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Notice No. 79/2024

APPLICATION: CONSENT USE FOR AN OPENCAST DOLERITE MINE ON 5 HA OF THE PROPERTY: REMAINDER FARM RHENOSTERKOP NO. 155, BEAUFORT WEST

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 61 of the Municipal Land Use Planning By-Law for Beaufort West Municipality, Notice No. 21/2019 that the Authorized Official in terms of Section 60 of the same **approved** the following application:

Consent Use for an Open Cast dolerite mine of approximately 5 ha on Farm Rhenosterkop No. 155, Beaufort West in terms of Section 15(2)(o) of the Beaufort West Land Use Planning By-Law (2019), as indicated on Site Plan No. T3222BB as submitted with the application and the development parameters as indicated in the application report

as a whole to enable the proposed development as indicated on the Site Plan submitted with this application, subject to the following conditions imposed in terms of Section 66 of the said By-Law:

1. Conditions of approval:

- a) That the consent use shall be valid for a maximum period of 5 years, or which is in line with the Environmental Authorization and mining permit.
- b) The applicant must submit a detailed site development plan, and associated building plans, which illustrates the compliance with the proposed development to the various conditions of approval as well as the requirements of the Beaufort West Municipal Planning By-Law, 2019, for approval by the Municipality, prior to the commencement of construction.
- c) All construction and operational phase activities and materials must be accommodated on site within the identified 5 ha site.
- d) Should the Municipality provide services or if the developer use bulk services of the Municipality, a Service Level Agreement (SLA) will have to be concluded between the Developer and the Municipality and any Development Contributions (DC's) required should be included in the SLA.
- e) That the entrance to and from the property may only take place from the approved access points as stipulated in the EA.
- f) That if the mining activities at any stage generate noise and dust pollution (outside of the prescriptions as per the EA) or have any unacceptable negative visual impact on the area the Municipality may require additional mitigation measures to be implemented to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

2. Additional Information:

- a) That all costs in terms of the proposed development, including any service connections will be the responsibility of the applicant.
- b) Accesses to and from any Provincial roads must be applied for to, and approved by, the Western Cape Department of Transport & Public Works: Roads (Chief Directorate: Road Planning).
- c) Any conditions included within the Environmental Authorizations (and its amendments) or subsequent amendments thereof, be adhered to at all times to the satisfaction of the department.

- d) The conditions included within any National, Western Cape or other Departments' comments on the application, be adhered to at all times to the satisfaction of the relevant department.
- e) That this approval does not exempt the applicant to comply with any applicable laws and/or procedures applicable to the proposed development.

3. Reasons for approval:

- The objections raised were carefully considered and assessed and the applicant addressed all these concerns in detail, it is therefore not considered that the concerns raised during the public participation process would hinder the application.
- The development proposal is consistent with National, Provincial, Regional and Municipal planning and policy frameworks.
- There may be some impact on the surrounding environment, farms, or communities but the developer will have to ensure the integrity of the environment in all phases of the project. Environmental impacts on fauna and flora could be mitigated, based on the conditions imposed within the Environmental Authorization (already granted).
- The specialist studies, positive recommendations and required approvals for the mining activity indicated that the proposal will not have a negative impact on the environment and surrounding area. The proposal will not have negative visual impact, due to the natural topography.
- The proposed mining facility will not place additional strain on the ability of the Municipality to provide services.

Any person whose rights are affected by the above decision and or conditions may appeal to the Appeal Authority by submitting a written appeal to the Municipal Manager, Beaufort West Municipality, Private Bag 582, 112 Donkin Street, Beaufort West, 6970, so to reach the undersigned within **21 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Official appeal forms are available on request from Mr. P. Strümpher at Tel. No. 023-414 8100 or e-mail: <u>admin@beaufortwestmun.co.za</u>.

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Ref. No. 12/3/2, Farm 155 [Beaufort West]

Date: 3 May 2024