

25 January 2024

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR MINING RIGHT IN RESPECT OF THE FARM
WONDERHOEK 376 JS, SITUATED WITHIN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MIDDELBURG,
MPUMALANGA**

(DMRE Reference No.: MP 30/5/1/1/3/2/1/ (10357) EM)

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

Wonderhoek Colliery (Pty) Ltd lodged an application for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) opencast coal mining in respect of the farm Wonderhoek 376 JS. The proposed mining operation trigger various listed activities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014. The application entails a new opencast mining operation due to seemly depth of the coal reserve below the surface, stripping and roll over mining techniques.

The Department is satisfied, on the basis of the information provided in the environmental assessment and the information available to it and subject to compliance with the conditions of the EA. An authorisation is **granted** in terms of section 24(2)(a) of the NEMA, as amended

The applicant hereby notifies all registered interested and affected parties of the outcome of the application for EA and the Department's decision, in compliance with the requirements Section 24 L of the National Environmental Act (Act 107 of 1998). The Department has granted authorisation for the above-mentioned application, with the decision issued by the Department on 17 January 2024, which was received by the applicant on **17/01/2024**. A copy of the Environmental Authorisation (*DMRE Reference No.: MP 30/5/1/1/3/2/1/ (10357) EM*) with reasons for the decision is included with this notification letter.

NOTICE OF APPEAL PROCESS

Should you wish to appeal against the decision made by the Department, your appeal must be submitted to the Minister of Environmental Affairs and a copy of the appeal to the Department of Mineral Resources (Mpumalanga Regional Office), within **20 days** from the date that the notification, of the decision was sent to registered interested and affected parties by the applicant. Such appeal must be lodged as prescribed in Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulations of 2014, by means of the methods as prescribed below:

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APPEAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

ATTENTION: Directorate Appeals and Legal Review
E-MAIL: appealsdirector@environment.gov.za
BY POST: Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001
BY HAND: Environmental House, 473 Steve Biko Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083

COPY OF THE LODGED APPEAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

ATTENTION: Regional Manager: Mpumalanga Region
BY FACSIMILE: (013) 656 1474
E-MAIL: lydia.maphopha@dmr.gov.za
BY POST: Private Bag X7279, Witbank, 1035
BY HAND: Saveways Centre, Nelson Mandela Drive, Emalahleni, 1035

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the DFFE's website at: <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms> or request a copy of the documents at appealsdirector@environment.gov.za

As an interested and affected party your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Environmental Management Act National Appeal Regulations (published under Government Notice No. 993) which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. A copy of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014, and the National Appeal Amended Regulations, 2015, is included with this notification letter.

Please note that **appeals should be submitted to the Minister of Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment and a copy to the Minister Department of Mineral Resources and not to the consultant.**

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dr. M van Veelen', written over a horizontal line.

for **Dr. M van Veelen**
Director
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Document Attached: Environmental Authorisation (MP 30/5/1/1/3/2/1/ (10357) EM)
National Appeal Regulations, 2014
National Appeal Amendment Regulations, 2015