (DEDET), an application for a mining right in terms of the section 22 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act no 28 of 2000 (MPRDA) has been lodged with the Mpumalanga Department of Mineral Resources (DMR), and an application for a water use license (WULA) in terms of section 21 of the National Water Act no 36 of 1998 (NWA) has been lodged with the Mpumalanga Department of Water Affairs (DWA).

APPLICANT NAME

Ecce Holdings (Pty) Ltd

PROJECT NAME

The establishment of an open pit for mining of refractory and ceramic clays on portion 25 of the farm Nooitgedacht 436 JR, Mpumalanga

LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

Portion 25 of farm Nooitgedacht 436 JR. Refer to the locality map below.

MINING RIGHT REF NR

MP 30/5/1/2/2/460 MR

EIA REF NR

17/2/3N-248

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

The project will entail construction of an open pit for mining of the minerals refractory and ceramic clays. The proposed mining method is shallow opencast mining. This will result in transformation of the proposed site to mining use. Topsoil, where available, shall be removed by bowl scraper and shall be stored separately. Blasted overburden shall be removed by bulldozer employing the rollover system in order to backfill the open pit left behind immediately. After blasting of the clay it shall be removed by loader and transported by truck to the sorting area. Cobbing and sorting shall be done manually where after the mine product shall be transported to the downdraft kiln stockpile area some 6km away. Where it is necessary two benches of 2-3m high shall be

mined in the clay horizon. Water shall be extracted from the pit for the safe mining of the minerals and this activity shall require a water use license application.

EIA ACTIVITIES APPLIED FOR

The activity requires an application subject to a Scoping and EIA Process as required by sections 26 to 35 of GNR. 543 of the EIA Regulations of 2010.

GN. No. R544 Listing Notice 1 of 18 June 2010	23(ii)	The transformation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land to residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use, outside an urban area and where the total area to be transformed is bigger than 1 ha but less than 20 ha.
GN. No. R545, Listing Notice 2 of 18 June 2010	5	The construction of facilities or infrastructure for any process or activity which requires a permit or license in terms of national or provincial legislation governing the generation or release of

		emissions, pollution or effluent and which is not identified in the Notice No. 544 of 2010 or included in the list of waste management activities published in terms of the section 19 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act no. 59 of 2008 (NEMWA) in which case that Act will apply
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EXPECTED WATER USE ACTIVITIES APPLIED FOR

The following activities constituting water uses under section 21 of the NWA no 36 of 1998 and will form part of the WULA.

Section 21(a)	Taking water from a water resource.
Section 21(b)	Storage of clean water.
Section 21(g)	Disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource.
Section 21(j)	Removing, discharging or disposing of water found underground if it is necessary for the efficient continuation of an activity or for the safety of people

SCOPE OF PROJECT

The EIA process will include:

- Submission of EIA application forms to DEDET (Completed).
- Consultation with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs).
- Submission of scoping report to DEDET following consultation with I&APs.
- Compilation and submission of an EIA report and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) to DEDET following consultation with I&APs.

The mining right application will include:

- Submission of mining right application
- Submission of scoping report to DMR 30 days from DMR date of application acceptance (completed).
- Consultation with I&APs.
- Compilation of an EMP to be submitted to DMR on or before 3rd of July.

The WULA process will include:

- Completion and submission of license forms to DWA.
- Consultation with I&APs.
- Compilation and submission of an IWULA technical report to DWA.

All three applications will include the required consultation process which will be undertaken combined for all three processes.

KEY DATES FOR CONSULTATION PROCESS

The project will be advertised in the Streek News/Nuus on the 29th May 2013; followed by comments period which will end on the 28th June 2013. A report addressing all comments and concerns will be compiled and attached as an addendum to the EMPs.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Should you wish to be included in the register of I&APs or comment on this application, please submit your name, contact information, and interest in the matter **in writing** to the address below not later than **28 June 2013**.



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Portion 25 of
the farm
Nooitgedacht
436 JR
Locality



Legend

-  Cullinan
-  Property boundary

Date: 2013/02/21
Coordinate System:
WGS 1984
Datum: WGS 1984

