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ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION LODGED IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) (NEMA) AS AMENDED, READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH REGULATION 19 OF NEMA: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (EIA) AS AMENDED BY (GN 326), FOR A MINING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR SAND (GENERAL) ON A PORTION OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF FARM RHENOSTERKOP 155 IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF BEAUFORT-WEST: WESTERN CAPE REGION.

I refer to the abovementioned matter and confirm that your application for an **Environmental Authorisation** (hereinafter referred to as "EA") lodged on 19 March 2025 is hereby acknowledged.

1. In terms of Regulation 19(1) of NEMA:EIA Regulations, "where basic assessment must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 90 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority – (a) a basic assessment report (hereinafter referred to as "BAR"), inclusive of specialist reports, an environmental management programme report (hereinafter referred to as "EMPr"), and where applicable a closure plan, which have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority". Therefore, you are requested to submit the BAR in accordance with **Appendix 1** of the 2014 EIA Regulations as amended (GN 326).

2. Public participation must be conducted in accordance with **Chapter 6** of the NEMA: EIA Regulations. Comments received from all the interested and affected parties including state organs must be presented and addressed by the EAP in a tabular format.
3. In terms of Regulation 7(2) of NEMA: EIA Regulations, "the competent authority or EAP must consult with every organ of state that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to that application for an environmental authorisation when such competent authority considers the application and unless agreement to the contrary has been reached, the EAP will be responsible for such consultation". The EAP is therefore requested to consult the BAR with every organ of state that administers laws relating to matters affecting the environment and to notify the Department of such consultation with the organ of state.
4. Please note that acknowledgement of your application does not grant you permission to commence with mining activities. Commencement of a listed activity without an environmental authorisation constitutes an offence in terms of Section 49A (1) (a) of NEMA, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) as amended and upon conviction for such an offence, a person is liable to a fine not exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

NB: Regulation 45 of NEMA: EIA Regulations stipulates that "an application in terms of these Regulations lapses and a competent authority will deem the application as having lapsed, if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7)."

Please note that the timeframes will be triggered by an acceptance letter issued in terms of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA), for your Mining Permit application. Should your application be accepted, your environmental assessment must focus on properties and commodities indicated in the acceptance letter. However, should the application for a Mining Permit be rejected, administration of your EA application will be discontinued.

Templates for the above mentioned documents can be obtained on the Department of Mineral Resources & Energy website (www.dmre.gov.za) or from this Regional office on request.

Kind Regards,


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REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION
WESTERN CAPE REGION
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