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Attention: Mr. Andrew Salmon

NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES REGARDING THE PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTING PERIOD IN SUPPORT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION (BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS) THAT HAS BEEN LODGED IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (NO. 107 OF 1998) FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING OF COAL ON FARM ONSPOED 500, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 17 KM NORTH EAST OF BRONKHORSTSPRUIT TOWN UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF CITY OF TSHWANE METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE.

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Dear Mr. Andrew Salmon,

This communication hereby serves as a notification, in terms of National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA): Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 GN R982 (2014 EIA Regulations), as amended in 2017 under GN R326, Section 41 (2) (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) and (3) published in GN R982, under Sections 24 (5) and 44 of NEMA, of the proposed activities on Portion 28 of the Farm Onspoed 500JR, Bronkhorstspuit town, City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality within Gauteng Province. This notification is also provided in terms of Section 16 (4)(b) of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002) (MPRDA) and Chapter 6 of GN R. 982 of NEMA.

Project Background Information

Nichume Operations (Pty) Ltd submitted a Mineral Prospecting Right and Environmental Authorisation application to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy, the Competent Authority (CA) for this project. The mineral of interest for prospecting is coal and the area is approximately 21 hectares in extent. The proposed prospecting programme will be completed within five (5) years. The activities to be undertaken under this application which are triggered under NEMA regulations include Listed Activities 20 (under Listing Notice 1 – GN R983, as amended in 2017 under GN R 327 and therefore, a basic assessment process is being followed for this application.

Non-invasive and invasive techniques will be utilised during prospecting including Diamond Rotary Air Blast (RAB) or Reverse circulation (RC) drilling and siting of about 30 boreholes in an area covering about 300 metres.

During drilling activities there might be inherent activities including the establishment of water sumps on approximately 1x1 m²; water usage of approximately 7 500 litre/borehole; and establishment of campsite on an area of about 30x30 m² / 0.09 ha. An Environmental authorisation will be required for the activities which should be undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA, as amended). It is against this background, that we, as Myezo Environmental Management Services (Pty) Ltd (Myezo), have been commissioned to act as Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) for this project to undertake environmental studies for the EA applications.

Public Participation / Stakeholder Engagement Process

This communication forms part of the public participation process, which is being undertaken to ensure that the views and concerns of the interested and affected parties (IAPs) are captured and addressed in the basic assessment report.

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Director Babalwa Fatyi Pr.Sci.Nat (MSc)

To date, Myezo has undertaken engagements with the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR), the Competent Authority, and an application for a prospecting right has been lodged with the Department in terms of Section 16 of the NEMA regulations and an application for an environmental authorisation in terms of NEMA was also lodged. Also, the EAP has identified stakeholders for the proposed project and that process culminated into you being identified as an interested and affected parties (IAPs) in this project, hence this communication. In addition, the Draft Basic Assessment Report and other supporting documents have been compiled. In support of the public participation process, a newspaper advertisement was also compiled and was published in Streeknuus on 22 January 2021.

Public Review and Commenting

As part of the public participation process, you are also being notified that the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) including the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) and Specialist Studies Reports are currently available for Public Review. As such, all IAPs are invited to participate in the process. You are being advised to contact us to obtain an electronic copy of the BAR and its supporting documents should you wish to review the documents.

As part of the notification and commenting process, we have attached the following documents for your information:

- i. Copy of the Locality map, showing the location of the project (Appendix 1);
- ii. IAP Registration Form - to be used (optional) to provide comments regarding the proposed project and BAR process (Appendix 2).

All comments concerns and/or issues can be formally submitted, either by fax or email, to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) within the 30-day commenting period commencing on 09 February 2021 ending on 11 March 2021. This ensures that all responses are incorporated and addressed into the Comments and Response Report, which will form part of the Final Basic Assessment Report.

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