



## **APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND WATER USE LICENSE FOR A PROPOSED PIPELINE FROM TWEEFONTEIN WATER RECLAMATION PLANT TO MBALI COLLIERY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

The Mbali Colliery is situated approximately 10 km south of the town Ogies adjacent to the Ogies – Bethal Road in the Mpumalanga Province. The colliery is located on portions 16, 17, 20, 31 and the Remaining Extent (RE) of portion 9 of the farm Klippoortjie 32 IS. The Mbali Mining Right (Reference No. MP 30/5/1/2/2 228 MR) was granted by the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) in June 2008 and is valid until 25 June 2018. Mbali Coal (Pty) Ltd (Mbali Coal) intends to apply for extension of validity of this mining right in due course. Mbali is experiencing water shortages due to regional drought and requires an additional source of process water.

The Goedgevonden Mine (GGV) is situated approximately 3.6 km north of Mbali. Operational management of the Tweefontein Water Reclamation Plant at GGV is contracted to Glencore Operations South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Glencore). Glencore has agreed, in principle, to supply water to Mbali from the Tweefontein Water Reclamation Plant. To facilitate the water supply, Mbali Coal will have to construct (and licence) a pipeline for the conveyance of treated water from Tweefontein Water Reclamation Plant to Mbali Colliery.

The design capacity of the pipeline will be 2 Mega-Litres per day (Mℓ/day) (2,000m<sup>3</sup> per day at around 30 litres per second (ℓ/s). The pipeline diameter will be around 250mm (0.25m) and the length is approximately 3.6 km. The proposed pipeline route extends along the existing R545 Road from the Tweefontein Water Reclamation Plant at GGV in a south-easterly direction for approx. 1.6 km. The pipeline route then follows the Mbali access road in a southern direction for approx. 2 km. Along this route, the pipeline crosses the Klippoortjiespruit at an existing bridge, 0.5km south of GGV.

Mbali Coal intends to apply for authorisation for the proposed construction of the water supply pipeline in terms of the following legislation:

- National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended); and
- National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA).

The Public Participation Process (PPP) is undertaken in compliance with Regulation 40 and 41 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be afforded a 30 day period to provide comment on the draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and the proposed project, as required by Regulation 40(1) of GN R 982 (as amended by GN R 326). The PPP associated with the Water Use License Application (WULA) will be integrated with the PPP for the BAR, as contemplated in Regulation 17(2) of GN R 267 of 24 March 2017 (Regulations regarding the procedural requirements for WULAs)

The BAR, Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and WUL Technical Reports will be made available to registered I&APs for a 30 day comment period **23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018**, at the following places

- Ogies Public Library; 61 Main Street, Ogies; 0136431027 and Digby Wells website; [www.digbywells.com](http://www.digbywells.com)

Should you wish to register as an I&AP, obtain additional information or comment on the project, please send your name, contact details and any preliminary comments on the Project to the contact details below:

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