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Directorate: Mine Environmental Management: Mpumalanga Region

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The Director(s)
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN RESPECT OF VARIOUS PORTIONS OF AANGEWYS 81 IS AND OTHERS, SITUATED WITHIN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF WITBANK, AS REQUIRED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 3(6) OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO.107 OF 1998): ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 LODGED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 19 OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED REGULATIONS AS READ TOGETHER WITH SECTION 12 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2008 (ACT NO.49 OF 2008) AS AMENDED.

The above-mentioned matter refers.

1. This letter serves to inform you that your application for an Environmental Authorisation is hereby acknowledged.

2. Kindly be informed that the above-mentioned application has not yet been evaluated. Once the evaluation is concluded, you shall be informed in due course of the outcome thereof. Notwithstanding this, you are reminded that all documents must be submitted in accordance with the timeframes stipulated on the NEMA: EIA Regulations, 2014.
3. For any enquiry regarding this application please contact the above mentioned Official.

Yours faithfully



REGIONAL MANAGER:
MINERAL REGULATION
MPUMALANGA REGION
DATE: 10/02/2016

ALL THE CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE REGIONAL MANAGER OF DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES: MPUMALANGA.



Synergistics Project Reference: 750.01080.00002

File Ref. Document1

26 May 2016

Courier

Mpumalanga Department of Mineral Resources: Mine Environmental Management
Saveways Crescent Centre
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ATTENTION: T.T. NTSIZI

Dear Madam

**DMR REFERENCE - (MR) 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (10125) EM
RE: SUBMISSION DATE FOR EIA AND EMP REPORT**

Thank you for issuing the acceptance letter for the Scoping Report for the proposed Alexander Project dated 20 May 2016.

Synergistics Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd (Synergistics), an SLR Group Company, would like to ensure compliance with the EIA Regulations (Regulation 982 of 2014) for the submission of the EIA and EMP report to your Department. In this regard, Regulation 23 of the EIA Regulations states that the EIA and EMP report must be submitted to your Department within 106 days of acceptance of the scoping report. With reference to the time frame provisions in Regulation 3 of the EIA Regulations we calculate that the submission date is 5 September 2016 which takes into account two public holidays (16 June and 9 August).

Synergistics is of the opinion that this 5 September submission date is correct even though your Department exceeded the specified timeframe (in terms of Regulation 23) to consider the scoping report and issue an acceptance.

It would be greatly appreciated if your Department could consider this issue and respond in writing on or before 30 May 2016.

Yours faithfully

Marline Medallie

**SYNERGISTICS ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES (PTY) LTD, AN SLR GROUP
COMPANY**

**LETTER RE: SUBMISSION DATE FOR EIA
AND EMP OF THE PROPOSED ALEXANDER
PROJECT**

DMR REFERENCE - (MR) 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (10125) EM

This is to certify that I

Thembakazi T. Ntshu

In my capacity as a representative/official of

.....THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

Have received the following documents

Please Tick Box:

1 Letter RE: Submission Date for EIA and EMP	
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Signature/ Stamp: Wtshu

Date: 06 May 2016



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CaseID: 9422

Date: Monday May 16, 2016

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Response to NID (Notification of Intent to Develop)

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Miss Mase Rantsieng
SLR Consulting (Africa)
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South Africa

Anglo American Inyosi Coal (Pty) Ltd (AAIC) is proposing to establish a new underground coal mine through the Alexander Project ('the project').

Anglo American Inyosi Coal (Pty) Ltd is proposing to establish an underground coal mine, the mine right area is proposed to be 7300 ha in extent. The proposed surface infrastructure will be 220 ha in extent covering the offices, conveyor belt and waste rock dump, the incline shaft, the vertical shaft and the ventilation of the shafts. The majority of the 7300 ha will be for the underground mining and affecting the following farms in the mine right application are: Elandsfontein 75 IS, Halgewonnen 190 IS, Legdaar 78 IS, Middelkraal 50 IS, Schurvekop 227 IS, Vlakkuielen 76 IS, Geluk 226 IS, Aangewys 81 IS, Alexander 102 IS, Boschmanskraal 113 IS, Brakfontein 117 IS, Rietfontein 101 IS, Witbank 80 IS, Witbank 576 IS, Dorstfontein 71 IS, Kafferstad 79 IS, Rensburgshoop 74 IS, Witrand 103 IS, Caley 77 IS, Bakenlaagte 84 IS, Driefontein 69 IS, Frischgewaagd 60 IS, Kriel 73 IS, Kriel Power Station 65 IS, Kriel Town, Matla Power Station 141 IS, Nooitgedacht 59 IS, Onverwacht 70 IS, Rietfontein 100 IS, Roodebloem 58 IS, Roodepoort 40 IS, Vaalpan 68 IS, Vierfontein 61 IS, Vlaklaagte 83 IS and Wilgervlei 555 IS. The conveyor belt will be constructed on the following additional farms: Elandsfontein 75 IS, Legdaar 78 IS, Rensburgshoop 74 IS and Schoon-Vlei 52 IS. The entire Alexander Project will be located south of the town of Kriel, and will span across the Emalahleni; Govan Mbeki; and Msukaligwa Local Municipalities, in Mpumalanga Province.

The surface infrastructure development may impact on heritage resource and the mine will be impacting on known rocks that are part of the Vryheid Formation and are sensitive to fossilized plant material and trace animal vertebrae.

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit requires that the applicant commissions for a Heritage Impact Assessment as well as a Palaeontological Impact Assessment. The assessments must be conducted by a professional archaeologist and palaeontologist. If you are unaware of any please refer to following links: Archaeologist:

Anglo Coal Alexander Mining Right Application

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(http://www.asapa.org.za/uploads/files/CRM_List_October_2014_%282%29_%281...), Palaeontologist:
(<http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za/palaeontological-impact-assessm...>).

SAHRA will make further comment on this proposed development once the reports are submitted to the case.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Nokukhanya Khumalo
Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

Phillip Hine
SAHRA Head Archaeologist (Acting)
South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/361665>
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