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Thursday, 11 July 2024

DMRE REF: LP30/5/2/2/1/10068MR

EMPr REF: LP30/5/2/2/1/10068EM

Dear Sir/Madam

**NOTICE OF AN INTEGRATED APPLICATION FOR A WATER USE LICENCE, A WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED S102 AMENDMENT OF AN EXISTING MINING RIGHT HELD BY VOLSPRUIT MINING COMPANY (PTY) LTD, MOGALAKWENA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

Notice issued in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA); the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended) (EIA Regulations); the National Environmental Management: Waste Management Act 59 of 2008 (NEMWA); the National Water Act 36 of 1998 (NWA); the Water Use Licence Application and Appeals Regulations, 2017 (GN R267); and Regulations on the Use of Water for Mining and Related Activities Aimed at the Protection of Water Resources (GN 704)

**INTRODUCTION**

Volspruit Mining Company (Pty) Ltd (the Applicant) is the holder of a mining right over the farms Volspruit 326 KR and Portion 2 of the farm Zoetveld 294 KR situated in Mogalakwena Local Municipality, Limpopo Province. The approved mining right area covers 1335,28 hectares (ha). The minerals approved for mining include Platinum Group Metals, gold, nickel and copper. The mining right (LP30/5/2/2/1/10068MR) came into effect on 4 October 2017, the date on which the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) (LP30/5/2/2/1/10068EM) was approved in terms of Section 39(4) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002 (MPRDA). The mining right was awarded for a period of 30 years. No mining has commenced as yet. After issuing of the mining right, and based on various optimisation and environmental studies, the Applicant changed the layout of the proposed development. The farm portions affected by the current mining right and proposed extension area and amendment are Volspruit 326 KR and Portion 2 of the farm Zoetveld 294 KR, the Portions RE of 4, 5, 18, 27 (of 4), 30 (of 4), 52 (of 4), 53 (of 4), 54 (of 4) and the Remaining Extent of the Farm Grasvally 293 KR and portions 1, 3, 4 and the Remaining Extent of the farm Zoetveld 294 KR. The extended footprint required for the proposed activities is 2746,79 ha.

Approvals required from the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) prior to commencement of mining include the following: Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the NEMA and conditions included in the approved EMPr; a Waste Management License (WML) in terms of the NEMWA for the establishment of the waste rock residue stockpile and the tailings residue stockpile; and an amendment of the existing Mining Right in terms of Section 102 the MPRDA to include the additional area needed for optimisation. Approvals required from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) prior to commencement of mining include: a Water Use Licence for the following water uses as specified in Section 21 of the NWA: (a) – taking water from a water resource; (b) – Storing of water; (c) – impeding or diverting the flow of water in a water course; (e) – Engaging in controlled activity; (g) – disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource; (i) – altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse; and (j) – removing, discharging or

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disposing of water found underground if it is necessary for the efficient continuation of an activity or for the safety of people. Approval of an exemption from the requirements of GN704 for the following activities will also be required from the DWS: Regulation 4 (a) development within 1:50 year flood line; (b) mining within 1:50 year flood line; (c) Backfilling of mining pit; and Regulation 5: using waste rock for construction. Applications for the above-mentioned authorisations, approvals, licences and exemptions have been submitted to the relevant Competent Authorities (DMRE and DWS).

The Applicant appointed EcoPartners (Pty) Ltd (EcoPartners) as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to conduct a Scoping and Environmental Impact Report process required as part of the EA and WML Applications. Kara Nawa Environmental Solutions was appointed to undertake the Water Use Licence Application (WULA) and the GN 704 Exemption Application. Solarys (Pty) Ltd was appointed by EcoPartners to conduct the public participation process required as part of the respective processes.

## **INVITATION TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY (I&AP), TO ENGAGE, COMMENT, OBJECT AND / OR ATTEND A PUBLIC OPEN DAY**

Stakeholders are invited to engage, comment on, or object to information shared, by registering as I&APs and taking part in the public participation process. I&APs can comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIR) **until Monday, 12 August 2024**. The DEIR will be available for comment from Thursday, 11 July to Monday, 12 August 2024 (30 days).

I&APs have 60 days to object against the granting of a Water Use License (WUL) and Exemptions as listed above (**by Tuesday, 10 September 2024**). Comments on the draft WUL submission documents can also be made in the 60-day period from Thursday, 11 July to Tuesday, 10 September 2024.

The Report can be accessed at the EcoPartners website at [www.ecopartners.co.za](http://www.ecopartners.co.za). A printed copy of the Report is available at the **Mogalakwena Library, 55 Van Riebeeck Street, Mokopane**.

Stakeholders and I&APs are invited to comment on or object to the proposed applications as follows:

- By providing comments on the proposed project, DEIR by contacting the Public Participation Office telephonically, by email, WhatsApp, SMS, post; or
- By completing a Registration and Comment Sheet which is available at the above public places, on the EcoPartners website ([www.ecopartners.co.za](http://www.ecopartners.co.za)) or on request from the Public Participation Office.



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## **INVITATION TO ATTEND A PUBLIC OPEN DAY**

Stakeholders are invited to attend a public open day as indicated below:

**Date:** Saturday, 27 July 2024

**Time:** Any time between 09h30 and 15h30

**Venue:** Mokopane (Potgietersrus) Bowls Club, 20 Wilge St, Chroompark, Mokopane, GPS Coordinates: 24°12'36.0"S 28°59'17.6"E.

Objectives of the public open day are:

- To share information about the proposed application and S&EIR processes;
- To share the findings and recommendations of the specialists studies and impact assessment and
- For I&APs to ask questions, raise issues of concern, contribute comments and/or suggestions for enhanced benefits.

## CONCLUSION

We would like to encourage you to actively participate in the S&EIR process. We would be happy to respond to any questions you may have, or to provide you with more information. Should you wish to obtain more information, or wish to comment, please contact the Public Participation Office via the following means:

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**By post:** P O Box 71279, Bryanston, 2021

Sincerely,

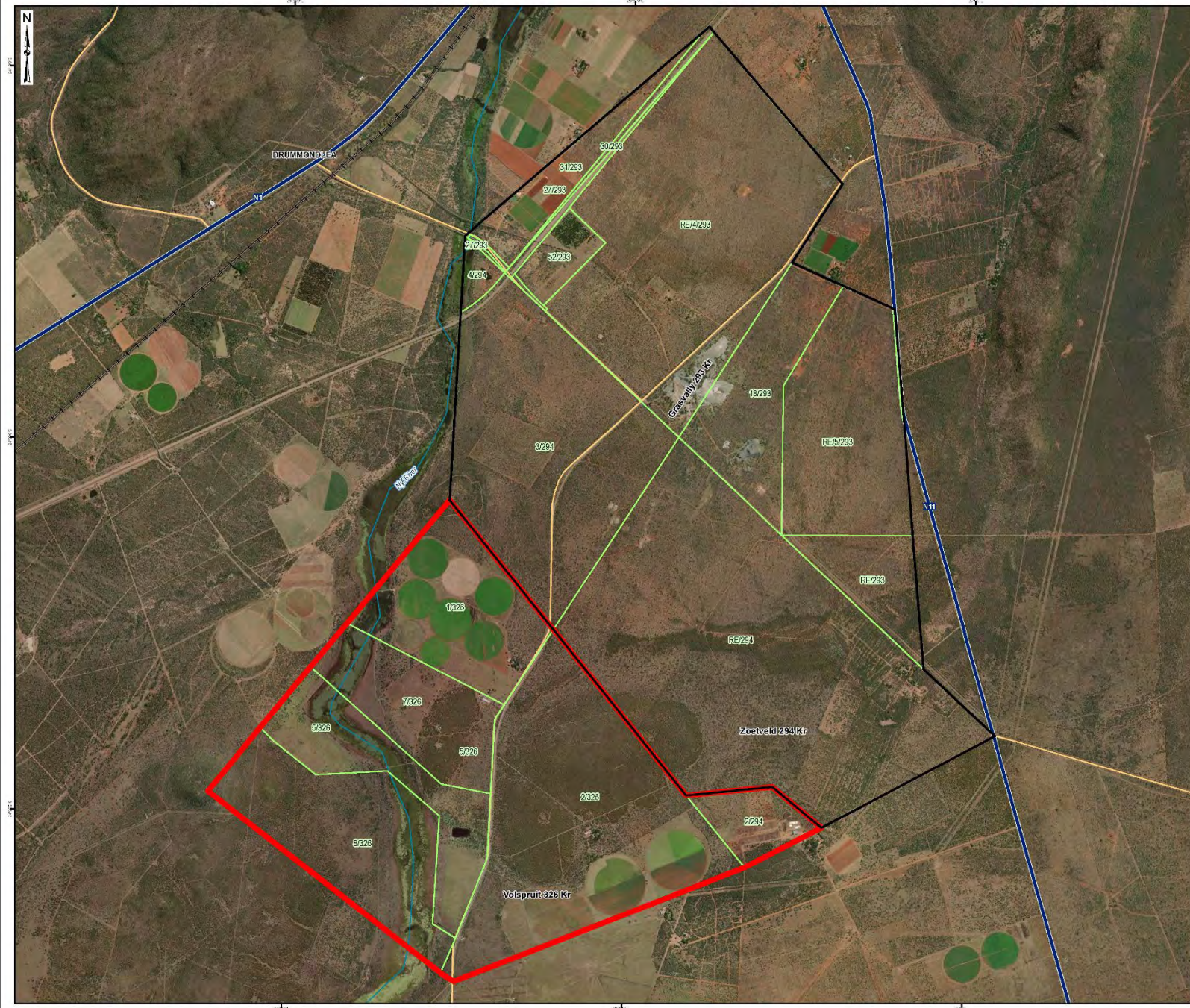
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*Attachment 1: Locality Map*

*Attachment 2: Registration and Comment Sheet*

*Attachment 3: Background Information Document*





**LEGEND**

- Towns - intermediate
- Volspruit Mining Right**
  - Granted Volspruit Mining Right
  - Volspruit PGM Extention Application Area
  - Farm Portions
- Roads**
  - National Route
  - Secondary road
  - Railway
  - Major Rivers

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**PROJECT**  
Volspruit Mining Company

**TITLE**  
Farm Portions within Volspruit Mining Right and extension application area

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## REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET

Stakeholders are invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and to lodge written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report that will be available from **Thursday, 11 July to Monday, 12 August 2024 (30 days)**. I&APs have **60 days** to object against the granting of a Water Use License and an application for exemption in terms of GN704 (by **Tuesday, 10 September 2024**). Comments on the draft Water Use License submission documents can be made in the 60-day period from **Thursday, 11 July to Tuesday, 10 September 2024**

*Your comments are an important part of the above referenced application process. We would like to encourage you to register as an I&AP so that we can keep you informed of progress with the proposed project.*

### PERSONAL DETAILS

Name	Surname	Title	Organisation / Department

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Cell Number		Land Line	
Email		Fax	
Postal Address			

### LANDOWNERS / ADJACENT LANDOWNERS

If your property falls within the boundary of, or directly adjacent to the application area, please tell us your farm name and erf/portion number.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY?

Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops.	YES	NO
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I would like to attend the <b>Public Open Day on 27 July 2024, any time between 09h30 and 15h30</b> , Mokopane (Potgietersrus) Bowls Club, 20 Wilge St, Chroompark, Mokopane, GPS Coordinates: 24°12'36.0"S 28°59'17.6"E	YES	NO
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Please add the name(s) and contact number(s) of friends/colleagues/neighbours that may be interested in the application process:

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## COMMENT(S)

*Please feel free to use additional pages if necessary*

I have the following comments to make regarding the proposed project and/or the public participation process:

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### DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

I hereby give consent, in terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013, for the information provided above to be processed for the purpose of keeping me informed of progress with the proposed project. The above information may be shared with no third party, other than the relevant Competent Authority or other National, Provincial or Local Authorities should they request stakeholder details.

Signature:

In terms of Regulation 43 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below the following direct business, financial, personal or other interest that I have in the approval or refusal of this application:

Date:



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