

**PROPOSED AGGREGATE MINE ON A  
PORTION OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 19 OF THE  
FARM ECOWA NO 102,  
ELLIOT, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

**COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT**

**DEPARTMENT REFERENCE NUMBER:**

***EC 30/5/1/3/2/10853 MP***

**AUGUST 2024**



## NOTIFICATION OF MINING PERMIT APPLICATION AND DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT TO STAKEHOLDERS AND I&APS DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*COMMENTING PERIOD: 02 JULY 2024 – 05 AUGUST 2024*

The relevant stakeholders and I&AP's were informed of the mine permit application by means of an advertisement in the Barkly East Reporter newspaper, and on-site notices that were placed at the site entrance and at the Sakhisizwe Local Municipality. Also a hard copy of the DBAR was made available for the public to review at the Sakhisizwe Local Municipality. A notification letter inviting comments on the DBAR over a 30-days commenting period (ending 05 August 2024) was also sent to the landowner, neighbouring landowners, stakeholders, and any I&AP that may be interested in the project. The comments received on the DBAR was incorporated into the FBAR to be submitted to the DMRE for consideration. No comments were received. Also refer to Appendix F1 & F2 for the proof of public participation conducted thus. The following table provides a list of the I&AP's and stakeholders that were informed of the project:

<b>STAKEHOLDERS</b>			
<b>TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME</b>	<b>AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS</b>	<b>CONTACTED DATE</b>	<b>RESPONSE RECEIVED</b>
Mr G Mashiyi	Chris Hani District Municipality	02 July 2024	No Comments received
HOD Office	Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs & Tourism Queenstown Office	02 July 2024	No Comments received
Municipal Manager Mr S.G. Sotshongaye	Sakhisizwe Local Municipality	02 July 2024	No Comments received

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<b>TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME</b>	<b>AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS</b>	<b>CONTACTED DATE</b>	<b>RESPONSE RECEIVED</b>
Mr J Conoshe	Sakhisizwe Local Municipality Ward 1 Councillor	02 July 2024	No Comments received
Mr Yawa	Department of Labour	02 July 2024	No Comments received
Acting COO: Patience Tamba	Department Of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform	02 July 2024	No Comments received
Mr Babini Mbewu	Department Of Rural Development and Land Reform	02 July 2024	No Comments received
Mr J Mhlomi	Department Of Transport	02 July 2024	No Comments received
Me Molepo Khuthadzo Me Olwetu Vongwue	Department Of Water and Sanitation	02 July 2024	No Comments received
Mr MD Qwase	Department of Public Works	02 July 2024	No Comments received

**STAKEHOLDERS**

TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
Mrs Angelina Shalang	Eskom	02 July 2024	No Comments received
Heritage Officer	SAHRA	02 July 2024	No Comments received
Mr Chumisa Njingana	SANRAL	02 July 2024	No Comments received
Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama	Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority	02 July 2024	08 August 2024

Ayanda Mncwabe-Mama supplied the following comments on 08 August 2024:

ECPHRA (Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Authority) COMMENT in terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999).

This matter was tabled at the Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Committee meeting held on 30 July 2024. ECPHRA acknowledges the NID payment of R500 and the LoR (Letter of Exemption dated 2016 compiled by C.Booth which is based on an adjacent mine).

ECPHRA has noted that this is a new section of the farm that would be mined therefore it needs its own Heritage Impact Assessment (an AIA & PIA) and proof of R1 500 payment to be forwarded to ECPHRA or attached to the case on SAHRIS.

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The development outline is on a high sensitivity location hence a paleontological assessment is required. Applicants need to take note that the screening tool is based on historical data.

Note: HIA studies older than five years are not accepted by ECPHRA. HIA studies must be done on the study site in question. The HIA must include all associated development aspects such as relevant portions of the access road (s), site camp and laydown areas. This should be submitted for an HIA Comment in terms of Section 38(8) of the NHRA of 1999.

Specialist studies should be conducted by qualified professions in the relevant disciplines. AIA's by professionals with a minimum of an Honours degree and the PIA's by professionals with a minimum of a Masters degree.

Greenmined's response on 12 August 2024:

Good day,

Thank you so much for your participation.

Your comments are hereby noted, and a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) study will be conducted prior to the commencement of mining activities.

Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency  
(ECPTA)

02 July 2024

No Comments received

**LANDOWNER AND INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTIES**

<b>TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME</b>	<b>AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS</b>	<b>CONTACTED DATE</b>	<b>RESPONSE RECEIVED</b>
Mr R Cloete	Landowner of application area Farm Ecowa 102 Remaining Extent of Portion 19	02 July 2024	No Comments received
Mr G Cloete	Surrounding Landowner Farm Beeza 474 Portion nr 5	02 July 2024	No Comments received
Mr MD Qwase	Department of Public Works, Eastern Cape Farm Ecowa 102 Remaining extent of Portion 10	02 July 2024	No Comments received
Mr M Andrews	Surrounding Landowner Farm Ecowa 102 Portion 20	02 July 2024	No Comments received

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	Farm Ecowa 102 Portion 23		
<p><u>Mr Andrews telephonic comments on 25 June 2024:</u></p> <p>Mr Andrews requested that the map be emailed to him, which was done on the same day of 25 June 2024.</p> <p><u>Greenmined's response on 25 June 2024:</u></p> <p>Dear Murray,</p> <p>As discussed, please find attached the maps of the new mine permit application area.</p> <p>The public participation 30 day period kicks off on 02 July 2024, all the documentation will be available on our website by then for your perusal.</p> <p>No further was communication received from Mr Murray.</p>			
Mr JJ Roodt	Surrounding landowner Farm Ecowa 102 Portion 11	02 July 2024	No Comments received

## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The I&AP's and stakeholders were informed of the proposed project and invited to comment on the DBAR through:

- ◆ telephonic discussions;
- ◆ direct notification via email notifications;
- ◆ placement of on-site notices;
- ◆ the placement of advertisements in The Barkly East Reporter newspaper
- ◆ a hard copy of the DBAR was made available to the public to review at the Sakhisizwe Local Municipality.

The Applicant also entered into a land use agreement with the property owner, who in principle supports the project.

All stakeholders and I&AP's were invited to comment on the DBAR. Also refer to Appendix E1 and E2 for the proof of public participation conducted.

**-END OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT-**