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SCOPING REPORT (SR) SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF AN AMMENDMENT TO EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR A MINING RIGHT APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 31 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (NEMA), 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMENDED READ WITH REGULATION 21 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014 BY ADDITION OF A PORTION OF PORTION 2 OF THE FARM DOORNBOSCH 294 KT AND COMBINING ALL APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES INTO ONE SINGLE DOCUMENT, IN RESPECT OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 2 OF THE FARM DOORNBOSCH 294 KT, REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM MANDAAGSHOEK 254 KT, REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM HENDRIKPLAATS 281 KT, REMAINING EXTENT AND PORTION 1 OF THE FARM ONVERWACHT 292 KT, REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM WINTERVELD 293 KT AND REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM DRIEKOP 253 KT, SITUATED IN GREATER TUBATSE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY: LIMPOPO REGION.

The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment received by the Department on **04 October 2017** have reference.

1. The Department has evaluated the submitted SR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2(2) of NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 and it is hereby accepted 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 this office with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). This includes but is not limited to the South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA), Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET), Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof of attempts that were made to obtain comments should be submitted.
4. In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the EIAR 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) Should a Water Use License be required, proof of such application needs to be submitted.
 - d) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the ecology with regard to lowland-highland interface in the locality should be indicated.
 - e) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the surrounding industrial area should be indicated.
 - f) Information on services required on the site, e.g. sewage, refuse removal, water, electricity, etc, and the supplier(s)' agreement/ confirmation should be submitted.
 - g) A construction and operational phase of the EMPr should include impacts mitigation and monitoring measures.
 - h) Should blasting be required, appropriate mitigation measures should be provided.
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
 - Vegetation types of the study area.
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) of the complete EIAR and EMPr to this 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


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**REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION
LIMPOPO REGION**

DATE: 30-11-2017