

APPENDIX D

**Stakeholder Letter, Registration
and Comment Sheet**

24 January 2020

Project No. 1784950

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SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE EXISTING MINING RIGHT AREA OF THE EXXARO COAL (PTY) LIMITED GROOTEDELUK COAL MINE, LOCATED ON THE FARMS ENKELBULT 462 LQ AND TURFVLAKTE 463 LQ, LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

- Draft Scoping Report available for public review
- Invitation to a public meeting on either:
 - Wednesday 12 February 2020, 10:00am - 12:00pm, at the Mogol Club in Lephalale; or
 - Wednesday 12 February 2020, 14:00 - 16:00, at the Mogolo Academy in Marapong.

Dear Sir/Madam

Exxaro Coal (Pty) Ltd (Exxaro) is applying for environmental authorisation to undertake a number of listed activities and water uses at its existing opencast mining operations at the Grootegeeluk Coal Mine (Grootegeeluk). Grootegeeluk is situated within the jurisdiction of the Lephalale Local Municipality, and the Waterberg District Municipality, about 13.5 km north-west of the town of Lephalale on the farms MC Cabesvley 331, Goedeheop 457, Vooruit 449, Leeuwdrift 312, Daarby 458, Appelvlakte 448, Grootegeeluk 459, Enkelbult 462, Nelsonskop 464 and Hieromtrent 460 (see Figure 2). The proposed project will extend existing opencast mining operations onto the farms Enkelbult 462 LQ and Turfvlakte 463 LQ (Turfvlakte), which form part of the existing mining right area. Applications for environmental authorisation and a water use licence are required before extended mining activities may commence on the Turfvlakte site.

This letter serves to notify landowners and/or interested and affected parties (I&APs) that in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) (as amended) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended), Exxaro is required to undertake a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Reporting process (see Figure 1) and submit a Scoping Report, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr), which describe the potential environmental impacts of the proposed activities and how they will be mitigated and managed. The competent authority responsible for the decision on whether to grant environmental authorisation is the Limpopo Department of Mineral Resources. A Draft Scoping Report is now available for public review and comment.

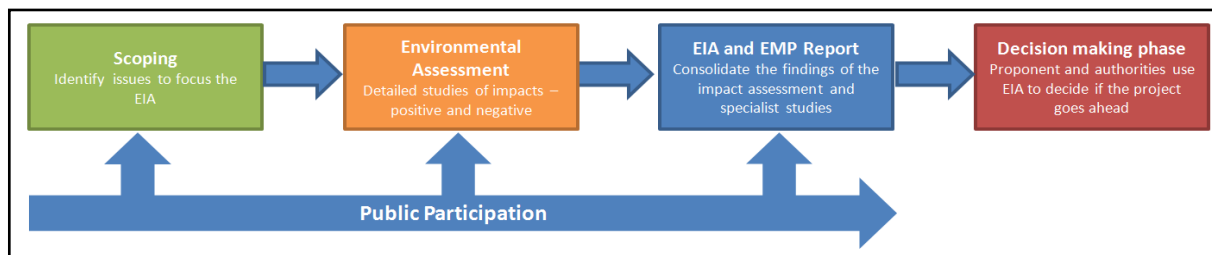


Figure 2: The EIA process comprises several phases

Exxaro also intends to submit a Water Use Licence Application (WULA) to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) for water uses as specified in section 21(c), (g), (i) and (j) of the National Water Act 36 of 1998 (NWA). The WULA will be undertaken in accordance with the Water Use Licence Application and Appeals Regulations, 2017. These water uses include:

- Section 21 (c) impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse;
- Section 21 (g) disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource;
- Section 21 (i) altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse; and
- 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.

I&APs will be notified of further details of the WULA once an application has been submitted to DWS.

Exxaro has appointed Golder Associates Africa (Pty) Ltd (Golder), an independent environmental and engineering consulting firm, to undertake the environmental authorisation process and WULA.

Project description

As mentioned, Exxaro is proposing to expand its existing mining operations by extending the opencast mining operation to the farm Turfvlakte. The farm is located within the existing Grootegeeluk Coal Mine's Mining Right, LP 46 MRC. The proposed extension opencast operations will consist of two pits, namely Pit 1 and Pit 2. Pit 1 will be 158 ha in size and will be 88 m deep, while Pit 2 will be 64 ha and 109 m deep.

The preferred option is to mine Pit 1 and then Pit 2 to produce 1.5 million tonnes per annum run of mine (ROM) coal over a period of 12 years. The alternative option is to first mine Pit 2 and then Pit 1 to produce 3 million tonnes per annum run of mine (ROM) coal over a period of seven years. The interburden and coal mined from Pit 1 and Pit 2 will be transported to and handled at the existing Grootegeeluk Coal Mine plants. The mining operations will be undertaken 24 hours per day, six days a week.

The proposed infrastructure to be established at surface in support of the coal mining operation includes haul roads connecting the proposed pits to the existing Grootegeeluk Coal Mine operations; a laydown area for the mine equipment and offices; water management infrastructure (sumps and pipelines); a waste management area (waste skips); and a sub-station.

Project motivation

It is anticipated that the coal produced from the proposed Turfvlakte Coal Mine will supplement the coal feed at the Grootegeeluk Coal Mine and contribute to its current supply to Eskom and other clients in the domestic market.

Invitation to register as an I&AP, to comment and attend a public meeting

Stakeholders are invited to register as I&APs and to participate in the environmental authorisation process by commenting on the proposed EIA and WUL processes as follows:

- Completing the enclosed Registration and Comment Sheet and return to the PP office by post or email;
- Providing comments on the proposed project, Draft Scoping Report by contacting the Public Participation Office telephonically, by email or post; or

Attending either of the public meetings as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 12 February 2020

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Venue: Mogolo Academy, 175 Mosethla Street, Marapong

OR

Date: Wednesday, 12 February 2020

Time: 14:00 – 16:00

Venue: Mogol Club, Cnr Nelson Mandela and George Street, Lephalale

The objectives of the public meetings will be to share information about the proposed environmental authorisation and WUL application processes; for I&APs to ask questions, raise issues of concern, contribute comments and suggestions for enhanced benefits.

I&APs are invited to register as stakeholders and comment on the Draft Scoping Report which is available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from **Monday, 27 January 2020 to Tuesday, 25 February 2020**. Printed copies of the Draft Scoping Report are available at the public places listed below. The background information letter and Draft Scoping Report can be downloaded from the following website: <https://www.golder.com/global-locations/africa/south-africa-public-documents/>

Public Place	Contact Person	Contact Number
Lephalale Public Library, corner Joe Slovo and Douwater Roads, Lephalale	Ms Hazel Mashaba	014 762 1453
Lephalale Police Station (SAPS), 3 Herman Street, Lephalale	Colonel Ramakgwakgwa	014 762 1000
Marapong Public Library, 916 Phukubye Street Marapong	Mr Sophonia Petja	014 762 1617
Golder Associates Africa, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Crescent West, Waterfall City, Midrand	Ms Mabel Qinisile	011 254 4800

We would like to encourage you to actively participate in the environmental authorisation and WUL processes. Should you wish to obtain more information to comment, please contact me at (011) 254 4800, fax 086 582 1561 or email: PPoffice@golder.co.za.

Sincerely,

Golder Associates Africa (Pty) Ltd.



Antoinette Pietersen
Stakeholder Engagement Lead



Marie Schlechter
Project Manager

AP/MS

Attachments: Locality Map
Registration and Comment Sheet

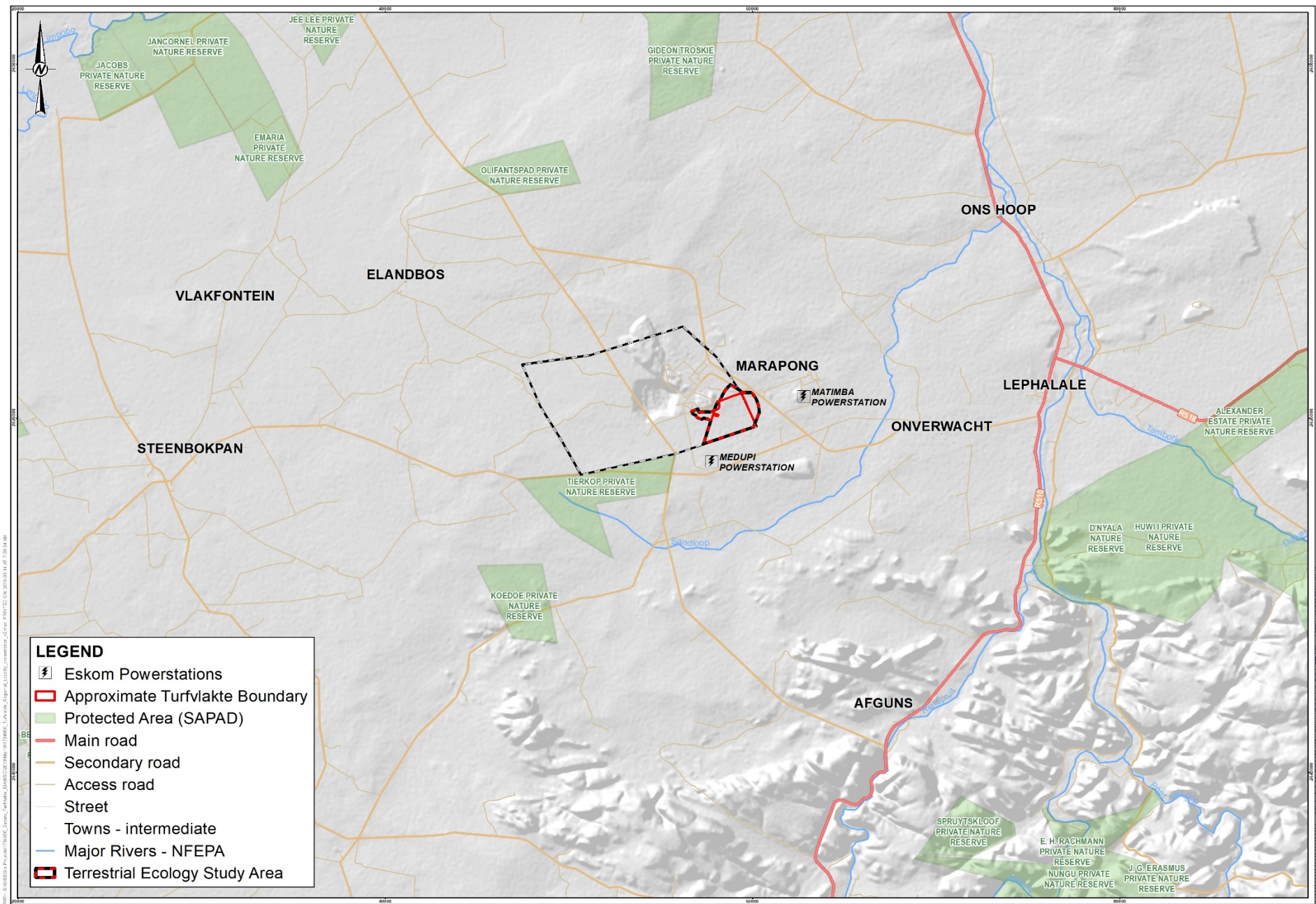


Figure 1: Locality map

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MINE LOCATED ON THE FARMS ENKELBULT 462 LQ AND TURFVLAKTE 463 LQ, LEPHALALE
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE**



Registration and Comment Sheet

Draft Scoping Report: Monday, 27 January 2020 to Tuesday, 25 February 2020

Your comments are an important contribution into these permitting processes. We would like to interact directly with you and encourage you to register as a stakeholder so that we can keep you updated as this project moves forward and respond to any questions or concerns that you may wish to raise.

PERSONAL DETAILS					
Name	Surname	Title	Organisation / Department /Community (If applicable)		
CONTACT INFORMATION					
Mobile Number	Land Line Contact Number		Fax Number		
		Office			
		Home			
Email	Postal Address			Postal code	
LANDOWNERS					
If your property is adjacent to Grootegeluk Coal Mine, please tell us your farm name and erf/portion number					
WOULD YOU LIKE TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY?					
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops			YES	NO	
Preferred Method of Communication (Mark with an X)	Post	Email	Fax		
I would like to attend the public meeting on Wednesday 12 February 2020 at the Mogol Club in Lephalale from 10:00 to 12:00		YES	NO		
I would like to attend the public meeting on Wednesday 12 February 2020 at the Mogolo Academy in Marapong from 14:00 to 16:00.		YES	NO		
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date				
	Signature				

For internal use to confirm capture of stakeholder details into the stakeholder database

Stakeholder database reference number

Signature of data capturer

COMMENT(S)

You are welcome to use different pages should you so wish.

I have the following comments to make regarding the proposed project and/or the public consultation process:

Please ask the following of my colleagues / friends to register as Interested and Affected Persons for this environmental authorisation and water use licence application process:

NAME	CONTACT DETAILS

PLEASE RETURN THE REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET TO:

Golder Associates Africa

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OFFICE

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THANK YOU

October 2020

Project No.1784950

EXXARO COAL (PTY) LIMITED GROOTEGELUK COAL MINE: NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION AND WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE EXISTING MINING RIGHT AREA, LOCATED ON THE FARM TURFVLAKTE 463 LQ, LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

- Draft EIA/EMPr Report available for public review
- Invitation to a Public Meeting

Dear Stakeholder

This letter serves to notify interested and affected parties (I&APs) that Exxaro Coal (Pty) Ltd. (Exxaro) has appointed Golder Associates Africa (Pty) Ltd. (Golder), an independent environmental consultant, to compile the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Water Use License Application (WULA) and associated public participation process for the proposed expansion of the existing opencast mining operations onto the eastern part of the farm Turfvlakte 463 LQ (Turfvlakte). The farm is located within Grootegeeluk Coal Mine's existing Mining Right.

As an (I&APs), you are hereby notified that the Final Scoping Report was submitted to the Limpopo Department of Minerals Resources and Energy (DMRE) on 16 March 2020 for approval to continue with the Impact Assessment phase of the project. A letter granting permission to proceed with the impact assessment phase was received on **10 September 2020** from the DMRE.

Additionally, Exxaro intends to submit a WULA in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of the 1998) (NWA) for water uses associated with the proposed open pit operations.

Project Description

As mentioned, Exxaro is proposing to expand its existing mining operations by extending the opencast mining operation to the eastern part of the farm Turfvlakte. The farm is located within the existing Grootegeeluk Coal Mine's Mining Right, LP 46 MRC. The proposed opencast operations will consist of two pits, namely Pit 1 and Pit 2. Pit 1 will be 158 ha in size and will be 88 m deep, while Pit 2 will be 64 ha and 109 m deep.

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The proposed infrastructure to be established at surface, in support of the coal mining operation, includes a topsoil dump, haul roads connecting the proposed pits to the existing Grootegeeluk Coal Mine operations; a laydown area for the mine equipment and offices and water management infrastructure (sumps and pipelines).

Project Motivation

It is anticipated that the coal produced from the proposed Turfvlakte open pits will supplement the coal feed at the Grootegeeluk Coal Mine and contribute to its current supply to Eskom and other clients in the domestic market.

Draft EIA Report available for public review

The draft EIA Report/EMPr is available for public review for a period of 30 days from **Monday, 26 October to Wednesday, 25 November 2020**. In line with the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, under the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act 107 of 1998), the purpose of the public review period is for stakeholders to verify that the comments they raised during the scoping phase have been considered in the environmental studies and to provide them with the opportunity to comment on the findings of the specialist studies and the recommended mitigation and monitoring measures.

Water Use Licence Application

Exxaro intends to submit a Water Use Licence Application (WULA) to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) for water uses as specified in Section 21(c), (g), (i) and (j) of the National Water Act 36 of 1998 (NWA). These water uses include:

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Your comment is important, please

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Invitation to register as an I&AP, comment and attend a public meeting

Stakeholders are invited to register as I&APs and comment on the following:

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- WULA which is being compiled in terms of the Water Use Licence Application and Appeals Regulations of 2017 (GN R.267) and comment can be provided for a period of 60 days from **Monday, 26 October 2020 to Monday, 18 January 2021 (excluding 15 December 2020 to 5 January 2021)** .

Please participate in the environmental authorisation process by commenting on the draft EIA/EMPr Report and/or WUL application as follows:

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Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

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OR

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Time: 14:00 – 16:00

Venue: Mogolo Academy, 175 Mosethla Street, Marapong

As a result of the current Covid-19 regulations, space is limited at the public meeting venues. You are kindly requested to RSVP your attendance of either of the public meetings with Mabel Qinisile at 011 254 4800 or ppoffice@golder.co.za

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We look forward to your participation in the authorisation process. Should you have any questions, wish to obtain more information or wish to comment, please contact Mabel Qinisile at (011) 254 4800, fax 086 582 1561 or email: ppoffice@golder.co.za.

Sincerely,

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Comment Sheet and Reply Sheet

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Email	Postal Address			Postal code	
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