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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR PROSPECTING LODGED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 16 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS THE “EIA REGULATIONS”) IN RESPECT OF THE FARM ROOIFONTEIN 1722, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF BOSHOF, IN THE FREE STATE PROVINCE. APPLICANT: EKAPA MINING (PTY) LTD.

1. The abovementioned application received by this Department on the **20th of July 2017** refers.
2. The Department hereby acknowledges receipt of an application for a **Basic Assessment** for a prospecting right application in terms of regulation 3(6) of the EIA Regulations.

3. You are hereby kindly advised that only those activities listed on the application form will be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all activities related to the proposed project are included on the application. Your attention is brought to the provisions of regulation 15(1)-(3) of the EIA Regulations.
4. Your application will be checked as required in terms of regulation 17 of the EIA Regulations and should there be any issues of concern, you will be informed in writing so that such issues can be addressed.
5. You are hereby kindly advised that this application is subject to the acceptance of the application for a prospecting right lodged in terms of the provisions of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) as amended (the MPRDA) as per regulation 6(1)(b)(ix) of the EIA Regulations. Should your prospecting right application be rejected, **this environmental authorisation application will not be processed further.**
6. Kindly note that acknowledgement of your environmental authorisation application does not grant you a right to commence with the listed activity/ies (prospecting operation) applied for. Your application will be processed and a recommendation on granting or refusal of an environmental authorisation will be forwarded to the Minister or his delegate for consideration, and the decision will be communicated as stipulated in regulation 4(1) of the EIA Regulations. This acknowledgement also, does not serve as an acceptance of your prospecting right application lodged simultaneously with this application.
7. You should also note that commencement with a listed activity without an environmental authorisation contravenes the provisions of section 24F (1) of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA) and constitutes an offence in terms of section 49A (1) (a) of NEMA.

8. Further note that in terms of regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, your failure to submit the documents or meet any timeframes prescribed in terms of the said Regulations will result in your application deemed to have lapsed.

Yours faithfully


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REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION

FREE STATE REGION

DATE...10/08/2017...

Please quote this office file number as reference for any correspondence regarding this application.