

**VENGABLOX (PTY) LTD MINING RIGHT APPLICATION  
WITHIN THE LEJWELEPUTSWA MAGISTERIAL  
DISTRICT OF THE FREE STATE PROVINCE**

**COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT**

***DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE NUMBER: FS 30/5/1/2/2/10071 MR***

**JUNE 2022**



## NOTIFICATION TO STAKEHOLDERS AND I&APS DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PHASE

*COMMENTING PERIOD: 06 JANUARY - 14 FEBRUARY 2022*

During the public participation process the Stakeholders and I&AP's were informed of the project by means of email notifications that were sent to the contact persons. A 30-days commenting period was allowed which expired on 14 February 2022. The following table provides a list of the I&AP's and stakeholders that were informed of the project:

<b>STAKEHOLDERS</b>			
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Dr Mbulelo Nokwequ	Department of Economic Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	06 January 2022	18 January 2022
<p>Mr Vakalisa Hlazo requested a copy of the DSR &amp; DSLP on behalf of DESTEA for their perusal. The DESTEA was supplied with an electronic copy of the DSR &amp; DSLP on 19 January 2022, upon which the following comments were received from the DESTEA.</p>			
<p>Comments received from DESTEA on the DSR &amp; DSLP on 14 February 2022:</p> <p>“The Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) the Department herby acknowledges receipt of the Draft Scoping Report and the Draft Social and Labour Plan for the above mentioned development on 19 January 2022.</p> <p>The above mentioned reports have been reviewed and found to be in compliance with the minimum requirements as per the EIA Regulations. Please take note of the following when you proceed with the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Ensure that the methods used for sand mining do not lead to the collapse of the riverbank.</li> <li>❖ Avoid activities that would lead to the deepening of the riverbed.</li> </ul>			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Ensure the protection of the riverine ecology as far as possible and if this is not possible, endangered and/or protected species (if they exist) must be transplanted as far as possible in compliance with the legislation and permits for the translocation of species.</li> <li>❖ The mining should continue without causing undue erosion or degradation at the site for development.</li> </ul> <p>Please note that the development cannot commence without Environmental Authorisation from the Department of Mineral and Energy (DMR) and a Mining Permit from the DMR.”</p>			
<p>Response from Greenmined to the DESTEA on 14 February 2022:</p> <p>“Greenmined herewith acknowledges, and thank you for, the comments received from the Department on the Vengablox (Pty) Ltd mining right application (FS 30/5/1/2/2/1071 MR) over a portion of Portion 0 and 1 (Remaining Extent) of the farm De Klerks Kraal No 231, in the Theunissen District of the Free State Province. Your comments will be included in the Final Scoping Report (FSR) to be submitted to the DMRE for decision making. If the DMRE, approves the FSR, your comments will also be incorporated into the Environmental Impact Assessment Report that will be made available for your perusal and commenting in due course.”</p>			
Mr Mwseoke	Department of Public Works and Infrastructure	06 January 2022	No Comments Received
Mr Jack Morton	Department of Agricultural and Rural Development	06 January 2022	No Comments Received
Mr Nomfundo Douwjack	Department of Labour	06 January 2022	No Comments Received
Me MS Tlali	Department of Police, Roads and Transport	06 January 2022	No Comments Received

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Mr TP Ntili	Department of Water and Sanitation	06 January 2022	No Comments Received
Mr David Nthau	Masilonyana Local Municipality	06 January 2022	No Comments Received
Cllr Simon Chere Mangoejane	Masilonyana Local Municipality - Ward 7	06 January 2022	No Comments Received
Ms Palesa Kaota	Lejweleputswa District Municipality	06 January 2022	No Comments Received
Me Nozipho Dlamini	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development – Commission on Restitution of Land Rights	01 February 2022 & 14 February 2022	No Comments Received
SAHRIS website	SAHRA	06 January 2022	17 January 2022
<p>Interim comment submitted by SAHRA:</p> <p>“.....The archaeological component of the HIA must follow the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological Component of Impact Assessment Report. The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a qualified archaeologist. The proposed development area is located in an area of moderate sensitivity</p>			

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in terms of palaeontological resources as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above and Draft EIA.”			
Beyond Heritage (Pty) Ltd was appointed to conduct the requested HIA & PIA during the EIA phase of the project. These reports will be incorporated into the DEIAR.			

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Wimanzi EDMS BPK (changed from Zibeth Botha Familie Trust since publication of the DSR)  Mr Machiel du Plessis  Landowner 1	Portion 0 of De Klerks Kraal No 231	06 January 2022	No Comments Received

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Akasia Ontwikkelings (Pty) Ltd Mr William du Plessis Landowner 2	Portion 1 (RE) of De Klerks Kraal No 231	06 January 2022	No Comments Received
Globalex 88 CC Mr Janse de Wet Mr Hennie Venter Surrounding Landowner	Remaining Extent of Klein Palmiet Kuil No 407	06 January 2022	No Comments Received
JC & AJ van der Merwe Familie Trust Mr Kobus van der Merwe Surrounding Landowner	Portion 1 of Klein Palmiet Kuil No 407 Jordaans Rust No 59	06 January 2022	No Comments Received
Land- & Agricultural Development Bank of SA Mr Johan Prinsloo Surrounding Landowner	Dankbaarheid No 16	06 January 2022	No Comments Received

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Premier Access Controls CC Mr Gert Aggenbacht Surrounding Landowner	Portion 12 of Bryan No 561 Portion 39 of Bryan No 561	06 January 2022	No Comments Received
Henjan Boerdery Mr Hennie Alers Surrounding Landowner	Portion 38 of Bryan No 561	06 January 2022	No Comments Received
Van Jaarsveld Boerdery Pty Ltd Me Hanine van Jaarsveld Surrounding Landowner	Portion 37 of Bryan No 561 Portion 36 of Bryan No 561 Portion 7 of De Klerks Kraal No 231 Portion 32 of Bryan No 561	06 January 2022	18 January 2022

Mrs H Swart requested additional information regarding the MR application, in particular the size of the application footprint, and a map showing the proposed access routes.

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This information was provided by Greenmined on respectively 18 and 24 January 2022. The information was shared via WhatsApp as requested by Mrs Swart. See Appendix 7 for the proof of correspondence.			
Micon Group Pty Ltd Mr Dirk Smith Surrounding Landowner	Portion 35 of Bryan No 561 Portion 34 of Bryan No 561	06 January 2022	No Comments Received
Rus My Siel Aandeleblokskema Pty Ltd Mr Andrew Ramsey Surrounding Landowner	Portion 30 of Bryan No 561	06 January 2022	No Comments Received
Sibanye Gold Ltd Me Sindi Vos Surrounding Landowner	Kleinbegin No 134	06 January 2022	No Comments Received
Mr Pieter de Jager Mr Deaux Odendaal	Kleinbegin No 134	06 January 2022	No Comments Received



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Tenants			
Krowitz Lilian Mr Pieter de Jager Mr Deaux Odendaal Surrounding Landowner	Portion 6 of De Klerks Kraal No 231	06 January 2022	No Comments Received

## SUMMARY OF INITIAL PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The I&AP's and stakeholders were informed of the proposed project through:

- ❖ telephonic discussions;
- ❖ direct communication with notification letters regarding the availability of the DSR & DSLP (email);
- ❖ placement of on-site notices; and
- ❖ placement of an advertisement in The Vista on 13 January 2022.

Thus far, comments were received from DESTEA, Mrs H Swart, and SAHRA. All comments received on the DSR were incorporated into the FSR.

See attached as Appendix F2 proof of the correspondence with the I&AP's and stakeholders during the public participation process.

## NOTIFICATION TO STAKEHOLDERS AND I&APS REGARDING THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT

The stakeholders and I&AP's were informed of the availability of the Final Scoping Report, and a copy of the FSR was loaded onto the Greenmined website for ease of reference. No additional comments were received on the FSR. The following table provides a list of the I&AP's and stakeholders that were informed of the availability of the FSR:

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Dr Mbulelo Nokwequ	Department of Economic Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	16 February 2022	No Comments Received
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Me Zingisa Tindleni	Matjhabeng Local Municipality	8 April 2022	No Comments Received
Me. Manene A. Mphikeleli	Matjhabeng Local Municipality – Ward 24	8 April 2022	No Comments Received
Cllr Simon Chere Mangoejane	Masilonyana Local Municipality - Ward 7	16 February 2022	No Comments Received
Ms Palesa Kaota	Lejweleputswa District Municipality	16 February 2022	No Comments Received
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The office of the Regional Land Claims Commissioner – Free State confirmed that: <i>“at the date of this letter no land claims appear on our database in respect of the Property. This includes the database for claims lodged by 31 December 1998; and those lodged between 1 July 2014 and 27 July 2016 in terms of the Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Act, 2014....”</i>			
SAHRIS website	SAHRA	16 February 2022	No Comments Received

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## **SUMMARY OF SECOND PHASE PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

No additional comments were received on the FSR.

The DEIAR was compiled and will be distributed to the I&AP's and stakeholders for their perusal over a 30-days commenting period, ending 12 July 2022. Any comments received on the DEIAR will be incorporated into the FEIAR to be submitted to the DMRE for decision making.

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**- END OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT-**