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APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION LODGED IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMENDED READ WITH REGULATION 21 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014 FOR PROSPECTING RIGHT (BULK SAMPLING) AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURAL ACTIVITIES ON THE FARM MARGATE 544 MS RAMSGATE 543 MS; SITUATED WITHIN THE MAGESTIRIAL DISTRICT OF MAKHADO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY: LIMPOPO REGION.

The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment received by the Department on the **01st of October 2024** refer.

1. The Department has evaluated the submitted SR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment submitted on **01st of October 2024** and is satisfied that the documents complied with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2(2) of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (as amended) (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014. The SR is hereby **accepted** by the Department in terms of regulation 22(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.
2. Since you have added listed activity/ies for waste in the scoping report whereas it was not part of the initial application for Environmental Authorisation, therefore your application will no longer be Environmental Authorisation on its own but an Integrated Environmental Authorization. You are therefore required to amend your application form, and also top-up the amount of **R1000** to make the total of **R11000** for an application for NEMA S&EIR application combined with NEMWA BAR application and upload on SAMRAD.
3. The account details for top-up, Account number **40-5916-0603**, ABSA Pietersburg Limpopo Sub Deposit Account, Branch Code 632005, Ref Nu LPNEMA00.....PR [total of 13 characters]

4. 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.
5. Please ensure that all relevant stakeholders are consulted, and proof of consultation, comments are submitted to the Department. Kindly ensure that the S&EIR has been sent to all state department and I&A Parties. This includes but is not limited to the **Provincial Heritage Resources Authority via sahris portal, Provincial Environmental Department, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Eskom and the local municipality**. 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.
6. In addition, the following amendments and additional information should form part of the **final EIR and EMPR**;
 - a) Details of the future land use for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning of the mine.
 - b) The total footprint of the proposed development should be indicated.
 - c) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the vegetation ecology with regard to lowland-highland interface in the locality should be indicated.
 - d) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the surrounding industrial area.
 - e) Information on services required on the site, e.g. sewage, refuse removal, water and electricity. Who will supply these services and has an agreement and confirmation of capacity been obtained?
 - f) A construction and operational phase EMP to include mitigation and monitoring measures.
 - g) Should blasting be required, appropriate mitigation measures should be provided and application should be done with Mine Health and Safety
 - h) The locality map should be printed in colour for clear visibility of all the surroundings and it should be the updated map generated in 2023 not 2012 map is outdated.
7. The Department recommend the following **specialist** studies to be undertaken including with the ones indicated on the screening tool for the proposed project;
 - i) Agricultural Theme
 - ii) Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme
 - iii) Civil Aviation Theme
 - vi) Surface and ground water
 - v) Air and Noise pollution
 - vi) Visual impact study
 - vii) Socio economic study
 - viii) Traffic impact Study
 - viii) Vibration impact study
 - x) Land capability study
 - xi) Heritage impact assessment
8. 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 must be attached on the final EIR.
9. Kindly ensure that the description of project activities is clearly described, and not only listed activities should be indicated, but the whole process also to be undertaken on site should form part of the report.

10. Kindly ensure that there is no confusion on the mineral to be prospected and bulk sampled, since on the SR, you indicated coal and chrome mineral.
11. Ensure that financial provision quantum form part of the EIR and it caters for the proposed listed activities and all mining component which will require closure at the end of life of mine.
12. Kindly ensure that the closure objective and rehabilitation plans area clearly stipulated.
13. Your attention is brought to Section 24F of the NEMA which stipulates "that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority".
14. You are requested to consult with relevant state department's that adjudicate mining activities and submit three (3) hard copies of the EIR and EMPr which have been subjected to the public for at least 30days and one electronic copy (CD/DVD) of the complete EIAR and EMPr to this Regional Office.

Hoping that you will find this in order

Yours faithfully,



REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL & PETROLEUM REGULATION

LIMPOPO REGION

DATE: 16/01/2025