

The major objection I would have is that the roads infrastructure would not be able to deal with the extra traffic necessary to support a mining operation.

It is going to be very difficult to stop this if they use “Job Creation” as a motivation. They are also going to point out that there is a *de facto* open pit lime mine on Lombard’s Post and that there has already been extensive (and probably illegal) sand removal. It’s going to be a difficult one to stop on that farm.

This exercise has been done before by the way. When I was a kid the cement factories came and investigated the area and decided that there were/are better sources and quality of lime in the Northern Cape. So they left. I think they will find the same again. I don’t know if the demand for agricultural lime is sufficient to justify the development and rehabilitation costs. Remember that they also have to rent or buy the land under which they want to mine. Quite frankly if I was Peter I would be supporting this because it would probably make him a decent living!

Finally I don’t think the Eskom infrastructure will support a cement factory and we are a long way from sources of coal. The rail infrastructure is also a problem.

Finally there is no cement shortage in the country – and the last so called shortage was created to bounce the prices.

I think this is pie in the sky stuff – just like the Kasouga thing and also the wind farm idea.

I am not going to lose any sleep over this.

Cheers



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