

# **The Independent Environmental Advisor cc**

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Dear Stakeholder

**Re: KZN 30/5/1/1/2/10285 PR: Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for proposed extended prospecting application, Salene Technologies, Umzumbe**

Salene Technologies (Pty) Ltd (Salene Technologies) holds an existing Prospecting Right (PR) over the Farms Umsinsini and Longwood in the Umzumbe area to investigate the presence of lithium. The company wishes to extend their PR over the neighbouring farm to the east, Farm The Corner, and to include additional minerals in their existing PR.

Maghan Mining Consultants were initially appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and prepared a Scoping Report which was accepted by the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) on 7 September 2018. Salene Technologies then appointed The Independent Environmental Advisor (Mrs Sarah Allan) as the EAP to complete the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the application to change the conditions of the Prospecting Right for Salene Technologies. Mr Barry James of Brousse-James & Associates has been subcontracted to assist with compiling this EIA Report and Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPr).

The existing prospecting area of 667ha (KZN 30/5/1/1/2/10285 PR) covers the farm Umsinsini No. 13307 ET and the farm Longwood No. 10289 ET. The extended prospecting area will include the farm The Corner No. 11328 ET, which covers an area of 171.4274 ha. This is made up of three portions, namely:

- Portion 1 - 40,4686 ha (owner DR Wilkinson)
- Portion 2 - 2,0234 ha (owner Triple K Investments cc); and
- The remaining extent - 128.9354 ha (owner J Metcalfe), but will exclude two small areas (total 2.81 ha) within the property that already have existing mining permits allocated to the Umzumbe Mining Company:
  - 1.41 ha on Portion 1, and
  - 1.40 ha on Portion 2, both of Farm The Corner No 11328 ET.

These properties fall within the 1:50,000 topographical sheets 3030CB Port Shepstone and 3030DA Hibberdene.

In addition, prospecting activities for additional minerals, namely nickel, graphite, copper, gold, dimension stone, feldspar, rare-earths (all), niobium and Platinum Group Metals (PGMs) will take place on the enlarged prospecting area of 847 ha.

Prospecting will be conducted by means of both non-invasive and invasive activities. Invasive activities will include drilling. Drilling activities will be done to confirm the resources as obtained from the initial non-invasive prospecting activities.

The purpose of this correspondence is to notify you of the availability of the Draft EIA Report for review and comment, in addition to a **public open day on Sunday 25 November 2018** at **Vicky Reddy's farm, Mucklebraes, D150, Magog/Fairview**, between 10h00 and 12h00 at which the results of the EIA will be available for discussion.

The Draft EIA Report is available for review in the following places:

- Hibberdene Public Library, 124 Minerva Crescent, Hibberdene
- Madlala Traditional Authority offices, D686, Sidobe,
- Magog Creche, D150, Magog, and
- Farmers Co-op, Umzumbe.

An electronic copy is available on request.

Please review the Draft EIA Report and respond stating your interest and concerns before **10 December 2018** to The Independent Environmental Advisor by email: [sarah.wine@iuncapped.co.za](mailto:sarah.wine@iuncapped.co.za); fax: 086 242 2646; post: PO Box 586 HOWICK 3290; or tel: 071 975 4865, attention Sarah Allan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Allan', with a horizontal line underneath.

Sarah Allan