

Meeting Details

Date:	17 January 2019	Time	14:00-14:30
Meeting Type:	Pre-application consultation with DMR	Venue	Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) Trevena Campus, Sunnyside, Tshwane
Project:	Integrated Environmental Authorisation Processes for the proposed Expansion of Exxaro Dorstfontein West Discard Dump, Pillar Extraction Mining at 4 Seam and Transportation of Coal from DCM West to DCM East Within the jurisdiction of Emalahleni Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province		

Attendees:

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Agenda	Presentation and Discussions
1. Welcome and Introductions	N.R welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave them an opportunity to introduce themselves.
2. Purpose/objectives of the meeting	<p>R.A presented the purpose of the meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed project background; • Scope of Work; • Identified listed activities; • Project locality; and • Public Participation process to be followed. <p>RA presented google earth map reflecting the proposed site study area.</p>
3. Discussion	

SM asked which studies has been considered with regards to the pillar extraction mining.

W.S indicated that Exxaro is going to do a Risk Assessment with regards to the stability of the pillars, however there are other studies identified with regards to the proposed Environmental Impact Assessment.

S.M highlighted that Geohydrological studies need to be considered.

W.S indicated that Exxaro is currently conducting the Geohydrological study.

M.R asked **RA** to indicate to **S.M** the specialist studies that have been identified for the project.

S.M indicated that there is no need for that, as whatever is discussed during the meeting does not inform much. What is going to be more important is the comments based on the EAP methodology of the draft scoping report.

S.M asked which one of the identified activities is more prominent.

M.R indicated that the expansion of the discard dump is the prominent activity.

S.M highlighted that the reason he is asking the question is because there might be a bit of delay due to the integrated application which will require waste use and water use licences that need to be finalised simultaneously. He indicated that if the pillar extraction mining was the prominent activity he was going to advice for separation of the applications, i.e. submit the application for waste use licence separately, but all is well as the pillar extraction mining is not the prominent activity.

M.B indicated that **W.S** will take a decision with regards to the prominent activity.

S.M indicated that the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) can go ahead with the Public Participation Process (PPP), which should include the project announcement and distribution of draft scoping report for public review. He also indicated that the application and the draft scoping report can be submitted at the same time to DMR. He added that the reason the EAP can submit the application with the draft scoping report is because this is an advanced amendment application within the authorised space.

MB asked if the DMR officials in Sunnyside are going respond or should the EAP wait until the opening of the Mpumalanga office as it is temporarily closed.

S.M advised that EAP should not submit the application until an official announcement of the opening of DMR office in Witbank Mpumalanga. However, the EAP could start with PPP so that it is ready when the DMR office is opened.

	<p>M.B wanted to know are the key stakeholders that the EAP should focus on or communicate with, with regards to the proposed project.</p> <p>S.M indicated that the EAP will know the key stakeholders for the proposed project, as the regulations recognise the EAP as a competent person unable to enhance the relationship between the applicant and the authorities. Therefore, if the EAP think that the consultation must be limited to certain parties, then she can demonstrate that position.</p> <p>N.R indicated that the competent authority might also require more information that was not discussed during the meeting, therefore whatever is discussed is not final.</p> <p>MR asked how the Mining, Health and Safety (MH&S) forms part of the proposed project.</p> <p>SM indicated that the pillar extraction mining activity falls within the restriction of MH&S, which is a branch within the DMR. He added that MH&S are responsible for underground mining and any form of blasting. He indicated that they have many consideration to make with regards to risk assessment. He also indicated that the environmental officer decision will be informed by the MH&S's comments, so it is important that they are included as stakeholders.</p> <p>W.S added that DMR has issued a directive in December 2018 indicating that the MH&S should be consulted regarding pillar extraction mining.</p> <p>SM highlighted that the Geohydrological study must not be the revision of the existing operation only, it must include the assessment of the intended activities. He also asked what are the surface activities for this project and if there are any natural resources.</p> <p>W.S indicated that the discard dump, haul road and conveyer belt are the surface activities and with regards to the natural resource, there is also a wetland and a river.</p>
4. General Discussions	<p>M.B thank the DMR official for availing themselves for the meeting, for guidance and wished them well for 2019.</p> <p>N.R adjourned the meeting.</p>

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