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Section 24G: 24G/18(I)/13/05

Water Use License Application: 27/R/JAGER/EKO

South African Heritage Resource Agency  
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Dear Mr. A. Saloman

**THE RECTIFICATION OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF AN UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY ON THE FARM JAGERSFONTEIN 14/RE: INFILLING OF MORE THAN 5 CUBIC METERS OF SAND INTO A WATERCOURSE.**

**APPLICATION FOR WATER USE LICENSES UNDER THE NATIONAL WATER ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 36 OF 1998) ON THE REMAINDER AND PORTIONS 15 AND 16 OF THE FARM JAGERSFONTEIN IN THE FAURESMITH REGISTRATION DEVISION**

The main purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to summarise the activities that will be associated with the projects at the Jagersfontein Diamond Processing Operations on the remainder and portions 15 and 16 of the farm Jagersfontein 14, Fauresmith RD. This BID also provides stakeholders and / or identified Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with the opportunity to comment on the proposed scope of work and to indicate their interest.

Eko Environmental applied to conduct a Basic Assessment process in terms of Section 24(G) read together with Sections 24(F) and 7 of the National Environmental Management Amendment Act (Act No.8 of 2004), the Environmental Conservation Act (Act No 73 of 1989) and the National Water Act 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998) for the following activities:

- *Application for Water Use Licenses (WULA) for the following water uses;*
  - Section 21(a) - Abstraction of water from water resources,
  - Section 21(b) - Storage of water,
  - Section 21(c) - Impeding or diverting of the flow of water in a watercourse,
  - Section 21(g) - The discharge of waste, or water containing waste, in a manner that may have a detrimental impact on a watercourse,
  - Section 21(i) - Altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse
- *Application for a Section 24G (S24G) for the infilling of more than 5m<sup>3</sup> of material into a watercourse.*

The applicant for this project is the Jagersfontein Developments (Pty) Ltd.

A water use license application was also submitted to DWA for the abstraction of water from the shaft on portion 15 of the farm Jagersfontein 14. The applicant for this water use is the Kopanong Local Municipality and the resource will be used as a back-up to supply water to the town of Jagersfontein.

The activities will occur on the following properties:

- Jagersfontein 14/RE:  
S24G Application and WULA.
- Jagersfontein 14/15:  
WULA (Abstraction from shaft)
- Jagersfontein 14/16:  
WULA

Refer to the attached locality maps for an indication of the locality of the farm and the activities in relation to the surrounding farms.

### **Relevant legislation**

Activities will include the following:

- Activity 18(i) of National Environmental Management EIA Regulations (R544, June 2010): the infilling or depositing of any material more than 5m<sup>3</sup> into a watercourse.
- Use of surface water, storing of water, disposal of waste - or water containing waste - in a manner which may have a detrimental impact on a watercourse, impeding or diverting of the flow of water in a watercourse and the altering of the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse in terms of the National Water Act 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998).

### **Environmental authorisation process**

**The environmental authorisation process will include the following:**

- Specialist studies;
- Water Use License;
- Basic Assessment Process

### **Basic Assessment Process**

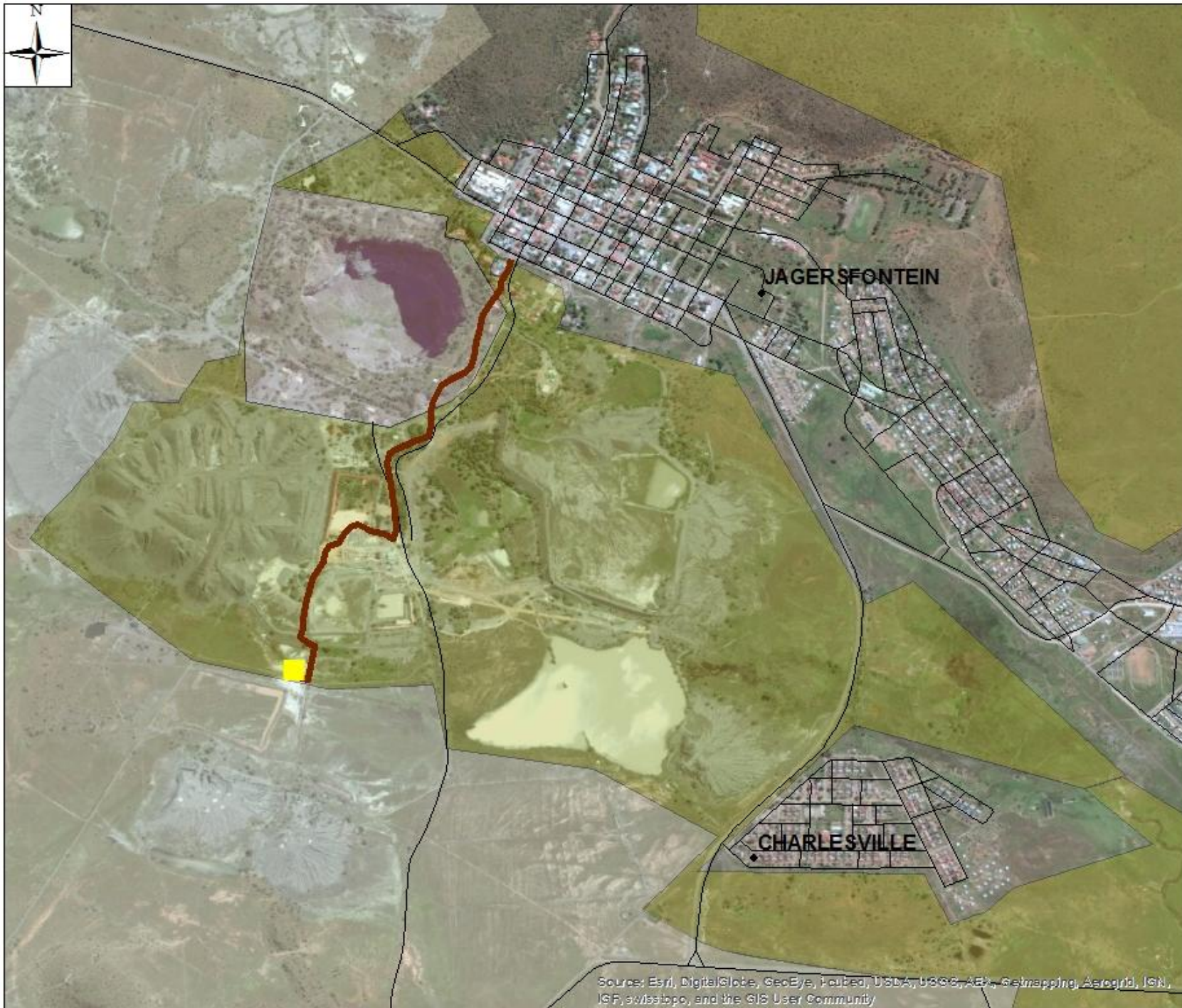
The impacts associated with the activities will be assessed during the Basic Assessment Process. A Draft Basic Assessment Report will be developed and submitted to all registered I&AP and regulating authorities to comment on it. All comments received will be addressed and incorporated in the Final Basic Assessment Report. An Environmental Management Programme report will also be developed for all activities associated with the project wherein mitigation and management measures will be proposed that should be implemented during all phases of the project. The final reports will be submitted to DETEA for processing to obtain environmental authorisation in terms of the relevant legislation.

### **Invitation to participate**

You are requested to send any issues and/or concerns regarding the proposed project to Louis De Villiers at Eko Environmental: Suite 158, Private Bag X01, Brandhof, Bloemfontein, 9324; or 051 444 4700 (Tel), 086 697 6132 (Fax) or [louis@eko.co.za](mailto:louis@eko.co.za) before 16 May 2014. The issues received will be recorded and addressed accordingly, where possible.

Kind Regards

Louis De Villiers



**Map 1: Location of the infilling into a watercourse on the farm Jagersfontein 14/16, and the locations of the farms Jagersfontein 14/RE, Jagersfontein 14/15, Fauresmith area**

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Date: April 2014

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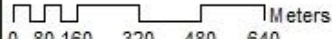
**Site Information:**

Coordinates:  
29° 46' 33.87" S 25° 25' 0.6" E

**Legend**

-  Project site
-  Access\_Road
-  Jagersfontein 14/16
-  Jagersfontein 14/15
-  Jagersfontein 14/RE

**Map Information:**

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