



**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS NOTIFICATION: APPLICATION FOR SECTION 102 AMENDMENT OF MINING RIGHT**

**DMR REF NO: NCS 30/5/1/2/2/ (520) MR**

**WNECS REF NO: 20004**

**DATE OF NOTICE: JANUARY 2020**

**PROJECT TITLE: APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AN ASBESTOS WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY ON THE FARM TWEEPAD 176 IN THE BUFFELS MARINE RIGHT, KLEINZEE, NORTHERN CAPE.**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:** W Nel Environmental Consulting Services has been appointed by De Beers Consolidated Mines – Namaqualand Mines as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to apply for the Amendment to the Mining Right and undertake a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for the proposed development.

The Applicant proposes the construction and operation of a Class A Waste treatment and disposal facility for the disposal of asbestos waste in the mining area. The source of the asbestos waste is existing mine buildings that are in the process of being demolished and all infrastructure that does not have an alternative use or future purpose need to be removed. This include a number of different buildings constructed with asbestos sheeting, as well as various asbestos pipes used for transportation of both potable and process water while the mine had been operational. The estimated volume of asbestos to be disposed at the site amounts to approximately 1000 tonnes (approximately 3000 m<sup>3</sup>). The proposed disposal site is envisaged to be located away from human settlements and inside an existing open mining void. Due to the transformed landscape and distance from populated areas, the associated impacts are considered to be minimal.

**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION TO UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITY:**

The proposed development requires compliance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2017, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), (Act 107 of 1998), as amended, Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, Act 28 of 2002 and the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, Act 59 of 2008.

The proposed activity requires a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) as the following activities under **Government Notices No R. 983 and 984** of the EIA 2017 Regulations, as amended, are triggered:

- **Government Notice No R. 983: Activity 31**
- **Government Notice No R. 984: Activity 4**

**OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE:** Interested and affected parties (I&AP's) are hereby invited to provide written comments to the Draft Scoping Report for consideration. I&AP's should include the relevant Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) reference number, indicated above, in all correspondence. Comments must include the I&AP's name, contact details, preferred method of communication as well as an indication of your interest in the project and disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that you may have in relation to this project. Responses (by fax, post or email) from all I&APs should be received by W Nel Environmental Consulting Services within **30 calendar days** of the publication of this notification (**i.e. by no later than 12 February 2020**).

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A copy of the Background Information Document (BID) and Draft Scoping Report, is available from 13/01/2020 to 12/02/2020 for public review at the **Springbok Public Library, Namakwa Street, Springbok (Tel: 027 718 8136)** and **Port Nolloth Public Library, Harbour Street, Port Nolloth (Tel: 027 851 8220)**

**COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY: 12 February 2020**