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Dear Stakeholder

Tronox Mineral Sands (Pty) (Ltd) (Tronox) mines heavy mineral sands at the existing Namakwa Sands Mine at Brand se Baai. Tronox is authorised to also mine and process deeper Orange Feldspathic Sand (OFS) resource at the East Mine (referred to as the EOFS Project). For the EOFS Project to proceed, Tronox must modify the approved residue disposal plan (this project): this entails a single RSF to accommodate all fine residue from the project, an amendment to the approach to backfilling and the upgrade of infrastructure.

SRK Consulting (South Africa) Pty Ltd (SRK) is undertaking the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998, as amended (NEMA) and the NEM: Waste Act 59 of 2008, and previously released the Scoping Report for public comment.

The **EIA Report is now available for public comment**. The complete EIA Report can be downloaded from SRK's website at https://docs.srk.co.za/en/za-namakwa-sands-modified-east-ofs-project-residue-disposal-plan.
The Executive Summary is attached to this email.

Please **submit comments** or requests for (new) registrations **via the form on the following link:** https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rplnyGBD5U2O1vtNc5AB66TCLuRnPWxBqXSevFIPapJURFZEWTNEVlJKSEhZS0FZVTNXMkk0MUU4RyQlQCN0PWcu **by 8 February 2021**, or to the contact specified in the summary.

After conclusion of the comment period, the EIA Report will be finalised and submitted to DMRE with all stakeholder comments for decision-making. Once a decision has been taken by DMRE, this will be communicated to all *registered* IAPs.

Regards,
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Dear Stakeholder

Modified Namakwa Sands East OFS Project Residue Disposal Plan: Release of draft EIA Report for Public Review

Tronox Mineral Sands (Pty) (Ltd) (Tronox) mines heavy mineral sands at the existing Namakwa Sands Mine at Brand se Baai. Tronox is authorised to mine and process the deeper Orange Feldspathic Sand (OFS) resource underlying the currently mined material at the East Mine (known as the EOFS Project). For the EOFS Project to proceed, Tronox must modify the approved residue disposal plan (this project): this includes a single RSF to accommodate all fine reside from the project, an amendment to the approach to backfilling and the upgrade of infrastructure.

Tronox require a Waste Management Licence (WML) in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008 (NEM:WA), Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA), a Water Use Authorisation in terms of the National Water Act 36 of 1998 (NWA) and an amendment to their approved Environmental Management Programme Reports (EMPr) in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002 (MPRDA) in order to allow for the project. SRK Consulting (South Africa) Pty Ltd (SRK) has been appointed to undertake the required Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR, also referred to as EIA) process required to inform these applications.

The draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and an Executive Summary are now available for public review and comment electronically on the SRK website - www.srk.co.za (via the 'Knowledge Centre' and 'Public Documents' links) **until 8 February 2021**.

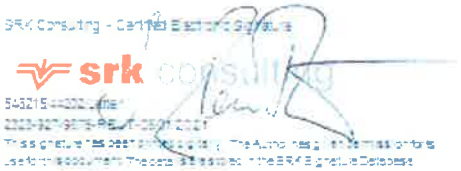
Stakeholders are invited to submit comments and/or register on the project database. Submissions from stakeholders must include their name, contact details (specifying the preferred method of notification, e.g. e- mail), and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which they have in the

application. Submissions should be made via a form on the following link https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rplnyGBD5U2O1vtNc5AB66TCLuRnPWxBqXSevFIPapJURFZEWTNEVlJKSEhZS0FZVTNXMkk0MUU4RyQlQCN0PWcu – available on SRK's website.

Alternatively submissions can be forwarded to Sue Reuther at SRK Consulting, Email: sreuther@srk.co.za, Tel: (021) 659 3060, Fax: (021) 685 7105.

Yours faithfully,

SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd



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