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NOTIFICATION LETTER

MMS GENERAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE DRILLING OF EXPLORATION BOREHOLES FOR RESOURCE QUANTIFICATION ON THE FARMS MIDDELDRIFT 42 IS AND WOLVERKRANS 17 IS, NEAR MIDDELBURG, IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE (WU39929)

Dear Stakeholder,

Middelburg Mine Services (owned and operated by Seriti Power (Pty) Ltd) is applying for General Authorisation in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 for the drilling of exploration boreholes. The exploration drilling project aims to quantify the mineral resource potential within an area where mining rights have been granted but resource estimates remain unconfirmed. By systematically drilling boreholes and analysing core samples, this project will generate essential data for precise resource estimation, enabling informed decision-making regarding future mining operations

Objectives:

- **Resource Assessment:** Determine the quantity, quality, and distribution of mineral resources within the designated area.
- **Geological Understanding:** Gain insights into the geological characteristics, stratigraphy, and structure of the subsurface to understand the resource formation and distribution.
- **Risk Mitigation:** Identify potential geological hazards, such as unstable formations or igneous intrusions, to mitigate risks associated with future mining operations.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Ensure compliance with local, national, and international regulations governing mineral exploration and environmental protection.

Niara Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd (Niara) has been appointed by MMS to undertake the General Authorisation Application (GA). Therefore, approval is required in terms of the National Water Act (NWA) (Act No. 36 of 1998) for water uses associated with the proposed project, and as such an GA will be submitted.

REGISTRATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

Niara hereby informs all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that all documents related to the PPP inclusive of a comments and response form will be made available at the following locations:

Location	Contact person
Niara website: www.niara.co.za under 'Downloads'	Ms Orlinda Mafika on 066 526 5099

The Draft GA Technical Document will be available for public review on the Niara Environmental Consultants website (www.niara.co.za) starting Friday, 29 November 2024. Kindly note that the documents are being made available to ensure transparency and to keep Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) fully informed. While the documents are primarily for review purposes, we welcome any feedback or inquiries to enhance stakeholder engagement.

COMMENTS AND QUERIES

Your comments/ inputs regarding the proposed project are valuable. For your convenience, a registration and/or comment sheet is appended to this document. If you do not wish to submit comments and would like to be removed from the mailing list, please send us an email indicating as such.

Should you wish to be registered as an I&AP, to obtain additional information or comment on the proposed project, please use the contact details below, using the Niara reference number **SER11**.

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