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DMRE File Ref Nr: (NC) 30/5/1/1/2/13478 PR

## RE: NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTING RIGHT XHARIEP PLANT AND MINING (PTY) LTD

Xhariep Plant and Mining (Pty) Ltd ("Xhariep") has applied for a Prospecting Right in terms of Section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), as amended ("MPDRA").

Xhariep intends to prospect for Iron Ore and Manganese Ore over the Remaining Extent of Consolidated Farm Kappies Kareeboom 540, Portion 1 of Consolidated Farm Kappies Kareeboom 540, Remaining Extent of the Farm 544 and Portion 1 of the Farm 616, situated in the Hay District, Northern Cape Province.

The application for the Prospecting Right has been accepted by the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy ("DMRE") on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 under application reference number (NC) 30/5/1/1/2/13478 PR.

M and S Consulting (Pty) Ltd ("M&S") has been appointed by Xhariep, as an independent consultant, to conduct the Prospecting Right application process on Xhariep's behalf. The Prospecting Right Application has been compiled and submitted in terms of the MPRDA, and in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998), as amended ("NEMA").

In terms of Chapter 6 of the NEMA: Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, and Section 16(4) and Regulation 3 of the MPRDA, Interested and / or Affected Parties must be notified and consulted with regard to the proposed activity.

You are hereby notified, as an Administrative Body, of the intent to prospect on the abovementioned properties.

Should we not receive your comments and registration within 30 days from the date of this letter, it will be accepted that you have no comments or concerns regarding the proposed prospecting activities.

A draft Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme Report shall be made available for perusal and comment in the near future to all registered interested and/or affected parties.

If you have any other questions or need some more information please feel free to contact the writer.

Yours faithfully

Ms. T. Jooste