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Date: Thursday, 23 May 2019

Attention: Interested and Affected Party / Stakeholder

Dear Sir/ Madam

NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION OF THE PROPOSED COAL WASHING PLANT ON PORTION 44 OF THE FARM NOOITGEDACHT 388 – HR, NEAR THE TOWN VRYHEID, ABAQULUSI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE.

Attached, please find a Background Information Document (BID) accompanied by an Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) registration form for your attention.

In order to ensure you are registered as an I&AP, please fill out and return the I&AP registration form by no later than 23 June 2019 to the undersigned.

Yours Faithfully,

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

NOTICE FOR A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS TO OBTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED COAL WASHING PLANT ON PORTION 44 OF THE FARM NOOITGEDACHT 388 – HR, NEAR THE TOWN VRYHEID, ABAQULUSI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE

1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to provide:

- Background information about the proposed project.
- A description of the required environmental authorisation processes.
- A description of the required public participation processes.

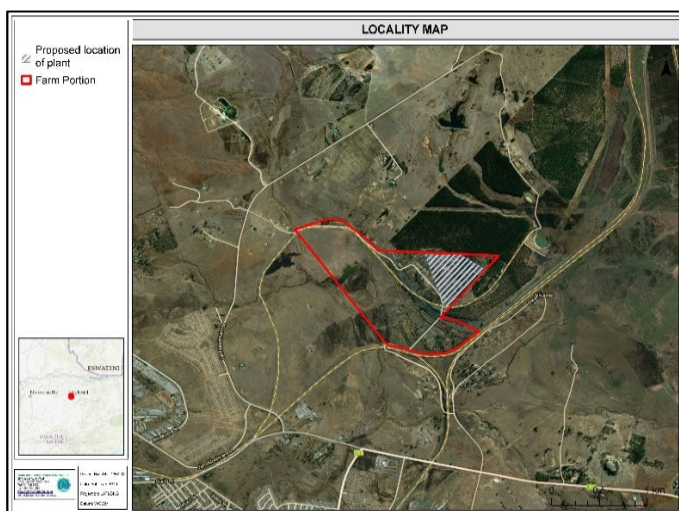
2. PROJECT BACKGROUND

Restimanzi (Pty) Ltd appointed Water Use Licence Associates (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Basic Assessment Application for the proposed coal washing plant on Portion 44 of the Farm Nooitgedacht 388-HR, near Vryheid, KwaZulu-Natal.

The project entails the construction of a coal washing plant. The infrastructure associated with the coal washing plant will include stockpile areas, a washing plant, water storage containers and dry beds.

3. LOCATION

The development is situated in KwaZulu Natal Province. The map below presents the location of the facility:



Local Municipality Abaqulusi Local Municipality
Town Near Vryheid
Properties Affected: Nooitgedacht 388-HR

4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS

The proposed coal washing plant will trigger listed activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (2017) and promulgated in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). The following listed activity may apply triggering the need for a Basic Assessment (BA) process:

LISTING NOTICE 1 (GN R.327)

Activity 27:

The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation.

The competent regulatory authority for the application is the KwaZulu Natal Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs.

5. POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Positive impacts and negative impacts may derive during the construction and operational phases of the proposed project.

Some of the impacts identified include:

Positive Impacts:

Social Inputs: Employment opportunities created during the construction phases of the project.

Economic Inputs: The project will promote the economic growth of the local economy during the construction and operational phases.

Biodiversity: The project will provide opportunities to manage alien invasive species by implementing an alien invasive control and eradication plan.

Negative Impacts:

Biodiversity: Clearance of vegetation may result in loss of species habitat and species if not properly managed.

Pollution: Dust pollution and noise pollution.

The specialist studies to be undertaken include:

- Delineation and brief characterisation of watercourses within 500m of the facility;

- Terrestrial verification assessment;
- Heritage Impact assessment;
- Paleontological Impact assessment;
- Geohydrological Assessment; and
- Engineering reports and designs.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

As part of the Basic Assessment process will be offered the opportunity to register their interest to the project (see **Diagram 1** below).

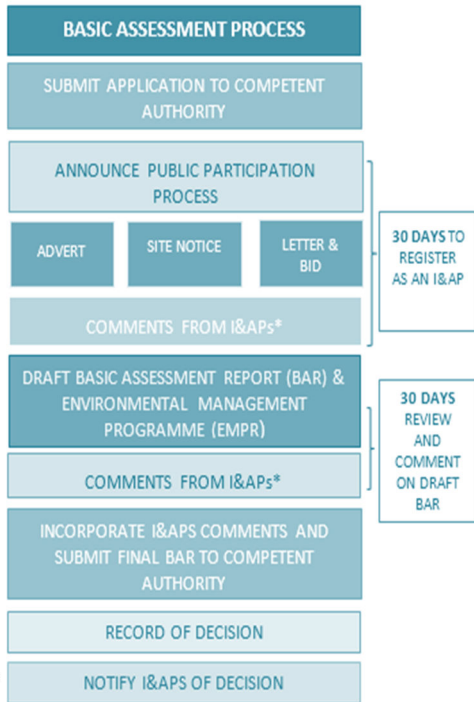


Diagram 1: Basic Assessment Process

You can become part of the public participation process by:

- Returning the Registration Form (**page 3**) to the relevant contact person between the date of 23 May 2019 – 23 June 2019.
- Reviewing and commenting on the draft Basic Assessment Report within the stipulated 30- day review period (refer to Diagram 1 – Basic Assessment process and I&AP commenting opportunities).

8. YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY (I&AP)

In terms of the public participation process, your attention is drawn to your responsibilities as an I&AP:

- To participate in the public participation process, you must register yourself on the project database with the correct contact details (refer to the Registration Form, page 3).
- You must ensure that any comments regarding the proposed project are submitted within the stipulated timeframes.
- You are required to disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other indirect interest that you

may have regarding the approval or refusal of the application for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed project activity.

Your input into this process forms a key element with regard to the decision of the applications for Environmental Authorisation.

By completing and submitting the accompanying form, you automatically register yourself as an I&AP for this project and are ensured that your comments, concerns or queries raised regarding the project will be noted and brought to the attention of the Regulatory Competent Authorities.

To register as an I&APs, please submit the registration form to the contact details provided below within 30 days of date of this correspondence.

CONTACT DETAILS

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INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY REGISTRATION FORM

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Please complete and submit to:
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Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register as stakeholders.

Title: _____ Initials: _____ First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Interest/nature of involvement, e.g. property owner: _____

Organisation: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone (work): _____ Telephone (home): _____

Cellular Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Physical address (street) / property description (name and number):

Postal address:

What is your main area of interest with regard to the proposed activities?

Please register any possible comments, interests and/or concerns in this process:

Signature: _____

Date: _____