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Attention: Mr William Seabi

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF
REGULATION 21 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
REGULATIONS, 2014 FOR THE MINING RIGHT IN REPSECT OF THE FARMS
DORSTFONTEIN 71 IS, WELSTAND 55 IS AND RIETKUIL 558 IS3 DORSTFONTEI
COAL MINE (PTY) LTD , SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF BETHAL :
MPUMALANGA REGION**

The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of study for Environmental Impact Assessment received by the Department refers.

- a) The Department has evaluated the submitted SR and Plan of the study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated 17 August 2017 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2(2) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (as amended) (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014. The SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.
- b) You may proceed with the Environmental Impact Assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the NEMA EIA regulations, 2014.

- c) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). This includes but is not limited to the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport and the local municipality. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof of the attempts that were made to obtain comments should be submitted to the Department.
- d) It should be noted that the Department requires the following to be provided/included and form part of the final EIAR and EMPr to be submitted.
- The financial provision calculations must be provided for the proposed activities.
 - The plan to be submitted must depict the location and aerial extent of the proposed mining activities .
 - A map at an appropriate scale which superimposes the proposed activity and its associated structures and infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the preferred site indicating any areas that should be avoided, including buffers;
 - Public Participation Process must be transparent and all comments received during the process must be incorporated into the comments and response report of the final Environmental Impact Report.
 - Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof of the attempts that were made to obtain comments should be submitted to the Department.
 - All comments from interested and affected parties must be adequately addressed in the final Environmental Impact Report.
 - Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subjected to any permits or authorisations in terms of the

provisions of any Specific Environmental Management Acts (SEMA), proof of such application will be required.

- Any other matters required in terms of Appendix 3 (3) and Appendix 4 (1) of the EIA Regulation 2014.
- e) The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 3 of the EIA regulations, 2014 with regards to the time and period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.
- f) Please be ensure that the EIAR includes the A3 size locality map of the area and illustrates the exact location of the proposed development. The map must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes , maps are related to one another, Co-ordinates, Legible legends, Indicate alternative, Scale and Vegetation types of the study area.
- g) Your attention is brought to Section 24F of the NEMA which stipulates "that no activity may commence prio to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the competent authority".

For any enquiry regarding this application please contact the above mentioned Official

Yours faithfully



REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION

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DATE.....02/01/2017