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ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 21 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 AS AMENDED FOR THE MINING RIGHT IN RESPECT OF A PORTION OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM ROODEPOORT 439 JR, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF KWAMHLANGA : MPUMALANGA REGION

The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of study for Environmental Impact Assessment received by the Department on the **19th of May 2023** refers.

- a) The Department has evaluated the submitted SR and Plan of the study for environmental Impact Assessment submitted on the **19th of May 2023** and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2(2) of the National environmental Management Act, 1998 (as amended) (NEMA) Environmental Impact assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014. The SR is hereby accepted **with conditions** by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

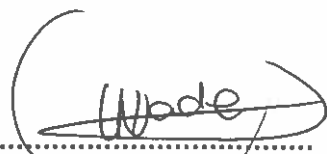
- b) You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of study for environmental Impact assessment as required in terms of the NEMA EIA regulations, 2014 as amended.
- c) It should be noted that the Department requires the following to be provided/included and form part of the final Environmental Impact Assessment report (EIAr) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) to be submitted.
- Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders including the responses are submitted to the Department with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAr). **This includes but is not limited to the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority, Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks agency, Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Mpumalanga local municipality e.t.c.** Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof of the attempts that were made to obtain comments should be submitted to the Department. The EAP must identify other state departments to be consulted and do proper consultation.
 - The surrounding communities must also be consulted and proof and results of such engagements must be attached in the EIAr.
 - The occupiers of the land in question and the adjacent land owners must be included in the public participation process and proof and results must be included in the EIAr.
 - Public Participation Process must be transparent and all comments received during the process must be incorporated into the comments and response report of the final Environmental Impact Report. Newspaper adverts, notice boards, written notice meetings e.t.c should form part of proof of public participation.
 - All specialist studies must be conducted and submitted as part of the EIAr
 - The EIAr must contain the details of the mitigation measures regarding the current land use and the final land use and how the proposed project will coexist with the said land uses. The final rehabilitation in relation to the current land use must also be detailed.

- Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subjected to any permits or authorisations in terms of the provisions of any Specific Environmental Management Acts (SEMA), proof of such application will be required.
- The EIAR must also include a detailed closure plan with the current land use and the final land use as a baseline.
- Any other matters required in terms of Appendix 3 (3) and Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulation 2014.

- d) Please be ensure that the EIAR includes the A3 size locality map of the area and illustrates the exact location of the proposed development. The map must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes , maps are related to one another, Co-ordinates, Legible legends, Indicate alternative, Scale and Vegetation types of the study area.
- e) Your attention is brought to Section 24F of the NEMA which stipulates "that no activity may commence prio to an environmental authoriwsation being granted by the competent authority".

For any enquiry regarding this application please contact the above mentioned Official

Yours faithfully



Act **REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION**

MPUMALANGA REGION

DATE 25/07/2023