



mineral resources

**Department:
Mineral Resources
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

NAME OF APPLICANT: WEPEX TRADING (PTY) LTD

REFERENCE NUMBER: (NC) 30/5/1/1/2/11815 PR

REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITIES AND INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

AS REQUIRED IN TERMS OF SECTIONS, 16(4) (b) or 27 (5) (b) OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (ACT 28 of 2002), AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD DIRECTIVE FOR THE COMPILATION THEREOF AS PUBLISHED ON THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES.

A. Definitions

'consultation' means a two way communication process between the applicant and the community or interested and affected party wherein the former is seeking, listening to, and considering the latter's response, which allows openness in the decision making process.

'community' means a group of historically disadvantaged persons with interest or rights in a particular area of land on which the members have or exercise communal rights in terms of an agreement, custom or law: Provided that, where as a consequence of the provisions of the Act negotiations or consultations with the community are required, the community shall include the members or part of the community, directly affected by prospecting or mining, on land occupied by such members or part of the community.

'Interested and affected' parties include, but are not limited to; –

- (i) Host Communities
- (ii) Landowners (Traditional and Title Deed owners)
- (iii) Traditional Authority
- (iv) Land Claimants
- (v) Lawful land occupier
- (vi) The Department of Land Affairs,
- (vii) Any other person (including on adjacent and non-adjacent properties) whose socio-economic conditions may be directly affected by the proposed prospecting or mining operation
- (viii) The Local Municipality,
- (ix) The relevant Government Departments, agencies and institutions responsible for the various aspects of the environment and for infrastructure which may be affected by the proposed project.

B. REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

1. Methodology applied to consultation.

- 1.1. Name the community or communities identified, or explain why no such community was identified.

There are no communities present. This area is 1165.8 hectares of farm and wilderness land. The nearest community is the Maremane Communal Property Association.

- 1.2. Specifically state whether or not the Community is also the landowner.

There are no community present on the application area, the registered owner of the farm is Associated Manganese Mines of South Africa Ltd, with PO Box 1; Mancorp Mine; 8423 with contact number 053-3116666.

- 1.3. State whether or not the Department of Land Affairs been identified as an interested and affected party.

The Department of Land Affairs and Rural Development is not a directly interested and affected party as the property belongs to Associated Manganese Mines of South Africa Ltd. They have however been consulted and informed of the application in case a new land claim have been registered.

- 1.4. State specifically whether or not a land claim is involved.

No Land Claim is involved. The property belongs to a private listed Company Associated Manganese Mines of South Africa Ltd. A letter have however been forwarded to the Department of Land Affairs and Rural Development to inform them of the application.

- 1.5. Name the Traditional Authority identified

There is no traditional authority.

- 1.6. List the landowners identified by the applicant. (Traditional and Title Deed owners)

There are no Traditional landowners on the property; the registered owner is Associated Manganese Mines of South Africa Ltd a private listed Company, with address PO Box 1; Mancorp Mine; 8423 and with contact number 053-3116666.

**Farm No: 674
Farm Name: Remaining Extent of Gloucester
Magisterial District: Kuruman
Province: Northern Cape
Title Deed No: T654/1966**

- 1.7. List the lawful occupiers of the land concerned.

Mr. Gert Olivier is the lawful occupier on the ground with contact number 082 494 4483.

- 1.8. Explain whether or not other persons' (including on adjacent and non-adjacent properties) socio-economic conditions will be directly affected by the proposed prospecting or mining operation and if not, explain why not.

The socio-economic conditions in the first non-invasive phases will not be affected because of the extent of the property i.e. 1165.8 hectares which is wilderness and grazing land.

Socio-economic conditions could be affected by the proposed prospecting operation as the creation of employment will take place when drilling is done, including the opportunities for economic support to the surrounding businesses in Postmasburg and Kathu` as the predominant rural land uses around this farm is grazing.

Should there be a need for employment only local labourers will be used as far as possible.

1.9. Name the Local Municipality identified by the applicant

Tsantsabane Municipality with their offices in Postmasburg.

1.10. Name the relevant Government Departments, agencies and institutions responsible for the various aspects of the environment and for infrastructure which may be affected by the proposed project.

Department of Mineral Resources	Private Bag X6093, Kimberley 8300
RSA/Public Works	P.O. Box 224, Olifantshoek 8450
Tsantsabane Municipality	P.O. Box 5, Postmasburg 8420
Department of Water & Sanitation Northern Cape	Private Bag X6101, Kimberley 8300
ESKOM Holdings SOC Ltd NC Operating Unit, Land Development	P.O. Box 606, Kimberley 8300
Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development	Private Bag X5018, Kimberley 8300
Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries: Forestry Management	P.O. Box 2782, Upington 8800
Department of Environment & Nature Conservation	Private Bag X6102, Kimberley 8300
SANRAL	P.O. Box 1389, Bloemfontein 9300
TRANSNET	Private Bag X19, Bellville 7535
SAHRA	P.O. Box 4637, Cape Town 8000
National Department of Public Works	Private Bag X5002, Kimberley 8300

1.11. Submit evidence that the landowner or lawful occupier of the land in question, and any other interested and affected parties including all those listed above, were notified.

Please refer to Annexure A attached to this document.

2. Description of the existing status of the cultural, socio-economic or biophysical environment, as the case may be, prior to the proposed prospecting or mining operation.

- 2.1 Confirm that the identified and consulted interested and affected parties agree on the description of the existing status of the environment.

All identified parties that were consulted have not yet come back on the participation but public participation is an ongoing process and all comments and concerns will be incorporated into the EMP.

- 2.2 Describe the existing status of the cultural environment that may be affected

Taken from "A Report on the Heritage Relating to the Closure EMP of the ASSMANG Glosam Mine Closure to Postmasburg, Northern Cape" done by Archaetnos Culture & Cultural Resources Consultants

A Heritage Impact Assessment was conducted by Prof Anton van Vollenhoven in 2010 and revealed two features on Assmang's property to be of Heritage significance and need to be preserved; i.e. miners boxes and a loading ramp. The South African Heritage Resource Act regulates the protection of heritage resources, while the National Environmental Management Act governs the protection of these resources where they occur within a development/mining footprint. The current responsibility to ensure the future preservation of these resources therefore lies with Assmang.

Miners boxes

A Miners Box was a building made from loose stones and was used by miners to store tools, as a shelter during blasting activities and also occasionally to sleep in. The remains of at least two boxes are found on the prospecting right area and are situated near the cell phone reception towers (GPS: 28° 03' 54.2" S; 23° 02' 43.7" E). These date to the earliest mining activities on site (between 1920 and 1940) and need to be preserved by being fenced off. The total length of fencing needed in order to secure their preservation is estimated to be roughly 100 m.

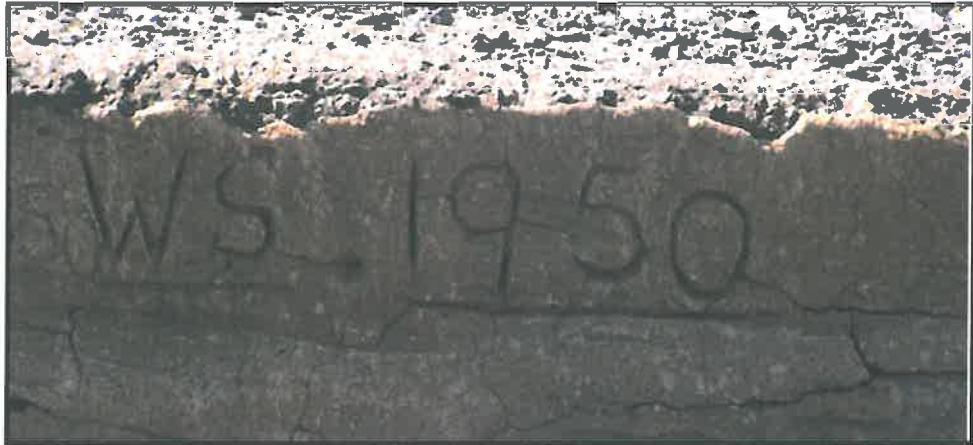


Remains of a miners box found on Glosam.

Loading platform

The loading platform was built from stone and cement and was used to load ore from and onto trucks or carriages. It is located on the old mine footprint among numerous dumps and pits (GPS: 28° 04' 07.0" S; 23° 01' 58.2" E) and the date, 1950, is scratched into the cement. The structure is therefore more than 60 years old and is typical of a certain era in the mining industry. Prof van Vollenhoven indicated that it may not be demolished, but it can be utilized in further mining activities on the condition that a management strategy guarantees its preservation.





An old loading platform constructed in 1950 is present on the property.

- 2.3 Describe the existing status of any heritage environment that may be affected

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- 2.4 Describe the existing status of any current land uses and the socio-economic environment that may be directly affected

Glosam is characterised by a fairly complex mining history. Various formal and informal mining companies have mined the area for iron ore and manganese between the late 1920's and 1984. During this time, mining methodology lacked formal mine layouts and proper planning. This produced numerous random open pits scattered across the site. Evidently, these pits are still visible today and are densely overgrown with vegetation that have re-established over the past 32 years.

A Prospecting Right was first awarded to Assmang in December 2006, in terms of the MPRDA, to conduct drilling activities on Glosam. The right was renewed in 2011 and expired in May 2016. The prospecting right area constitutes a landscape scattered with unrehabilitated opencasts as a result of historic mining activities.

The prospecting right applied for would create limited employment opportunities for the people in the area. The application is only for drilling and therefore limited influx of people are anticipated.

2.5 Describe the existing status of any infrastructure that may be affected.

No infrastructure except farm roads will be affected by prospecting activities. The grading of ~1 kilometre of new road, the construction of ~1 kilometre of new road, and the construction of the six (30) drill-pads such that they meet the requirements of safety standards which entail aspects such as safety berms, proper wire fencing and lighting as well as security if necessary.

All equipment to be used are the property of the contracting companies. Drilling Contractors will be used for the prospecting activities.

All temporary infrastructures, equipment, and other items used during the proposed prospecting period will be removed from the site.

2.6 Describe the existing status of the biophysical environment that will be affected, including the main aspects such as water resources, flora, fauna, air, soil, topography etc.

Air Quality:

Current sources of impacts on air quality are the dust from the unpaved gravel road. Prospecting activities such as drilling, excavation and gravel roads from where the tar road end to the prospecting site will add impact on the environment.

The general air quality on the area is expected to be modified as a result of all the on-going mining activities in the area.

Fauna:

The following information has been derived from Yolán Friedmann (Editor), 2003: *The Red Data Book of the Mammals of South Africa: A Conservation Assessment*. The assessment took into consideration the extent of occurrence and not personal observations in order to identify a broad range of species.

These include: Springbuck (*Antidorcas marsupialis*), Klipspringer (*Oreotragus oreotragus*), Steenbok (*Raphicerus campestris*), Common Duiker (*Sylvicapra grimmia*), Kudu (*Tragelaphus strepsiceros*), Rock Hyrax (*Procavia capensis*), Black-backed Jackal (*Canis mesomelas*), Caracal (*Caracal caracal*), Yellow Mongoose (*Cynictis penicillata*), Black-

footed Cat (*Felis nigripes*), African Wild Cat (*Felis silvestris*), Slender Mongoose (*Galerella sanguinea*), Small-spotted Genet (*Genetta genetta*), Striped Polecat (*Ictonyx striatus*), Honey Badger (*Mellivora capensis*), bat-eared Fox (*Otocyon megalotis*), Aardwolf (*Proteles cristatus*), Suricate (*Suricata suricatta*), Cape Fox (*Vulpes chama*), Schreibers' Long-fingered Bat (*Miniopterus schreibersii*), Cape Serotine Bat (*Neoromicia capensis*), Geoffroy's Horseshoe Bat (*Rhinolophus clivosus*), Darling's Horseshoe Bat (*Rhinolophus darlingi*), Dent's Horseshoe Bat (*Rhinolophus denti*), Egyptian Free-tailed Bat (*Tadarida aegyptiaca*), Reddish-grey Musk shrew (*Crocidura cyanea*), Lesser Red Musk Shrew (*Crocidura hirta*), Cape Hare/ Desert Hare (*Lepus capensis*), Scrub / Savannah Hare (*Lepus saxatillis*), Smith's Red Rock Rabbit (*Pronolagus rupestris*), Namaqua Rock Mouse (*Aethomys namaquensis*), Short-tailed Gerbil (*Desmodillus auricularis*), Hairy-footed Gerbil (*Gerbillurus paeba*), Spectacled Dormouse (*Graphiurus ocellatus*), Porcupine (*Hystrix africaeaustralis*), Large-eared Mouse (*Malacothrix typica*), Multimammate Mouse (*Mastomys coucha*), Springhare (*Pedetes capensis*), Striped Mouse (*Rhabdomys pumilio*), Pouched Mouse (*Saccostomus campestris*), Highveld Gerbil (*Tatera brantsii*), Bushveld Gerbil (*Tatera leucogaster*), Cape Ground Squirrel (*Xerus inauris*), Aardvark (*Orycteropus afer*).

Flora:

Vegetation in the prospecting area falls within the Kalahari Mountain Bushveld with elements of Kalahari Plains Thorn Bushveld.

The area is characterized by the following species:

Camphor Tree *Tarchonanthus camphoratus*, Kunibush *Rhus undulata*, Broom Karee *Rhus dregeana*, Wild Olive (*Olea europaea* subsp. *Africana*), Black Thorn (*Acacia mellifera* subsp. *detinens*), Camel Thorn (*Acacia erioloba*), Shepherd's Tree (*Boscia albitrunca*), Black Thorn (*Acacia mellifera*), Weeping Candle Thorn (*A. hebeclada*), Karee-thorn (*Lycium hirsutum*), *Grewia flava* or *Acacia haematoxylon*. Grasses in the area includes: Broadleaf Bluestem *Diheteropogon amplexans*, Hairy Bluegrass *Andropogon schirensis* and Velvet Signalgrass *Brachiaria serrata*, Copperwire Grass *Aristida diffusa*, Lehmann's Lovegrass *Eragrostis lehmanniana*, Thimblegrass *Fingerhuthia africana* and *Digitaria eriantha*; Sour Bushmangrass *Schmidtia kalahariensis* and Silky Bushman grass *Stipagrostis uniplumis*.

Topography

The area is characterized by a gentle topography with two local elevations on the northern and southern portion of the farm. The prospecting area is located at altitudes varying between 1 365 mamsl in the hilly area on northern portion and 1 311 mamsl in the hilly area on

the southern portion to about 1 259 mamsl in the valley. A non-perennial stream of the Gamagara River flows in a northerly direction, east of the local elevations.

Surface Water:

As a non-perennial stream of the Gamagara River flows through the prospecting property, the mine will ensure not to undertake activities within a 1:50 year flood line.

The mine further undertakes to seal all boreholes on rehabilitation in order to ensure that surface run off will not be disturbed on the prospecting property.

Noise:

The current sources of noise are from the tar road towards Postmasburg.

Soil:

Hard rock outcrop characterises the topographic highs of the area. The outcrops generally comprise quartzites and the iron ore bearing ironstones. These outcrops form prominent hills or ridges with moderate to steep slopes. In these areas, soils are very shallow to non-existent, occurring as erratic pockets of orange sands within the outcrops. The pockets can be as much as 1m deep. These soils are classified as Mispah Form soils, with minor occurrences of Hutton Form soils. The very gently sloping areas between the hills and ridges are generally underlain by calcrete or dolomite. The calcrete is overlain by orange fine sands, which can be classified as Plooysburg Form soils. The calcrete surface is undulating, with isolated boulder outcrop occurring within the soils. The soil depth is highly variable, being between about 0,3 m and greater than 2m. On the lower slopes between the Plooysburg Form soils and the Mispah Form soils are Hutton Form soils. However, these areas are characterised by abundant to numerous surface boulders derived from the outcrop upslope thereof that have moved by gravity down slope to be deposited on the ground surface.

Geology:

The Bishop Gloucester Iron-ore and Manganese deposits are symmetrically situated on the Maremane Dome. The dome is defined by carbonate rocks of the Campbellrand Subgroup and the iron formation of the Asbesheuwels Subgroup of the Transvaal Sequence, dipping gently at less than 10 degrees in an arc to the north and south. Only the eastern half of the dome is exposed. To the west, the Transvaal strata is overlain along and angular unconformity by red beds, conglomerate, shale and quartzite of the Gamagara Formation of the Olifantshoek

Group. Further to the west, some Koegas iron formation, Makganyene Diamictite and Ongeluk Lava of the Transvaal Sequence are thrust over the Gamagara Formation along a north-south striking, westerly dipping low-angle thrust fault. The Gamagara Formation also strikes north-south and dips to the west.

A unit of ferruginous chert breccias (Wolhaarkop Breccia) grading upwards into a distorted iron formation (Manganore Iron Formation) is wedged unconformably between the Gamagara Formation and the Campbellrand carbonate sequence along the northern and southern extremities of the Maremane Dome.

Heritage:

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2.7 Provide any relevant additional information.

None of which are known.

3. The anticipated environmental, social or cultural impacts identified.

3.1 Confirm that the community and identified interested and affected parties have been consulted and that they agree that the potential impacts identified include those identified by them.

3.1.1 Provide a list and description of potential impacts identified on the cultural environment.

There are no known graves on the property. A Heritage Impact Assessment was conducted by Prof Anton van Vollenhoven in 2010 and revealed two features on Assmang's property to be of Heritage significance and need to be preserved; i.e. miners boxes and a loading ramp. The South African Heritage Resource Act regulates the protection of heritage resources, while the National Environmental Management Act governs the protection of these resources where they occur within a development/mining footprint.

- 3.1.2 Provide a list and description of potential impacts identified on the heritage environment, if applicable.

Refer to paragraph 3.1.1. above.

- 3.1.3 Provide a list and description of potential impacts identified on the socio- economic conditions of any person on the property and on any adjacent or non-adjacent property who may be affected by the proposed prospecting or mining operation.

Socio-economic upliftment will take place due to the creation of employment opportunities as well as economic support to the surrounding business community, should positive results be obtained during the prospecting period.

The current land use on the property is for small livestock grazing (one head of sheep/goat per 3 - 4 hectares). On the municipal valuation list of properties Gloucester 674 is zoned for Mine activities.

- 3.1.4 Provide a list and description of potential impacts (positive & negative) identified on: employment opportunities, community health, and community proximity.

Approximately 7 temporary employment opportunities will be created during the drilling phase. The jobs will only be available for a limited period and will only be available if (drilling) invasive prospecting is undertaken. No community or any community health will be impacted upon by the invasive prospecting phase. There are no communities in close proximity.

The proposed prospecting operation itself will not create many employment opportunities. When the proposed prospecting operation starts operating exploration will be facilitated by the use of variety of in-house exploration support capabilities.

The employer will provide and maintain a working environment that is safe and without risk to the health of employees.

Each employee will, while at the prospecting operation site, take reasonable care to protect their own health and safety, as well as that of other persons that might be affected.

Clean drinking water and proper sanitation facilities will be made available to all employees.

- 3.1.5 Provide a list and description of potential impacts identified on the biophysical environment including but not be limited to impacts on: flora, fauna, water resources, air, noise, soil etc.

The impact during the construction phase will be very low and even positive in some instances.

Geology:

Impact to the geology is expected as drilling boreholes will take place.

Significance	Certainty	Duration	Magnitude
Very low negative	Definite	Medium	Site

Topography:

Little impact to the natural topography will take place. The disturbed ground by means of drilling will be rehabilitated resulting to the way it was before.

Significance	Certainty	Duration	Magnitude
Moderate Negative	Possible	Long – medium	Site - Local

Soils:

The area has not been irrigated and is engaged by livestock grazing land, as a result of low agricultural potential for cropping production. Low sampling activities will leave very low negative impacts to the natural soil or its capability are expected as all drill holes will be plugged to return soils to the previous land use.

Significance	Certainty	Duration	Magnitude
Medium Negative	Definite	Medium	Site

Vegetation:

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No impact to the protected vegetation from prospecting activity will be allowed. The area with less vegetation will be selected for construction of roads to access the site or existing roads will be used as far as practically possible. After the completion of the prospecting work the area will be fully rehabilitated and the disturbed area left in a state to re-vegetate within a rainy season.

Significance	Certainty	Duration	Magnitude
Moderate negative	Definite	Medium	Site

Fauna:

Fauna species are expected to be present within the vicinity and around the adjacent farms. Wild animals are anticipated that as soon as they hear noise from drilling will automatically run away from the prospecting area as a result of the noises and human activity associated with the traffic from the occasionally used unpaved road and tar road.

Significance	Certainty	Duration	Magnitude
Very Low	Definite	Medium	Site-Local

Surface water:

It is not anticipated that any work will be conducted closer than 100 m to any drainage channel. No impact on surface water quality and yield is expected outside storm water drainage. No impact on the general surface drainage pattern of the area is expected as rehabilitation will follow the natural bedrock drainage channels. Prospecting will also take place outside the 1: 100 year flood line of the drainage channels. It is unlikely that the prospecting operation will negatively affect the surface water.

Significance	Certainty	Duration	Magnitude
Very low negative	Unlikely	Short	Site

Groundwater Quality:

Due to the shallow nature of operations the impact on the groundwater is considered insignificant. The absence of a waste handling program can however have significant impact through oil and fuel spills and soil contamination. No process water from ground water sources will be used for prospecting activities.

Significance	Certainty	Duration	Magnitude
Medium	Possible	Point	Site

Dust from roads and prospecting activity:

The biggest potential area of dust creation will be from the drilling programme.

Significance	Certainty	Duration	Magnitude
Very low negative	Probable	Medium	Site

Noise:

No blasting will be done and the only noise generation is expected to be at the drilling site. The prospecting area is not close to any homestead.

Significance	Certainty	Duration	Magnitude
Very low negative	Definite	Medium	Site

- 3.1.6 Provide a description of potential cumulative impacts that the proposed operation may contribute to considering other identified land uses which may have potential environmental linkages to the land concerned.

Air Quality

Smoke caused by heavy machinery and nuisance dust created by prospecting activities going on at the property. Dust can be created by die Drill rig some impact in the form of dust can be expected.

Fauna

Animal life will continue to be affected by any new prospecting. As prospecting activity decreases and closure is foreseen, most of these species will re-establish themselves due to the expected high quality of rehabilitation.

Flora

Moderate impact to the vegetation is expected as the proposed prospecting activities will require drilling of the ground. The drilling areas to be disturbed will not exceed 3ha at any given time. No protected tree species will be uprooted during the prospecting period without producing a valid granted permit.

Ground Water

It is anticipated that the activity will not have any effect on the groundwater quality of the area. Nonetheless care will be taken that a stable and self-sustaining rehabilitated surface is created and surface impact be minimised. No impact to groundwater by prospecting activities is expected.

Noise

Noise created by prospecting activities. Noise created by the drilling machine and vehicles in the area.

Soil

Removal and disturbance of soil structure by drilling prospecting activities.

Surface Water

No impact on surface water is expected as there is no intention to go closer than 100m to any drainage channels.

Topography

No impact to topography by prospecting activities is expected.

Visual

Varying of natural outlook by prospecting activities in some areas. Visual impact will be very low during the prospecting phase as it will only be the drill rig and related equipment which will constantly move from borehole location to borehole location.

4. Land use or development alternatives, alternative means of carrying out the proposed operation, and the consequences of not proceeding with the proposed operation.

- 4.1 Provide a list of and describe any alternative land uses that exist on the property or on adjacent or non-adjacent properties that may be affected by the proposed mining operation.

The current land use on this property is for small livestock grazing (one head of sheep/goat per 3 - 4 hectares) the soil on the property does not provide for any other land use on the property or alternative uses.

If the prospecting operation proves positive the only other use in this area will be for mining.

- 4.2 Provide a list of and describe any land developments identified by the community or interested and affected parties that are in progress and which may be affected by the proposed mining operation.

None were identified at this stage. A comments register will be maintained and any feedback and inputs from any interested and affected party will be appropriately addressed.

- 4.3 Provide a list of and describe any proposals made in the consultation process to adjust the operational plans of the mine to accommodate the needs of the community, landowners and interested and affected parties.

This is an application for prospecting and no mining plans were discussed.

Proposals received during the consultation process are as follows:

- **SAHRA has e-mailed with the request that the documents must be loaded onto their system.**
- **No other feedback or comments have been received thus far.**

- 4.4 Provide information in relation to the consequences of not proceeding with proposed operation

The property will not be potentially prospected for manganese and iron ore that naturally occur in this area and the relevant job opportunities and positive impacts that can be made in the surrounding communities will not be happening.

5. Description of the process of engagement referred to in 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 above with identified communities, landowners and interested and affected parties.

- 5.1 Provide a description of the information provided to the community, landowners, and interested and affected parties to inform them in sufficient detail of what the prospecting or mining operation will entail on the land, in order for them to assess what impact the prospecting will have on them or on the use of their land;

A copy of the Background Information Document with a cover letter and comments form to invite their comments was sent by registered post to the adjacent farm owners and government departments which are:-

Mr A.C. Claasens and Mrs E.S. Claasens
Tsantsabane Municipality
Department of Water and Sanitation
EKSOM Holdings SOC Limited
Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Department of Environment and Nature Conservation
SANRAL
Maremane Communal Property Association
RSA/Public Works
Transnet
SAHRA
National Department of Public Works

An advert was placed in the DFA on 21 June 2016 to inform all interested and affected parties to register.

- 5.2 Provide a list of which of the identified communities, landowners, lawful occupiers, and other interested and affected parties were in fact consulted.

Consulted:

I&AP	ADDRESS	DATE CONSULTED
Tsantsebane Municipality	P.O. Box 5 Postmasburg 8420	Registered letter posted on Wednesday, 22 June 2016
Mr A.C. and Mrs E.C. Claasens	162 George Street Kimberley 8301	Registered letter posted on Wednesday, 22 June 2016
SANRAL	P O Box 1389 Bloemfontein 9300	Registered letter posted on Wednesday, 22 June 2016
Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	Private Bag X6010 Kimberley 8300	Registered letter posted on Wednesday, 22 June 2016
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: Directorate: Forestry Management	P O Box 2782 Upington 8800	Registered letter posted on Wednesday, 22 June 2016
Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development	Private Bag X5018 Kimberley 8300	Registered letter posted on Wednesday, 22 June 2016
ESKOM Holdings SOC Limited Northern Cape Operating Unit: Land Development	P O Box 606 Kimberley 8300	Registered letter posted on Wednesday, 22 June 2016
Department of Water &	Private Bag X6101	Registered letter posted

Sanitation Northern Cape	Kimberley 8300	on Wednesday, 22 June 2016
RSA/Public Works	P.O. Box 224 Olifantshoek 8450	Registered letter posted on Wednesday, 22 June 2016
Transnet	Private Bag X19 Bellville 7535	Registered letter posted on Wednesday, 22 June 2016
SAHRA	P.O. Box 4637 Cape Town 8000	Registered letter posted on Wednesday, 22 June 2016
National Department of Public Works	Private Bag X5002 Kimberley 8300	Registered letter posted on Wednesday, 22 June 2016
ASSMANG	P.O. Box 1 Mancorp Mine 8423	e-mailed on Wednesday, 22 June 2016 and a Registered letter posted on Monday, 27 June 2016

See appendix as proof, in order for other interested parties to come forward and to register as interested parties in the project.

- 5.3 Provide a list of their views raised in regard to the existing cultural, socio-economic or biophysical environment, as the case may be.

The consultation is still an on-going process waiting for response and comments.

- 5.4 Provide a list of their views raised on how their existing cultural, socio-economic or biophysical environment potentially will be impacted on by the proposed prospecting or mining operation.

The consultation is still an on-going process waiting for response and comments.

- 5.5 Provide list of any other concerns raised by the aforesaid parties.

The consultation is still an on-going process waiting for response and comments.

- 5.6 Provide the applicable minutes and records of the consultations as appendices.

A meeting will still be scheduled with all interested and affected parties of surrounding or adjacent parties and the minutes will be submitted to DMR.

5.7 Provide information with regard to any objections received.

**No objections received at the date of compiling this report.
The consultation is still on-going process. A comments register will be maintained and updated with any responses and feedback received.**

6. **Describe the most appropriate means to carry out the proposed operation with due accommodation of the issues raised in the consultation process.**

All relevant issues raised during the consultation will be addressed in the EMP and the operation will be carried out under cover of the legal requirements according to the approved EMP.

C. IDENTIFICATION OF THE REPORT

The report on the results of consultation must, at the end of the report include a certificate of identification as follows;

Herewith I, the person whose name and identity number is stated below, confirm that I am the person authorised to act as representative of the applicant in terms of the resolution submitted with the application, and confirm that the above report comprises the results of consultation as contemplated in Section 16 (4) (b) or 27 (5) (b) of the Act, as the case may be.	
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NAME OF APPLICANT
Wepex Trading (Pty) Ltd

BACKGROUND
Department of Mineral Resources has accepted an application for a Prospecting Right to mine for Manganese and Iron Ore on approximately 1165.8 hectares of the Remaining Extent of the farm Gloucester No 674, situated within the administrative district of Kuruman in the Northern Cape Province.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION
The project is located approximately ±28 km north of Postmasburg and ±54.7 km south of Kathu along the R325 provincial road. The prospecting activities will involve geological surface mapping, geophysical surveys, geochemical surveys and drilling.

BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT
A Basic Assessment Report must be submitted in line with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998.

This process will also involve transparent stakeholder engagement in line with Chapter 6 of the Environmental Impact Regulations, 2014, and provide an opportunity for the public to provide inputs on the environmental reports pursuant to the approval of the Prospecting Right.

REGISTRATION PROCESS
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Tel: 082-970-9973
Postal address: PO Box 110823, Hadison Park, Kimberley, 8306

Registered stakeholders will be contacted for further engagement on this process.

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NAME OF APPLICANT
HC van Wyk Diamonds Ltd

BACKGROUND
Department of Mineral Resources has accepted an application for a Prospecting Right to mine for Diamonds Alluvial, General and Kimberlite on approximately 2 088,6718 hectares of the remainder of farm No 503, situated within the administrative district of Hay in the Northern Cape Province.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION
The prospecting right area is located approximately 150 km north-west of the city Kimberley and approximately 10 km south of the town Lime Acres. The site is accessed via a gravel road that turns from the R385. The prospecting activities will include imagery analysis and geological mapping, RC drilling, prospecting pits and bulk sampling using heavy earthmoving machinery and a processing plant.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS
Environmental reports will be submitted in line with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998.

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Contact Person: Ms R Oosthuizen of Wadala Mining Consultants roosthuizen950@gmail.com
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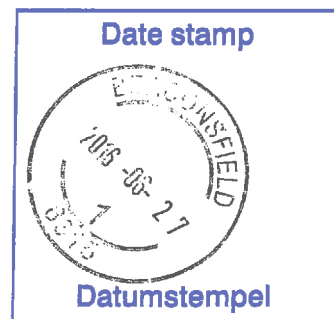
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Dear Stakeholder / Interested and Affected Party

NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT

FARM	OWNERSHIP	TITLE DEED
Remaining extent of the farm Gloucester no. 674, Kuruman	Wepex Trading (Edms) Bpk	T654/1966
TOTAL AREA		1168.8ha

We are pleased to inform you that Wepex Trading (Edms) Bpk("The applicant") has submitted an application for a Prospecting Right for Manganese Ore and Iron Ore in respect of the above mentioned farm situated in the Magisterial District of Kuruman, Northern Cape Province.

The application was submitted to the Regional Manager, Department of Mineral Resources ("DMR") situated at 65 Phakamile Majiba Street, Kimberley, 8301 with contact number 053-807 1700.

The Mentioned application was accepted on 7 June 2016 and the prescribed Environmental Management Reports must be submitted on or before 5 September 2016

The Public Participation Process is undertaken to ensure compliance with regard to the requirements in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act,2002 (Act 28 of 2002 as amended -"MPRDA") the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998 as amended -"NEMA") with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014 ("EIA Regulations –Chapter 6") as well as the The National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) and the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) where applicable.

We invite you to register and to comment on the Background Information Document relating to the proposed project which is attached for your information. We further attach a comment form for your convenience which will also serve as a registration form as an interested and affected party for this project.

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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 to be included as part of the Environmental Management Programme and documentation under this application.

Only registered persons will be contacted for future engagements with regard to this project and registration and comments should be submitted as follows:

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If you are aware of any other parties who may be interested or affected by this project, please feel free to pass this information onto them or alternatively, provide us with their contact details.

Please forward us your registration and comments by no later than **28 July 2016.**

You will be invited to a Public Participation Meeting that will be taking place in the near future, ~~00~~where more information can be obtained on the project.

We look forward to receiving your valued comments.

Yours faithfully



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

We must inform you that Wepex Trading (Pty) Ltd (“The applicant”) has applied for a Prospecting Right on a Remaining Extent on the Farm Gloucester 674 situated in the Magisterial District of Kuruman, Northern Cape Province (1165.8 ha).

The application was submitted to the Regional Manager, Department of Mineral Resources (“DMR”) situated at 65 Phakamile Mabija Street, Kimberley, 8301 with contact number 053 – 80 71700. The mentioned application was accepted on 07 Junie 2016 and the prescribed Environmental Management Programme must be submitted on or before 05 September 2016.

2. PURPOSE OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is:

- To notify potential stakeholders of the application for a Prospecting Right for Manganese and Iron Ore which was submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) with Reference NC30/5/1/1/2/11815PR
- Provide background information regarding the proposed Prospecting Right application for Wepex Trading (Pty) Ltd.
- Invite potential stakeholders to register themselves as interested and affected parties and to raise issues of importance, share their input, comments and or concerns which will be incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme.
- To inform the Affected and Interested Parties of the requirements in terms of all Governing Legislation applicable to this process.

Wepex Trading (Pty) Ltd seeks to gather comments, suggestions, issues and concerns from all stakeholders.

3. A BRIEF OVERVIEW

Wepex Trading (Pty) Ltd (“The applicant”) has applied for a Prospecting Right on the above mentioned farm situated in the Magisterial District of Kuruman, Northern Cape Province to mine for Iron Ore and Manganese.

The farm is situated ±28km north of Postmasburg and ±54.7km south of Kathu along the R325 provincial road.

3.1 Proposed activity description

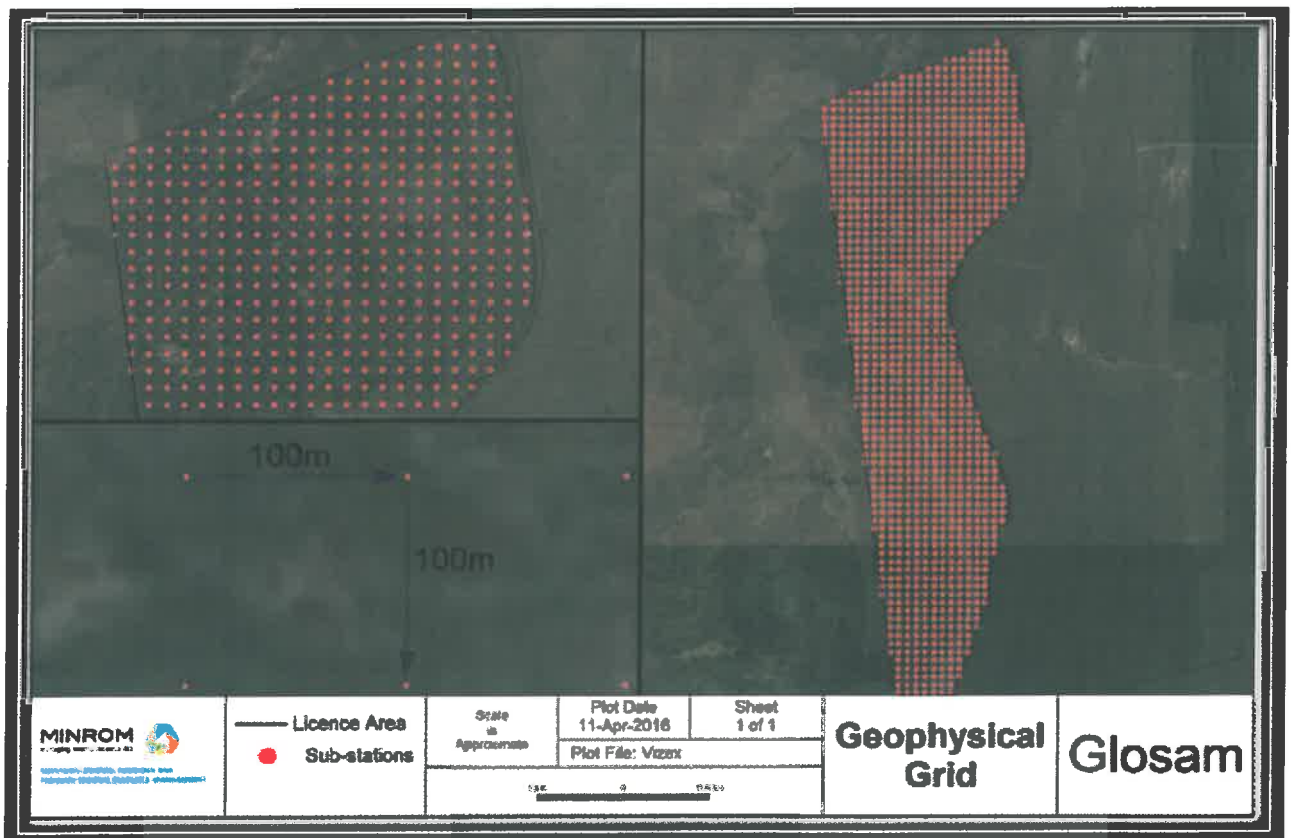
Non-Invasive Activities

i) Geological Surface Mapping

The first phase of geological mapping will be focused on evaluating the potential of the manganese deposit within the prospecting area. This will be conducted through surface mapping, structural mapping and subsurface interpretations of the structural trends to identify potential open-castable mineral reserves of undisturbed structural blocks.

ii) Geophysical Surveys

Ground magnetics and ground gravity geophysical programmes will be conducted on a 100m x 100m pre-determined grid to determine the location of the manganese formation. From the primary geophysics, Infill substations (50m x 50m grid spacing) will be conducted on geophysical targets.



iii) Geochemical Surveys

A geochemical survey/sampling programme will be utilised in terms of analysing the in-situ ore material across the area. The purpose of this assaying technique is to determine the subsurface ore grade variation throughout the prospecting area. The sample spacing will be confined to approximately 200m, where possible, and selected based on the availability of fresh subsurface ore material.

iv) Geological Modelling

Structural interpretation revisited with follow up field mapping. This phase constitutes the following:-

- Validation of data and input into computer software package;
- Generation of geological model and generation of mineral resource estimates;
- Structural interpretation revisited with follow up field mapping;
- CPR report construction JORC compliant.

Invasive Activities

i) Diamond Drilling

A programme of thirty (30) surface diamond drill holes are planned, comprising HQ and NQ size core at depths of 50m to 100m, thus producing drilled cores. The drilling locations are selected based on the previous phases of exploration in which data acquisition and interpretations of the ore body have resulted in the delineation of target areas for subsurface drilling exploration. The drilling programme consists of the following:-

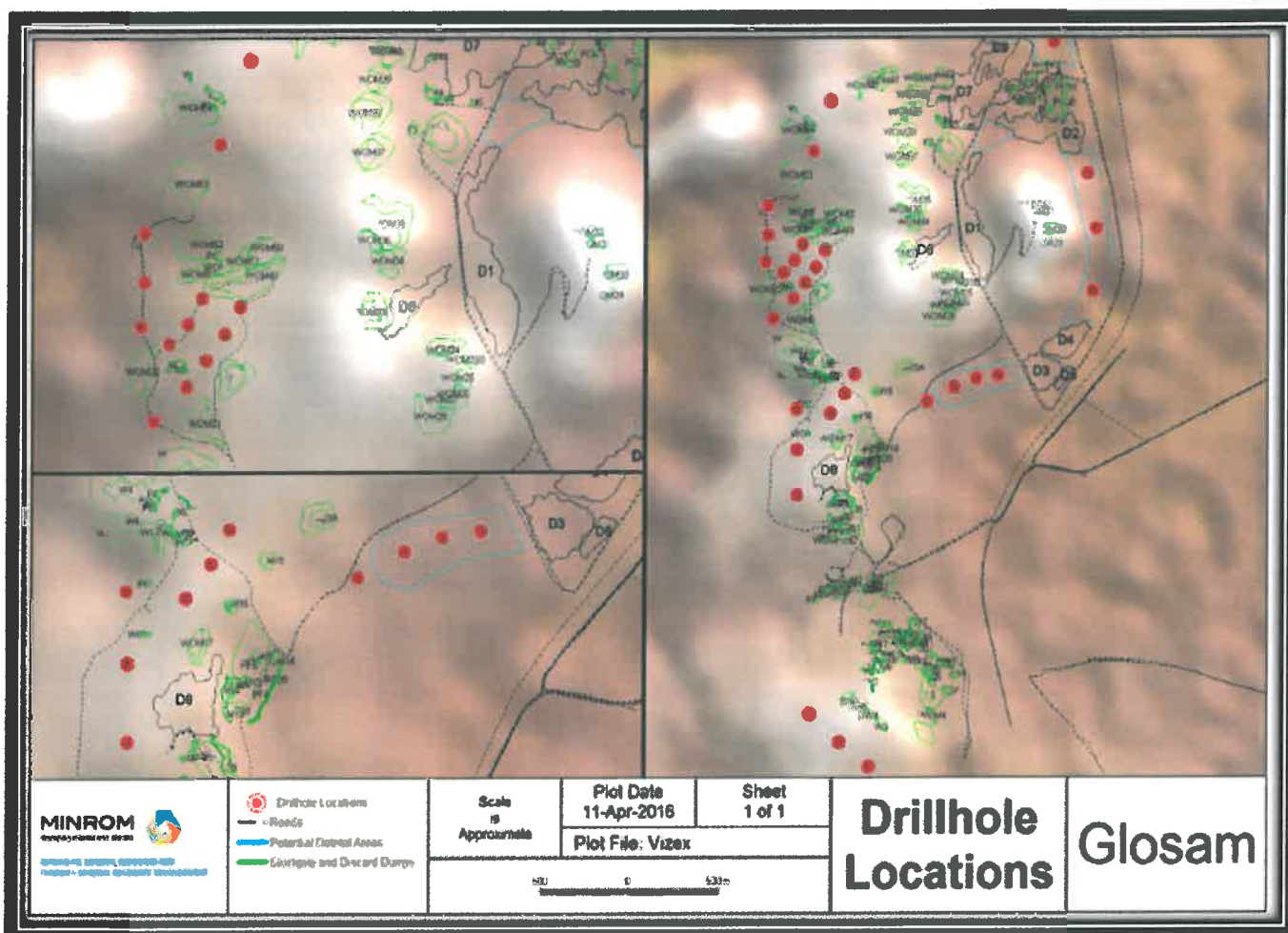
- 30 drill holes in total;
 - 20 drill holes allocated to delineating the shallow pockets of the manganese ore;
 - 10 drill holes allocated for deeper drilling for duplicate material.

The drilling programme is envisaged within the following timeframe:-

- Health and safety, environment and community – 1 month
- HSEC risk assessment – 3 days
- Engage contractor – 3 weeks
- Safety induction of contractor – 3 days
- Road construction – 1km
- Site establishment / intersite move – 1 day per site
- Commencement of drilling – within 6 months
- Rehabilitation will be carried concurrently as drilling progresses
- Logging of core, capturing and validating into database – concurrently with drilling on an ongoing basis
- Chemical analyses – concurrently with drilling

The drill hole location co-ordinates are listed in the table below followed by a map illustration of the drill hole locations in the field:

Hole ID	EAST	NORTH	Elevation	Depth (m)
GLDD01	700596,3	6893055	1402,114	100
GLDD02	700718,3	6893100	1399,823	50
GLDD03	700843,3	6893117	1396,853	50
GLDD04	701352,3	6894210	1384,34	50
GLDD05	701402,9	6893913	1388,652	50
GLDD06	701385,1	6893573	1380,41	50
GLDD07	701156,7	6894928	1369,16	50
GLDD08	700440,8	6892977	1405,475	50
GLDD09	700029,2	6893126	1437,038	50
GLDD10	699970,3	6893020	1438,933	100
GLDD11	699889,6	6892913	1444,832	50
GLDD12	699805,1	6893707	1439,134	100
GLDD13	699680,1	6893742	1426,104	100
GLDD14	699530,2	6893881	1400,609	100
GLDD15	699858,2	6893797	1439,09	50
GLDD16	699743	6893622	1434,091	50
GLDD17	699616,8	6893677	1419,929	50
GLDD18	699728,3	6893827	1426,751	50
GLDD19	699532,2	6894039	1390,784	50
GLDD20	699518,8	6893734	1408,01	50
GLDD21	699564,8	6893424	1408,55	50
GLDD22	699676,7	6893537	1425,901	100
GLDD23	699696,6	6892935	1418,492	100
GLDD24	699887,7	6894605	1443,593	50
GLDD25	699788,9	6894331	1427,275	100
GLDD26	699700,2	6892714	1443,469	50
GLDD27	699701,5	6892471	1444,416	100
GLDD28	699778,3	6891292	1453,044	50
GLDD29	699944,4	6891139	1464,635	100
GLDD30	700115	6891005	1441,731	50



ii) Road Construction and Drill Pads

This phase entails the grading of an estimated distance of 5 kilometres of new tracks and the construction of the thirty (3) drill-pads. The farm already has an existing road network which will be used as far as possible.

3.2 Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation of drill-sites will be done concurrently as each hole is completed. Access road rehabilitation is carried out when all prospecting phases are completed at the end of the diamond drilling activity. Rehabilitated sites will be monitored after drilling and trenching has been completed to ensure vegetation growth re-occurs.

On completion of the prospecting operation, the various surfaces, including the access road, will finally be rehabilitated as follows: Any compacted area will be ripped to a depth of 300mm, where possible, the topsoil or growth medium returned and landscaped.

All equipment and other items used during the operational period will be removed from the site.

○ Rehabilitation of the secured storage areas

On completion of the prospecting operation, the above areas will be cleared of any remaining contaminated soil which will be placed in acceptable containers and removed with the industrial waste to a recognized disposing facility or by a waste removal company.

All buildings, structures or objects in the secured storage areas shall be dealt with in accordance with regulation 44 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002.

The surface will be ripped or ploughed to a depth of at least 300 mm, where possible, and the topsoil, previously stored adjacent the site, distributed evenly to its original depth over the whole area. The area will then be fertilized if necessary (based on a soil analysis).

The site will be seeded with a vegetation seed mix adapted to reflect the local indigenous flora if necessary.

Any other disturbed areas will be rehabilitated as described under the relevant activities.

○ Submission of information

Reports on rehabilitation and monitoring will be submitted annually to the Department of Mineral Resources - Kimberley, as described in the NEMA regulations published 20 November 2015, Appendix 3.

○ Maintenance (Aftercare)

Maintenance after closure will mainly concern the regular inspection and monitoring and/or completion of the re-vegetation programme.

The aim of this Environmental Management Programme is for rehabilitation to be stable and self-sufficient, so that the least possible aftercare is required.

The aim with the closure of the mine will be to create an acceptable post-mine environment and land-use. Therefore all agreed commitments will be implemented by Mine Management

○ After-effects following closure

▪ Acid mine drainage

No potential for bad quality leachate or acid mine drainage development exist after mine closure.

▪ Long term impact on ground water.

No after effect on the groundwater yield or quality is expected.

▪ Long-term stability of rehabilitated land

One of the main aims of any rehabilitated ground will be to obtain a self-sustaining and stable end result. The drill holes will be closed as prescribed and will have long term stability.

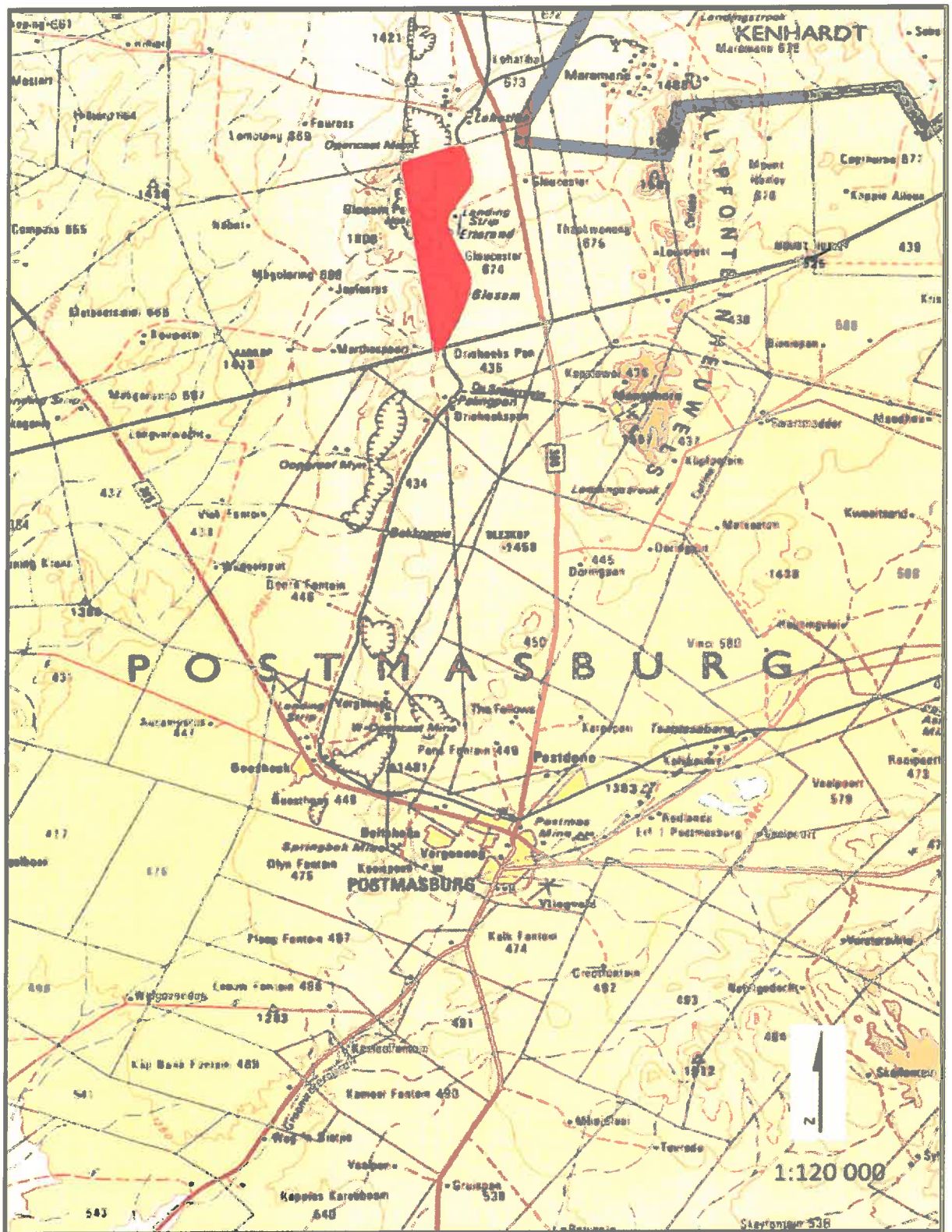


Figure1. Gloucester 674 locality indicated in red

3.3 Foreseen Environmental Impacts

3.3.1 Air quality deterioration

Source of the impact

Sources of atmospheric emissions associated with the prospecting operations are likely to include fugitive dust from drilling and vehicle entrainment of gravel roads.

Description of the impact

During the construction and operation of the prospecting operation dust can be generated through the use of the drill rig and access roads. Air pollution through vehicle entrainment is expected to be negligible due to the small scale of the project and dust suppression measures that will be implemented by the mine. Air pollution from exhaust fumes from the drill rig.

3.3.2 Soil pollution

Source of the impact

Spillage of hazardous material; runoff.

Description of the impact

During the prospecting, there is a possibility that equipment (drill rig) might leak oil, thus causing surface spillages. The hydrocarbon soil contamination will render the soil unusable unless they are decontaminated. The storage of fuels on site might have an impact on soil if not properly monitored and maintained to avoid leakages. Then there is the potential that contaminated soil can be carried through runoff to contaminate water resources and soil stockpiled for rehabilitation. Soil pollution is therefore possible, but through mitigation it can be minimised.

3.3.3 Loss of soil fertility

Source of the impact

During the removal of topsoil; stockpiling.

Description of the impact

Improper stockpiling and soil compaction can result in soil sterilisation. Leaching can also occur, resulting in the loss of nutrients.

3.3.4 Soil erosion

Source of the impact

Establishment of the drill rig on drill sites; topsoil removal; potential runoff.

Description of the impact

The establishment of the drill rig and facilities in the prospecting area can result in loss of soil due to erosion. Vegetation will be stripped in preparation for placement of the drill rig although very limited, and therefore the areas will be bare and susceptible to erosion.

The topsoil that is stripped and stockpiled on surrounding areas can be eroded by wind and rain. The soil will be carried away during runoff. The cleared areas will be rehabilitated, but full restoration of soils might only occur over a number of months, subsequent to the re-establishment of vegetation.

3.3.5 Broad-scale ecological processes

Source of the impact

The construction of roads (tracks), the drill rig on various drill sites, as well as other necessary infrastructure; and the clearing of vegetation for prospecting.

Description of the impact

Transformation of intact habitat on a cumulative basis would contribute to the fragmentation of the landscape and would potentially disrupt the connectivity of the landscape for fauna and flora and impair their ability to respond to environmental fluctuations. Due to the small size of the operation in the area, this impact should be negligible due to the small scale of the project.

3.3.6 Changes to surface topography

Source of the impact

Development of infrastructure and drill rig.

Description of the impact

The infrastructure and drill rig will alter the topography by adding features to the landscape. Topsoil removal, drill holes will disturb the natural topography.

3.3.7 Visual impacts

Source of the impact

The construction of Prospecting infrastructure, drilling and dust.

Description of the impact

Visual impact of the prospecting infrastructure (drill rig), drilling and visibility of dust.

3.3.8 Traffic

Source of the impact

The amount of vehicles will increase with the prospecting in the area.

Description of the impact

Potential negative impacts on traffic safety and deterioration of the existing road networks.

3.3.9 Heritage resources

Source of the impact

The prospecting operations can prospect through or destroy sites of cultural and heritage importance

Description of the impact

The deterioration or destruction of sites of cultural and heritage importance.

3.3.10 Socio-economic

Source of the impact

The prospecting operation can create various job opportunities for local people. The mine can also destroy the land capability and land use while prospecting.

Description of the impact

Loss of potential for the area; influx of workers to the area increases health risks and loitering (resulting in lack of security and safety); negative impact of employment loss during closure.

3.3.11 Interested and affected parties

Source of the impact

The setting up of a Prospecting operation for Manganese and Iron Ore on the Remaining Extent of the farm Gloucester 674.

Description of the impact

Loss of trust and a good standing relationship between the IAPs and the prospecting company.

3.3.12 Land capability

Source of the impact

Manganese and Iron Ore prospecting operation.

Description of the impact

Loss of land capability through topsoil removal, drilling disturbances and loss of soil fertility if the prospecting operation continues to full scale drilling.

3.3.13 Land use

Source of the impact

Manganese and Iron Ore prospecting operation.

Description of the impact

Loss of land use due to poor placement of drilling infrastructure and ineffective rehabilitation.

3,3.14 Ground water

Source of the impact

Potential chemical spills if the prospecting operation continues to drilling.
Drill rig servicing– Potential diesel and lubricant spills.
Drill rig parking area – Potential diesel and lubricant spills.

Description of the impact

Possible Pollution of underground water sources. Construction of measures to prevent seepage into the groundwater by biological and engineering means. Implementation of the necessary management programs to ensure the integrity of ground water resources.

3.3.15 Surface water

Source of the impact

Potential chemical spills if the prospecting operation continues to drilling.
Drill rig servicing– Potential diesel and lubricant spills.
Drill rig parking area – Potential diesel and lubricant spills.

Description of the impact

During the prospecting, there is a possibility that equipment (drill rig) might leak oil, thus causing surface spillages. The hydrocarbon soil contamination will render the soil unusable unless they are decontaminated. The storage of fuels on site might have an impact on soil if not properly monitored and maintained to avoid leakages. Then there is the potential that contaminated soil can be carried through runoff to contaminate water resources and soil stockpiled for rehabilitation. Surface water pollution is therefore possible, but through mitigation it can be minimised. The impact will have minimal severity and slight effect on extent.

3.3.16 Disturbance, displacement and killing of fauna

Source of the impact

Vegetation clearing; increase in noise and vibration; human and vehicular movement on site resulting from the drilling sampling phase in prospecting activities.

Description of the impact

The transformation of natural habitats due to prospecting and associated infrastructure will result in the loss of habitat affected individual species, and ecological processes. In turn this will result in the displacement of faunal species dependent upon such habitat. Increased noise and vibration due to prospecting activities will disturb and possibly displace birds and other wildlife. Fast moving vehicles take a heavy toll in the form of road kills of small mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and a large number of invertebrates.

3.3.17 Fauna Loss, damage and fragmentation of natural habitats

Source of the impact

Clearance of vegetation; prospecting activities.

Description of the impact

The construction of the prospecting and associated infrastructure will result in the loss of connectivity and fragmentation of natural habitat. Fragmentation of habitat will lead to the loss of migration corridors, in turn resulting in degeneration of the affected population's genetic make-up. This results in a subsequent loss of genetic variability between meta-populations occurring within the study site. Pockets of fragmented natural habitats hinder the growth and development of populations.

3.3.18 Encouragement of bush encroachment

Source of the impact

Clearing of vegetation; disturbances through prospecting activities.

Description of the impact

The possibility exists that bush encroaching species can multiply as a result of the disturbance interference in the natural ecosystem. While general clearing of the area and prospecting activities destroy natural vegetation, bush encroaching plants can increase due to their opportunistic nature in disturbed areas. If encroaching plants establish in disturbed areas, it may lower potential for future land use and decrease biodiversity. With proper mitigation, the impacts can be substantially reduced.

3.3.19 Proliferation of alien vegetation

Source of the impact

Clearing of vegetation; prospecting activities.

Description of the impact

The extent of alien invasive species in the area can increase as a result of the prospecting in the natural ecosystem. While general clearing of the area and prospecting activities destroy natural vegetation, invasive plants can increase due to their opportunistic nature in disturbed areas. If invasive plants establish in disturbed areas, it may cause an impact beyond the boundaries of the prospecting site. These alien invasive species are thus a threat to surrounding natural vegetation and can result in the decrease of biodiversity and ecological value of the area. Therefore, if alien invasive species are not controlled and managed, their propagation into new areas could have a high impact on the surrounding natural vegetation in the long term. With proper mitigation, the impacts can be substantially reduced.

3.3.20 Loss of flora with conservation concern

Source of the impact

Removal of listed or protected plant species; during the construction of roads (tracks), drill rig, as well as other necessary infrastructure; the placement of stockpiles; and the clearing of vegetation for prospecting.

Description of the impact

It is possible that protected species will be destroyed during the prospecting operation.

3.3.21 Loss of, and disturbance to indigenous vegetation

Source of the impact

The construction of roads, drill rig, as well as other necessary infrastructure; the placement of stockpiles; and the clearing of vegetation for prospecting, materials storage and topsoil stockpiles; vehicular movement.

Description of the impact

Construction and prospecting activities on site will reduce the natural habitat for ecological systems to continue their operation. The drill rig and Vehicle traffic generates lots of dust which can reduce the growth success and seed dispersal of many small plant species.

3.3.22 Noise and vibration:

Source of the impact

Noise generated by the drill rig, vehicles and prospecting equipment.

Description of the impact

Manganese and Iron Ore Mining which increase continuous noise levels; the disruption of current ambient noise levels; and the disruption of sensitive receptors by means of increased noise and vibration. This is particularly relevant to IAPs that reside in close proximity to the prospecting site and bulk sampling location.

3.3.23 Land use:

Source of the impact

Prospecting of Manganese and Iron Ore.

Description of the impact

Loss of economic function of disturbed area during prospecting activities and potential loss of land capability post prospecting (limited to the drilling areas).

3.4 Listed Activities applied for in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA)

Table 1: Listed and Specified Activities

<p>NAME OF ACTIVITY</p> <p>(E.g. for prospecting – drill site, site camp, ablution facility, accommodation, equipment storage, sample storage, site office, access route, etc. ... etc. ... etc. E.g. for prospecting – excavations, blasing, stockpiles, discard dumps or dams, Loading, hauling and transport, Water supply dams and boreholes, accommodation, offices, ablution, stores, workshops, processing plant, storm water control, berms, roads, pipelines, power lines, conveyors, etc. ... etc. ... etc.)</p>	<p>Aerial extent of the Activity Ha or m²</p>	<p>LISTED ACTIVITY</p> <p>(Mark with an X where applicable or affected).</p>	<p>APPLICABLE LISTING NOTICE</p> <p>(GNR 544, GNR 545 or GNR 546)</p>	<p>WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORISATION</p> <p>(Indicate whether an authorisation is required in terms of the Waste Management Act). (Mark with an X)</p>
<p>Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a prospecting right in terms of section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), including associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks, directly related to prospecting of a mineral resource, including activities for which an exemption has been issued in terms of section 106 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002). (Activity 20 of Listing Notice 1)</p>	<p>1165.8 ha application lodged for the surveyed portion ONLY DRILLING INVASIVE WILL BE DONE WHICH WILL BE 0.3HA IN EXTENT</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>NEMA LN1 (GNR 983)</p>	
<p>Activity 25 of GNR 983 The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of</p>	<p>1165.8 ha on the total hectares of the area a total of 0.3ha will be disturbed with the drill pads, drill</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>NEMA LN1 (GNR983)</p>	


indigenous vegetation is required for— (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or (ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.	holes.			
OTHER ACTIVITIES (Associated infrastructure not considered to be listed activities)				
Ablution Facilities	±25m ²		NOT LISTED	
Topsoil Stockpiles	±500m ²			

3.5 Decommissioning phase/ Closure Period:

The decommissioning phase will only commence once all the prospecting is completed. During decommissioning all erected structures, e.g. chemical toilets, fences on demarcated areas, equipment and access roads on permission of the surface owners will be rehabilitated to their previous state. Rehabilitation will be done concurrently with the prospecting and only limited outstanding work will be necessary when prospecting is ceased.

4. CONCLUSION

It is clear that the destruction of the natural habitat in the prospecting area is inevitable and that there would be both positive and negative impacts related to the prospecting activities. The significance of these impacts will however be determined by the success of the mitigation measures that will be implemented by mine management in line with the Approved Environmental Management Programme report.



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