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AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMENDED (NEMA) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014 FOR PROSPECTING OF "DIAMONDS" ON SEA CONCESSION AREA 6C, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF NAMAQUALAND: NORTHERN CAPE REGION

With reference to the abovementioned application, please be advised that the Department has decided to **grant** an environmental authorisation in terms of Section 24L of National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended. The environmental authorisation and reasons for the decision are attached herewith.

In terms of regulation 4 (2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2014, you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing within 14 (Fourteen) calendar days, from the date of the Department's decision in respect of your application and the relevant provisions regarding the lodgement of appeal must be provided for in terms of the National Appeal Regulations of 2014.

Should you wish to appeal any aspect of the decision, you must submit the appeal to the Minister of Environmental Affairs and a copy of such appeal to the Department of Mineral Resources (Northern Cape Regional Office), within 20 days from the date of notification, and such appeal must be lodged as prescribed in by Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulations of 2014, by means of the methods as per prescribed below:

Appeal to the Department of Environmental Affairs

Attention : Directorate Appeals and Legal Review
Email : appealsdirector@environment.gov.za
By post : Private Bag X 447, **PRETORIA**, 0001
By hand : Environmental House, Corner Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Street, Arcadia, **Pretoria**, 0083



- (v) Implementation of measures to ensure co-operation with other marine users;
 - (vi) The interests of the whole community;
 - (vii) Implementation of measures to ensure that the environment for the workers is safe;
 - (viii) Coastal management programmes and promotion of the attainment of coastal management objectives in the area concerned.
1. All development footprint areas and areas affected by the proposed development must remain as small as possible and must not encroach onto the surrounding sensitive areas and the associated buffer zones.
 2. Highly rare and unique habitants such as coral reefs, seal colonies and nurseries shall not be disturbed. These should be avoided as far as possibly.
 3. For any emissions and Discharges to Sea, the EA holder shall comply with MARPOL 73/78 standards and any other applicable Convention, legislation and regulations.
 4. It has been said that "The benthic habitats potentially affected by sampling operations have been classified as 'least threatened' and 'vulnerable'; De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd has to ensure that 'the potential impact is to these are consequently be of **VERY LOW** significance by implementing the necessary mitigation measures.
 5. The ocean spaces consist of various marine resources and they remain significant for the unlocking of further economic development opportunities. Therefore it is anticipated that there will be an overlap on different economic rights such as abalone ranchers and small scale fishers. De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd has to take into consideration that no economic right is above one another and therefore have a legal obligation to respect other right holders' economic development opportunities as they have to protect and fulfil their economic rights.
 6. Recommendations stipulated in the specialist reports shall be implemented by the EA holder and its contractors.
 7. This EA will only be applicable to the listed activities applied for.

ANNEXURE 1: REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. Background

- (i) De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd lodged an application for an EA for activities listed in the EIA Regulations on the 14th April 2018 as:

Listed activities on listing notice 1 of the EIA Regulations R. 327 of 2017 as:-

Activity Number 20 – “Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a prospecting right in terms of section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), including associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks, directly related to prospecting of a mineral resource, including activities for which an exemption has been issued in terms of section 106 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002).”

Activity Number 19A – “The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 5 cubic metres from—

- (i) the seashore;
- (ii) the littoral active zone, an estuary or a distance of 100 metres inland of the highwater mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater;
- or
- (iii) the sea; —

but excluding where such infilling, depositing, dredging, excavation, removal or moving—

- (f) will occur behind a development setback;
- (g) is for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan;
- (h) falls within the ambit of activity 21 in this Notice, in which case that activity applies;
- (i) occurs within existing ports or harbours that will not increase the development footprint of the port or harbour; or where such development is related to the development of a port or harbour, in which case activity 26 in Listing Notice 2 of 2014 applies.”

Activity Number 22 – “The decommissioning of any activity requiring –

- (i) a closure certificate in terms of section 43 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002); or
- (ii) a prospecting right, mining right, mining permit, production right or exploration right, where the throughput of the activity has reduced by 90% or more over a but excluding the decommissioning of an activity relating to the secondary processing of a –
 - (a) mineral resource, including the smelting, beneficiation, reduction, refining, calcining or gasification of the mineral resource; or
 - (b) petroleum resource, including the refining of gas, beneficiation, oil or petroleum products; –

in which case activity 31 in this Notice applies.”



2. Information considered in making the decision

In reaching its decision, the Department took, *inter alia*, the following into consideration -

- a) The information contained in the application form received by the Department on the 14th April 2018;
- b) The information contained in the final Basic Assessment Report submitted on the 17th September 2018, inclusive of the Environmental Management Programme that contains all the environmental risk associated with the project as well as the mitigation measures;
- c) The objectives and requirements of the applicable and relevant legislation, policies and guidelines and the EIA Regulations of 2017;
- d) Public Participation Process (PPP) conducted by the applicant for a minimum of 30 days;
- e) The comments received from Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs") and the responses provided thereon, as included in the BAR;

3. Key factors considered in making the decision

All the information presented to the Department was taken into account upon the Department's consideration of the application. A summary of the issues which, in the Department's view, were of the most significance are set out below.

- a. The procedure that has been followed is in accordance with the NEMA and the EIA Regulations of 2017.
- b. A sufficient Public Participation Process (PPP) was undertaken and the applicant has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the EIA Regulations R 982 of 2017 for public involvement. The environmental impacts associated with the proposed activity will be addressed by the proposed mitigation measures outlined in the EMPr compiled by SLR Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd.
- c. The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, the NEMA principles that promotes sustainable development and other Specific Environmental Management Acts.
- d. Since, this activity will take place in a marine environment, a Marine Faunal Assessment and Fisheries Impact Assessment, have to be done which were prepared by Capricorn Marine Environmental (Pty) Ltd and Pisces Environmental (Pty) Ltd. These assessment reports have been considered and conditions thereof approval have been also put in place. Both of these studies have revealed that the majority of the impacts associated with these prospecting activities would be of short-term duration and limited to the immediate sampling areas and are considered to be of insignificant to low significance after mitigation.
- e. During the Underwater Heritage Assessment; it has been anticipated that there may be ship wrecks that may occur in this sea concession area. All the mitigation measures have been put in place in the EMPr; and the relevant competent authority has put recommendations which are the conditions of granting the EA.
- f. A financial provision of an amount of R120 000 (One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Rands) cash deposit has been received on the 18th August 2018.

4. Findings

After consideration of the information and factors listed above, the Department made the following findings –

- a) The project poses no threat to the environment. The information provided by the specialists who conducted the studies shows no significant impact to the environment and mitigation measures have been recommended. The potential impacts on the proposed site were clearly investigated and mitigation measures outlined.
- b) Public Participation Process (PPP) attached in terms of the EIA Regulations R.982 of 2017. The PPP included, *inter-alia*, the following:
 - A newspaper advertisement was placed in the local newspaper “Namakwalander” on the on 10th August 2018;
 - Notices were placed at the project site (Site notices were erected on site and at other strategic places;
 - Notices were sent to all key stakeholders and the registered interested and affected parties including State Departments;
 - Registration on a database for Background Information Documents (BID);
 - No objection was received from the consulted interested and affected parties;



ANNEXURE 2

DEPARTMENTAL STANDARD CONDITIONS

1. SCOPE OF AUTHORISATION

- 1.1. The holder of EA shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions contained in the EA. This includes any person acting on the holder's behalf, including but not limited to an agent, servant, contractor, subcontractor, employee, consultant or any person rendering a service to the holder of EA.
- 1.2. Any changes to, or deviation from the project description set out in this EA must be approved in writing by this Department before such changes or deviation may be effected. In assessing whether to grant such approval or not, the Department may request such information as it deems necessary to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviation and it may be necessary for the holder of the EA to apply for further authorisation in terms of the EIA Regulations.
- 1.3. The activities, which are authorised, may only be carried out at the property (ies) indicated in the EA and or on the approved EMPr.
- 1.4. Where any of the holder of the EA contact details change including name of the responsible person, physical or postal address/ or telephonic details, the holder of the EA must notify the Department as soon as the new details become known to the holder of the EA.
- 1.5. The EA does not negate the responsibility of the holder to comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable to the undertaking of such activity (ies).
- 1.6. The holder of EA must ensure that all areas where the authorised activities occur have controlled access to ensure safety of people and animals.

2 APPEAL OF AUTHORISATION

- 2.1. The holder of EA must in writing, within 14 (fourteen) calendar days from the date of this decision and in accordance with EIA Regulation 4(2) do the following:
 - 2.2. Notify all registered I&APs of –
 - 2.2.1. The outcome of the application;
 - 2.2.2. The date of the decision;
 - 2.2.3. The date of issue of the decision and;
 - 2.2.4. The reasons for the decision as included in Annexure 1 and Departmental Standard Conditions on Annexure 2.
- 2.3. Draw the attention of all registered I&APs to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeals Regulations,
- 2.4. Draw the attention of all registered I&APs to the manner in which they may access the decision.

2.5 Provide the registered I&APs with:

- 2.5.1 Name of the holder (entity) of this EA
- 2.5.2 Name of the responsible person for this EA
- 2.5.3 Postal address of the holder;
- 2.5.4 Telephonic and fax details of the holder and
- 2.5.5 E-mail address of the holder if any.

3 COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACTIVITY (IES)

- 3.1 In order to ensure safety, all employees must be given the necessary personnel protective equipment (PPE).
- 3.2 This EA must be provided to the site operator and the requirements thereof must be made fully known to him or her.
- 3.3 Hauling routes for construction vehicles and machinery must be clearly marked and appropriate signalling must be posted to that effect. Furthermore, movement of construction vehicles and machinery must be restricted to areas outside of the drainage line or wet areas.
- 3.4 Appropriate notification sign must be erected at the construction site, warning the public (residents, visitors etc.) about the hazard around the construction site and presence of heavy vehicles and machinery.
- 3.5 Construction must include design measures that allow surface and subsurface movement of water along the drainage lines so as not to impede natural surface and subsurface water flow, and drainage measures must promote the dissipation of storm water runoff.
- 3.6 Vegetation clearance must be limited areas where the individual activities will occur, and mitigation measures must be implemented to reduce the risk of erosion and alien species invasion.
- 3.7 Construction areas (e.g. material lay down areas), topsoil and subsoil must be protected from contamination or pollution. Stockpiling must not take place in drainage lines or areas where it will impede surface water runoff.
- 3.8 If any soil contamination is noted at any phase of the proposed activity (ies), the contaminated soil must be removed to a licensed waste disposal facility and the site must be rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the Department and Department of Water and Sanitation. The opportunity for the onsite remediation and re-use of contaminated soil must be investigated prior to the disposal and this Department must be informed in this regard.
- 3.9 An integrated waste management approach must be implemented that is based on waste minimization and must incorporate avoidance, reduction, recycling, treat, reuse and disposal where appropriate. Uncontaminated rubble generated on the premises can be re-used as back filling material on site. Ensure that no refuse or rubble generated on the premises is placed, dumped or deposited on the adjacent properties or public places and open space.
- 3.10 In terms of sections 28 and 30 of NEMA, and sections 19 and 20 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), any costs incurred to remedy environmental damage must be borne by the person responsible for the damage. It is therefore imperative that the holder of the EA reads through and understand the legislative requirements pertaining to the project. It is the Applicant's responsibility to take reasonable measures which include informing and educating contractors and



employees about environmental risks of their work and training them to operate in an environmentally acceptable manner.

3.11 Construction vehicle must be serviced and maintained in the manner whereby no excessive smokes and noise production is reduced to acceptable levels, and to prevent oil leaks. Contaminated soil must be remediated on site or removed to an authorised landfill site.

3.12 Residents (if any) on the property (ies) and surrounding areas must be informed if any unusually noisy activities are planned.

3.13 **The protection of all historical and pre-historical cultural resources must remain on site and no mining activity/-ies is/are allowed within 100 diameters from those resources.** Should any heritage remains be exposed during operation or any actions on the site, the following shall be applied:

- i. All work at the affected area must cease;
- ii. These must immediately be reported to the South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA) and or Northern Cape Heritage Resource Agency (in accordance with the applicable legislation). Heritage remains uncovered or disturbed during earthworks must not be further disturbed until the necessary approval has been obtained from the South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA) and or Northern Cape Heritage Resource Agency (NIHRA).
- iii. The area should be demarcated in order to prevent any further work there until an investigation has been completed;
- iv. An archaeologist should be contacted immediately to provide advice on the matter;
- v. Should it be a minor issue, the archaeologist will decide on future action. Depending on the nature of the find, it may include a site visit;
- vi. If needed the necessary permit will be applied for with SAHRA. This will be done in conjunction with the appointed archaeologist;
- vii. The removal of such archaeological material will be done by the archaeologist in lieu of the approval given by SAHRA, including any conditions stipulated by the latter;
- viii. Work on site will only continue after the archaeologist/ SAHRA has agreed to such a matter.

Heritage remains include: archaeological remains (including fossil bones and fossil shells); coins; maddens, indigenous and/or colonial ceramics; any articles of value or antiquity; marine shell heaps; stone artifacts and bone remains; structures and other built features; rock art and rock engravings; shipwrecks; and graves or unmarked human burials. A qualified archaeologist must be contracted where necessary (at the expense of the applicant and in consultation with the relevant authority) to remove any human remains in accordance with the requirements of the relevant authority.

3.16 Hydraulic fluid or chemicals required must be stored in a concrete lined surface with bund walls, designed in such a manner that any spillage can be contained and reclaimed without any impact on the surrounding environment. Should any spills occur it should be cleaned immediately by removing spillage together with the polluted solids and dispose it in the authorised disposal site permitted of



such waste. The regional office of the Department of Water and Sanitation must be notified within 24 hours of an incident that may pollute surface and underground water resources.

- 3.19 The holder of EA must ensure that rehabilitation of the disturbed areas caused by operation at all times comply with the approved EMPr.
- 3.20 This EA may be amended or withdrawn at any stage for non-compliance and provides no relief from the provisions of any other relevant statutory or contractual obligations.
- 3.21 The holder of EA must note that in terms Section 20 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No.59 of 2008), no person may commence, undertake or conduct a waste management activity, except in accordance, with the requirements of norms and standards determined in terms of Section 19 (3) for that activity or a waste management licence is issued in respect of that activity if licence is required.
- 3.22 An appeal under Section 4 (7) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act 107 of 1998 (as amended) suspend an EA or exemption or any provisions of conditions attached hereto, or any directive unless the Minister directs otherwise.
- 3.23 Should you be notified by the Minister of a suspension of the authorisation pending appeal procedure, you may not commence with the activity (ies) until such time that the Minister allows you to commence with such activity (ies) in writing.
- 3.24 The Department reserves the right to audit and/or inspect the activity (ies) without prior notification at any reasonable time and at such frequency as may be determined by the Regional Manager.
- 3.25 Subject to the commencement and duration requirements of the MPRDA and NEMA for the listed mining activity is valid for the period for which the aforesaid right is granted provided that this activity must commence within 10 years. If the commencement of the proposed activity does not occur within the specified period, the EA lapses and a new application for EA in terms of the NEMA and the EIA Regulations should be made for the activity to be undertaken.
- 3.26 The commissioning and decommissioning of individual activity within the overall listed mining activity must take place within the phases and timeframes as set out in EMP or EMPr.
- 3.27 This EA will only be effective on the event that a corresponding right is issued in terms of MPRDA as amended and none of the activities listed in this EA may commence without right.
- 3.28 The listed activity, including site preparation, must not commence within 20 (twenty) calendar days of the date of the notification of the decision being sent to the registered I&APs. In the event that an appeal is lodged with the appeal administrator, the effect of this environmental authorisation is suspended until such time as the appeal is decided.
- 3.29 Should there be any conflicting conditions between this EA and other approval granted by other authorities, it is upon the holder of EA to bring it to the attention of the Department for resolution.
- 3.30 Once proposed prospecting areas have been identified these areas, along with the surrounding habitats need to be thoroughly assessed for the presence of sensitive faunal species. If faunal species of conservation importance are recorded on the site then a species-specific impact assessment must be undertaken and appropriate mitigation measures identified;

- 3.31 If any faunal species of conservation importance are recorded during prospecting, activities should temporarily cease and an appropriate specialist should be consulted to identify the correct course of action;
- 3.32 Staff should be educated about the sensitivity of faunal species. The intentional killing of any animals including snakes, lizards, birds or other animals should be strictly prohibited.

4. MANAGEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 A copy of the EA and EMPr must be kept at the property or on site office where the activities will be undertaken. The EA and EMPr must be produced to any authorised officials of the Department who request to see it and must be made available for inspection by any employee or agent of the holder of the EA who works or undertakes work at the properties.
- 4.2. The content of the EMPr and its objectives must be made known to all contractors, subcontractors, agent and any other people working on the site, and any updates or amendments to the EMPr must be submitted to the Department for approval.
- 4.3 Regular monitoring and maintenance of storm water drainage facilities must be conducted at all times, if damaged as directed by the Department or any other relevant authority.
- 4.4 A buffer zone of 30 metres between the activity and the residential areas, cemeteries or burial grounds must be clearly demarcated and maintained as per the report by SAHRA.
- 4.5 The holder of the EA must prevent nuisance conditions or health hazards, or the potential creation of nuisance conditions or health hazards.
- 4.6 The holder of the EA must ensure that all non-recyclable waste are disposed of at waste management facilities licensed to handle such wastes and all recyclable waste are collected by licenced waste management facilities for recycling, reuse or treatment.
- 4.7 The holder of the EA must ensure that all liquid wastes, whose emissions to water or land could cause pollution are diverted to sewer, after testing water quality and receiving written approval from the relevant local authority.
- 4.8 Non-compliance with any condition of this EA or EMPr may result in the issuing of a directive in terms of section 28 and or a compliance notice in terms of section 31L of NEMA.
- 4.9 This EA only authorises activities specified in the EMPr /closure plan and a new authorisation must be applied for in respect of any new activity not specified as part of the EMPr.
- 4.10 Only listed activities that are expressly specified in the EMPr that forms part of this EA may be conducted, and additional or new activities not specified herein must be applied for by the holder and authorised by the competent authority in the form of an amendment to the aforesaid EMPr before such activities may be commenced with. This condition is also applicable in the case of the amendment, addition, substitution, correction, removal or updating of any detail in the aforesaid EMPr.
- 4.11 Rehabilitation of the disturbed surface caused by operation at all times must comply with the approved EMPr.
- 4.12 The Holder of EA must ensure that the name and contact details of the ECO is made available to the Regional Manager within 30 days of commencement. The holder of EA must also ensure that an

ECO is always available on site to ensure that activity (ies) at all times comply with the issued EA and approved EMPr.

4.13 The ECO must:

- 4.13.1. Keep and maintain a detailed incidents register (including any spillages of fuels, chemicals or any other material)
- 4.13.2. Keep a complaint register on site indicating the complaint and how the issues were addressed, what measures were taken and what the preventative measures were implemented to avoid re-occurrence of complaints.
- 4.13.3. Keep records relating to monitoring and auditing on site and avail them for inspection to any relevant authorised officials.
- 4.13.4. Keep copies of all environmental reports submitted to the Department.
- 4.13.5. Keep the records of all permits, licences and authorisations required by the operation.
- 4.13.6. Compile a monthly monitoring report and make it available to the Department if requested.

4.14 The duties and responsibility of the ECO should not be seen as exempting the holder of the EA from the legal obligations in terms of the NEMWA and NEMA

5 REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT

5.1 The holder of EA must:

- 5.1.1. submit and Environmental Audit Report to this Department biennially and such report must be done by qualified Environmental Assessment Practitioner and must the audit report must specify whether conditions of this environmental authorisation and EMPr/closure plan are adhered to;
- 5.1.2 identify and assess any new impacts and risks as a result of undertaking the activity, if applicable;
- 5.1.3 identify shortcomings in the EMPr/closure plan, if applicable;
- 5.1.4 identify the need, if any, for any changes to the management, avoidance and mitigation measures provided for in the EMPr/closure plan;
- 5.1.5 if applicable, specify that the corrective action/s taken for the previous audit's non-conformities, was adequate;
- 5.1.6 Specify the name of the auditor and
- 5.1.7 Be submitted by the holder to the competent authority within 30 days from the date on which the auditor finalised the audit.

5.2 Should any shortcomings in terms of Regulation 34(4) be identified, the holder must submit recommendation to amend the EMPr/closure plan in order to rectify any shortcomings identified with the aforementioned audit report.



- 5.3 Any complaint received from the I&AP during all phases of the operation must be attended to as soon as possible and addressed to the satisfaction of all concerned interested and affected parties.
- 5.4 The holder of the EA must annually assess the environmental liabilities of the operation by using the master rates in line with the applicable Consumer Price Index (CPI) at the time and address the shortfall on the financial provision submitted in terms of section 24P of NEMA.
- 5.5 The holder of the EA must, within 24 hours of incidents occurring, notify the Competent Authority of the occurrence or detection of any incident on the site, or incidental to the operation of the site, which has the potential to cause, or has caused pollution of the environment, health risks, nuisance conditions or water pollution.
- 5.6 The holder of the EA must, within 14 days, or a shorter period of time, if specified by the Competent Authority from the occurrence or detection of any incident referred to in condition 5.5, submit an action plan, which must include a detailed time schedule, and resource allocation signed off by top management, to the satisfaction of the Competent Authority of measures taken to –
- 5.6.1 Correct the impact resulting from the incident;
 - 5.6.2 Prevent the incident from causing any further impact; and
 - 5.6.3 Prevent a recurrence of a similar incident.
- 5.7 In the event that measures have not been implemented within 21 days of the incident referred to in condition 5.6, or measures which have been implemented are inadequate, the Competent Authority may implement the necessary measures at the cost of the holder of the EA.

6. SITE SECURITY AND ACCESS CONTROL

- 6.1 The holder of the EA must ensure effective access control on the site to reasonably prevent unauthorised entry. Signs indicating the risks involved in unauthorised entry must be displayed at each entrance.
- 6.2 Weather proof, durable and legible notices in at least three official languages applicable in the area must be displayed at each entrance to the Site. These notices must prohibit unauthorised entry and state the hours of operation, the name, address and telephone number of the holder of the EA and the person responsible for the operation of the site.

7. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

- 7.1 The holder of the EA must maintain and implement an emergency preparedness plan and review it biennially when conducting audit and after each emergency and or major accident. The plan must, amongst others, include:
- 7.1.1. Site Fire
 - 7.1.2. Spillage
 - 7.1.3. Natural disasters such as floods
 - 7.1.4. Industrial action Contact details of police, ambulances and any emergency centre closer to the site.

7.2 The holder of EA must ensure that an up to date emergency register is kept during all phases of the operation. This register must be made available upon request by the department.

8. INVESTIGATIONS

8.1 If, in the opinion of the Competent Authority, nuisances or health risks may be or is occurring on the site, the holder of the EA must initiate an investigation into the cause of the problem or suspected problem.

8.2 If, in the opinion of the Competent Authority, pollution may be or is occurring, the holder of the EA must initiate an investigation into the cause of the problem or suspected problem. Such investigation must include the monitoring of the water quality variables, at those monitoring points and such frequency as may be specified by the Competent Authority.

8.3 Investigations carried out in terms of conditions 8.1 and 8.2 above must include the monitoring of the relevant environmental pollution, nuisance and health risk variables, at those monitoring points and such frequency to be determined in consultation with the Competent Authority.

8.4 Should the investigation carried out as per conditions 8.1 and 8.2 above reveal any unacceptable levels of pollution, the holder of the EA must submit mitigation measures to the satisfaction of the Competent Authority.

9. COMMISSIONING AND DECOMMISSIONING

9.1 The commissioning and decommissioning of individual activity within the overall listed mining activity must take place within the phases and timeframes as set out in EMP or EMPr.

10. CLOSURE

10.1 The holder of EA must apply for a closure certificate in terms of Section 43 of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002), as amended within 180 days of occurrence of lapsing, abandonment, cancellation, cessation, relinquishment and completion of development.

10.2 The application for closure indicated above must be submitted together with all relevant documents as indicated in Section 43 of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002), as amended.

10.3 No exotic plants may be used for rehabilitation purposes only indigenous plant can be utilized for rehabilitation purposes.

10.4 The holder of EA remains responsible for any environmental liability, pollution or ecological degradation, the pumping and treatment of extraneous water, compliance with the conditions of EA and the management and sustainable closure thereof until the Minister has issued a Closure Certificate in terms of Section 43 of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002). Where necessary the Minister may retain certain portion of financial provision for residual, health or environmental impacts that might be known in future.

11. NEMA PRINCIPLES



The NEMA Principles (set out in Section 2 of NEMA, which apply to the actions of all Organs of State, serve as guidelines by reference to which any Organ of State must exercise any function when taking any decision, and which must guide the interpretation, administration and implementation of any other law concerned with the protection or management of the environment), *inter alia*, provides for:

- the effects of decisions on all aspects of the environment to be taken into account;
- the consideration, assessment and evaluation of the social, economic and environmental impacts of activities (disadvantages and benefits), and for decisions to be appropriate in the light of such consideration and assessment;
- the co-ordination and harmonisation of policies, legislation and actions relating to the environment;
- the resolving of actual or potential conflicts of interest between Organs of State through conflict resolution procedures; and
- the selection of the best practicable environmental option.

12. DISCLAIMER

The Department of Mineral Resources in terms of the conditions of this environmental authorisation shall not be responsible for any damages or losses suffered by the holder, developer or his/her successor in any instance where construction or operation subsequent to construction is temporarily or permanently stopped for reasons of non-compliance with the conditions as set out herein or any other subsequent document or legal action emanating from this decision.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the above, the NEMA principles, compliance with the conditions stipulated in this EA, and compliance with the EMP/closure plan, the competent authority is satisfied that the proposed listed activity/ies will not conflict with the general objectives of Environmental Management stipulated in Chapter 5 of NEMA, and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the listed activity/ies can be mitigated to acceptable levels. **The authorisation is accordingly granted.**

Your interest in the future of our environment is appreciated.

Kind Regards

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REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION
NORTHERN CAPE REGIONAL OFFICE
DATE.....