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South African Heritage Resources Agency

Mr Phillip Hine
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PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE MARAPONG WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

DEA REF NO: 12/9/11/L934/5

Key Commenting Authority Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) available for public review from 03 January 2013 to 04 March 2013

Dear Mr Hine,

Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) has been appointed by the Lephalale Local Municipality (LLM) to compile the necessary studies required as part of its Waste License Application in terms of the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA). Ledjadja Coal (Pty) Ltd (Ledjadja Coal) requires additional water for the planned Boikarabelo Coal Mine and part of options considered included securing treated municipal effluent from the MWWTP and pumping it to the mine. The LLM has signed an agreement with Ledjadja Coal, to assist in the upgrade of the Marapong Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP) as part of the Marapong - Boikarabelo Effluent Transfer (MBET) project. The treated effluent will be pumped to Boikarabelo Coal Mine for use in mining operations.

As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, the Draft EIR and EMPr has been finalised considering the issues, comments and concerns received from stakeholders during the review of the Draft Scoping Report from 16 August 2012 to 14 September 2012.

The public review period for the Draft EIR and EMPr will be from **03 January 2013 to 04 March 2013**.

As per Government Notice No. 33306 of June 2010, Chapter 2, (5), the Minister, MEC or competent authority (DEA) must consult with every state department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to that application for an environmental authorisation when he or she considers an application. A state department consulted must submit its comments within 60 days from the date on which the Minister, MEC or competent authority requests such state department, in writing, to submit comments.

In terms of the aforementioned, Digby Wells Environmental has distributed the Draft EIR and EMPr in a compact disc (CD) format to the relevant departments for comment on 12 December 2012. The relevant departments and organisations that have received a copy of the Draft EIR and EMPr are:

- Department of Water Affairs, Limpopo;
- Department of Energy, Limpopo;
- Department of Mineral Resources, Limpopo;

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- Limpopo Department of Rural Development and Land Reform;
 - Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism;
 - Limpopo Department of Roads and Transport;
 - Limpopo Department of Agriculture;
 - Department of Health and Social Development;
 - South African Heritage Resource Agency;
 - Eskom Holdings Limited;
 - Transnet Freight Rail;
 - Telkom;
 - Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority;
 - Limpopo Roads Agency;
 - Lephalale Local Municipality; and
 - Waterberg District Municipality.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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Attachments : 1 x Electronic copy of the Draft EIR and EMPr; and
1 x Commenting Sheet.