

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGISTER

Application area : Remainder of the farm Koffiefontein 1188, District Fauresmith, Free State Province

Reference no: FS30/5/1/1/2/10373 PR

Advertisements: 12 January 2016 Diamond Field Advertizer and the Volksblad

Response:

Name	Date	Response	Reply

Notice letters:

• **Affected parties:**

Name	Date	Response	Reply

• **Interested parties:**

Name	Date	Response	Reply
B J Engelbrecht	12/1/2016	-	-
Blue Diamond Miners (Pty) Ltd	12/1/2016	-	-

• **Statutory Bodies:**

Name	Date	Response	Reply
Lesemeng Local Municipality	12/1/2016	-	-
Department Environment and Nature Conservation	12/1/2016	-	-
Department Water and Sanitation	12/1/2016	15/2/2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No prospecting within 100 m from the river • Apply for water use license. • Use authorized, lined settling dams • Stockpiling must be lined to prevent groundwater contamination • Equipment and material stored as such to avoid contamination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See BEAR • N/a for drilling • N/A for drilling • See BEAR

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specify type of sanitation • Waste to be disposed off at a permitted waste landfill site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See BEAR • See BEAR
Land Claims Commissioner	12/1/2016	-	-
SAHRA	12/1/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Impact assessment is advised • Archaeological Impact Assesment is advised 	

NAME OF APPLICANT: **SIMON COLLIN THABO MAKWEYA**

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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.**



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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.*

The Koffiefontein local community have been identified during the consultation process, but registered letter could not be sent due to lack of addresses.

Newspaper advertisements however was published to give any public individual the chance to register as an interested and/or affected party.

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

The property which applies to the proposed project area is government owed farm land by title deed as follows:

- Remainder – Letsemeng Local Municipality

- 1.3 *State whether or not the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform has been identified as an interested and affected party.*

The Department of Rural Development and Land Reform was identified as an interested party and initial consultation letters sent via registered mail.

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

It is currently not known whether or not any land claims in involved on the proposed project area.

- 1.5 *Name the Traditional Authority identified*

No traditional authority has been identified as an affected and/or interested party.

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

- Remainder – Letsemeng Local Municipality (T684/1986)

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

The lawful occupiers of the land is the Koffiefontein community and other residents within the township located on the property.

- 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 of the owners' of land under application may be influence by the prospecting activities. Grazing land will not be be disturbed during drilling activities as the livestock will move away and return as soon are they are used to the noise.

It is not foreseen that the socio-economic conditions of any other persons' on adjacent and non-adjacent properties will be directly affected. The dust and noise generated during the drilling activities may have an impact on the residing community, but should be of little disturbance to the neighboring properties.

- 1.9 *Name the Local Municipality identified by the applicant*

The local municipality identified and consulted during the consultation process is the Letsemeng Local Municipality, which is also the registered farm owner by title deed.

- 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 – Mine economics and Mineral regulation
- Department of Environment and Nature Conservation – NEMA authorization and environmental management
- Department Water Affairs and Sanitation – Water and waste water management
- South African Heritage Resources Agency – Heritage resource management and conservation

- 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 find attached the documentary proof of the consultation process in the form of notice letters, newspaper published notices and proof of registered postage.

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.

No feedback has been received from the identified and consulted interested and/or affecting parties. The description on the existing status of the environment will be consulted once feedback has been received and ongoing consultation initiated.

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

The cultural environment is typically that of a poverty struck residential environment. Within a township various cultures are mixed and makes it difficult to describe.

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

The existing status of the heritage is currently unknown. A First Phase Heritage Assessment and a Archaeological Impact Assessment should be done, as advised by the South African Heritage Resources Agency

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

The current land uses on the property is residential with community livestock roaming the area.

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

The existing status of the infrastructure on the property that may be affected is currently unknown and can only be determined during a field visit or when feedback has been received from the consulted parties.

Infrastructure known to be existing on the property are as follows, but not limited to the following: canal, town/township roads, housing and public buildings.

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.*

- Water resources: Water resources existing on and next to the proposed project area is the Riet River, forming the eastern border of the project area, and a canal, fed from the Kalkfontein dam, running through the western part of the project area.
- Flora: The area falls within the Eastern Mixed Nama Karoo Biome characterized by a complex mix of grass- and shrub-dominated vegetation. The tree layer is moderately developed without the abundance of trees.
- Fauna: The existing status of fauna existing and present on and around the proposed project area is that of livestock and rodents..
- Air: Air quality can be regarded as moderately clean to clean. Several mining activities are operations within the area that may contribute to the degraded quality of air.
- Soil: Beaufort Group sandstones and shales, with the flat-topped landscape shaped by may dolerite dykes and sills.
- Topography: The area is a relatively flat landscape with several isolated kopjes and a gentle slope from the south towards the Riet River.

2.7 *Provide any relevant additional information.*

No other additional relevant information is available at this stage.

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.*

The only negative impact that may arise during the proposed prospecting operations is noise disturbance. The noise generated during the activities may cause some disturbance, but is very local and should not have a major impact on the residents.

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

The possible impact that the prospecting activities may have on the heritage environment is unknown. To identify such impacts a First Phase Heritage Assessment needs to be conducted.

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.

The socio-economic conditions of the property may be influenced by the proposed prospecting activities and potential impacts include the loss of grazing land.

It is not foreseen that the socio-economic conditions of adjacent properties may be affected by the proposed prospecting operations.

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

Taking the community proximity into account the proposed operations may have a negative impact on the community in regard to noise and dust.

It is however a possibility that the proposed operations may have a positive impact on the community as employment will be done from the nearest town and its community. This will aid in an income influx as well as economic upliftment within the community, town and surrounding areas.

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.

Possible impacts that may arise from the proposed prospecting operations may include:

- Vegetation loss: During the prospecting operations vegetation loss will occur in the event of drilling (0.032 ha). and ablution (0.0008 ha) facility establishment.
- Air quality loss: Dust will be generated during the activities through excavation, hauling and screening/crushing

- Soil contamination: Diesel, oil and/or other operational chemical spillage which is left unrectified will lead to soil contamination.
- Water contamination: Natural water drainage, during the raining season, over contaminated soil may lead to the chemical contamination of natural water and water resources.
- Animal migration: Elevated noise levels may be of disturbance to animals occurring within the area. The animals will move away from the source of disturbance for the period of disturbance.

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.

No potential cumulative impacts can be identified at this stage and will be done during the Basic Environmental Assessment. At this stage it is not foreseen that the prospecting activities will contribute to any potential cumulative impacts.

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 only alternative land uses that exist on the property and/or adjacent properties are the current land uses being residential, farming of agricultural crops and livestock farming.

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

No information was received on planned and/or current developments within the proposed project area.

- 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.*

Department Water and Sanitation:

- No prospecting within 100 m from the river
- Apply for water use license.
- Use authorized, lined settling dams
- Stockpiling must be lined to prevent groundwater contamination
- Equipment and material stored as such to avoid contamination
- Specify type of sanitation
- Waste to be disposed off at a permitted waste landfill site

No other proposals have been made during the public participations process as no feedback has been received yet.

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

Should the proposed operation not proceed, mine development cannot be done. The economic status of the area will continue as is and may become stagnated with poverty ridden communities.

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.*

The identified interested and affected parties were notified through notification letters stating that an application for a Prospecting Right has been accepted by the Department of Mineral Resources also stating the property description, application and relevant legislative regulations. Attached to the notification letter was the Regulation 2.2 plans, a form that needs to be completed as well as a summary of the operations to be conducted.

The general public was informed of the accepted application through two newspaper advertisement within the DFA and Volksblad. They were also give a chance to register as an interested and/or affected party.

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

- Barend J Engelbracht (Neighbour)
- Blue Diamonds Mines (Pty) Ltd
- Department Environment and Nature Conservation (Statutory body)
- Department Water Affairs and Sanitation (Statutory body)
- Land Claims Commissioner (Statutory body)
- Letsemeng Municipality (Statutory body)
- South African Heritage Resources Agency (Statutory body)

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.*

No feedback has been received during the consultation process. Once feedback has been received and ongoing consultation initiated the Department of Mineral Resources will be timeously updated.

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.*

No feedback has been received during the consultation process. Once feedback has been received and ongoing consultation initiated the Department of Mineral Resources will be timeously updated.

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

Department Water and Sanitation

- Groundwater Contamination

South African Heritage Resource Agency

- The area falls within a Archaeological sensitive area and an a First phase Assessment is advised
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No other feedback has been received during the consultation process. Once feedback has been received and ongoing consultation initiated the Department of Mineral Resources will be timeously updated.

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

Please find the records of consultation as appendices

No other feedback has been received during the consultation process. Once feedback has been received and ongoing consultation initiated the Department of Mineral Resources will be timeously updated.

5.7 Provide information with regard to any objections received.

No objections has been received during the consultation process. Once any objection is received the Department of Mineral Resources will be timeously updated.

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

Prospecting activities will be planned according and around established environmental and residential features to minimize the impact on the socio-economic conditions as far as possible.

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;

<p>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.</p>	
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