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**Subject:** Notification regarding the opportunity to participate in the Environmental Licencing Processes for the Birmingham Project located near the Hendrina area, Mpumalanga  
**Attachments:** Birmingham\_BID\_F.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Elemental Sustainability (Pty) Ltd. has been appointed by Canyon Resources (Pty) Ltd. to assist with undertaking the necessary environmental authorisation for the proposed Birmingham Project.

### **APPLICANT AND BACKGROUND:**

Canyon Resources (Pty) Ltd. is in the process of applying, in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), and Regulation GN R. 325 in Gazette no. 40772 of 7 April 2017 (Listing Notice 2), under the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and the National Environmental Waste Management Act (Act 56 Of 2008) for a Mining Right and Environmental Authorisation, including a waste licence, to open a colliery on the remaining extent and portion 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 on the farm Boschmansfontein 182 IS, remaining extent and portions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18 of the farm Boschmanskraal 184 IS, the remaining extent and portions 1 and 2 of the farm Bloemfontein 196 IS and portions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the farm Birmingham 197 IS.

Notice is also hereby given in terms of Section 40 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), that Canyon Resources (Pty) Ltd. proposes to lodge an application for various water uses as listed in Section 21 (Section 21 a, b, c, g, i and j) for the Birmingham Project.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:**

The Birmingham Project, located on the abovementioned farms, lies approximately 6km north-west of Hendrina, Mpumalanga. Based on the results obtained from the prospecting right conducted on the same pieces of land, Canyon Resources is proposing to apply for a mining right for the underground mining of coal. Infrastructure planned will include (but is not limited to) ventilation shafts, a powerline and substation, access roads / haul roads, Workshops and office, weighbridge, pollution control dam and stormwater management facilities, a sewage management system, a conveyor belt system (including Portions 5 and 11 of Boschmansfontein 182 IS and Re of Boschmansfontein 561 IS), an explosive magazine, a discard dump and various stockpiles. The extent of the application is 6895.71ha. The central co-ordinates for the proposed Birmingham Project are approximately: 26° 7'10.60"S and 29°40'13.75"E.

### **LEGISLATION:**

- Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), as amended;
- Regulation GN R. 324, 325 and 327 in Gazette no. 40772 of 7 April 2017 (Listing Notice 1, 2 and 3), under the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended;
- National Environmental Waste Management Act (Act 59 Of 2008); and
- Section 40 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).

### **REGISTRATION AND COMMENT:**

As a potential I&AP, you are invited to register and comment on the proposed application and associated reports. Should you have any comments or concerns regarding the project, or should you require any additional information, please contact Elemental Sustainability telephonically, or in writing using the contact details below. Please include the project

reference number (Birmingham\_2020\_MR) in all correspondence. Opportunities for further public participation will be communicated with I&AP's.

All comments must be directed to:

**Elemental Sustainability**

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Kindly find attached the Background Information Document, which provides further information for the project.

Should you have further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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