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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. They replied, "We want to perform God's works, too. What should we do?" Jesus told them, "This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the One He has sent: John 6 vs 28 and 29. If you believe and I believe, God is pleased. Hebrews 11 vs 6 and John 16 vs 9.

Shalom!

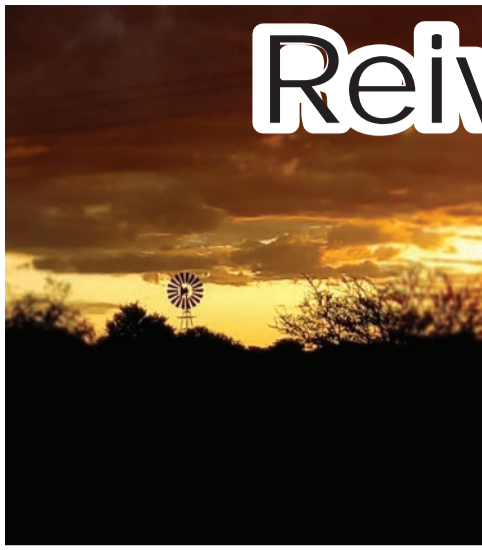
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NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

In terms of the:

Part 1 AND Part 2 of Regulation 29 (GN982, 2014, as amended); National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (NEMWA) National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and associated 2017 EIA regulations and listed activities;

National Water Act, Act 36 and 36 of 1998 (NWA) and associated listed activities.

DMR Ref No: NW30/5/1/2/2/398MR (Extension with partial inclusion of 397MR) NW30/5/1/2/2/397MR (Partial Abandonment)

PROPOSED WONDERSTONE – DRIEKUIL MINING RIGHT CONSOLIDATION PROJECT, NEAR OTTOSDAL, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

NAME OF PROPONENT: Wonderstone Limited.

LOCATION AND SIZE: Wonderstone Mine is located outside Ottosdal, approximately 300km west of Johannesburg in the Northwest Province under jurisdiction of the Tswaing Local Municipality which forms part of the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality. The mining operation takes place on Portion 44 of the farm Gestoptefontein 349 IO and is falls within the quaternary catchment C31C in the Lower Vaal Water Management Area (WMA). The proposed project will involve an area of approximately 2 000ha of which approximately 20ha will be new activities only. The proposed Wonderstone – Driekuil Mining Right Consolidation Project will take place on the following farm portions:

Portions 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, remainder of Portion 15 (a portion of Portion 1), 20, 24 (a portion of Portion 5) and 40 (a portion of Portion 41 now known as Portion 44) of the Farm Gestoptefontein 349IO; Remainder of portion 1, 2, 4, 7 (a portion of portion A), and the Remainder of the Farm Driekuil 280IP.

PROJECT PROPOSAL: Wonderstone Ltd. ("WST" or "the mine") is applying for the extension of their approved Converted Mining Right (398MR) (CMR) area by adding portions of the approved New Order Mining Right (397MR) (NOMR) to the CMR area, with the additional inclusion of a section of Portion 8 of the farm Gestoptefontein 349 IO. At the same time, certain portions of approved areas of the NOMR will be abandoned.

Project 1: The mine will also be applying for new mining activities as an expansion to the existing WST. The mine will continue mining from the existing Wonderstone Opencast Pit and proposes to include an additional five (5) mining blocks - . The mineral to be mined is Pyrophyllite, an aluminium silicate of the phyllosilicate family. The Pyrophyllite is mined by means of opencast mining, with a hydraulic hammer mounted on an excavator that separates the stone natural partings.

Project 2: WST would like to combine its existing mining rights into a single, consolidated right, in an attempt to ease the administrative duties and compliance requirements associated with multiple mining authorisations per site. The mining rights combined (i.e. CMR and NOMR) cover an area of approximately 4 750ha of which just under 30ha has been disturbed by mining activities to date. A large portion of the northern section of the WST mining area on the farm Gestoptefontein 349IO has been rehabilitated.

Project 3: The Application will also include the consolidation and update of the current EMP's in terms of Regulation 34, read with Regulation 37, of the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014.

APPLICATION BASED ON NEMA: Project 2: A Section 102 of the MPRDA Amendment Application will be submitted to apply for the extension of the Converted Mining Right area by adding Portions of the approved NOMR, and one additional portion of land (portion 8 of the farm Gestoptefontein 349IO) areas to the Converted Mining Right area. At the same time the additional proposed areas of the NOMR, portions of the approved portions will be abandoned to allow for future mining. The abovementioned amendment of the Mining Rights, which requires a Section 102 of the MPRDA process, triggers a specific Listed Activities in terms of NEMA and accordingly forms part of this Consolidated environmental Authorisation Process. Project 3: The updating of the EMP's will be followed in terms of Regulation 34, read with Regulation 37, of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014. Project 1: In terms of 24D of the NEMA, as read with the EIA Regulations Process in terms of the NEMA Regulations 326 of 2017 (Regulation 324, Regulation 325 and Regulation 327) an Environmental Scoping Report (ESR) and Environmental Impact Assessment Process is required to be undertaken for the proposed NEW activities. The following listed activities are triggered by the proposed development: NEMA: Government Notice 327, Listing Notice 1: Activity 12, 13, 19, 24, and 21D. NEMA Government Notice 325, Listing Notice 2: Activity 6 and 15. NEMA Government Notice 324, Listing Notice 3: Activity, 4, 10, 12, and 14. NEMWA: Regulation 921, as amended by Regulation 633 dated 24 July 2015: Waste Management Activity, Category B, Activity 11. Regulatory Authority: Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE), North West Region (Klerksdorp office). Application will also be undertaken in terms of the NWA, for various water uses which include Section 21(c&i); and Section 21(g), including the required exemptions in terms of GN704.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS: In terms of: The NEMA EIA Regulations, the NHRA, NWA, and the NEM:WA and amendments.

DATE OF PUBLICATION OF ADVERTISEMENT: 20 April 2022 (note that the DSR will be available for review from 29 April – 01 June 2022). This report is available electronically from the Stakeholder Consultation Specialists (Batho Earth).

INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT: EnviroGistics (Pty) Ltd.

Parties wishing to register as Interested and Affected Parties ("I&APs"), who wish to participate by contributing comments, or require additional information, should please register or submit their comments in writing. All relevant comments will be incorporated into the final EMP. To register as an I&AP or obtain more information about the project, please contact:

BathoEarth - Ingrid Snyman or Diana Verster at the Public Participation Office, Batho Earth, Mobile: 082 779 2750 (Ingrid) or 073 157 7362 (Diana) E-mail: ingrid@bathoearth.co.za or diana@bathoearth.co.za Fax: 087 807 4536. Box 415 Postnet Pvt Suit X8 Elarduspark, 0047

NOTICE OF S24G APPLICATION FOR UNAUTHORIZED COMMENCEMENT OF A LISTED ACTIVITY IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, TOGETHER WITH A WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION

Notice is given in terms of Section 24(G) read together with sections 24(F) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) of the intent to submit an application for rectification of the commencement of unauthorized activities in terms of the EIA regulations & the listed activities of the following Government Notices: Activity 4 & 27 in Listing Notice 1 of GN 327. Activity 4 & 12 in Listing Notice 3 of GN 324.

Notice is also given that the applicant will also apply for a Water Use Licence in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act (Act No 36 of 1998) for the following water uses:

- Section 21(a): Taking water from a water resource
- Section 21(b): Storing Water
- Section 21(c): Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse
- Section 21 (g): Disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource
- Section 21(i): Altering the bed, banks, courses or characteristics of a watercourse

The 24G & the Water Use License Application will run concurrent

Project title: The rectification of unlawful listed activities in terms of Section 24G of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), pertaining to a cattle feedlot on the Farm Lot 16 45, near the town of Schweizer-Reneke within the Mamusa Local Municipality, Registration Division HO.

Project description: The applicant (Mr Jacobus Smit) has commissioned a 24G rectification process as required by the National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998) for commencing with listed activities without obtaining an environmental authorisation on. The property is located approximately 30km North-Northwest of Schweizer-Reneke.

- ❖ Size of development: 5.7 Ha
- ❖ Proponent: Jacobus Smit
- ❖ Co-ordinates of property: 27°08'08.67"S, 25°16'09.73"E; 27°07'09.19"S, 25°15'10.65"E; 27°05'59.36"S, 25°17'11.92"E; 27°06'01.66"S, 25°18'01.90"E; 27°07'02.50"S, 25°17'26.71"E;

Any inquiries/objections must be lodged in writing or verbally if unable to write to the below mentioned consultants:

Consultant: Christiaan Baron/ Mario dos Santos
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E-mail: christiaan@milnex-sa.co.za / mario.dosantos@milnex-sa.co.za

The S24G rectification application will be submitted to the Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism North West Province. The Water Use Licence Application will be submitted to the Department of Water & Sanitation. In order to ensure that you are identified as an interested and/or affected party please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter, in writing or verbally to the contact persons given above, before or on the:

30 days from advert for the S24G Application
60 days from advert for the Water Use Licence Application

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