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Subject: N'Komati Anthracite (MP) 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (89)

Dear Samuel,

Thank you very much for taking my call this morning. The Draft Scoping report for the Nkomati Anthracite mine was submitted on the 23 August 2023.

My understanding as per our conversation this morning is as follows:

- The component to EMPr consolidation shall be removed from the application. The application shall only include new activities.
- EMPr consolidation can be undertaken subsequent to the decision being issued by the DMRE. This process includes the compilation of the Consolidated EMPr and informing all stakeholders on the I&AP database of the consolidation. No 30 day comment period is required for the consolidation.
- Reference to EMPr amendment and consolidation shall be removed from the Final Scoping Report.
- The Final Scoping Report shall be submitted to the Department and acknowledgment from the DMRE will be issued.
- The Final Scoping report to be addressed to Mr Samuel Mathavhela. Two hard copies will be required and one electronic.

I really appreciate the advice and feedback. We look forward to working with you.

Kind Regards

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ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 21 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 FOR THE PROPOSED MINING ACTIVITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FARM WILDEBEEST 494 JU, FARM RUSPLEK 495 JU, FARM SWEET HOME 496 , FARM MATAMBULA 701 JU AND FARM KWA-HOYI JU SITUATED WITHIN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF NKOMAZI, MPUMALANGA REGION

The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of study for Environmental Impact Assessment received by the Department on 04 October 2023 refers.

1. The Department has evaluated the submitted SR and Plan of the study for Environmental Impact Assessment and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2(2) of the 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. 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.

3. 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, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport and the Local Municipality (Nkomazi 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.

4. It should be noted that the Department requires the following to be provided/included and form part of the final EIR and EMPr to be submitted.
 - 4.1. The financial provision calculations must be provided for the proposed activities.
 - 4.2. The layout plan to be submitted must depict the location and aerial extent of all proposed mining activities.
 - 4.3. A map at an appropriate scale which superimposes the proposed activity and its associated structures and infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the preferred site indicating any areas that should be avoided, including buffers. All maps must be visible in A3 with clear legend.
 - 4.4. 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.
 - 4.5. 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.
 - 4.6. All comments from interested and affected parties must be adequately addressed in the final Environmental Impact Report.
 - 4.7. Furthermore, you are reminded to consult with all the Traditional Authorities in which this mine fall within its jurisdiction, and also provide record of consultation and /or involvement of the surrounding communities.
 - 4.8. Any other matters required in terms of Appendix 3 (3) and Appendix 4 (1) of the EIA Regulation 2014.

5. 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.
6. Please ensure that the EIAR includes the A3 size locality map of the area and illustrates the exact location of the proposed development. The map 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.
7. Your attention is brought to Section 24F of the NEMA which stipulates "that no activity may commence prio to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the competent authority".

For any enquiry regarding this application please contact the above mentioned Official

Yours faithfully



REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL AND PETROLEUM REGULATION
MPUMALANGA REGION
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