

Date: 4 November 2022

Dear Stakeholder,

**NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND
SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**RE: FOR AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION, WASTE
MANAGEMENT LICENSE AND WATER USE LICENSE BY NABAS DIAMONDS (PTY) LTD
FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF GRASDRIFT DIAMOND
MINE ON THE LEFT BANK OF THE ORANGE RIVER ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM
NO. 11 (GRASDRIFT), RICHTERSVELD LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NAMAKWA DISTRICT
NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

DMRE Ref no. NCS 30/5/1/2/2/10211 MR

Naledzi Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd have been appointed as the independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP), to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in support of Nabas Diamonds (Pty) Ltd's mining right application for alluvial diamonds and associated applications for environmental authorisation and a waste management license over the Remainder of the Farm No. 11 (Grasdrift).

The application area is 2692 ha in extent and located on the left bank of the Orange River within the Ai Ais Richtersveld National Park, 140km east of Alexander Bay and 250km north of Springbok in the Richtersveld Local Municipality within the Namakwa District Municipality in the Northern Cape Province of South Africa. The mining operation will be known as 'Grasdrift Mine'.

This notification letter serves to inform you, in terms of Regulation 41 (c) of the EIA Regulations of 2014 (GN R. 326, as amended on 7 April 2017) published under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998), the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 22 of 2002) and the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act 28 of 2008) (NEM: WA) of the commencement of an EIA and public participation process for the 'Grasdrift Mine' project.

As part of the public participation process, we are required to inform Stakeholders / Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about the proposed project to solicit their views, comments and recommendations on the project.

We, therefore, draw your attention to the following:

1. An invitation to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)
2. The availability of a Background Information Document (BID) for comment
3. Four scheduled public meetings in the project area i.e Kuboes, Sanddrift, Lekkersing and Eksteenfontein.

1. Invitation to Register as a Stakeholder / I&AP

You are hereby invited to register as a Stakeholder / I&AP on the project and to participate in the process by completing the enclosed Comments and Registration Form sheet included with the attached BID.

2. Availability of Background Information Document (BID) for public review

The enclosed BID provides an overview of the EIA process and public participation process being followed and invites stakeholders/I&APs to participate and register for the process. A period of 30 days from **4 November to 5 December 2022** is provided to review the BID and submit comments and concerns regarding the application.

The BID and associated Registration and Comment Form, are also available electronically from the Naledzi website at www.naledzi.co.za/publicdocuments under project heading 'Proposed Grasdrift Mine'. Printed copies of the BID are also available at the following venues in the project area:

- Public Libraries at:
 - Kuboes
 - Eksteenfontein
 - Lekkersing
 - Sanddrift
 - Port Nolloth
- Alexander Bay CPA Offices

Please send your comments together with your name, contact details and interest in the project to Marissa Botha (Naledzi) at botham@naledzi.co.za or contact us on 084-226-5584 for more information. Registrations and comments must be submitted **on or before 5 December 2022**.

3. Notice of Scheduled Public Meetings on 16 and 17 November 2022.

I&APs are invited to attend the below scheduled public meetings for the project where Naledzi will give an overview of the project and EIA process being followed. Registration and Comment Sheets will also be available and can be completed at the meeting venues.

Date	Venue	Time
16 November 2022	LEKKERSING HALL	10H00
16 November 2022	EKSTEENFONTEIN HALL	14H00
17 November 2022	KUBOES V GK CHURCH HALL	10H00
17 November 2022	SANDDRIFT HALL	14H00

Registration and Comments forms will also be available at the meeting venue and can be completed and submitted to Naledzi after the meeting.

What's next?

All comments and issues received during the public registration period on the BID and at public meetings will be incorporated into an Issues and Response Report (IRR) and will be responded to.

We will prepare a draft Scoping Report for the project which will be made available for public review for 30 calendar days. The IRR details will be incorporated to the Draft Scoping Report including any written submissions. The report and supporting documentation will be made available on the Naledzi website and at the same public venues as the BID.

The availability of the draft Scoping Report will be communicated to Stakeholders / I&APs through newspaper advertisements, via email/telephonically.

Thank you for your participation.

Regards



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