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South African Heritage Resource Agency P.O. Box 4637 Cape Town 8000

Attention: Mr. A. Salomon

# NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUARRY AND RELATED ACTIVITIES ON THE REMAINDER PORTION OF FARM DE HOOP 320, BLOEMFONTEIN, FREE STATE

Notice is given of an application with the Department of Mineral Resources (**DMR**) in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002 (**MPRDA**) and the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (**NEMA**) to obtain Environmental Authorisation (**EA**) for a mining permit for the establishment of a quarry with a crusher and related activities on the remainder portion of the farm De Hoop 320 situated just outside Bloemfontein in the Free State.

Please note that there was an existing mining permit for the quarry (DMR reference number **C/2008/04.21.001**). This permit belonged to the previous owner of the farm and has subsequently lapsed. The applicant intends to reopen the old existing quarry and therefore must submit a new application.

This notification provides stakeholders and / or identified Interested and Affected Parties (**I&AP**) with the opportunity to comment on the proposed project and to indicate their interest.

The activities applied for are the following:

GN R. 327 activity 21 of the Amendment of the Environmental Impact Regulation Listing Notice 1 of 2014, Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002)

GN R. 327 activity 27 of the Amendment of the Environmental Impact Regulation Listing Notice 1 of 2014, The clearance of more than 1ha of indigenous vegetation.

#### **Project Description**

• Eko Environmental was appointed by the applicant (i.e. WLS Trust) as an Environmental Assessment Practitioner to manage the required authorisation processes on behalf of them.

• An application will be submitted to DMR to obtain authorisation for the mining permit.

# Locality:

Please refer to the map attached hereto for an indication on the location of the proposed activities.

## **General Aspects**

- Storm water will be diverted around the site to enter the natural drainage patterns.
- General waste (i.e. paper, plastic, glass bottles, etc.) will be collected and disposed of at an authorised landfill site in the nearest town on a regular basis.
- Product will be stockpiled on site.
- Groundwater from existing boreholes will be used for dust suppression on the site.
- The footprint of the proposed project will be 4.5ha

### Invitation to participate

You are requested to send any issues and/or concerns regarding the proposed projects to Richard Williamson at Eko Environmental: Suite 227, Private Bag X01, Brandhof, Bloemfontein, 9324; or 051 444 4700 (Tel), 086 697 6132 (Fax) or richard@ekogroup.co.za before **23 February 2020**.

Kind Regards

Richard Williamson

