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ACCEPTANCE OF SCOPING REPORT IN TERMS OF REGULATION 22 APPLICATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS 20014, FOR THE PROPOSED HISTORIC DUMP AND RE-PROCESSING OF THIS MATERIAL AT THE EXISTING FAIRVIEW PROCESSING PLANTS IN RESPECT OF THE FARM FAIRVIEW 542 JU AND SHEBA 940 JU, SITUATED WITHIN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT BARBERTON MPUMALANGA REGION.

The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of study for Environmental Impact Assessment received by the Department on 01 January 2020 refers.

1. The Department has evaluated the submitted SR and Plan of the study for environmental Impact Assessment dated 10 January 2020 and is satisfied that the documents complies with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2(2) of the National environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) as amended, 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. 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 and include applicable waste listed activity as per GNR 921 in terms of National Environmental Management: Waste Act, Act No 59 of 2008.
3. It should be noted that the Department requires the following to be undertaken and form part of the final EIR and EMPr to be submitted.
 - A map at an appropriate scale which superimposes the proposed activity and its associated infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the preferred site indicating

any areas that should be avoided, including buffers;. The plan to be submitted must depict the location of the existing activities together with all the proposed mining activities.

- All the activities to be undertaken on site must be described and the impacts that they will have on the physical, biological, social, economic and cultural aspects of the environment must be assessed.
 - A description of the impact management objectives, including management statements identifying the impacts and risks that need to be avoided, managed and mitigated as identified through the environmental impact assessment process for all of phases of the development and the method of monitoring of the implementation of the impact management actions.
 - Feasible and reasonable alternatives based on the different types/categories of alternatives must be identified and assessed, so that the Department can be able to make an informed decision.
 - Details of financial provisions for the rehabilitation, closure, and on going post decommissioning management of negative environmental impacts.
 - The financial provision calculation to be provided must distinguish the liability for the existing operation with the proposed activities.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - All comments from interested and affected parties must be adequately addressed in the final environmental Impact Report.
 - Attached the screening tool and include studies which would have be required by the tool.
4. The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 3 of the EIA regulations, 2014 with regards to the time and period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.
5. Please be 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 are related to one another;
 - Co-ordinates;
 - Legible legends;
 - Indicate alternative;

➤ Scale and Vegetation types of the study area.

6. Your attention is drawn to Section 24F of the NEMA which stipulates "that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority".

In view of the foregoing, you are herewith requested to provide proof that the have been submitted or addressed in BAR dated 01 January 2020 on or before March 2020.

Should you require any further clarity regarding the above, do not hesitate to contact the above-mentioned person at the contact details provided.

Yours Faithfully



~~Ad~~ **REGIONAL MANAGER**

MPUMALANGA REGION

DATE: 05/03/2020