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Dear Sir/ Madam

APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDMENT OF AN INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 102 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (MPRDA), NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMENDED (NEMA) AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT, 2008 (ACT 59 OF 2008) FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT ON PORTION 3 OF THE FARM ELANDS DRIFT NO.159, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF BARKLY WEST, NORTHERN CAPE REGION

The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment received by this Department on the **26th of January 2024** refer.

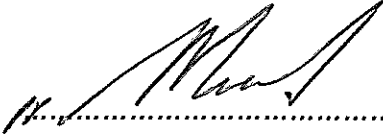
1. The Department has evaluated the submitted SR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2(2) of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (as amended) (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014.

2. The SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 22(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.
3. You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process on conditions that the below issues are addresses and aligned with the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.
 - a) An application for Scoping and EIA requires a minimum of R10 500.00 and you have only provided R2500.00
 - b) Provide all relevant specialist studies triggered by the proposed prospecting activities as per the Environmental Screening tool.
 - c) An approved water use licence is required for any prospecting activities occurring within 100m buffer zone of the natural water resource.
 - d) Determination of the financial provision according to the current (2024) master rate as approved in the guideline for financial provision quantum determination;
 - e) Details of the future land use for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning;
 - f) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the surrounding agricultural and wildlife area must be assessed;
 - g) 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;
4. Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). This includes but is not limited to the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority and/or South African Heritage Resources Agency, Provincial Environmental Department, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) 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;

5. The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 with regards to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.
6. Please ensure that the EIAR includes the A3 size locality maps of the area and illustrates the exact location of the proposed development. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:
 - Maps relatable to one another;
 - The flood line must be delineated on the topographical map
 - Co-ordinates;
 - Legible legends;
 - Scale of 1:50000;
7. 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 (SEMAs), proof of such application will be required.
8. Kindly note that acceptance of your scoping report application does not grant you a right to commence with the listed activities applied for. Acceptance simply confirms that your application will be processed further 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.
9. 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.

10. 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. M. S.', written over a dotted line.

REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION

NORTHERN CAPE REGION

DATE: 18/04/2024