

**PROPOSED SILTY SAND AND QUARTZITIC
SANDSTONE PEBBELS MINE ON A PORTION OF
PORTION 2 OF THE FARM BONNE ESPERANCE
83, TULBAGH, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

DEPARTMENT REFERENCE NUMBER:

WC30/5/1/3/2/10352MP

JANUARY 2025



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

MP COMMENTING PERIOD: 25 NOVEMBER 2024 –14 JANUARY 2025

WULA COMMENTING PERIOD: 14 NOVEMBER 2024 –14 JANUARY 2025 REF NR WU40775

The relevant stakeholders and I&AP’s were informed of the mine permit application and water usage license application by means of an advertisement in the Witzenberg Herald newspaper, and on-site notices that were placed on the farm fence of the application area; Portion 2 of Bonne Esperance, and at Gouda public library. A notification letter inviting comments on the DBAR over a 30-days commenting period (mine permit application), and 60-day commenting period (water usage license application) was also sent to the landowner, neighbouring landowners, stakeholders, and I&AP’s that may be interested in the project. Also refer to Appendix F1 + F2 for the proof of public participation conducted. The following table provides a list of the I&AP’s and stakeholders that were informed of the project:

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TITLE, NAME AND SURNAME	AFFILIATION/KEY STAKEHOLDER STATUS	CONTACTED DATE	RESPONSE RECEIVED
Mr David Joubert	Drakenstein Local Municipality	25 November 2024	No Comments received
Mrs Catherine Maria Jacobs	Drakenstein Local Municipality Ward 31 Councillor	25 November 2024	No Comments received
Mr Henry Prins	Cape Winelands District Municipality	25 November 2024	No Comments received

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Emily-Jane Vowles	Heritage Western Cape	25 November 2024	06 December 2024
<p><u>Comments received from Emily-Jane Vowles on 06 December 2024:</u></p> <p>Heritage Western Cape is in receipt of your application for the above matter received. This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officers Meeting held on 10 December 2024.</p> <p>You are hereby notified that, since there is no reason to believe that the proposed development of a 5 hectare mine on Farm 83 Portion 2, Bonne Esperance, Tulbagh will impact on heritage resources, no further action under Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) is required.</p> <p>However, should any heritage resources, including evidence of graves and human burials, archaeological material and paleontological material be discovered during the execution of the activities above, all works must be stopped immediately, and Heritage Western Cape must be notified without delay.</p> <p>This letter does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining any necessary approval from any other applicable statutory authority.</p> <p>This decision is valid for 5 years from the date of this decision. This period may be extended on good reason being shown and at the discretion of HWC, provided that application for extension must be made prior to the effluxion of the 5-year period.</p> <p>HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required.</p> <p>Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number.</p>			
Ms Sharon February	Cape West Coast Biosphere Reserve	25 November 2024	No Comments received

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Leandra Knoetze	Cape Nature	25 November 2024	16 January 2025

Comments received from Leandra Coetzee on 16 January 2025:

1. According to the South African Vegetation Map (2018), the proposed mining area historically supported Swartland Shale Renosterveld, a Critically Endangered Vegetation Type and a small area of Swartland Alluvium Fynbos, an Endangered Vegetation Type. However, the area appears to be completely transformed by wheat cultivation and no natural vegetation remains except for small, scattered patches across the farm and areas surrounding the Klein Berg River, South-West of the proposed site.
2. The proposed site is partially situated within an Ecological Support Area (ESA 2: Restore) - which can play an important role in supporting the functioning of Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and can be vital for delivering ecosystem services. The ESA is mapped due to the presence of a watercourse (non-perennial stream) and where possible, the area should be restored and/or managed to maintain soil and water-related services.
3. According to the Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS) Risk Matrix Assessment, the proposed site falls within quaternary catchment G10F which forms part of the Berg-Olifants Water Management area (WMA). There is one non-perennial stream within 100m of the proposed mining area, however the stream has been highly canalised and modified to accommodate the surrounding agricultural activities. Additionally, there is one perennial River, the Klein Berg River, which is located about 1km away from the mining footprint and we agree with the freshwater specialist that it is unlikely to be impacted by the project. Nevertheless, silt/sediment traps/barriers should be used where there is a danger of topsoil or material stockpiles eroding and entering downstream drainage lines or other sensitive areas. These sediment/silt barriers should be regularly maintained and cleared to ensure effective drainage of the areas and runoff water on exposed areas should be controlled.
4. The Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment confirmed that no areas were found to support indigenous vegetation within the proposed mining footprint and development area and that the threshold for triggering the botanical related NEMA activities is not exceeded.
5. We agree with the mitigation measures set out in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) to minimize environmental impact and ensure sustainable development. The mitigation measures of high importance are:

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a. The mining boundaries must be clearly demarcated, and all operations must be contained to the approved mining area. The area outside the mining boundaries must be declared as a no-go area, and areas of indigenous vegetation communities outside of the direct project footprint, if present, should under no circumstances be fragmented or disturbed further.

b. Any erosion problems within the mining area as a result of the mining activities observed must be rectified immediately (within 48 hours) and monitored thereafter to ensure that it does not re-occur.

c. Mining must be conducted only in accordance with the Best Practice Guideline for small scale mining that relates to storm water management, erosion and sediment control and waste management, developed by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). Clean water (e.g. rainwater) must be kept clean and be routed to a natural watercourse by a system separate from the dirty water system. Furthermore, a storm water management plan must apply for the entire life cycle of the mining activity.

6. We recommend that removed topsoil is kept separately from other soils and that no stockpiles are placed near any natural areas. Topsoil stockpiles should be protected from any erosion, pollution or contamination, as the soil must be used again for rehabilitation which should be conducted concurrent to mining - the mining area should be divided into blocks of no larger than 1 hectare and only one block should be mined at a time and rehabilitated as soon as excavation begins on the next block. We also suggest that a qualified Environmental Control Officer (ECO) should be appointed to ensure that the mitigation measures set out by the Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment and Agriculture Impact Assessment are implemented.

7. CapeNature does not object to the mining application, provided that adequate avoidance and mitigation measures including rehabilitation will be implemented during the construction and operational phases of the open-cast mine and that the proposed mitigation measures set out in the EMP are implemented and adhered to.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Greenmined's response on 16 January 2025:

Thank you for your mail, and comments supplied.
All comments will be incorporated and addressed in the Final Basic Assessment Report.
As requested please find attached the KML shapefile.

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Mr Cor Van Der Walt	Department of Agriculture WC	25 November 2024	No Comments received
Mr Mashudu Murovhi	Department of Water and Sanitation	25 November 2024	No Comments received
Mr Solly Fourie	Department of Economic Development and Tourism	25 November 2024	No Comments received
Mrs Adri LaMeyer	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	25 November 2024	14 January 2025

Comments received on 14 January 2025:

1. The email notification of 25 November 2024 regarding the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (“BAR”) in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the water use licence application (“WULA”) in terms of the National Water Act, 2008 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (“NWA”), refer.

2. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft BAR and the WULA associated with the mining permit application. Please find consolidated comment from various directorates within the department on the Draft BAR and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPr”) dated November 2024, the Risk Assessment Matrix in support of the WULA, and associated documentation that were available for download from the website of the environmental assessment practitioner (“EAP”).

Directorate: Development Facilitation – Ms Adri La Meyer

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Comments on the WULA:

3. It is noted that a WULA Technical/ Motivation Report was not made available on the EAP's website. In the absence of this document, this Directorate is unable to provide detailed comments on the WULA, as the following information normally included in a WULA Technical/ Motivation Report, is lacking:

3.1. Project details.

3.2. Location and water use/s being applied for.

3.3. Any existing lawful water uses on the property.

3.4. WULA process undertaken thus far and registration on e-WULAAS.

3.5. Reports and other technical documents requested by the relevant water use licensing authority.

3.6. Mitigation measures for water use activity/ies.

3.7. Summary of relevant specialist reports.

4. The Section 21(c) and (i) Risk Assessment prepared by Afzelia Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd dated

15 November 2024 notes that the WULA relates to water uses identified in terms of section 21 (c) and (i) of the NWA, 1998, as a non-perennial stream is located within 100m of the proposed mining area. It is further indicated that a "non-prioritised wetland" is located within 500m of the site, which is regarded as a small dam system.

4.1. Please note that in the absence of ground-truthing of the proposed mining area, the water use licensing authority may regard the Risk Assessment as incomplete.

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4.2. The Risk Assessment concludes that a “site verification (Wetland assessment) must be undertaken to confirm the desktop findings and risk ratings”. Should the relevant water use licensing authority require a site verification, then the Department and other registered interested and affected parties (including organs of state) must be consulted again on the findings of the site verification.

4.3. The Risk Assessment was only undertaken for the non-perennial stream. Has it been confirmed by the water use licensing authority that no authorisation is required for development within the regulated area of a watercourse, i.e. 500m radius around the delineated boundary of any wetland?

Comments on the Draft BAR:

5. It is recommended that the BAR, specifically the section dealing with hydrology, be updated to include

the applicable water uses. Please further be advised that page 85 erroneously indicates that the “proposed project does not require a Water Use Authorisation in terms of Section 39 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998)”. This statement is incongruous with statements made elsewhere in the Draft BAR regarding the need for a water use licence (or general authorisation).

6. Should Heritage Western Cape require the undertaking of any heritage-related specialist study based on their review of the Notification of Intent to Develop, such specialist study/ies must be undertaken and released with a Revised Draft BAR for an additional 30-day commenting period.

7. Page 168 of the Draft BAR refers to the Financial and Technical Competence Report (Appendix H) regarding the calculation of the financial provision for rehabilitation. Said Report is however only available for the review of the EIA competent authority. Page 168 states that “The annual amount required to manage and rehabilitate the environment was estimated to be R 585 760.” It is stated in Table 28 of the Draft BAR (calculation of closure cost) that “[T]he amount that will be necessary for the rehabilitation of damages caused by the operation, both sudden closures during the normal operation of the project and at final, planned closure gives a sum total of R 206 265,35.” If the annual amount is indicated as R585 760, should the planned closure total not be 2-5 x more than the annual amount?

Kindly explain the differences in the two amounts.

Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management:

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8. It is mentioned on page 32 of the Draft BAR that, under very windy/dusty conditions, the applicant/permit holder might have to substitute alternative dust suppression methods with the spraying of water.

In this instance, water would be sourced from an “authorised source” and transported by water truck to moisten the problem area. This Directorate recommends the use of non-potable water for dust suppression activities on internal roads and during mining activities, and the use of potable water must be strictly prohibited. This mitigation measure must be reflected in Table 25 of the Draft BAR related to fugitive dust emission mitigation or written into the EMPr.

Directorate: Waste Management – Ms Sinazo Funda:

9. Page 42 of the Draft BAR states that “[T]he general waste to be generated at the mine will mainly consist of paper, plastic, tin, and/or glass from the office, workshop and processing area.” Since the estimated number of workers in addition to the mine manager were not indicated, it is recommended that where possible and appropriate, the applicant provide separate bins for paper, plastics, metals and glass at the source (office, workshop, and processing areas) for recycling purposes. This segregation will facilitate recycling and reduce the volume of waste being landfilled.

10. The management of hazardous waste primarily arising from accidental spillages refers. Immediate cleanup within two hours of the spill shows a commitment to swift action to manage and mitigate potential environmental impacts. Further, the containment of contaminated soil in designated hazardous waste containers and its daily removal to a specialized off-site workshop for proper disposal, demonstrates adherence to safe waste management protocols.

11. The provision for servicing chemical toilets by a registered contractor ensures that human excrement is managed in a sanitary and environmentally responsible manner. This is critical in preventing and minimizing health risks and potential contamination of ground and surface water resources.

Directorate: Air Quality Management – Mr Etienne Roux:

12. Measures to monitor and prevent fugitive dust emissions should be implemented as per the mitigation measures listed on pages 111 and 155 of the Draft BAR and page 187 of the EMPr.

13. Operational activities such as mining, crushing, loading of crushed rock, and earthmoving equipment may cause significant noise on-site. The noise mitigation measures should be strictly implemented during all phases of the proposed mining activities, as per page 112 of the Draft BAR and the management measures in the EMPr.

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14. Page 84 of the Draft BAR states that operations will likely be limited to daylight hours. This recommendation is supported by this Directorate for implementation and inclusion in the EMPr.

15. The generation of noise on-site must comply with the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations gazetted in Provincial Notice 200/2013. This must be included in the section dealing with noise handling on page 112 of the BAR and relevant sections of the EMPr.

General comments:

16. Please note that the comments and recommendations do not pre-empt the outcome of the application. No information provided, views expressed and/or comments made by officials should in any way be regarded as an indication or confirmation that additional information or documents will not be requested; or of the outcome of the application submitted to the competent authority.

17. The applicant is reminded of its "general duty of care towards the environment" as prescribed in section 28 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) which states that "Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorised by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimise and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment." All precautions should be taken to prevent pollution or degradation of the environment.

The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any or new information received.

Greenmined's response on 17 January 2025:

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 14 January 2025, containing consolidated comments from various directorates regarding the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and the Water Use License Application (WULA) for the proposed mining project. We greatly appreciate your participation in the Public Participation Process (PPP) and your detailed feedback.

Below, we address each point raised by your directorates.

Directorate: Development Facilitation

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3. WULA Technical/Motivation Report: We acknowledge the absence of the WULA Technical/Motivation Report and confirm that this will be prepared and submitted to include all required details:

o Location and Water Uses Applied For: Portion of Portion 2 of the farm Bonne Esperance 83, Tulbagh, Western Cape Province, working in or near a watercourse/drainage line.

o Any Existing Lawful Water Uses on the Property: Not applicable.

o WULA Process Undertaken Thus Far: The application is currently in the Enquiries phase, pending a pre-application meeting. The water use reference is WU40775.

o Reports and Other Technical Documents: Not yet relevant; these will be determined following consultation with the DWS.

o Mitigation Measures for Water Use Activity: These will be developed based on the outcomes of the pre-application meeting and subsequent specialist input.

o Summary of Relevant Specialist Reports: A Desktop Risk Matrix Assessment has been conducted to support the pre-application meeting requirements.

Please note that the application is still in its early stages. The WULA technical report will be prepared after completing pre-application discussions and confirming the specific application requirements. This report, required by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), will be submitted during Phase 3 on the e-WULAAS platform.

4.1- 4.3 Site Verification (Wetland Assessment):

Acknowledged. Ground-truthing will be undertaken as required, in consultation with the water use licensing authority, to ensure a comprehensive and compliant Risk Assessment. Should site verification be required, all relevant stakeholders, including this Directorate and other registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), will be consulted on the findings.

5. Hydrology and Water Use Authorisation:

The hydrology section of the BAR will be updated to accurately reflect the applicable water uses. The erroneous statement on page 85 will also be corrected to align with the need for water use authorization.

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This matter will be clarified during the pre-application meeting with DWS. A meeting request was submitted on 5 December 2024, and we are awaiting confirmation of a date.

Directorate: Development Facilitation

6. Heritage-Related Specialist Studies:

Should Heritage Western Cape require any specialist studies based on their review of the Notification of Intent to Develop (NID), we will ensure that these studies are undertaken and included in a Revised Draft BAR. Additionally, should this be the case, the Revised Draft BAR will be made available for another 30-day public commenting period, as recommended.

7. Financial and Technical Competence Report Discrepancy:

The discrepancy noted between the annual rehabilitation cost of R585,760 and the planned closure cost of R206,265.35 is clarified as follows:

The amount of R585,760 represents the annual cost required to manage and rehabilitate the environment as part of ongoing environmental management activities during the project lifecycle. This calculation is detailed in the Financial and Technical Competence Report (Appendix H).

The amount of R206,265.35 represents the quantum of the financial provision required to rehabilitate the environment, both for sudden closure during operations and at the planned final closure of the project. This calculation was done in accordance with the applicable guidelines for financial provision.

Both amounts are based on different regulatory requirements and serve distinct purposes. The Final Basic Assessment Report will ensure this distinction is clearly articulated.

Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management

8. Use of Non-Potable Water for Dust Suppression: The recommendation to utilize non-potable water for dust suppression will be reflected in the relevant sections of the BAR and EMPr to ensure compliance.

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Directorate: Waste Management

9. Recycling at Source: Separate bins for recyclable materials (paper, plastics, metals, and glass) will be provided at the office, workshop, and processing areas to facilitate recycling and reduce landfill waste.

10. Management of Hazardous Waste: The protocols for cleaning hazardous spills and managing contaminated soil will be adhered to and incorporated into the EMPr.

11. Chemical Toilets: Chemical toilets will be serviced by a registered contractor to prevent environmental and health risks, as recommended.

Directorate: Air Quality Management

12. Fugitive Dust Emissions: Measures to monitor and mitigate dust emissions will be implemented as per the recommendations in the BAR and EMPr.

13. Noise Mitigation: Noise control measures will be strictly applied during all operational phases, as detailed in the BAR and EMPr.

14. Daylight-Hour Operations: Operations will be limited to daylight hours as detailed in the BAR and EMPr.

15. Compliance with Noise Regulations:

Compliance with the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations (Provincial Notice 200/2013) will be ensured and reflected in the relevant sections of the BAR and EMPr.

General Comments

16. General Duty of Care:

The reminder regarding the general duty of care as per Section 28 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, is acknowledged. All reasonable measures will be taken to prevent environmental pollution and degradation.

17. Potential for Additional Information Requests:

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We understand and accept that additional information or documents may be requested, and we remain committed to fulfilling these requirements.

We thank you for taking part in the public participation process as well as your valuable contribution in providing comments. All comments provided will be incorporated into the Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) and submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE), Western Cape Province. DEADP will be informed of the DMRE's decision following the review period.

Adri La Meyer's comments on 17 January 2025:

Dear Sonette,

I hope you are well. We acknowledge receipt of the C&RR. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with responses to our comments.

W.r.t. your response on the WULA, kindly note that your request for comments on the WULA may have been premature considering that I&APs were not provided with an opportunity to provide comments on WUL Technical Report.

Our understanding of the WULA process is that I&APs only provide comments on the WULA Technical Report after the meeting with the DWS.

During this stage, DWS may agree that the water uses qualify for a GA as opposed to a WUL, meaning that a Technical Report would not be required and no further comments from I&APs would be required. You will note this from the diagram on <https://www.dws.gov.za/ewulaas/WUL.aspx> (copied below):

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Phase	Description	Responsible person	Time frames
1. Pre-application process	Engagement between the applicant and DWS to determine type of authorisation, conduct site inspection and information requirements.	Applicant	No count
	Applicant submits the application, technical report supporting the application is identified. Applicant compile technical report and submit to the Department		
2. Screening of technical report	The technical reporting supporting the application is screened, resulting in its acceptance or rejected. If rejected the application is closed.	Department	90 days
3. Assessment and decision	The application and technical report are evaluated, leading to recommendations and decision.		

Step 1(a): Engaging with the DWS. Should the DWS decide that you need to proceed with the WULA and completing the Technical Report, then we would be required to provide comments on the WULA Technical Report for a minimum period of 60 days* (which you have allowed for in your email of 25 November 2024, but without releasing the WULA Technical Report.)

Step 1(b): Should the DWS require the WULA Technical Report, it is compiled to support the application. Applicants may be requested to advertise the proposed water use, or to invite interested and affected parties to comment.*

*Should the DWS require a PPP, Section 41(4)(a)(ii) of the NWA, 1998 would apply:

(4) A responsible authority may, at any stage of the application process, require the applicant –

(a) to give suitable notice in newspapers and other media –

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<p>(i) describing the licence applied for;</p> <p>(ii) stating that written objections may be lodged against the application before a specified date, which must be not less than 60 days after the last publication of the notice; Thus, should the DWS require the undertaking of a WULA Technical Report and a PPP, we should be consulted for our comments. That is our interpretation based on the NWA and the WULA and Appeals Regulations of 2017.</p> <p>Your response to the financial provision for rehabilitation comment is noted and appreciated. Thank you very much for explaining the difference. Kindly however note that we could not peruse the contents of Appendix H, as indicated in our comments, as said Appendix was only available for review by the DMRE.</p> <p>The Department appreciates the responses to our other comments. All the best with the submission of the Final BAR to the DMRE.</p> <p><u>Greenmined's response on 20 January 2025:</u></p> <p>Dear Adri</p> <p>Your email has been acknowledged. An additional Public Participation process will be conducted for the WUL application, which will involve you and all pertinent stakeholders.</p>			
Mr Robert Macdonald	Department of Social Development	25 November 2024	No Comments received
Mr Feroza Albertus	Dept of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	25 November 2024	No Comments received

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Provincial Manager	Department of Labour, Western Cape Provincial Office	25 November 2024	No Comments received
Mr Lubabalo Mbekeni	Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	25 November 2024	No Comments received
Ms Nicole Abrahams	SANRAL	25 November 2024	No Comments received
Ms Vanessa Stoffels	Department of Public Works and Transport	25 November 2024	04 December 2024

Comments received on 04 December 2024:

Dear Greenmined Environmental

The message below refers to your application for the submission of a property environmental study for comment (Application No - 2024-12-0028) submitted to the Western Cape Government on 2024/11/24:

Properties related to the application :
Portion 2 of Farm BONNE ESPERANCE 83, TULBAGH

Supporting documents submitted with the application :
Basic Assessment Report - (DBAR - Gouda.pdf)
Site Layout Plan - (Appendix B Locality and Land Use Map.pdf)

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The matter is receiving attention, and further communication will be addressed to you as soon as circumstances permit.

Comments received on 15 January 2025:

- 1.The draft Basic Assessment Report dated November 2024 for the proposed mine on the subject property refers.
- 2.The subject property is 5 km south from Saron, access is off Trunk Road 23, Section 3 (TR02303, R44).
- 3.Cognisance is taken of the draft Basic Assessment Report which was undertaken for the proposed mining of sand and pebble on a 5ha area.
- 4.This Branch is not opposed to the issuing of an Environmental Authorisation for the proposal.
- 5.The Applicant should note to include dust containment measures in the Environmental Management plan.

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Mr A du Plessis

Portion 2 of Farm Bonne Esperance Nr 83
Bonne Esperance Nr 83 Portion 1
Farm Nayoith Nr 458

25 November 2024

No comments received

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Dr Johan Leibbrandt Drakenstein Municipality	Farm Saron Nr 40	25 November 2024	No comments received
Mr S van der Merwe Graskloof Familie Trust	Portion 4 of Bonnie Esperance Nr 83	25 November 2024	No comments received
Mrs Rachel Fry Blue Falcon 140 Trading (Pty) Ltd	Farm 397	25 November 2024	No comments received
Mr Ulf Tseke	Millstream Farm, Tulbagh	25 November 2024	23 November 2024

Comments received from Ulf Teske on 23 November 2024:

Good day,

would you please give us access to all data concerning the case in question. You can please do this by sharing a direct link to your website. Thank you.

Unfortunately, we could not find any of the information on your website as the Mining Permits Application information is crypted and WC30/5/1/3/2/10352MP is not reflected under the chapter 'Mining Permit Applications'.

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Greenmined's response on 25 November 2024:

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your email and taking part in the public participation process.

I hereby confirm that you are registered as an Affected and Interested party, and will be included in all future correspondence on this project.

Kindly note as per the advert placed in the Witzenberg Herald that the public participation period only starts today, 25th of November 2024.

Documents are available on our website as per attached email notification, I copied the link again your perusal <https://www.greenmined.com/mining-permits/>

Trust you find the above in order.

Should you have any additional queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Comments received on 26 November 2024:

Good day Anel,

thank you very much for your quick response and the uploaded documents.

We can see that this mining permit application is for the area near Molenaarsdrift / Kleinbergrivier / Saron – all situated in the Drakenstein Municipality.

Would you be able to explain, why in your application you mentioned the town of Tulbagh, which is situated on the other side of the mountain, and also in the Witzenberg Municipality?

We are looking forward hearing from you!

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Greenmined's response on 05 December 2024:

Dear Ulf Teske,

Thank you for participating in the public participation process. Your interest and involvement are greatly appreciated.

Regarding your initial inquiry, as per the information shared in the Witzenberg Herald excerpt, the mining permit application documents were scheduled to be available from 25th November 2024 to 14th January 2025. I am pleased to confirm that the documents are now accessible on our website. For your convenience, please follow this direct link: <https://www.greenmined.com/mining-permits/>

As for your second inquiry regarding the location mentioned in the application, the reference to Tulbagh pertains to the application area as identified in the registered title deed for the property, specifically over Portion of Portion 2 Bonne Esperance, situated in the Magisterial District of Tulbagh. This information has been verified through the Surveyor General's Office and confirmed by the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE).

We trust this clarifies the matter and resolves any uncertainties. Should you have further questions or require additional assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Mr Ulf Teske thanked and acknowledged the response on 06 December 2024, with no further correspondence 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 with notification documents;
- ◆ placement of on-site notices;
- ◆ the placement of an advertisement in the Witzenberg Herald newspaper.

All stakeholders and I&AP's were invited to comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report. Also refer to Appendix F1 and Appendix F2 for the proof of public participation conducted.

-END OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT-