

**NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF SUB-REGULATION 4(2) OF  
THE NEMA EIA REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED)**

**MATSOPA MINERALS (PTY) LTD: PROPOSED PROSPECTING ACTIVITIES ON GELUK 237 AND  
GOUDLAAGTE 238, NEAR KOPPIES, FREE STATE PROVINCE**

**REFERENCE: FS 30/5/1/1/3/2/1 (10631) EM**

03 November 2022

Dear Interested and Affected Party

Matsopa Minerals (Pty) Ltd (Matsopa hereafter) applied for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014 (as amended) for Listed Activities associated with the proposed prospecting of clay on the farms Geluk 237 and Goudlaagte 238, near the town of Koppies, Free State Province.

On 25 October 2022, the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) decided to grant Environmental Authorisation for the Project, which decision was issued to Matsopa on 27 October 2022. The reasons for the decision are included in the EA (attached). In summary, the reasons for the decision are as follows:

- The environmental impacts will be addressed by the implementation of the mitigation measures outlined in the Basic Assessment and Environmental Management Programme Report incl. the environmental awareness plan and rehabilitation plan.
- Sufficient public participation was undertaken for the project.

The holder of the Environmental Authorisation is Matsopa Minerals (Pty), the name of the responsible person and contact details are:

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Should you wish to appeal any aspect of the decision, kindly submit your appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the Applicant, Registered Interested and Affected Parties and organs of state with an interest in the matter **within 20 days** from the date of this notification as per the NEMA: National Appeals Regulations (GNR 993).

**Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:**

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review, Department of Fisheries Forestry and Environment

By e-mail: [appealsdirector@environment.gov.za](mailto:appealsdirector@environment.gov.za)

By hand: Environment House, 476 Steve Biko Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083



By post: Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals please visit [https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations) or request a copy of the documents at [appealsdirector@environment.gov.za](mailto:appealsdirector@environment.gov.za)

Thank you and regards,

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