

Date: 27 February 2023

Dear Stakeholder,

**Availability of the proposed Grasdrift Diamond Mine Draft Scoping Report for public review
and comment from 28 February 2023 to 28 March 2023**

(DMRE Ref no. NCS 30/5/1/2/2/10211 MR)

Nabas Diamonds (Pty) Ltd is the holder of the prospecting right for alluvial diamonds over a portion of the remainder of the Farm No.18 (Grasdrift) located on the left bank of the Orange River in the remote eastern section of the |Ai-!Ais/ Richtersveld Transfrontier Park. The prospecting right area is 2692 ha in extent. Nabas have now applied for a mining right over the same area to establish the proposed Grasdrift Diamond Mine.

The mining right application includes an application for integrated environmental authorisation and waste management license which is subject to a Scoping and EIA process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA), National Environmental Management: Waste Act no. 59 of 2008(NEM:WA) and the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act no. 28 of 2002 (MPRDA). Nabas will also apply for a Water Use License (WUL) in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) will also be submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS): Orange Proto Catchment Management Agency for water uses associated with the proposed mine i.e.

- S 21a - Abstracting water from the Orange River (1.2Mm³/annum)
- S 21b – Storing of water in dams and JoJo tanks
- S21c and i – Infrastructure and mining activities within the regulated area of episodic streams and Orange River (but not in the Orange River)
- S21g – Operation of onsite waste disposal facilities i.e. Sewage management (septic tank, French drains), slimes dams, stockpiles, and backfilling.

Naledzi Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd have been appointed as the independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to undertake the EIA process and WULA.

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 43 (2) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) EIA Regulations of 2014 (GNR 326) that the EIA process Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been prepared and is available for a 30-day public review period from **Tuesday, 28 February 2023 to Tuesday, 28 March 2023.**

The DSR provides a screening of the potential negative and positive impacts relevant to the proposed Grasdrift Diamond Mine project as informed by desktop analysis, site inspections and initial comments raised by interested and affected parties. The report lists the aspects to be considered during the impact assessment and specialist investigations that will be undertaken.

By reviewing the DSR I&APs have the opportunity to express their views on the identified environmental impacts, the specialist investigations to be undertaken and can confirm whether their initial contributions have been considered.

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT (DSR)

The DSR and a comment sheet are available for download from the Naledzi website <http://www.naledzi.co.za/public-documents-naledzi.php> under the heading 'Proposed Grasdrift Mine'.

Printed copies of the DSR are on display at the following venues:

Town	Venue	Address
Alexander Bay	Richtersveld CPA Offices	07 Frikkie Snyman Avenue
Port Nolloth	Public Library	Joseph Ambrosini Street
Sanddrift	Public Library	Reier Avenue
Kuboes	Public Library	89 Kwaggastreet
Lekkersing	Public Library	200 Cloete Street
Eksteenfontein	Public Library	Skool Street
Aussenkehr, Namibia	KaapAgri Mark	C13 Road

I&APs can register and comment on the DSR by completing the enclosed comment sheet, writing a letter, sending an email or contacting the appointed independent environmental consultant at the below-given details. **I&APs should submit their comment with their name and contact details to the contact person specified below ON OR BEFORE 28 MARCH 2023.**

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS:

The community meetings already took place in November 2022 and have been incorporated into the DSR. For the purposes of the soliciting input on the DSR, targeted meetings will be held with key stakeholders and commenting authorities as required during the course of the EIA process.

Thank you for your participation.

Regards



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