

**APPENDIX F**

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# mineral resources

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**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION LODGED IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) READ WITH REGULATION 19 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014 FOR A MINING RIGHT AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURAL ACTIVITIES ON PORTION 0 AND 1 OF THE FARM ENKELBULT 462 LQ AND TURFVLAKTE 463 LQ, SITUATED WITHIN WATERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY: LIMPOPO REGION.**

I refer to the abovementioned matter and confirm that your application for Environmental Authorisation herein referred to as "EA" received on **24 January 2020** is hereby acknowledged.

You are requested in terms of Section 24 K of National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998, as amended to consult with any organ of state responsible for administering legislation relating to matters affecting the environment and submit three (3) copies of **Scoping Report (SR)** in terms of Regulation **21 of 2014 EIA Regulation**. The said **SR** must also include proof and results of consultation undertaken with the above mentioned state Departments in terms of the above mentioned Section.

The **SR** reflected above has to be submitted within **44 Calendar days** from the date of **acceptance of your application lodged in terms of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002) as amended**, failure to submit such reports as prescribed your application for EA will be considered being lapsed and would not be processed further, unless if an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7) of 2014 EIA Regulation.

Acknowledgement of your application does not grant you permission to commence with the activities applied for. Commencement of a listed activity without Granted Environmental Authorisation constitutes an offence in terms of Section 49A (1) (a) of NEMA, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) as amended and upon conviction for such an offence, a person is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

Kind Regards,

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**REGIONAL MANAGER:**

**MINERAL REGULATION- LIMPOPO REGION**

**DATE: ..06/02/2020..**



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The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment received to this by the Department on **16 March 2020** refers;

1. The Department has evaluated the submitted SR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment and it was found that the said documents comply with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2(2) of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (as amended) (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014. The SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 22(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.
2. You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.

3. Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). This includes, but is not limited to the **Provincial Environmental Department (LEDET), Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and the local municipality**. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof of the attempts that were made to obtain comments should be submitted to the Department.
4. In addition, the following information are required for the EIAR and EMP which needs to be submitted to this office as prescribed:
  - a) Consultation with all Interested and affected parties and provide proof that the concerns have been raised, addressed and incorporated into the EIAR and EMP. Include the proof of detailed participation and the results thereof. Notwithstanding the geographical location (i.e. in relation to town and communities/farmlands) and ownership of the area applied for, please note that as part of the results of Public Participation the following details must be indicated:
    - Date of public meetings,
    - Minutes of the meetings,
    - Attendance register with name of the organisation, contact number and the signature thereof,
    - Views and concerns of the interested and affected parties, etc
  - b) Also note that you may employ different methods to inform interested and affected parties about the public participation such as news paper advert, notification letters, public notices, etc. However, these methods shall not be viewed as results of public participation rather means of notifying different parties.
  - c) A specialist must investigate the impact of the proposed project on surface and ground water resources and deduce mitigation measures thereof and performance monitoring standards.
  - d) An Archaeological Impact Assessment must be conducted to determine if there will be any graves, old houses, signs of historical significance and/or materials of archaeological importance. Incorporate recommendations of such report into the EIAR and EMP.
  - e) Measures to mitigate visual impacts of the activities must be developed.
  - f) Commitment on monitoring and indication of the standards, methods and the frequency of submission of an environmental audit report/performance assessment report to this department.
  - g) Clear and specific standards for noise, particulate matter and dust levels and commitment to monitoring levels
  - h) The inclusion of the procedures that relate to emergencies and proposed remediation hereto, for example: discuss the contingency plans with respect to floods, accidental spills and management of hazardous materials such as oil, diesel, etc; in the proposed mining area.
  - i) Details of the future land use for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning in 20-30 years.



- j) Provide soil quality monitoring programme to minimise or eliminate identified impacts.
  - k) The total footprint of the proposed development should be indicated.
  - l) Should a Water Use License be required, proof of application for a license needs to be submitted.
  - m) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the vegetation ecology, especially the protected trees identified on the proposed project.
  - n) The impacts of the proposed facility on wildlife must be assessed in the EIAR phase.
  - o) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the surrounding industrial area.
  - p) A construction and operational phase EMP to include mitigation and monitoring measures.
  - q) Should blasting be required, appropriate mitigation measures should be provided.
  - r) You are advised to also undertake any studies which may be relevance during the impact analysis.
5. The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 with regards to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.
  6. Please ensure that the EIAR includes the A3 size locality maps of the area and illustrates the exact location of the proposed development. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:
    - Maps are relatable to one another;
    - Co-ordinates;
    - Legible legends;
    - Indicate alternatives;
    - Scale and
    - Vegetation types of the study area.
  7. Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subjected to any permits or authorisations in terms of the provisions of any Specific Environmental Management Acts (SEMA), proof of such application will be required.
  8. You are requested to submit three (3) hard copies of the EIAR and EMPr on prescribed time frames in terms of Regulation with at least one electronic copy (CD/DVD) of the complete EIAR and EMPr to this Regional Office. Please note that such copies are not including the hardcopies which to be forwarded to organs of state administering a law relating to matters affecting the environment. **The EIAR and EMPr must be submitted within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report.**

**You are therefore requested to consult with every organ of state that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to this application of environmental authorisation and submit the comments to this department.**

9. Your attention is brought to Section 24F of the NEMA which stipulates "that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority".

Yours faithfully,

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**REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION**

**LIMPOPO REGION**

**DATE:** 10/09/2020 .....

*Please quote this office file number as reference for any correspondence.*



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**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION LODGED IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 L OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998 AS AMENDED) READ WITH REGULATION 19 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014 FOR MINING RIGHT AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURAL ACTIVITIES IN RESPECT OF PORTION 0 AND 1 OF THE FARMS ENKELBULT 462 LQ AND TURFVLAKTE 463 LQ, SITUATED WITHIN WATERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY: LIMPOPO REGION.**

The above matter refers to an application for an Environmental Authorisation herein referred to as "EA" lodged on **24 January 2020**.

This is to confirm that your Public Participation Plan submitted on **17 September 2020** is hereby approved and you can now commence with the process of engaging all interested and affected parties regarding the proposed development project.

It must however be noted that it is the responsibility of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and the applicant to ensure that all reasonable measures to combat the spread of Covid-19 are implemented at all times when conducting public participation process.

**NOTE:** Any deviation from the approved plan must get necessary approval from this department prior to implementation of any change(s).



Hoping that you will find the above in order

Yours faithfully,

*Pp Reshoketswe Mphaphuli*

**REGIONAL MANAGER:**

**MINERAL AND PETROLEUM REGULATION- LIMPOPO REGION**

**DATE: 07 OCTOBER 2020**