Appendix B1: Description of the proposed mining operations

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A detailed borrow pit investigation has been conducted to source sufficient material for the project, initially three borrow pits were identified and approved. Due to amendments to the rehabilitation requirements for the N1S14 additional material is required. Two additional borrow pit sites have been identified to meet this additional material requirement. One of the sites consists of open veld while the other site consists of an existing borrow pit, resulting in reduced environmental impact. Also, the existing borrow pit has in the past been poorly maintained and is unsightly in the landscape. Identifying, using and rehabilitating the borrow pits to be used for this project according to the EMP will substantially improve the visual impact on the environment.

Table 1: Description of the proposed site

ID	BORROW PIT	DESCRIPTION
BP A	Borrow Pit A	Existing un-rehabilitated borrow pit that is to be extended

Table 1 below shows a summation of the mineral, mining method and extent thereof.

Table 2: Information on borrow pit

Borrow Pit A			
Mineral to be mined	Weathered dolerite material for Subbase C3/C4, SSG G5/G6 and Fill G5/G6		
Mining Method	Opencast		
Ultimate depth of the proposed mining operations	3 m below ground level		
Total area of mining activities (ha)	Max. 4.68 ha		
Approximate volume of material to be mined	190,000 m³		
Time period of mining operations to be conducted	2 years construction contract & 1 year rehabilitation		

Appendix B2: Mining works plan

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Mining Works Plan (Main mining actions, activities or processes)

The boundaries of the mining area will be demarcated using concrete cast beacons on the corners as indicated on the layout plan. The perimeter of the mining area (including stockpiling area) will also be fenced with temporary stock-proof fencing as indicated on the layout plan.

The material types found in the identified borrow pit generally consist of weathered dolerite. The material required for construction will be mined / excavated by a track excavator; however, due to the denseness of the dolerite deposits investigated, below certain depths, light blasting may be required. Temporary batter boards will be erected as required as mining proceeds to indicate the sideways and downward limits of mining.

Borrow Pit A

This existing borrow pit is situated East of the R717, West of the N1 (on the farm Gruisfontein in the Trompsburg district) and it extends from North to South. Refer to Appendix B3 for the full mining plan layout showing the borrow pit layout.

The material in this borrow pit consists of weathered dolerite. The weathered dolerite material is suitable for use in the selected subbase layers (C3/C4), SSG layers (G5/G6) and Fill (G5/G6).

The average depth of the weathered dolerite reached during the borrow pit investigation with a 22 ton track excavator was 2 metres. The estimated quantity available is approximately 93,600 m³. The yield of this borrow pit can be increased by light blasting to 190,000 m³.

There is no topsoil to rehabilitate this borrow pit. The side walls of the borrow pit are to be sloped at an angle of approximately 18°, after mining, as a safety measure.

Appendix B3: Mining Plan Layout - BP A

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