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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
REPORT FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL
AUTHORISATION FOR A
MINING PERMIT ON FARM
MEDEDEEL 460,
STEYNSRUS, FREE STATE**

Moqhaka Local Municipality ~
Free State Province

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1 Glossary of terms and acronyms

BAR	Basic Assessment Report
DM	District Municipality
DMRE	Department Mineral Resources and Energy
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme
Environmental impact	Any change to the environment, whether adverse or beneficial, wholly, or partially resulting from a development and or the operation thereof.
GNR	Government Notice Regulation
I&AP	Interested and affected party
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act No. 107 of 1998
NWA	National Water Act No. 36 of 1998
PPP	Public Participation Process
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency
LM	Local Municipality





2 Introduction

The Public Participation Process (PPP) forms an essential part of the application process for environmental authorization, particularly in the context of proposed mining activity in Steynsrus. It serves as a platform for individuals and communities to voice their concerns and raise pertinent issues related to the proposed project. EMG Consultants undertook a comprehensive PPP to facilitate, engagement with stakeholders and identified Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), ensuring that all relevant parties were adequately informed about the project. Through various channels such as public meetings, stakeholder consultations, and information dissemination campaigns, EMG Consultants aimed to engage a wide spectrum of stakeholders, promoting transparency, and fostering dialogue.

By soliciting feedback, addressing concerns, and integrating stakeholder input into the decision-making framework, the PPP conducted by EMG Consultants sought to enhance the overall legitimacy and acceptability of the proposed mining activity. It underscored a commitment to responsible and sustainable development practices, acknowledging the importance of engaging with and considering the perspectives of all stakeholders involved. This inclusive approach contributed to fostering a collaborative environment for decision-making, promoting the interests of both project proponents and the communities affected by the proposed development.

Public participation must include.

“Consultation with—

-  *The Competent Authority.*
-  *Every State department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to an application for an environmental authorisation.*
-  *All organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates; and*
-  *All potential stakeholders, landowners, land users, where relevant, registered interested and affected parties.”*

In accordance with the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), the public participation process (PPP) offers individuals potentially impacted by a proposed development the chance to offer comments, voice concerns, and make suggestions aimed at improving the project's outcomes. Throughout the PPP, comments and issues raised are meticulously documented, evaluated, and recorded in a comments and responses register. Following a 30-day period, during which stakeholders can engage in the process, the identified issues are addressed and incorporated into the final project report. This comprehensive report, inclusive of stakeholder feedback, is then submitted to the decision-making authority, the **Free State Department of**

Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE), ensuring that community input shapes the final decision-making process regarding the proposed development.

2.1 Development locality

The proposed mining activity is located 3,04km northwest of Steynsrus within the administrative boundaries of Moqhaka Local Municipality and the under the jurisdiction of the Fezile Dabi District Municipality.

2.2 Project description

Environmental Management Group (EMG) is submitting an application for Environmental Authorization (EA) on behalf of Moqhaka Local Municipality. This application seeks legal clearance for mining activities on an approximately 4,92ha Portion 0 of the Farm Mededeel 460 located in the Steynsrus area. The property is owned by Moqhaka Local Municipality, a state entity.

The primary objective of this application is to legalize and permit the proposed mining activities, ensuring compliance with environmental regulations, thorough assessment of potential impacts, implementation of mitigation measures, and alignment with relevant policies and standards.


The proposed mining area is approximately 3,04km NW of Steynsrus town. The proposed project focuses on the extraction of weathered dolerite material, which refers to dolerite that has undergone natural oxidation and weathering processes. This material is intended to support crucial infrastructure projects, particularly in road construction and stormwater maintenance in the Kroonstad area, aligning with broader developmental objectives.

3 Environmental authorisation process:


Prior to the commencement of the proposed mining activity, 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 (DMRE). The Environmental Assessment Process will be conducted in terms of the 2014 NEMA environmental impact assessment (EIA) Regulations, GNR 326 as amended.

According to the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended 7 April 2017, Listing Notice 1 (NO. 327, 07 APRIL 2017) – R 327 the following activity applicable to this proposed project:

NEMA: Listing Notice 1 (NO. 327, 07 APRIL 2017)

 **Activity No. 21** - Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002).

a) associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks directly related to the extraction of a mineral resource.

 **Activity No. 27** - The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation

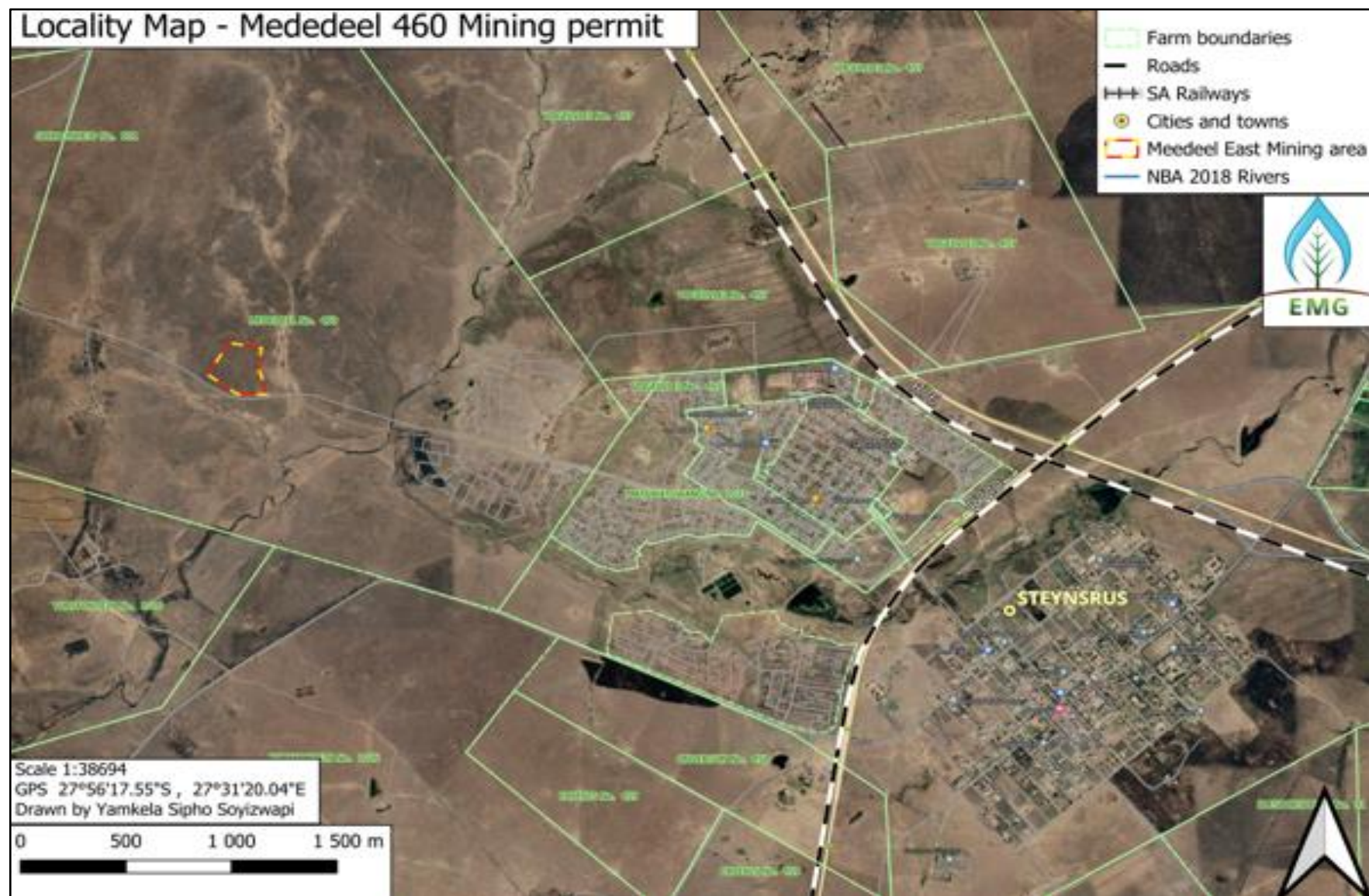
Listed activity nr.	Listed activity description	Relevance to the project
Listing Notice 1 (GN R 327, 07 April 2017)		
Activity 21	Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), including- (a) associated infrastructure, structures, and earthworks, directly related to the extraction of a mineral resource.	This application for environmental authorisation aims a mining permit under Section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002, to extract weathered dolerite material, also known as gravel material, for road maintenance and upgrading purposes. The project aligns with regulatory requirements and aims to uphold environmental standards while contributing to infrastructure development.
Activity 27	The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation.	The proposed project will physically clear an approximate of 4,92 ha of indigenous vegetation.

4 Timeframes

4.1 Basic Assessment report timeframe/s




Process steps (in accordance with chapter 6 of GN R326)	Responsible Party	Timeframe
Initial communication to clarify the application with the Authorising Department.	EAP	1 day
EAP to conduct a site investigation	EAP	1 day
EAP to submit Application for Environmental Authorisation to the competent authority.	EAP	1 day
Competent authority Accepts Application.	Competent authority	14 days
EAP to compile a Basic Assessment Report subjected to 30 days Public Participation Process.	EAP	90 days
EAP to submit Final Basic Assessment Report inclusive of comments to competent authority.	EAP	1 day
Competent authority to grant or decline Approval for Environmental Authorisation.	Competent authority	107 days
Environmental Authorisation subject to 20-day appeal process.	EAP	20 days
Final Approval of Environmental Authorisation.	Competent authority	1 day

5 Maps



6 Approach and methodology.

The Public Participation Process was conducted as per GN R326 Chapter 6 Sections 39-44 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 identified I&APs and surrounding community of the proposed development included:

-  Newspaper advertisement.
-  Site notices
-  Distribution of background information document (BID)

6.1 Newspaper advertisement

Application advertised in the local newspaper the Reitz Advertiser on 9th of August 2024 (see below for the advert template).



The advertisement is for the Reitz Advertiser, dated 09 August 2024. It features the newspaper's name in large red letters, with the tagline 'LOCAL USEFUL. DIGITAL.' and 'YOUR WEEKLY NEWSPAPER COVERING ARLINGTON, LINDLEY, PETRUS STEYN'. To the right, there is a red box for 'LABOUR LIFE' with the slogan 'SIMPLER | SAFER | STRONGER'. Below this, a list of services is provided, including Payroll & SARS/LRA related matters, Compensation Fund, Unemployment Insurance Fund, Employment Equity, Skills Development, Health & Safety, POPI & PAIA Compliance, Service delivery in South Africa and Lesotho, Paperless Management System, Labour-related matters, and Employer Representation (CCMA / Bargaining Councils). Contact information for MR J COETZEE is also included, along with the phone number 083 464 2114 and email jose@labourlife.co.za.



HOËRSKOOI REITZ

HOËRSKOOI REITZ LEERDER NEEM DEEL AAN DIE FRIESIAN WINTER FESTIVAL 2024

Wetenskaplike en ander, beide haar route is ook Lizele Cilliers het aan die Friesian Winter Festival 2024 deelgeneem vanaf 26 tot 27 Desember. Hier ontvang sy reënte vir die volgende prestasies: September aan die Suid-Asie Kampioenskindersreeks 24 - 18 jaar. 4de Kampioenskindersreeks 24 - 18 jaar. Desember, beide haar route is ook anderstans. Verder is Lizele ook ingesluit in die Kaasduin Natal span wat gedurende September aan die Suid-Asie Kampioenskindersreeks 24 - 18 jaar. 4de Kampioenskindersreeks 24 - 18 jaar. Desember.



Q: What do you get when you cross a Fish and a duck? (ick)
A: Fish sticks.



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**ARBEID BEVRY EN
LIDMAATSKAP IS GRATIS!!**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION FOR A MINING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given in terms of regulation 41 of Government Notice No. R305 under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1989) as amended 7 April 2017, Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002 as amended of intent to carry out the following project:

Application for Environmental Authorization for a mining permit on Farm Mededeel, Lintley, Free State Province. NEMA: Listing Notice 1 (No. 221, 07 APRIL 2017)

21	Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 2002/act No. 28 of 2002, (a) associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks directly related to the extraction of a mineral resource
22	The clearance of an area of 1 ha or more, but less than 20ha, of indigenous vegetation

LOCATION: Farm Mededeel, Lintley, Free State Province
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 DATE: 06 August 2024

To ensure that you are identified as an interested and/or affected party, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter to the consultant given above.

Thirty days are allowed for your comments to reach us as per NEMA (Act 107, 1989, amended 7 April 2017), GNR 328.



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Application for Environmental Authorisation for a mining permit on Farm Mededeel, Lindley, Free State Province.

NEMA: Listing Notice 1 (NO. 327, 07 APRIL 2017)

21	<p><i>Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002).</i></p> <p><i>(a) associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks directly related to the extraction of a mineral resource.</i></p>
27	<p><i>The clearance of an area of 1 ha or more, but less than 20ha, of indigenous vegetation</i></p>





LOCATION: Farm Mededeel, Lindley, Free State Province
PROponent: Mookhaka Local Municipality
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DATE: 01 August 2024

To ensure that you are identified as an interested and/or affected party, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter to the consultant given above.

Thirty days are allowed for your comments to reach us as per NEMA (Act 107, 1998, amended 7 April 2017), GNR 326.

6.2 Site notices

	<p>Site notice 1:</p> <p>Placed at: S -27.94736530 E 27.55371917</p>
	<p>Site notice 2:</p> <p>Placed at: S -27.94180621 E 27.53509649</p>



Site notice 3:

Placed at:

S -27.93954633

E 27.52547818

7 List of Interested and Affected parties/ Stakeholders

List of Stakeholders and I&AP's				
Department / Organisation	Contact Person	E-Mail Address	Address	Contact Nr
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Fezile Dabi District Municipality		https://feziledabi.gov.za/	John Vorster Road, Sasolburg	016 970 8600
Department of Community Safety Roads and Transport	Hannes Maree	<a href="mailto:<fsroadplanning@gmail.com>"><fsroadplanning@gmail.com>	Room 7A, 26 Hartley Street, Hamilton Bloemfontein	082 0599 725
SAHRIS	Online Submission			

8 Proof of notification to relevant authorities and I&APs

9 Comment and response register.

Person	I&AP comment	EAP response

10.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 mining permit and no objections were received.

11 Appendices