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The Manager
Umthombo Resources (Pty) Ltd
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Dear Sir or Madam

**APPROVAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR
UMTHOMBO RESOURCES (PTY) LTD IN RESPECT OF PORTIONS 10 &
11 OF THE FARM SCHOONGEZICHT 225 IR, SITUATED IN THE
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF DELMAS.**

An Environmental Management Programme submitted by you, has been approved, in terms of Section 39 (4) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (the Act), 2002 (Act 28 of 2002), Your attention is directed to the fact that:

1. This approval does not purport to absolve **Umthombo Resources (Pty) Ltd** from its common law obligations towards the owner of the surface of land affected.

2. This approval may be amended or withdrawn at any stage for non-compliance approval and provides no relief from the provisions of any other relevant statutory or contractual obligations.
3. Environmental management must conform to the Environmental Management Programme as approved.
4. Mining activities must conform to all relevant legislations, especially the National Water Act, 1998, National Environmental Management Act, 1998, Environmental Conservation Act, 1989, as well as the Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996 and such other conditions as may be imposed by the Regional Manager or any other official of this office, duly authorized thereto.
5. Rehabilitation of the disturbed surface caused by construction activities at all times must comply with the said Environmental Management Programme.
6. The financial provision provided in terms of Regulation 54 (2) of the Act must be annually adjusted to conform to the above-mentioned construction activities.
7. A performance assessment, monitoring, and evaluation report must be submitted annually to this office or as determined by the Regional Manager, or at any other time that an officer of this office, duly authorized thereto requests.
8. Any alteration or deviation from the programme must be reported to the Regional Manager for his approval or consideration.

9. A copy of the Environmental Management Programme must always be available on the mining premises for inspection by duly authorized officers.
10. An integrated waste management approach based on waste minimization, recycling and re-use must be considered as an alternative where appropriate. Any solid waste must be disposed of at a registered landfill licensed in terms of section 20 of the Environmental Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989).
11. Should any heritage remains be exposed during the construction of the proposed mining activities, this must immediately be reported to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) [in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999)]. Heritage remains uncovered during earthworks must not be disturbed until necessary approval has been obtained from SAHRA.
12. **The EMP is approved pending the EMP amendment to reflect the detailed rehabilitation plan informed by the public participation for the Regional Manager's consideration and the balance of R 1, 213, 210.00 in financial provision within 180 days of today's date.**

13. All the interested and affected parties (I & AP's) registered during the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process of the Environmental Management Programme, must be informed in writing of the approval of the Environmental Management Programme and copies of the approved Environmental Management Programme must be made available to them upon request.

Yours faithfully


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REGIONAL MANAGER
MPUMALANGA

DATE: 27/05/2009

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT: 

DATE: 27/05/2009

Received copy by hand of the
approved EMP.