

South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)  
Archaeology Department  
PO Box 4367  
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**Dear Sir/Madam**

Attached to this letter is a letter of notification that was sent by Shangoni Management Services on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2013 to your offices via the Post Office registered mail. Unfortunately this letter was returned to us by the post office as it was unclaimed. The purpose of this letter was to notify SAHRA of an application for environmental impact assessment authorisation, mining right and water use license that has been lodged with the relevant departments for the establishment of an open pit for mining of refractory and ceramic clays on portion 25 of the farm Nooitgedacht 436JR, Mpumalanga. A heritage study has already been conducted for this project and the details and findings of the study have been incorporated in the draft Scoping Report and in the Environmental Management Plan.

We would like to have your input on this project. Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact us on the contact details appearing above.

**Yours sincerely**

Nomkhosi Mohlahlo

22 May 2013

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORISATION,  
MINING RIGHT AND WATER USE LICENSE**

Notice is hereby given that an application for environmental authorisation in terms of the EIA Regulations of 2010 (Regulations in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act of no 107 of 1998, as amended) has been lodged with the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism; an application for a mining right in terms of the section 22 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act no 28 of 2000 has been lodged with the Department of Mineral Resources and an application for a water use license in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act no 36 of 1998 has been lodged with the Department of Water Affairs. The activity requires an application subject to a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process as required by Sections 26 to 35 of Government Notice R. 543 of the EIA Regulations of December 2010.

**Ref. Number:** 17/2/3N-248

**Applicant:** Eccca Holdings (Pty) Ltd

**Project Name:** The establishment of an open pit for mining of refractory and ceramic clays on portion 25 of the farm Nooitgedacht 436JR, Mpumalanga

**Project Location:** Portion 25 of farm Nooitgedacht 436JR

**Project Description:** The project will entail construction of an open pit for mining of the minerals refractory and ceramic clays. The proposed mining method is shallow opencast mining. This will result in transformation of the proposed site to mining use. Topsoil, where available, shall be removed by bowl scraper and shall be stored separately. Blasted overburden shall be removed by bulldozer employing the rollover system in order to backfill the open pit left behind immediately. After blasting of the clay it shall be removed by loader and transported by truck to the sorting area.

Cobbing and sorting shall be done manually where after the mine product shall be transported to the downdraft kiln stockpile area some 6km away. Where it is necessary two benches of 2-3m high shall be mined in the clay horizon. Water shall be extracted from the pit for the safe mining of the minerals and this activity shall require a water use license application.

**Environmental impact assessment activities applied for**

GN. No. R544 Listing Notice 1 of 18 June 2010	Activity no 23(ii)	The transformation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land to residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use, outside an urban area and where the total area to be transformed is bigger than 1hectare but less than 20 hectares.
GN. No. R545, Listing Notice 2 of 18 June 2010	Activity no 5	The construction of facilities or infrastructure for any process or activity which requires a permit or license in terms of national or provincial legislation governing the generation or release of emissions, pollution or effluent and which is not identified in the Notice No. 544 of 2010 or included in the list of waste management activities published in terms of the section 19 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Ac no 59 of 2008 in which case that Act will apply

In terms of section 21 water uses of the National Water Act (Act no 36 of 1998) the following water use activities will be applied for:

**Water Activities applied for:**

Section 21(a):	Taking water from a water resource.
Section 21(b):	Storage of clean water.
Section 21(g):	Disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource.
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

**Invitation to participate:** Should you wish to be included in the register of Interested and Affected Parties or comment on this application, please submit your name, contact information, and interest in the matter **in writing** to the above address not later than **28 June 2013**.

**Environmental Assessment Practitioner:**

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