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NOTICE OF
APPLICATION FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL
AUTHORISATION
FOR BORROW PIT
UTILISATION

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ABBREVIATIONS

BID	Background Information Document
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation
RI&APS	Registered Interested & Affected Parties
I&APS	Interested & Affected Parties
PPP	Public Participation Process
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
CA	Competent Authority
PPP	Public Participation Process
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
BAR	Basic Assessment Report
EA	Environmental Authorization
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act

1. INTRODUCTION

The Public Participation Process (PPP) forms an integral part of the application process. It provides people with the opportunity to raise their issues and concerns about the proposed establishment of a Borrow Pit in Lindley. A comprehensive public participation process was conducted by EMG Consultants, to ensure that all Stakeholders / identified Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) were informed of the proposed project and their input is able to influence decision-making process with regards to the development.

2. APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

The Public Participation Process was conducted as per Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014 (as amended 07 April 2017) and the Public Participation Guidelines, 2017 were considered. Steps, which were taken to inform the Stakeholders / identified I&APs and surrounding community of the proposed development included:

- ♣ Newspaper advertisement;
- ♣ On site Notice and Posters;
- ♣ Notifications, i.e. Distribution of Background Information Document (BID) to neighbouring property Owners & Stakeholders.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS CONDUCTED

The methods that were undertaken during conducting of the public participation process as discussed in detail below.

3.1. NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

The project was advertised in the Veldbrand media newspaper, on the 22nd of September 2023 to inform the Stakeholders / I&APs of the Application for Environmental Authorisation of a Borrow Pit for the establishment of a Borrow Pit in Lindley.

3.1.1 Newspaper Advert

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR A MINING PERMIT

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LOCATION: Farm Beersheba No. 13, Portion 2, Lindley, Free State Province

PROPONENT: Free State Department Community Safety, Roads and Transport

CONSULTANT: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT GROUP

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3.2. SITE NOTICES

On site notices was placed on the 14th of September 2023, to bring attention to the Application for Environmental Authorisation for the utilisation of a Borrow pit in Lindley.



Site Notice 1:

S 27° 49' 26.0"

E 28° 00' 28.0"



Site Notice 2:

S 27° 41' 18.0"

E 28° 05' 53.0"



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Background Information Document

Background Information Document for the Notice of Application for Environmental Authorization of a Borrow Pit

INTRODUCTION

Environmental Management Group is submitting an Application for Environmental Authorization on behalf of the Free State Department of Community Safety, Roads, and Transport (**The Applicant**). The proposed project aims to legalize and permit the old borrow pit in compliance with the new and updated legislation. The proposed project will cover approximately 4.9 ha, and the project site contains disturbed indigenous vegetation and is located at Beersheba No. 13, Portion 2, within the Senekal Magisterial district, approximately 12km southwest of Lindley town.

The primary objective of this project is to extract weathered dolerite material, which will be essential for the purpose of the refurbishment of the R707 and future development endeavours. This extraction will be carried out through surface mining techniques, encompassing various processes such as winning, classifying, concentrating, crushing, screening, and washing, to prepare the dolerite for its intended use. This application seeks to ensure that these activities are conducted in a manner that is both environmentally responsible and compliant with the requisite regulations.

LOCALITY

The proposed borrow pit will be located near Lindley on farm Beersheba No. 13, Portion 2 which falls under the Nketoana Local Municipality, in the Free State Province and Senekal Magisterial District.

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

Prior to the commencement of the proposed borrow pit establishment, Environmental Authorization in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 107 of 1998, as amended 7 April 2017 is required from the competent authority, Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMR). The Environmental Assessment Process will be conducted in terms of the 2014 NEMA environmental impact assessment (EIA) Regulations, GNR 326 as amended.

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

EMG has prepared this document to inform you about:

- ♣ The proposed application;
- ♣ The current understanding of the baseline environmental and social conditions;
- ♣ The required environmental assessment processes;
- ♣ Possible environmental impacts and proposed specialist studies;
- ♣ How you can have input into the Environmental Authorization;

YOU'RE ROLE

You have been identified as a Stakeholder /Interested and/or Affected party (I&AP) who may want to be informed about the proposed project and have inputs into the environmental assessment processes and environmental reports.

You have an opportunity to review this document and provide your initial comments to us for incorporation in the environmental assessment process. You will also be given the opportunity to provide inputs at the public meeting, if the need arises. And to review and comment on some reports:

- ♣ Draft BAR

Comments will be recorded and included in the reports submitted to the relevant authorities for decision-making.

HOW TO RESPOND

If you are interested in receiving further information on the project, please register your details with the persons listed below. Responses to this document can be submitted by means of the attached comments sheet and/or through communication with the persons listed below.

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E-mail: accounts@envmgrp.com

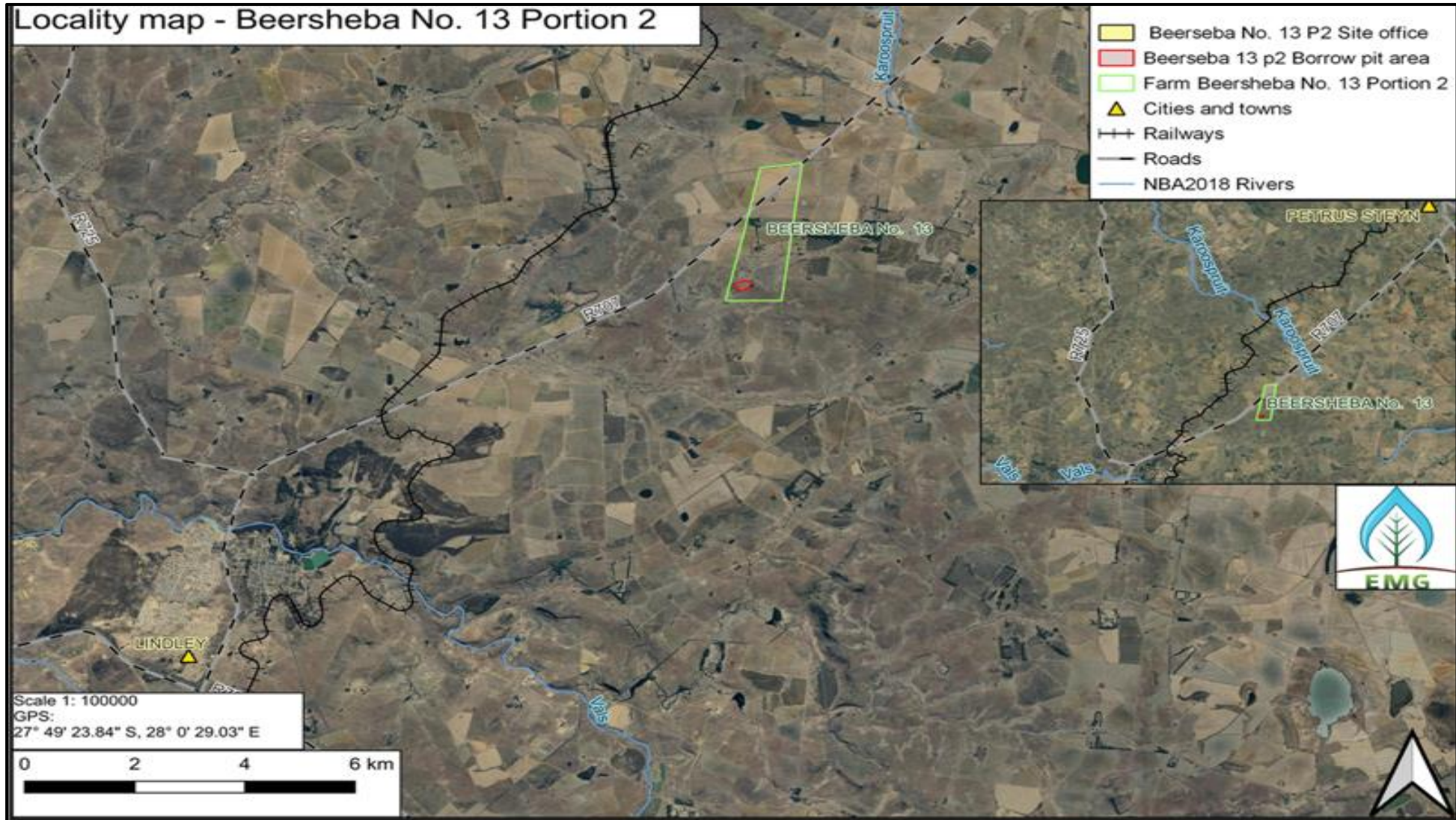
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According to the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended 7 April 2017, Listing Notice 1 (NO. 517, 11 JUNE 2021) – R 517 the following activity applicable to this project:

- ♣ **Activity 21E** - Any activity including the operation of that activity for which the Minister responsible for the mineral resources has issued an exemption in a Government Notice in terms of section 106(1) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, as well any other applicable activity as contained in this Listing Notice or in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required for the exercising of such exempted activity

Activity 21E of Listing Notice 1 will only be triggered for activities commencing on or after 11 December 2021. If an organ of state has commenced with the use of a borrow pit before the effective date of 11 December 2021, environmental authorisation will not be required for the current operations covered in the scope of the approved EMPr (under the MPRDA).

LOCALITY MAP



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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Based on the information exchanged with Environmental Management Group (Pty) Ltd, an analysis of the proposed development's footprint size has been undertaken. This assessment has involved a meticulous interpretation of the Listed Activities, as outlined in NEMA for Listing Notice 1, Listing Notice 2, and Listing Notice 3. As a result of this comprehensive evaluation, it has been determined that the proposed project will trigger the following Listed Activities:

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POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Below is a preliminary list of potential impacts identified at this stage of the process and will be investigated as part of the environmental assessment process. The list will be refined during the course of the Basic Assessment Process.

- ♣ Ecological assessment
- ♣ Heritage impact assessment

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

The environmental assessment processes will be conducted to inform the competent authorities in their decision-making. These processes are conducted simultaneously.

STEPS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES

The environmental authorisation processes provides information on the project and environment in which it is being undertaken; identifies, in consultation with registered interested & affected parties (RI&APs), the potential negative as well as positive impacts of the project; and reports on management measures required to mitigate impacts to an acceptable level. The likely process steps and timeframes are provided below. RI&APs and other stakeholders on the project's database will receive notification of public participation opportunities in advance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation provides Stakeholders and I&APs the opportunity to raise issues of concern and comment on the proposed activity. Notify other regulatory authorities and I&APs of project and environmental assessment (via newspaper advertisements, site notices and this BID document)

PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION PROCESSES

IAPs:

Surrounding landowners, land users and communities

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- ✦ Department of Rural Development and Land Reform
- ✦ Free State Department Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
- ✦ Department Mineral Resources and Energy
- ✦ Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
- ✦ Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)
- ✦ Department of Heritage
- ✦ (SAHRIS)
- ✦ Department of Public Works and Infrastructure

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

- ✦ Nketoana Local Municipality
- ✦ Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality
- ✦ Mayor & Ward Councillor

Please let us know if there are any additional parties that should be involved.

PROCESS STEPS (in accordance with GN R326)	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	TIMEFRAME
1. Initial communication to clarify the application with the Authorising Department.	EAP	1 day
2. EAP to conduct a site investigation	EAP	1 day
3. EAP to submit Basic Assessment Application to competent authority.	EAP	1 day
4. Competent authority Accepts Application	DMR	14 days
5. EAP to undertake the BAR and compile a Report (including the draft EMP) subjected to 30 days Public Participation Process	EAP	90 days
6. EAP to submit Final BAR report inclusive of comments to competent authority.	EAP	1 day
7. Competent Authority to grant environmental authorisation	DMR	107 days
8. Environmental Authorisation subjected to 20-day appeal process	EAP	20 days
9. Final Approval of Environmental Authorisation	DMR	1 day

3.4 LIST OF I&AP'S AND STAKEHOLDERS

List of Stakeholders and I&AP's				
<u>Department / Organisation</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>E-Mail Address</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Contact Nr</u>
Department of Community safety, roads & Transport	MR Ndaba	ndabaroads@gmail.com	Medfontein Building, 153 St Andrew Street, Bloemfontein	082 525 3072
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Dr T Masiteng	masitengt@dard.gov.za - degracia@fs.agric.za	Gielie Joubert St Glen, BFN, 9360	051 861 8363 – 060 983 8820
Department of Economic Development, Tourism, Environmental Affairs & Small Business	Mrs Grace Skosana	mkhosanag@destea.fs.gov.za - manakeo@destea.fs.gov.za - molokwanen@destea.fs.gov.za	113 St Andrews Street Bloemfontein 9300	051 400 4800
Department of Water & Sanitation	Mr. Vernon Blair Deputy Director: Water Use	BlairV@dws.gov.za, NelG@dws.gov.za	Bloem Plaza 2nd Floor c/o Charlotte Maxeke & East Burger Streets, Bloemfontein, 9300	051 405 9000 082 807 3552
Free State Department of Public Works and Infrastructure	Mr M Mohlahlo	hodoffice@fsworks.gov.za – kgabalem@fsworks.gov.za	Room 146, OR Tambo House Cnr St, Andrews and Markgraaf Streets Bloemfontein 9300	051 492 3915
Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality	Ms. Takatso Lebenya	takatso@tmdm.gov.za	Old Parliament Building 1 Mampoi Street PHUTHADITJHABA 9870	Tel: (058) 718 1036 / 1089
Nketoana Local Municipality	Roads Water	<u>mzizisammy@gmail.com</u> Kagiso.Molelekwa@nketoanafs.co.za	Cnr Church and Voortrekker street, Reitz	058 – 863 2811
Nketoana Local Municipality	Mayor Maditswako Mamiki Mokoena, Cllr		Cnr Church and Voortrekker street, Reitz	058 – 863 2811
SAHRIS		https://sahris.sahra.org.za/		
Owner	Willie Van Huyssteen	Galilea.vanhuysteen@gmail.com		082 835 6287
Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Nkateko Mhlarhi	Nkateko.Mhlarhi@dmre.gov.za	The Strip Building, 314 Stateway Street, Welkom	057 – 391 1385

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DDG - Nuclear Energy	Mr Zizamele Mbambo	Zizamele.Mbambo@dmre.gov.za	Trevenna Campus, Building 2 C, C/o Meintjies and Francis Baard Street, Sunny side	012 444 3852
DDG - Programmes and Projects	Mr Thabo Kekana	Thabo.Kekana@dmre.gov.za	Trevenna Campus, Building 2 C, C/o Meintjies and Francis Baard Street, Sunny side	012 444 3000
Free state Department Mineral Resources and Energy	Regional Manager : Azwihangwisi Mulaudzi	azwihangwisi.mulaudzi@dmre.gov.za	The Strip, 314 C/O Stateway & Bok Street, Welkom, 9459	(057) 391 1300

4. Proof of notification to relevant authorities and I&Aps

From: Dorét Du Toit <Accounts@envmgp.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 12:12 PM

To: 'ndabaroads@gmail.com' <ndabaroads@gmail.com>; 'masitengt@dard.gov.za' <masitengt@dard.gov.za>; 'degracia@fs.agric.za' <degracia@fs.agric.za>; 'mkhosanag@destea.fs.gov.za' <mkhosanag@destea.fs.gov.za>; 'manakeo@destea.fs.gov.za' <manakeo@destea.fs.gov.za>; 'molokwanen@destea.fs.gov.za' <molokwanen@destea.fs.gov.za>; 'BlairV@dws.gov.za' <BlairV@dws.gov.za>; 'hodoffice@fsworks.gov.za' <hodoffice@fsworks.gov.za>; 'kgabalem@fsworks.gov.za' <kgabalem@fsworks.gov.za>; 'takatso@tmdm.gov.za' <takatso@tmdm.gov.za>; 'mzizisammy@gmail.com' <mzizisammy@gmail.com>; 'Kagiso.Molelekwa@nketoanafs.co.za' <Kagiso.Molelekwa@nketoanafs.co.za>; 'Galilea.vanhuysssteen@gmail.com' <Galilea.vanhuysssteen@gmail.com>

Subject: DRAFT BAR - DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL AND RESOURCES - BEERSHEBA

Good Day Sir/Madam;

The draft Basic Assessment Report has been submitted to the competent authority Department of Mineral Resources , Republic of South Africa. The 30-day public participation starts from Thursday 9th November 2023 until the **8th of December 2023**.

The draft BAR is available for download by clicking on the WeTransfer link <https://we.tl/t-vsMiCXNHAU> will be furnished on request and is also available on our website <https://envmgp.com/> go to Public Participation, click on Beersheba (Password EMG_BEERSHEBA) - there you will find the Draft BAR for viewing purposes. You have 30 days to review the draft BAR and to send us your comments, issues and concerns, according to the terms of the **National Environmental Management Act, (ACT NO 107 of 1998), as amended 7 April 2017 GN R 326, Chapter 6.**

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Should comments not be received within the prescribed timeframes, it will be assumed no comments are forthcoming and the competent authority will continue to process the application in the absence of your comments.

If you have any uncertainties feel free to contact me or the project manager Mr Ricus Nel at rnel@envmgrp.com, 051 – 412 6350.

Kind Regards

Doret du Toit

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Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 11:49 AM

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Subject: Reminder: Remaining Days for Public Participation on Borrow Pit Utilization - Farm Beersheba No. 13, Portion 2

Dear Sir/ Madam

I trust this message finds you well.

I am writing to bring to your attention the ongoing Public Participation period for the draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) concerning the borrow pit utilization on Farm Beersheba No. 13, Portion 2. The report has been submitted to the Free State Department of Mineral Resources and Energy, Republic of South Africa.

The 30-day public participation period commenced on Thursday, 9th November 2023, and is scheduled to conclude on the 8th of December 2023. We value your input and encourage you to review the draft BAR, which can be downloaded via the following WeTransfer link: <https://we.tl/t-vsMiCXNHAU>. Additionally, the report is available upon request and can be accessed on our website <https://envmgrp.com/> under the Public Participation section. To view the report, click on Beersheba (Password: EMG_BEERSHEBA).

In accordance with the National Environmental Management Act (ACT NO 107 of 1998), as amended on 7th April 2017 (GN R 326, Chapter 6), we invite you to submit your comments, issues, and concerns within the remaining days of the public participation period.

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Please note that should we not receive comments within the prescribed timeframes, it will be assumed that no comments are forthcoming. In such cases, the competent authority will proceed to process the application in the absence of your input.

For any queries or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or reach out to the project manager, Mr. Ricus Nel, at [rnel@envmgp.com], or by phone at 051 – 412 6350.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We appreciate your participation in the public consultation process.

Kind regards,

Doret Du Toit

5. COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REGISTER

DATE	EAP Response	DMR Response
<p>From: siph@envmgrp.com <siph@envmgrp.com> Sent: Thursday, November 23, 2023 9:39 AM To: 'Nkateko Mhlarhi' <Nkateko.Mhlarhi@dmre.gov.za> Cc: 'CW Vermeulen' <cwv@envmgrp.com>; 'Dorét Du Toit' <Accounts@envmgrp.com>; rnel@envmgrp.com Subject: RE: Clarification and Updates Regarding Farm Beersheba 13 Portion 2 Application Process</p>	<p>On 21 Nov 2023 15:13, siph@envmgrp.com wrote: Dear Ms. Nkateko Mhlarhi,</p> <p>I trust this email finds you well.</p> <p>We've noticed in the correspondence for the other borrow pit applications, that some of the concerns mentioned by the case officers are similar. To address these concerns/ comments and to streamline the communication process, we've drafted this email.</p> <p>To provide context, our initial discussions between Mr. CW Vermeulen and Mr. Tuvani established that only Listing Notice 1 Activity 21E would be applicable to this application and Basic Assessment Report (BAR).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Subsequently, EMG undertook the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Amendments were made to the section of the application pertaining to NEMA listing notices to accurately reflect the correct listing notices. This modified section was then shared with Mr. Tuvani for internal circulation among relevant case officers handling the six borrow pit applications. b) The draft BAR and EMPr was updated to align with the listing notices reflected in the amended application. The Draft BAR and EMPr for Farm Beersheba 13, Portion 2 (FS30/5/1/1/2/02145BP) was submitted to the department, relevant stakeholders, and Interested and Affected Parties for the 30-day public participation commenting period. For your convenience, the amended section of the application is attached to this email. 2. We acknowledge the request from other case officers to submit the amended application form on the SAMRAD online application system. The SAMRAD system requires a R2000 application fee and does not allow us to proceed further past this stage. As an organ of state, the applicant is exempt from this fee, which has prevented us from submitting the application online. Consequently, we have submitted the application and BAR manually to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR). 	<p>From: Nkateko Mhlarhi [mailto:Nkateko.Mhlarhi@dmre.gov.za] Sent: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 15:32 To: siph@envmgrp.com Cc: 'CW Vermeulen' <cwv@envmgrp.com>; 'Dorét Du Toit' <Accounts@envmgrp.com>; rnel@envmgrp.com Subject: Re: Clarification and Updates Regarding Farm Beersheba 13 Portion 2 Application Process</p> <p>Good afternoon</p> <p>I will look into the matter and respond and revert back latest by Friday.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>

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	<p>3. We kindly request the amended master rates to facilitate the updating of the financial provision, which will be incorporated in the final BAR.</p> <p>4. Regarding the submission of the draft BAR and EMPr on 07 November 2023 for Farm Beersheba 13 Portion 2, the final BAR and EMPr is scheduled for submission to the department on 07 December 2023, following the completion of the 30-day Public Participation period.</p> <p>Should you have any further inquiries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Yamkela Siphso Soyizwapi</p>	

6. CONCLUSION

It is concluded that the methods incorporated in the public participation process to inform the surrounding landowners, users, organs of state and identified government authorities was adequate. All the identified I&APs were given with an opportunity to give input regarding the Notice of Application for Environmental Authorization for a Borrow pit which is situated on Farm Beersheba No.13 , Portion 2 and no objections were received.