

NOTICE

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT AND WATER USE AUTHORISATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED MINING OF QUARRY 4 ASSOCIATED WITH THE UPGRADE OF NATIONAL ROAD R573 (MOLOTO ROAD), GAUTENG PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended) published in Government Notice (GN) No. R982 in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) that the South African National Road Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) is intending to undertake a Basic Assessment and Water Use Authorisation Process for the mining of Quarry 4 associated with the proposed upgrading of National Road R573 (Moloto Road), Gauteng Province. GA Environment (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners to undertake the Basic Assessment as well as the Public Participation Process for the project. Quarry 4 is situated on Portion 2 of the Farm Jakkalsdans 243 JR. The site centre geographic coordinates are 25°31'11.31" S, 28°37'14.03" E.

Material sources cannot be exploited without authorisations from the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy. In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014 (as amended), the proposed project will require a Basic Assessment process to be undertaken. The proposed mining of this Quarry is for the purposes of the upgrading of Provincial Road R573-1 (K139) from Baviaanspoort Road in Tshwane (km 0,00) to the Gauteng / Mpumalanga Provincial Border (± 46.00 km). It is proposed that the Quarry will be mined for material aggregate that will be used as subbase and fill material to satisfy the proposed road construction needs.

SANRAL is exempted from an application process in terms of Section 16,22, and 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) as amended (MPRDA). However, SANRAL is not exempted from undergoing an Environmental Authorisation process in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act. (Act 107 of 1998). The triggered NEMA Listed Activities as per the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended are as follows: Listing Notice 1 (Activity 23) and Listing Notice 3 (Activity 12). A Water Use Authorisation Process (WUA) will also be undertaken as per the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998): Section 21 (c) and (i) water uses as the proposed Quarry 4 falls within a 500m of the delineated edge of a wetland.

The main objective of the Basic Assessment Process is to obtain the required Environmental Authorisation from the Competent Authority (i.e. Department of Mineral Resources and Energy), before activities commence. The process aims to identify and assess potential environmental impacts associated with the activities of the development; as well as any alternatives to the development / activity and to compile appropriate mitigation measures.

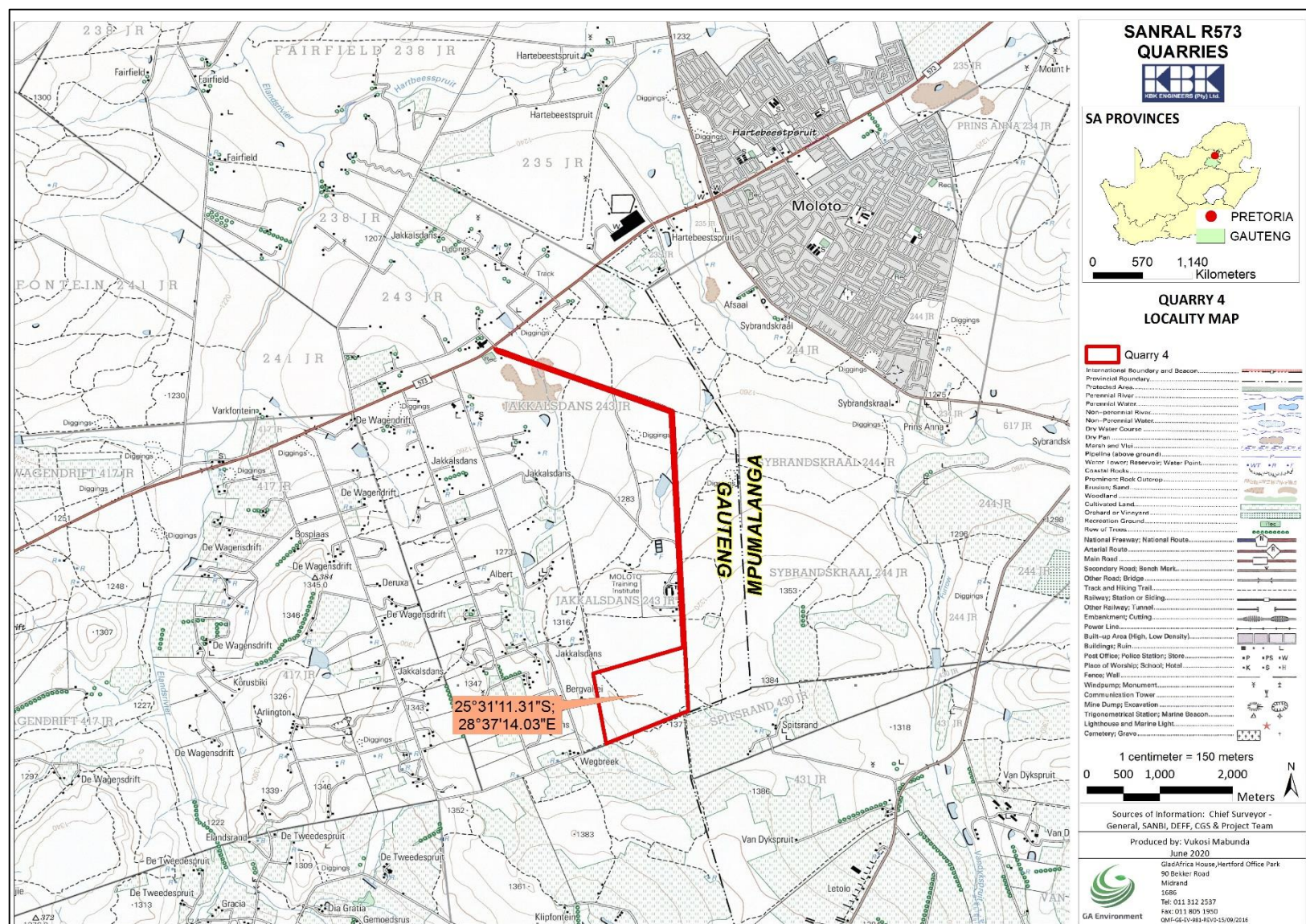


Figure 1: Locality Map of the Proposed Quarry 4

Interested and/or affected parties who wish to participate by contributing comments, register or obtain more information on the above-mentioned project should please contact **Kirthi Peramaul** on: **Tel:** 011 312 2537, **Fax:** 011 805 1950, **e-mail:** environment@gaenvironment.com or kirthip@gaenvironment.com or **Post:** P.O Box 6723 Halfway House 1685.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROJECT BY NO LATER THAN 8th of September 2020



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