



**BACKGROUND  
INFORMATION  
DOCUMENT (BID)**



**APPLICATION FOR A SAND MINING  
PERMIT IN TERMS OF THE  
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 AND THE  
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGEMENT WASTE ACT, 2008 IN  
RESPECT OF LISTED ACTIVITIES  
THAT HAVE BEEN TRIGGERED BY  
APPLICATIONS IN TERMS OF THE  
MINERAL AND PETROLEUM  
RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT,  
2002 (MPRDA) (AS AMENDED) ON  
FARM PART OF DRYLANDS 718 MS  
IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF  
VHEMBE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

**DMRE Ref No:**

LP30/5/1/3/2/11763MP



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**Prepared for:** Sam Paradise (Pty) Ltd

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## 1. Background

TshinaMufa Holding (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Sam Paradise (Pty) Ltd as Independent Environmental Consultants to undertake the Application for a Sand Mining Permit in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and The National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2008 in respect of Listed Activities that have been triggered by applications in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA) (As Amended) on Farm Part of Drylands 718 MS in the Magisterial District of Vhembe, Limpopo Province.

## 2. Purpose of the BID

The purpose of this document is to provide:

- the background to the Project;
- Information about the Project and the required Environmental Authorisations (EA);
- the opportunity to register as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&/or APs); and
- The opportunity to comment on the Project and EA's.

The sharing of information forms the basis of the Public Participation Process and offers you the opportunity to become actively involved in the project from the onset. Input from I&/or APs ensures that all potential environmental issues are considered within the context of the proposed development.

## 3. Project Description

Sam Paradise (Pty) Ltd is proposing to establish a building Sand mine at Maaname Paradise ( Luvhalani) on a tribal land on Farm Part of Drylands 718 MS in the Magisterial District of Vhembe, Limpopo Province. The mining area will cover 2.1ha of the footprint. The goal of the project is to provide building sand for various projects including construction, building, Infrastructural and earthworks including linear structures, cut and fill or excavations. The estimated Volume of sand that can be mined is about (85345.36M<sup>3</sup>). An excavator, Tipper truck/truck and TLB shall be used on site. The neighbouring village to the mining site is Luvhalani Village and it is ideal to offer employment to this community. No infrastructure will be placed on site; sand will be mined and ready to be transported to various destinations.

#### 4. Project Location

The project is located in Luvhalani Village within the Makhado local Municipality, Vhembe District, Limpopo Province.

**The GPS co-ordinates are as follows:**


Project area	Latitude (S)			Longitude (E)		
		22°	54'	20.69"	29°	59'



Figure 1-1: Locality Map

#### 5. Listing Notice no.

Name of Activity	Aerial Extent of Activity	Listed Activity	Applicable Listing Notice Government Notice R983
Mining activities in close proximity to and/or within water features on site	<b>5 Hectares</b>	X	GNR 983 of 4 December 2014 Activity 19
Mining operations requiring a mining permit, including associated infrastructure and eathworks related to the extraction of minerals	<b>5 Hectares</b>	X	GNR 983 of 4 December 2014 Activity 21

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## 6. The Basic Assessment Process

A Basic Assessment (BA) is a process of collecting, organising, analysing, interpreting and communicating information that is relevant for the consideration of a particular application. BA's are undertaken where the impacts are less likely to have significant impacts on the receiving environment. BA's are used by planning authorities/developers to obtain an independent and objective view of the potential environmental (biophysical and socio-economic) impacts that could arise during the construction and operation of the proposed development. This information needs to provide the Competent Authority with a sound basis for their decision-making. Environmental management and mitigation measures are also identified through the BA process. TshinaMufa Holding (Pty) Ltd will conduct the process into three stages which will be divided as follows:

### a) Draft Basic Assessment Report

- Identify potential issues with the options identified & nominate preferred alternatives.
- I&AP's can assist the environmental specialist by ensuring that all possible environmental impacts are being considered.
- Detailed studies of potential positive and negative impacts associated with the preferred alternative.
- Findings of Impact Assessment Studies [Biodiversity & Heritage].
- Draft Environmental Management Programme [EMPr]

### b) Final Basic Assessment Report & EMPr

- Consolidate & finalise BAR;
- I&AP comments and concerns raised throughout the BAR will be addressed and included into the Final BAR.


### c) Decision Making Phase

- Authorities use BA findings to decide if the project should be authorised.

## 7. Public Participation Process

The key objective of public participation during the Basic Assessment Process will be to provide I&/or AP's with sufficient and transparent information on an on-going basis in order to ensure effective participation throughout the process. As part of this public participation process the I&/or AP's will be provided with the opportunity to comment on the findings of

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the Basic Assessment Report, which will be made available for public review during the process. It is important that relevant I&/or AP's are identified and involved in the public participation process from the outset of the proposed project. In order to ensure effective public participation, the public participation process includes the following steps:

#### **a) Notification of commencement of BA Process**

Primary purpose is to notify the IAP's of the project and invite them to register for the project, and include them in the following activities:

- Advertise the EIA Process (local or regional press)
- Notification/Invitation letters to identified stakeholders, IAP's and Organs of State informing & inviting them to become a part of the Public Participation Process
- Distribution of the BID

#### **b) Basic Assessment Process**

Consultation with & transfer of information to Stakeholders & IAP's in order to identify issues associated with the proposed project. Consultation will be undertaken through:

- Telephonic conversations
- One-on-one interviews (where required)
- Focus Group Meetings (where required)
- A draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available for a period of 30 day for review and comment
- A public meeting will be held

#### **c) Decision Making**


Registered stakeholders and I&AP's will be informed in writing of the Authority's decision regarding the project.

- There is an appeal period during which I&APs have the opportunity to appeal against the Environmental Authorisation (EA).
- This appeal period commences, within 14 days of the date of the decision on the EA.
- You will receive personal notification, once registered, by fax or e-mail of all documents available for comment, and due dates for comment at every stage.

#### **d) Responsibilities of I&/or APs:**

In terms of the EIA Regulations, your attention is drawn to your responsibilities as I&APs:

- In order to participate in this BA process, register yourself on the project database.

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- Inform any other parties (neighbours, friends, colleagues, etc) who may be interested and/or affected by the proposed project about the EIA process and encourage them to become involved.
- Ensure that any comments regarding the proposed project are submitted within the timeframes that have been approved or set by the Department, or within any extension of a timeframe agreed to by Department and the applicant.
- Disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the approval or refusal of the application for the proposed project.


**e) TshinaMufa Holding (Pty) Ltd as Independent Environmental Consultants:**

In terms of the EIA Regulations, our responsibilities in the public consultation process include:

- Ensure that sufficient information regarding this proposed project is made available to you [I&/or AP's], either through the BID or providing information as and when requested.
- Ensure that you have an understanding of the proposed project to be able to comment informatively and to enable you to submit any concern in an informed manner.
- Ensure that the following actions are taken upon receiving any comments/queries/issues:
  - The contact details provided are entered into the project database and that you as I&/or APs are sent all further information.
  - If queries or comments are sent, we are to respond in writing
  - If a call received, your details and queries / comments are recorded. Should we not be able to answer your question immediately, your call will be returned as soon as possible with a response.

**f) How to become involved:**

- A response via phone, fax or e-mail to our invitation for your participation, which will be advertised in the printed media [newspaper].
- Mail, fax or e-mail the attached Registration and Comment Form to TshinaMufa Holding (Pty) Ltd
- Attend the meetings that may be held during the course of the project. Should you register as an I &/or AP you will automatically be invited to attend these meetings.
- Contact us telephonically should you have a query, comment or require further project information.

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- Review the draft Basic Assessment Report within the 30-day review periods that will be stipulated in the advertisement as well as in your personalised letter.

If you consider yourself an I&AP for this proposed project, we urge you to make use of the opportunities created by the public participation process to become actively involved in the process and provide comment or concerns which affect and/or interest you, or about which you would like more information. Your input into this process forms a key part of the Environmental Studies and we would like to hear from you to obtain your views on the proposed project. Upon completing and submitting the accompanying Registration and Comment Form, you automatically register yourself as an I &AP for this proposed project, and are ensured that your comments and/or concerns raised regarding the proposed project are noted. The public participation consultants will respond to all comments and queries received during the course of the project.

#### 8. Details of EAP

<b>Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)</b>			
<b>Name of EAP:</b>	Mahori N.E		
<b>Consulting Firm</b>	TshinaMufa Holding (Pty) Ltd		
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9. Reply form

**Attention:** TshinaMufa Holding (Pty) Ltd  
**Project Reference:** LP30/5/1/3/2/11763MP  
**E-mail:** [info@tshinamufaholdings.co.za](mailto:info@tshinamufaholdings.co.za)  
**From:** I&APs

I wish to register as an Interested and Affected Party and/or bring to the attention of TshinaMufa Holding (Pty) Ltd the following comments. Comments should be submitted to above-mentioned contacts within **30 days**.

<b>Name &amp; Surname:</b>	
<b>Company/Institution:</b>	
<b>Cell &amp;/or Telephone:</b>	
<b>Fax Number:</b>	
<b>E-mail Address:</b>	
<b>Physical Address:</b>	
<b>Postal Address:</b>	
<b>Nature of Interest:</b>	

**COMMENTS:**

(please use additional paper if required):

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**-Thank you for participation-**