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ACCEPTANCE OF A SCOPING REPORT (SR) WITH CONDITIONS IN TERMS OF REGULATION 22(a) - APPLICATION FOR AN INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (AS AMENDED) AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT WASTE ACT, 2008 (AS AMENDED) BY MINETEK RESOURCES (PTY) LTD ON SUBDIVISION 1 AND THE REMAINDER OF CRAIG NO. 2989 HS, SUBDIVISION 3 (OF 1) GLEN ASHTON NO. 8589 HS, HAWARDEN NO. 8915 HS, SUBDIVISION AND MINERAL AREA 1 ON REMAINDER OF SUBDIVISION 4 OF WATERFALL NO. 3335 HS, SUBDIVISION 2 AND 3 NO. 3317 HS WITHIN THE AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

1. The Department has evaluated the submitted SR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment received on 29 June 2023 and is satisfied that the documents substantially comply with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2 of NEMA, 1998 (as amended) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended)
2. **The final scoping report is accepted with conditions.** You may proceed / continue 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).

3. The proposed project includes open cast mining and potential underground mining; however the scoping report focuses only on the opencast mining. The applicant must apply for an amendment of an EA & EIR should they wish to continue with underground mining.
4. All the objections and concerns raised by I & AP's during scoping phase and the EAP response thereof must be properly documented in the environmental impact assessment report.
5. The proof of an application for a Water Use Licence must be lodged with the Final EIR and EMPr.
6. The following studies as identified in the scoping report by the EAP must be undertaken:
 - Hydro-geological Impact Assessment
 - Surface Water Impact Assessment
 - Terrestrial Ecology and Biodiversity Impact Assessment
 - Noise Impact assessment
 - Freshwater and Aquatic ecology Impact Assessment
 - Agricultural (soil, land use and land capability) Assessment
 - Hydropedology impact assessment
 - Archaeology Impact Assessment
 - Heritage and Palaeontological Impact Assessment
 - Visual Impact Assessment
 - Traffic Impact Assessment
 - Socio-Economic Impact Assessment
 - Blasting Impact Assessment
7. All specialist reports must comply with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended)
8. You are requested to submit **three (3) hard copies of the EIR and EMPr** and at least one electronic copy (USB) of the Final EIR and EMPr to this Regional Office.

9. The EIR and EMPR is due within **106 calendar days** of the date of acceptance of the scoping report in terms of Regulation 23(1)(a) and 23 (1)(b) respectively of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). You are therefore advised that the due date for submission of the reports is **30 November 2023**
10. Please feel free to contact this office should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully



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DATE: 01/08/2023