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ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS "NEMA") READ TOGETHER WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS "EIA") AS AMENDED FOR PROSPECTING AND PERMISSION TO REMOVE AND DISPOSE (BULK SAMPLING) OF GOLD ORE, IN RESPECT OF PORTION OF PORTION 107, PORTIONS 108, 109, 129, 144, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 193, 194, 227, 255, 257, 258, 262, 263, 265, 273, 275, 276, 302, 308, 339, 340, 390, 391, 993, REMAINDER OF PORTION 34, REMAINDER OF PORTION 192, REMAINDER OF PORTION 227, REMAINDER OF PORTION 3272, REMAINDER OF PORTION 300, AND REMAINDER OF PORTION 309 OF THE FARM SCHEERPOORT 477 JQ ; SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF BRITS, NORTH WEST PROVINCE.

With reference to the above-mentioned application, please be advised **that** the Department has decided to **grant** an environmental authorisation in terms Regulation 24(1) (a) of National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998): EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. The Environmental Authorisation and reasons for the **decision** are attached herewith.

In terms of regulation 4(2) of the NEMA: EIA Regulations, 2014 you are **instructed** to notify all registered interested and affected parties in writing within 14 (fourteen) calendar days,

from the date of the Department's decision in respect of your application and the relevant provisions regarding the lodgement of appeal must be provided for in terms of the National Appeal Regulations of 2014.

Should you wish to appeal any aspect of the decision, you must submit the appeal to the Minister of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment and a copy of such appeal to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (North-West Regional Office) within 20 days from the date of notification and such appeal must be lodged as prescribed in terms of Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulations of 2014, by means of the methods as prescribed below:

Appeal to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment :

Attention : Directorate Appeals and Legal Review

Email : appeals@dffe.gov.za

By post : Private Bag X 447, **PRETORIA**, 0001

By hand : Environmental House, Corner Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Street,
Arcadia, **Pretoria**, 0083,

Copy of the lodged appeal to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources

Attention : Regional Manager: North-West Region

By facsimile : (018) 487 4394

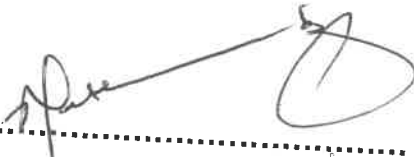
E-mail : Phumudzo.Nethwadzi@dmp.r.gov.za

By post : Private Bag A1, Klerksdorp, 2570

By hand : Old FNB Building, 58 Church Street
Klerksdorp, 2570

Should you decide to appeal, you must comply with the National Appeal Regulation of 2014 in relation to notification of all registered interested and affected, and a copy of the official appeal form can be obtained from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment.

Yours Faithfully


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REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION
NORTH WEST REGIONAL OFFICE

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ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

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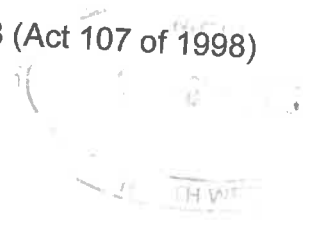
Holder of authorisation: **Khutso Naketsi Communal Property Association**

Location of activity: On various portions of the Scheerpoort 477 JQ; situated in the Magisterial District of Brits, North West Province.

ACRONYMS

DECISION

- NEMA** : National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998)
- DEPARTMENT** : Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
- EA** : Environmental Authorisation
- EMPr** : Environmental Management Programme
- BAR** : Basic Assessment Report
- S&EIR** : Scoping and Environmental Impact Report
- I&AP** : Interested and Affected Parties
- ECO** : Environmental Control Officer
- SAHRA** : South African Heritage Resources Agency
- EIA REGULATIONS:** EIA Regulations, 2014
- MPRDA** : Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002), as amended
- NEMA: WA** : National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act 59 of 2008), as amended



EIA : Environmental Impact Assessment

DFFE : Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment

The Department is satisfied, based on information available to it and subject to compliance with the conditions of this environmental authorisation, that the applicant should be authorised to undertake **NEMA EIA** listed activity specified below. Details regarding the basis on which the Department reached this granting decision are set out in **Annexure "1"** and **2** of this integrated environmental authorisation.

ACTIVITIES APPLIED FOR AND AUTHORISED

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by NEMA, the Department hereby grants an EA to **Khutso Naketsi CPA** with the following contact details—

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to undertake the following activities listed in the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

Government Notice 1 No. 327 NEMA: amendment of the EIA Regulations listing Notice 1 of 2014, read as-

Activity 20- "Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a prospecting right in terms of section 16 as amended by section 12 of the Mineral and petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) as amended, including-

- (a) associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks directly related to prospecting of a mineral resource".
- (b) The primary processing of a resources including wining, extraction, classifying, concentrating, crushing, screening, or washing".

Activity 21- "Any activity including the operation of that activity which required for the reclamation of a residue stockpile or a residue deposit as well as any other applicable activity as contained in this Listing Notice or in Listing 3 of 2014, required for the reclamation of a residue stockpile or a residue deposit."

Government Notice 2 No. 325 NEMA: amendment of the EIA Regulations listing Notice 2 of 2014, read as-

Activity 15- The clearance of an area 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation, excluding where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required,

- (i) The undertaking of linear activity, or
- (ii) Maintenance purpose undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.

Activity 19- “The removal and disposal of minerals contemplated in terms of section 20 as amended by 16 of the Mineral and petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) as amended, including –

- (a) associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks directly related to prospecting of a mineral resource; or
- (b) the primary processing of a mineral resource including winning, extraction, classifying, concentrating, crushing, screening, or washing. but excluding the secondary processing of a mineral resources, including the smelting, beneficiation, reduction, refining, calcining, or gasification of the mineral resources in which case activity 6 in this Notice applies”.

Activity 20- “Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a production right as contemplated in section 83 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), including — (a) associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks[, directly related to]; or (b) the primary processing of a petroleum resource including winning, extraction, classifying, concentrating or water removal.”

Government Notice 1 No. 327 NEMA: amendment of the EIA Regulations Listing Notice 3 of 2014, read as-

Activity 12- The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation.

North-West province

- (vi) Areas within a watercourse or wetland, or within 100m metres from the edge of a watercourse or wetland.

Detailed specifications of the activities are as follows:

Proposed prospecting activity details are as follows:

Area to be transformed- 1131.49 hectares

Proposed prospecting trenches are as follows:

Total number of proposed boreholes 20

Depth-50m

Total number of proposed trenches 5

Length-50m

Breadth-25m

Depth-4m

Only one (1) trench must be excavated at a given time. The said trench must be rehabilitated before new excavations are excavated (concurrent rehabilitation).

The granting of this EA is subject to the conditions set out below (site specific) and in **Annexure 2** (Departmental standard conditions). The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) attached as part of reports for the above development submitted as part of the application for an EA is hereby approved and must be adhered to throughout the life cycle of the operation.

EA SITE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

1. Dumping of waste in the areas not earmarked for waste must be prevented, the waste area must be managed through fencing or other management measures. These areas must be properly managed throughout the lifespan of the project in terms of fire, eradication of exotics etc to ensure continuous biodiversity.
2. No protected tree will be cut or remove without relevant permit to do so.
3. A buffer zone of 100 meters outside the riparian zone of the stream must be maintained and necessary steps should be taken to prevent siltation during downpours.
4. The contractor/s must ensure that no animals are disturbed, trapped, hunted, or killed during the construction phase. Conservation-orientated clauses should be built into contracts for construction personnel.

5. The prospecting area must be fenced off during operations and signage restricting unauthorised access, must be posted up at suitable points around the prospecting area.
6. Details regarding any prospection operations, past or present within 800m of any point on the boundary of the proposed site.
7. The EA holder must appoint the manager in terms of Section 3.1 (a) of the Mine Health and Safety Act (Act No. 29 of 1996) to oversee the prospecting operations.
8. The EA holder must ensure compliance to the provisions all Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996 (Act No. 29 of 1996) prior execution of any prospecting activities.
9. During closure or decommissioning the EA holder must backfill and rehabilitated all the excavations, pits, boreholes, and tranches to safeguard persons and animals from falling inside.
10. All machinery or equipment must be serviced or maintained regularly to avoided contamination of soil and water, and air pollution.
11. If the prospecting area has any historical liability or disturbance the holder of this EA issued in support of the prospecting right is responsible for the rehabilitation of such historical liability or disturbance.

ANNEXURE 1: REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. Background

Khutso Naketsi CPA has applied for EA for the activities listed in the NEMA: EIA Regulations, 2014:

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Khutso Naketsi CPA appointed Vahlengwe Mining Advisory and Consulting to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process as prescribed by Regulation 21 and 23 of the NEMA: EIA Regulations, 2014.

2. Information considered in making the decision

In reaching its decision, the Department took, *inter alia*, the following into consideration -

- a) The information contained in the application form received by the Department on 24 May 2024;
- b) The information contained in the Scoping Report received on 14 November 2024 and EIR received by the Department on 18 August 2025 with the revised EIR and EMPr on 24 November 2025;
- c) The objectives and requirements of the applicable and relevant legislation, policies, and guidelines and the NEMA: EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.
- d) Public Participation Process (PPP) attached as **Appendix 2** of the Final EIR.
- e) Additional Public Participation Process documents (newspaper advert, notices and registered mails sent to the I& Aps, and comments and consent received).

3. Key factors considered in making the decision

All the information presented to the Department was considered upon the Department's consideration of the application. A summary of the issues which in the Department's view, were of the most significance is set out below.

- a) The procedure that has been followed is in accordance with the NEMA and the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.
- b) The environmental impacts associated with the proposed prospecting activities will be addressed by the proposed mitigation measures outlined in the EMPr compiled by Vahlengwe Mining Advisory and Consulting.
- c) The sufficient Public Participation Process (PPP) was undertaken, and the applicant has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the NEMA: EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended for public involvement.

- d) The financial provision to the amount of **R1 450 632.00** was provided for rehabilitation in a form of a bank guarantee and is available to this office.

4. Findings

After consideration of the information and factors listed above, the Department made the following findings –

- a) The potential impacts on the proposed site were clearly investigated and mitigation measures outlined.
- b) Public Participation Process complied with Chapter 6 of the NEMA: EIA Regulations R.982. The PPP included, *inter-alia*, the following:
- The newspaper advertisement was placed in the local newspaper "Kormorant" dated 31 July 2025.
 - Notices were sent to all key stakeholders and the registered interested and affected parties.
 - Registered mails sent stakeholder and identified I&Aps;
 - Direct notification and circulation of scoping report to the identified I&Aps;
 - Direct notification of the surrounding landowners and occupiers.

ANNEXURE 2: DEPARTMENT STANDARD CONDITIONS

1. SCOPE OF AUTHORISATION

- 1.1 The holder of EA shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions contained in the EA. This includes any person acting on the holder's behalf, including but not limited to an agent, servant, contractor, subcontractor, employee, consultant, or any person rendering a service to the holder of EA.
- 1.2 Any changes to, or deviation from the project description set out in this EA must be approved in writing by this Department before such changes or deviation may be affected. In assessing whether to grant such approval or not, the Department may request such information as is deems necessary to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviation and it may be necessary for the holder of the EA to apply for further authorisation in terms of the EIA Regulations.
- 1.3 The activities, which are authorized, may only be carried out at the property indicated in the EA and or on the approved EMPr.
- 1.4 Where any of the holder of the EA contact details change including name of the responsible person, physical or postal address/ or telephonic details, the holder of the

EA must notify the Department as soon as the new details become known to the holder of the EA.

1.5 The EA does not negate the responsibility of the holder to comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable to the undertaking of such activity/ activities.

1.6 The holder of EA must ensure that all areas where the authorized activities occur have controlled access to ensure safety of people and animals.

2 APPEAL OF AUTHORISATION

2.1 The holder of EA must in writing, within 14 (fourteen) calendar days from the date of this decision and in accordance with EIA Regulation 4(2) do the following:

2.2 Notify all registered I&APs of-

2.2.1 The outcome of the application.

2.2.2 The date of the decision.

2.2.3 The date of issue of the decision and.

2.2.4 The reasons for the decision as included in Annexure 1 and Department Standard Conditions in Annexure 2

2.3 Draw the attention of all registered I&APs to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeals Regulations,

2.4 Draw the attention of all registered I&APs to the way they may access the decision.

2.5 Provide the registered I&APs with:

2.5.1 Name of the holder (entity) of this EA

2.5.2 Name of the responsible person for this EA

2.5.3 Postal address of the holder.

2.5.4 Telephonic and fax details of the holder and

2.5.5 E-mail address of the holder if any.

3. COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACTIVITIES

3.1 This EA will only be effective on the event that a corresponding prospecting right is issued in terms of MPRDA and none of the activities listed in this EA may commence without a prospecting right.

3.2 To ensure safety, all employees must be given the necessary personnel protective equipment (PPE).

- 3.3 This EA must be provided to the site operator and the requirements thereof must be made fully known to him or her.
- 3.4 Hauling routes for construction vehicles and machinery must be clearly marked and appropriate signaling must be posted to that effect. Furthermore, movement of construction vehicles and machinery must be restricted to areas outside of the drainage line or wet areas.
- 3.5 Appropriate notification sign must be erected at the construction site, warning the public (residents, visitors etc.) about the hazard around the construction site and presence of heavy vehicles and machinery.
- 3.6 Construction must include design measures that allow surface and subsurface movement of water along the drainage lines so as not to impede natural surface and subsurface water flow and drainage measures must promote the dissipation of storm water runoff.
- 3.7 Vegetation clearance must be limited on areas where the individual activities will occur, and mitigation measures must be implemented to reduce the risk of erosion and alien species invasion.
- 3.8 The holder of EA must note that in terms of the National Forest Act, 1998 (Act No.84 of 1998) protected plant species must not be cut, disturbed, damaged, destroyed and their products must not be possessed, collected, removed, transported, exported, donated, purchased, or sold unless permission is granted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.
- 3.9 Construction areas (e.g. material lay down areas), topsoil and subsoil must be protected from contamination or pollution. Stockpiling must not take place in drainage lines or areas where it will impede surface water runoff.
- 3.10 If any soil contamination is noted at any phase of the proposed activity (ies), the contaminated soil must be removed to a licensed waste disposal facility and the site must be rehabilitated to the satisfaction of this Department and Department of Water and Sanitation. The opportunity for the onsite remediation and re-use of contaminated soil must be investigated prior to the disposal and this Department must be informed in this regard.
- 3.11 An integrated waste management approach must be implemented that is based on waste minimization and must incorporate avoidance, reduction, recycling, treat, reuse, and disposal where appropriate. Uncontaminated rubble generated on the

premises can be re-used as back filling material on site. Ensure that no refuse or rubble generated on the premises is placed, dumped, or deposited on the adjacent properties or public places and open space.

- 3.12 In terms of sections 28 and 30 of NEMA, and sections 19 and 20 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), any costs incurred to remedy environmental damage must be borne by the person responsible for the damage. It is therefore imperative that the holder of the EA reads through and understand the legislative requirements pertaining to the project. It is the holder of EA responsibility to take reasonable measures which include informing and educating contractors and employees about environmental risks of their work and training them to operate in an environmentally acceptable manner.
- 3.13 Construction vehicle must be serviced and maintained in the manner whereby no excessive smokes and noise production is reduced to acceptable levels and to prevent oil leaks. Contaminated soil must be remediated on site or removed to an authorized landfill site.
- 3.14 Residents (if any) on the property and surrounding areas must be informed if any unusual noisy activities are planned.
- 3.15 Dust suppression measures must be implemented on all exposed surface to minimize and control airborne dust.
- 3.16 Mixing of cement, concrete, paints, solvent, sealants, and adhesive must be done in specified areas on concrete aprons or on protected plastic linings to contain spillage or overflow onto soil to avoid contamination of underground water and environmental damage.
- 3.17 The holder of EA must adhere to all recommendation made by South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA) and or North West Province Heritage Resource Agency (NWPHERA). Should any heritage remains be exposed during operation or any actions on the site, these must immediately be reported to the SAHRA and or NWPHERA (in accordance with the applicable legislation). Heritage remains uncovered or disturbed during earthworks must not be further disturbed until the necessary approval has been obtained from the SAHRA and or NWPHERA.
- 3.18 Care must be taken to ensure that the material and excavated soil required for backfilling are free of contamination from hydrocarbons.

- 3.19 Heritage remains include archaeological remains (including fossil bones and fossil shells); coins; middens, indigenous and/or colonial ceramics; any articles of value or antiquity; marine shell heaps; stone artefacts and bone remains; structures and other built features; rock art and rock engravings; shipwrecks; and graves or unmarked human burials. A qualified archaeologist must be contracted where necessary (at the expense of the applicant and in consultation with the relevant authority) to remove any human remains in accordance with the requirements of the relevant authority.
- 3.20 Hydraulic fluid or chemicals required during construction must be stored in a concrete lined surface with bund walls and shall be designed in such a manner that any spillage can be contained and reclaimed without any impact on the surrounding environment. Should any spills occur, it should be cleaned immediately by removing spillage together with the polluted solids and dispose it in the authorized disposal site permitted of such waste. The regional office of the Department of Water and Sanitation must be notified within 24 hours of an incident that may pollute surface and underground water resources.
- 3.21 Chemical sanitation facilities or system such as toilets that do not rely on the seepage of liquids must be provided with a ratio of 1 for every 15 workers. These must be placed such that they prevent spills or leaks to the environment and must be maintained according to the operating instructions and the content thereof must be disposed of at an authorized wastewater treatment works.
- 3.22 The holder of EA must ensure that any water uses listed in terms of Section 21 of National Water Act must get authorization from Department of Water and Sanitation prior to the commencement of such activities.
- 3.23 This EA does not purport to absolve the holder of EA from its common law obligations towards the owner of the surface of land affected.
- 3.24 The holder of EA must ensure that rehabilitation of the disturbed areas caused by operation always comply with the approved EMPr.
- 3.25 This EA may be amended or withdrawn at any stage for non-compliance and provides no relief from the provisions of any other relevant statutory or contractual obligations.
- 3.26 The holder of EA must note that in terms Section 43A of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No.59 of 2008), residue deposit and residue deposit must be deposited and managed in a prescribed manner on any site

demarcated for that purpose in the Environmental Management Programme. No person may temporary or permanently deposits residue stockpile or residue deposit on any area or site other than on site indicated on the Environmental Management Plan or Environmental Management Programme.

- 3.27 The holder of EA must note that in terms Section 20 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No.59 of 2008), no person may commence, undertake, or conduct a waste management activity, except in accordance, with the requirements of norms and standards determined in terms of Section 19 (3) for that activity or a waste management license is issued in respect of that activity if license is required.
- 3.28 Should you be notified by the Minister of a suspension of the authorisation pending appeal procedure, you may not commence with the activities until such time that the Minister allows you to commence with such activities in writing.
- 3.29 The Department reserves the right to audit and/or inspect the activities without prior notification at any reasonable time and at such frequency as may be determined by the Regional Manager.
- 3.30 The waste storage site must have a firm, impermeable, chemical resistant floors, and a roof to prevent direct sunlight and rainwater from getting in contact with the waste.
- 3.31 The storage of hydrocarbons must have bund walls with adequate capacity to contain the maximum volume that is stored in the area. Uncontaminated storm water must be prevented from meeting the waste and must be diverted away from the storage site.
- 3.32 Subject to the commencement and duration requirements of the MPRDA and NEMA for the listed prospecting activities, the EA is valid for the period for which the aforesaid prospecting right is granted provided that these activities must commence within 1 year. If the commencement of the proposed activities does not occur within the specified period, the EA lapses, and a new application for EA in terms of the NEMA and the EIA Regulations should be made for the activity to be undertaken.
- 3.33 The listed activities, including site preparation, must not commence within 20 (twenty) calendar days of the date of the notification of the decision being sent to the registered I&APs. If an appeal is lodged with the appeal administrator, the effect of this integrated environmental authorization is suspended until such time as the appeal is decided.

3.34 Should there be any conflicting conditions between this EA and other approval granted by other authorities, it is upon the holder of EA to bring it to the attention of the Department for resolution.

4. MANAGEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 A copy of the EA and EMPr must be kept at the property or on-site office where the activities will be undertaken. The EA and EMPr must be produced to any authorised officials of the Department who request to see it and must be made available for inspection by any employee or agent of the holder of the EA who works or undertakes work at the properties).
- 4.2 The content of the EMPr and its objectives must be made known to all contractors, subcontractors, agent, and any other people working on the site, and any updates or amendments to the EMPr must be submitted to the Department for approval.
- 4.3 Regular monitoring and maintenance of storm water drainage facilities must be always conducted, if damaged as directed by the Department or any other relevant authority.
- 4.4 If applicable a buffer zone of 100 meters between the activities and the residential areas, cemeteries or burial grounds must be clearly demarcated and maintained.
- 4.5 The holder of the EA must ensure that all non-recyclable waste is disposed of at waste management facilities licensed to handle such wastes and all recyclable waste are collected by licensed waste management facilities for recycling, reuse, or treatment.
- 4.6 The holder of the EA must prevent nuisance conditions or health hazards, or the potential creation of nuisance conditions or health hazards.
- 4.7 The holder of the EA must ensure that all liquid wastes, whose emissions to water or land could cause pollution are diverted to sewer, after testing water quality and receiving written approval from the relevant local authority.
- 4.8 All mitigation measures as outlined in the specialist reports must be adhered to.
- 4.9 All tailings or slime dam/s must be fenced or demarcated and place signage properly to avoid animal and human trapped or falling.

- 4.10 Non-compliance with any condition of this EA or EMPr may result in the issuing of a directive in terms of section 28 and or a compliance notice in terms of section 31L of NEMA.
- 4.11 Only listed activities that are expressly specified in the EMPr that forms part of this EA may be conducted, and additional or new activities not specified herein must be applied for by the holder and authorized by the competent authority in the form of an amendment to the aforesaid EMPr before such activities may be commenced with. This condition is also applicable in the case of the amendment, addition, substitution, correction, and removal or updating of any detail in the aforesaid EMPr.
- 4.12 Rehabilitation of the disturbed surface caused by operation always must comply with the approved EMPr.
- 4.13 The holder of EA must ensure that the name and contact details of the ECO is made available to the Regional Manager within 30 days of commencement. The holder of EA must also ensure that an ECO is always available on site to ensure that activities always comply with the issued EA and approved EMPr.
- 4.14 The ECO must:
- 4.14.1 Keep and maintain a detailed incidents register (including any spillages of fuels, chemicals, or any other material.
- 4.14.2 Keep a complaint register on site indicating the complaint and how the issues were addressed, what measures were taken and what the preventative measures were implemented to avoid re-occurrence of complaints.
- 4.14.3 Keep records relating to monitoring and auditing on site and avail them for inspection to any relevant authorised officials.
- 4.14.4 Keep copies of all environmental reports submitted to the Department.
- 4.14.5 Keep the records of all permits, licences and authorisations required by the operation.
- 4.14.6 Compile a monthly monitoring report and make it available to the Department if requested.
- 4.14.7 The duties and responsibility of the ECO should not be seen as exempting the holder of the EA from the legal obligations in terms of the NEMA.

- 4.14.8 The footprint of the activities must be limited on the areas authorised for the actual construction works and operational activities and all areas outside of the footprint must be regarded as a “no go” areas.
- 4.15 Erosion and soil loss must be prevented by minimizing the construction site exposed to surface water run-off. Where necessary erosion stabilizing action such as gabions or re-vegetation must be implemented to prevent further habitat deterioration.
- 4.16 The holder of the EA must ensure that all personnel who work with hazardous waste are trained to deal with these potential hazardous situations to minimize the risk involved. Records of training and verification of competence must be kept by the holder EA.
- 4.17 To prevent nuisance conditions, the holder of the EA must ensure that all storage skips and bins are not overfilled.

5 REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT

- 5.1 The holder of EA must:
- 5.1.1 Submit and Environmental Audit Report to this Department bi-annually and such report must be done by qualified Environmental Assessment Practitioner and the audit report must specify whether conditions of this EA and EMPr/closure plan are adhered to;
- 5.1.2 Identify and assess any new impacts and risks because of undertaking the activities, if applicable.
- 5.1.3 Identify shortcomings in the EMPr/closure plan, if applicable.
- 5.1.4 Identify the need, if any, for any changes to the management, avoidance and mitigation measures provided for in the EMPr/closure plan.
- 5.1.5 If applicable, specify that the corrective action/s taken for the previous audit's non-conformities, was adequate.
- 5.1.6 Specify the name of the auditor and must be submitted by the holder to the competent authority within 30 days from the date on which the auditor finalized the audit.
- 5.2 Should any shortcomings in terms of Regulation 34(4) be identified, the holder must submit recommendation to amend the EMPr/closure plan to rectify any shortcomings identified with the audit report.
- 5.3 Any complaint received from I&AP during all phases of the operation must be attended to as soon as possible and addressed to the satisfaction of all concerned interested and affected parties.

- 5.4 The holder of the EA must annually assess the environmental liabilities of the operation by using the master rates in line with the applicable Consumer Price Index (CPI) at the time and address the shortfall on the financial provision submitted in terms of section 24P of NEMA.
- 5.5 The holder of the EA must, within 24 hours of incidents occurring, notify the Competent Authority of the occurrence or detection of any incident on the site, or incidental to the operation of the site, which has the potential to cause, or has caused pollution of the environment, health risks, nuisance conditions or water pollution.
- 5.6 The holder of the EA must, within 14 days, or a shorter period, if specified by the Competent Authority from the occurrence or detection of any incident referred to in condition 5.5, submit an action plan, which must include a detailed time schedule, and resource allocation signed off by top management, to the satisfaction of the Competent Authority of measures taken to –
- 5.6.1 Correct the impact resulting from the incident.
 - 5.6.2 Prevent the incident from causing any further impact; and
 - 5.6.3 Prevent a recurrence of a similar incident.
- 5.7 If measures have not been implemented within 21 days of the incident referred to in condition 5.6, or measures which have been implemented are inadequate, the Competent Authority may implement the necessary measures at the cost of the holder of the EA.

6. SITE SECURITY AND ACCESS CONTROL

- 6.1 The holder of the EA must ensure effective access control on the site to reasonably prevent unauthorised entry. Signs indicating the risks involved in unauthorised entry must be displayed at each entrance.
- 6.2 Weatherproof, durable, and legible notices in at least three official languages applicable in the area must be displayed at each entrance to the Site. These notices must prohibit unauthorised entry and state the hours of operation, the name, address, and telephone number of the holder of the EA and the person responsible for the operation of the site.

7. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

- 7.1 The holder of the EA must maintain and implement an emergency preparedness plan and review it biannually when conducting audit and after each emergency and or major accident. The plan must, amongst others, include:
- 7.1.1 Site Fire
 - 7.1.2 Spillage



7.1.3 Natural disasters such as floods

7.1.4 Industrial action

7.1.5 Contact details of police, ambulances, and any emergency centre closer to the site.

7.2 The holder of EA must ensure that an up-to-date emergency register is kept during all phases of the operation. This register must be made available upon request by the department.

8. INVESTIGATIONS

8.1 If in the opinion of the Competent Authority, nuisances or health risks may be or is occurring on the site, the holder of the EA must initiate an investigation into the cause of the problem or suspected problem.

8.2 If in the opinion of the Competent Authority, pollution may be or is occurring, the holder of the EA must initiate an investigation into the cause of the problem or suspected problem. Such investigation must include the monitoring of the water quality variables, at those monitoring points and such frequency as may be specified by the Competent Authority.

8.3 Investigations carried out in terms of conditions 8.1 and 8.2 above must include the monitoring of the relevant environmental pollution, nuisance, and health risk variables, at those monitoring points and such frequency to be determined in consultation with the Competent Authority.

8.4 Should the investigation carried out as per conditions 8.1 and 8.2 above reveal any unacceptable levels of pollution, the holder of the EA must submit mitigation measures to the satisfaction of the Competent Authority.

9. COMMISSIONING AND DECOMMISSIONING

9.1 The commissioning and decommissioning of individual activity within the overall listed prospecting activity must take place within the phases and timeframes as set out in EMP or EMPr.

10. SITE CLOSURE

10.1 The holder of EA must apply for a closure certificate in terms of Section 43 of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002), as amended within 180 days of occurrence of lapsing, abandonment, cancellation, cessation, relinquishment, and completion of development.



10.2 The application for closure indicated above must be submitted together with all relevant documents as indicated in Section 43 of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002), as amended.

10.3 No exotic plants may be used for rehabilitation purposes only indigenous plant can be utilized for rehabilitation purposes.

10.4 The holder of EA remains responsible for any environmental liability, pollution or ecological degradation, compliance with the conditions of EA and the management and sustainable closure thereof until the Minister has issued a Closure Certificate in terms of Section 43 of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002). Where necessary the Minister may retain certain portion of financial provision for residual, health or environmental impacts that might be known in future.

11. NEMA PRINCIPLES

The NEMA Principles (set out in Section 2 of NEMA, which apply to the actions of all Organs of State), serve as guidelines by reference to which any Organ of State must exercise any function when taking any decision, and which must guide the interpretation, administration and implementation of any other law concerned with the protection or management of the environment), *inter alia*, provides for:

- The effects of decisions on all aspects of the environment to be taken into account;
- The consideration, assessment and evaluation of the social, economic and environmental impacts of activities (disadvantages and benefits), and for decisions to be appropriate in the light of such consideration and assessment;
- The co-ordination and harmonization of policies, legislation and actions relating to the environment.
- The resolving of actual or potential conflicts of interest between Organs of State through conflict resolution procedures; and
- The selection of the best practicable environmental option.

12. DISCLAIMER

The Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources in terms of the conditions of this environmental authorisation shall not be responsible for any damages or losses suffered

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by the holder, developer, or his/her successor in any instance where construction or operation after construction is temporarily or permanently stopped for reasons of non-compliance with the conditions as set out herein or any other subsequent document or legal action emanating from this decision.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the above, the NEMA principles, compliance with the conditions stipulated in this EA, and compliance with the EMP/closure plan, the competent authority is satisfied that the proposed listed activities will not conflict with the general objectives of Integrated Environmental Management stipulated in Chapter 5 of NEMA, and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the listed activities can be mitigated to acceptable levels. The authorisation is accordingly granted.

Your interest in the future of our environment is appreciated.

Environmental Authorisation Approved By



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