



**PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION FOR UITKOMST COLLIERY (PTY) LTD ON
VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE FARM WATERVAL NO. 157, SITUATED IN THE
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE (KZN)**

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Interim Comment

**IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(8) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999) AND
SECTION 41 OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT (ACT 05 OF 2018)**

Attention: Louis Dlamini

Afzelia Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd

The Prospecting Right application was submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) for the prospecting of viable deposits of coal on various portions of the Farm Waterval No. 157. The Prospecting area subjected to this application is located ca. 35 km from Newcastle and ca. 39 km from the town of Utrecht. Prospecting activities will take place on the following farm portions listed below: • Remainder of Portion 3 (of 2) of Waterval No. 157HT; • Remainder of Portion 4 (of 1) of Waterval No. 157HT; • Portion 5 (of 1) of Waterval No. 157HT; • Remainder of Portion 6 (of 1) of Waterval No. 157HT; • Portion 7 (of 1) of Waterval No. 157HT; • Portion 14 (of 6) of Waterval No. 157HT; • Portion 19 (of 6) of Waterval No. 157HT • Portion 20 (of 2) of Waterval No. 157HT; and • Portion 22 of Waterval No. 157HT. Prospecting activities will be undertaken over a period of three (3) years and this application is for both invasive and non-invasive methods. Invasive methods are activities that result in land disturbances and comprise of diamond core drilling, sampling and sampling storage. Non-invasive methods are methods that do not cause disturbances to the land and include desktop research and include detailed geophysical surveys. At completion, all sample boreholes will be cemented, sealed and capped. The drill sites will be rehabilitated as per the specifications of the approved EMP and associated conditions of the Prospecting Right. A total of 31 boreholes are planned. Stakeholders affected by the proposed prospecting activities will be consulted before any activities take place.

The proposed area of development is located in a region that has a very high heritage value. The fossil sensitivity map places this area in a zone that requires field assessment.

Considering the heritage value of the area of proposed development, a Heritage Impact Assessment is required for the above proposed project. The assessment should include assessment by experts in the specialist components.

The Study should cover:

- Identification of all heritage resources in the development area and its surroundings -50m



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- Assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage
- Evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development
- Results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed development and other interested and affected parties regarding the impact of the development on heritage resources.
- Consideration of alternatives if heritage resources are affected by the development
- Mitigation plans for any adverse effects during and after completion of the project
- Table of all heritage resources identified .This should show Heritage resource type, description, location, significance and reasons for this rating.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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ADMIN:

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Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for

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proposed work.

2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to the Institute immediately.
3. The Institute reserves the right to request additional information as required.