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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION TO MINE FOR STONE AGGREGATE AND GRAVEL ON PORTION OF PORTION 19 OF THE FARM ECOWA 102, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF ELLIOT IN THE EASTERN CAPE REGION.

APPLICANT: JASON KASCHULA

The Department hereby acknowledges receipt of an application for an **Environmental Authorization (EA)** lodged on the SAMRAD system on the **16 May 2024** to mine **FOR STONE AGGREGATE AND GRAVEL ON PORTION OF PORTION 19 OF THE FARM ECOWA 102, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF ELLIOT IN THE EASTERN CAPE REGION.**

1. In light of the minimum requirements as stipulated on Regulation 16 (1) and 16 (2) of the EIA Regulations your application for an Environmental Authorization was incomplete as it was not accompanied by an acceptance letter as per sub Regulation 16 (1) (ix) and considering that it is now completed by an acceptance letter in terms of the MPRDA dated the **27 May 2024**, you are hereby required to submit the documents as stipulated on Regulation 19 (1) to 19 (8) of the EIA Regulations.
2. You are required to submit a report in terms of Regulation 16 (1)(b) (v) which states, an application for an environmental authorisation must be accompanied by the report generated on the national web based environmental screening tool'. This report must be submitted together with the BAR.
3. The Basic Assessment Report must be submitted within 90 calendar days (i.e., no later than the **29 August 2024** from the date of this letter (i.e., as per the required timeframes specified by the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014).
4. The Basic Assessment Report must be inclusive of consultation documents, which have been subjected to a public participation process for at least 30 days and which reflect and incorporates all comments received

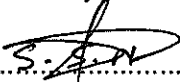
from I&AP's. Government departments must be included, and this includes but not limited to, the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority, Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs, Department of Agriculture, Department of Water & Sanitation, Department of Public Works or SANRAL, ECPTA and the Local Municipality.

5. Please ensure that comments from all relevant Government Departments are submitted and should you be unable to obtain such comments, proof of the attempts that were made to obtain comments should be submitted. Kindly note that the DMRE no longer conducts consultation with government Departments, and it is upon the applicant to conduct such consultation.
6. Should a water use license be required, an application for a water use license must be made to the Department of Water and Sanitation.
7. Only activities listed on the application will be considered when issuing an environmental authorization and the onus is on the applicant to ensure that **all listed activities** related to the proposed project are included in the application. Kindly note that no listed activities may commence without an environmental authorization from this Department.
8. Please submit 2 hardcopies and 1 soft copy of the Basic Assessment Report for consultation purposes with Mine Health and Safety (MHS).
9. Failure to submit the Basic Assessment Report within the required timeframes will result in the lapsing of the EA application.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

This Department reserves the right to revise its initial comments and request further information from you, based on any new or revised information received.

Yours faithfully

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Regional Manager: Mineral and Petroleum Regulation

Eastern Cape Region

Date: *07/06/2024*

Please quote this office file number for any correspondence as reference.