



MEETING MINUTES AND RECORDS OF CONSULTATION REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING OF VARIOUS MINERALS IN FARM TAUNG 894 HN UNDER TAUNG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF DR RUTH SEGOMOTSI MOPATI IN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE

DATE: 07 - April - 2016

TIME: 10H00-12H00

VENUE: Mmabana Cultural Centre

1. Background

The Batlaping Ba Ga Phuduhucwana Community proposes to conduct prospecting activities in Farm Taung 894 HN within Greater Taung Local Municipality under the jurisdiction of Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mopatsi District Municipality in North West Province. The commodities to be prospected are: Coal, Natural Gas, Diamond, Gold, Oil, Rare Earth Minerals, Shale/slate, Zinc and Uranium. The prospecting activities will be undertaken over a period of 5 years.

1.1 Project location and description

The proposed site is located in farm Taung 894 HN about 40 km south of Vryburg in the North West Province. The site is within the Greater Taung Local Municipality under the Jurisdiction of Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality.

1.2 Need and desirability

The Mining Intelligence Database points out that, currently, the mining and related industries not only employs over one million people – spending R78 billion in wages and salaries – but is the largest contributor by value to Black Economic Empowerment (BEE). Importantly, mining provides job mining opportunities for unskilled and semi-skilled people. Although the prospecting activities will not require large number of employees, a successful prospecting project will eventually lead to the realisation of mining activities which will require a large number of both skilled and unskilled labours.

It was observed that there is illegal prospecting and mining activities on site, and as such permitting the proposed activities will curb illegal mining activities on site and also help fight selling of commodities through the black market which is a loss of revenue as such sales are not taxed.

AGENDA

1. Opening and Welcome : Kgosi Kgolo
2. Apologies
3. Purpose of the meeting : Mpho Ramalivhana
4. Presentation : Mpho Ramalivhana
5. Questions, Comments and Responses'
6. Way forward
7. Closure : Kgosi Kgolo

TOPIC	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	ACTION
1.3 Welcoming and Opening	Kgosi Kgolo	Introduced the TECC team and the chief then explained to the meeting that we have come to address them about the mining project they have applied for and that they will be given a chance to comment ask questions and give their views regarding the project.
1.4 Apologies		There were no Apologies
1.4 Purpose of the meeting	Mr Mpho Ramalivhana	The purpose of this meeting is for TECC to inform you on how far we have gone with the project, to inform you about the stages that this project will go through and also to give you a chance to comments and ask questions regarding the project.
1.5 Presentation	Mr Mpho Ramalivhana	Tshikovha Environmental and Communication Consulting was Appointed by the Batlaping Ba Phuduhucwana Community to conduct prospecting activities. The Chief is a representative. The commodities to be prospected are: Coal, Natural Gas, Diamond, Gold, Oil, Rare Earth Minerals, Shale/slate, Zinc and Uranium. The prospecting activities will be undertaken over a period of 5 years as there are many minerals to be prospected. What is Prospecting? Prospecting is to test which grade the minerals are, for example with coal we test the grade of the coal found whether it can be used for Electricity or it will be used as the coal we use for braaing then after people will be sent to test the quality and quantity of the mineral. The proposed activity requires a Basic Environmental Assessment (BA) to be undertaken in compliance with the regulatory requirements of the National

Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act 107 of 1998, the Mineral and Petroleum Resource Development Act (MPRDA). The prospecting activities will be conducted in phases, with the next phase depending on the results and success of preceding phase. The phases in sequence are the planning phase, field mapping, geophysical survey, soil sampling, preliminary drilling and assaying, detailed drilling and assaying and geological modelling and evaluation. This project triggers Activity 20 on EIA regulations. There are places where mining cannot be done which are the dam and Heritage Sites. On the 8th March 2016 the application was sent to the Department of Mineral resources and was approved, on the 11th march we posted an advert on the community newspaper because we know that not everyone reads newspapers we asked the tribal office to alert the community about this meeting we are attending today as we know that this is a community project it is essential for you to be included in decision making. The final report which will be sent to you via email to the department of Water and Sanitation, Environmental Affairs, Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries, Department of Mineral Resources Local and District Municipality for Commenting I have already sent it to South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA). There are Positive and Negative impacts on this project:

Positive impacts.

- Job Creation
- Economic Development
- Stop people from stealing your minerals

Negative Impacts.

- Water pollution
- Noise and Dust

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taung is under Critical Biodiversity. <p>Please make sure you have signed the register and email address are accurate so that you can be sent the final Report.</p>	
1.6	Way forward	Chief	There is going to be a community meeting on the 22 nd where we will be discussing this project as a community without visitors.
1.7	Closure	Mr Kgosi Kgolo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for coming and we will discuss everything else on our community meeting.

Raised by	Technical/ Emotional/ Information	Questions	Answers
Kabelo Phatchanyane	Information	What is prospecting?	Mpho replied that prospecting is searching for minerals through checking the availability, quantity and the quality.
		What type of mining will it be? Opencast or underground.	Mpho – for now we are not able to tell the type of the mine as we are only doing the prospecting. The type of mine will come later when you as a community will have to design the mine that is more feasible
Mosadiotsile Molehare	Information	Are you an investor?	Mpho – No we are not investors but environmental assessment practitioners

		Are you the ones who will do the prospecting or not?	Chief – No they are not going to do the prospecting. They are only involved in the environmental assessment and ensuring that we get a prospecting permit
Robert Mahura	Information	What mineral are you prospecting? Is it salte or oil?	Mpho – as highlighted in the presentation and the BID, The commodities to be explored for are: Coal, Natural Gas, Diamond, Gold, Oil, Rare earth minerals, Shale/slate, Zinc & Uranium
		Who will benefit from this activity?	Mpho – The application has be lodged by the community and in return the full benefits for this is the community. You are the ones who are going to own everything
NGK Ntokwa	Information	What permit are we applying for?	Chief – we are applying for a prospecting right of all those minerals

			that have been mentioned
		When you do the prospecting kindly move away from the houses as it might damage the houses	Mpho- Thank you. That will form part of the mitigation measures when we do impact assessment.
KF Lehuru	Information	I am worried about the poverty in Taung. People always come here in the name of prospecting and as the community we don't benefit anything. I suggest that we form a community forum to discuss all Mining issues.	Chief – Some of the question are not relevant to this meeting. We are yet to seat as a community on the 21 st of April to discuss everything.
Bakang Mankuroane	Information	The department of water affairs has installed a pipe from Taung dam to the water treatment plant.	Mpho – for us the project involves prospecting and not mining as many of you are thinking. I suggest
		Who is responsible of washing off the diamonds of the seef.	you arrange a meeting with Department of Water Affairs and discuss the matter further but our report will be submitted to DWS for review