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RE: APPLICATION FOR AN INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF NEMA, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998), AS AMENDED; AND SECTION 45 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT WASTE ACT, 2008 (ACT 59 OF 2008) AS AMENDED (NEMWA) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014 ON THE REMAINING EXTENT AND PORTION 3 OF THE FARM HELENA 6 JT, PORTION 1 AND 7 OF THE FARM MAREESBURG 8 JT AND THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM DER BROCHEN 7 JT, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF SEKHUKHUNE OF LIMPOPO REGION.

The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment received by the Department on 07th March 2019 refer.

1. The Department has evaluated the submitted SR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment submitted on 07th March 2019 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. 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, Provincial Environmental Department, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) 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.
4. In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the EIR and EMPr:
 - a) Details of the future land use for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning in 20-30 years.
 - b) The total footprint of the proposed development should be indicated.
 - c) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the vegetation ecology with regard to lowland-highland interface in the locality should be indicated.
 - d) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the surrounding industrial area.
 - e) A construction and operational phase EMPr to include mitigation and monitoring measures.
5. The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 3 of the 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 are relatable to one another;
 - Co-ordinates;
 - Legible legends;
 - Indicate alternatives;
 - Scale and
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. You are requested to submit three (3) hard copies of the EIAR and EMPr and at least one electronic copy (CD/DVD) of the complete EIAR and EMPr to this Regional Office.
9. Your attention is brought to Section 24F of the NEMA which stipulates "that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the competent authority".

Yours faithfully,



REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION

LIMPOPO REGION

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