

# **RAUBEX KZN (PTY) LTD**

**PROPOSED MINING ON A PORTION OF PORTION 10 OF THE  
REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM SCHAAP PLAATS 5689 GS,  
KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

## **COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT PART 2**

***DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE NUMBER:***

***KZN30/5/1/3/2/10974MP***

***MAY 2024***



## NOTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS, LANDOWNERS AND I&APS

COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE COMMENTING PERIOD OF 10 MAY 2024 – 10 JUNE 2024

### PART 2

During the public participation process the relevant stakeholders and I&AP's were informed of the project by means of an advertisement in the Ladysmith Gazette Newspaper, on-site notices that were placed at the property boundary/site entrance as well as the Ladysmith Library in town. A notification letter inviting comments on the DBAR over a 30-days commenting period (ending 10 June 2024) was also sent to the landowner, neighbouring landowners, stakeholders, and any other I&AP that may be interested in the project. The comments received on the DBAR were incorporated into the final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) to be submitted to the DMRE for consideration. The following I&AP's and stakeholders were informed of the project:

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Mr Dominic Wieners Mrs K Doorasamy	Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	10 May 2024	06 June 2024
<p><u>Response received from Mrs K Doorasamy on 06 June 2024:</u></p> <p>Dear Ms Smit,</p> <p>Please find the attached letter for the above-mentioned application.</p> <p>Please confirm receipt of this email.</p> <p>Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.</p>			

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Kind regards,

Dear Ms Smith

Thank you for forwarding the Draft Basic Assessment Report, dated May 2024, for the abovementioned application to Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (Ezemvelo) for review and comment.

Ezemvelo will not be providing comment on this application, but trust that all significant biodiversity related concerns have been clearly identified and made known in this assessment together with appropriate measures (viz. avoid, mitigate and thereafter ameliorate) to safeguard the ecological integrity of the developable area.

Please be advised that the potential impacts upon biodiversity will be evaluated by the Competent Authority who may, upon identification of a potential biodiversity concern, refer the biodiversity concern to this organisation for evaluation and advice regarding the specific concern, prior to making a decision. In such case, the environmental principles prescribed in the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998, the objectives of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004 and best practice will be applied.

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife wishes you well with your assessment.

Yours sincerely

Scientific Manager Protected Area Planning and IEM

Greenmined's response on 06 June 2024:

Dear Mrs Doorasamy,

Thank you for your email.

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I hereby acknowledge receipt, and note the contents. Yours sincerely, Anel			
Mr Siza Sibande	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development - KZN (DARD-KZN)	10 May 2024	No comments received
Mr Dumisani Gwede	Department of Economic Development Tourism & Environmental Affairs (Southern Region)	10 May 2024	No comments received
Ms Dladla Lindiwe & Ms B Msane	Department of Water and Sanitation	10 May 2024	No comments received
Me Judy Reddy	Department of Transport	10 May 2024	No comments received
Mr Dumisani Nkabinde	SANRAL - Eastern Region	10 May 2024	No comments received
Me T Kunene	Department of Labour	10 May 2024	No comments received

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Miss SS Ngiba Mr R Mazibuko	Alfred Duma Local Municipality (Emnambithi-Ladysmith Local Municipality)	10 May 2024	No comments received
Mr Mthokozisi Magical Khoza	Alfred Duma Local Municipality Ward 14 Councillor	10 May 2024	No comments received
Mr Gili	uThukela District Municipality	10 May 2024	No comments received
Ms S Naicker	ESKOM	10 May 2024	15 May 2024
<p><u>Comments received from Samantha Naicker on 15 May 2024:</u></p> <p>Good day,</p> <p>Kindly review the attached Eskom applicaon requirements, please furnish this department with the layout plan in the stipulated format.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Samantha Naicker</p> <p>1. ALL applications for Eskom KZN must be sent to KZNOU-LandR@eskom.co.za OR KZNOUL&amp;R@eskom.co.za without copying any individuals in Eskom to avoid duplication and /or confusion.</p> <p>1. In Order for Eskom to comment / reply accurately, Eskom needs the applicant to send an application/Cover Letter via email, addressed to the Lands &amp; Rights Manager, Mr Siyabonga Nsele. Your Cover Letter should include most of the following:</p>			

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Full name of applicant:

Applicant's address:

Telephone: (code) (number)/Cellular Number

Full Property Description as per Title Deed

Registration Division:

Farm or Agricultural Holding:

Name:

Farm Number / Portion:

Name of Township:

Erf Number:

Job Ref No:

2. For most investigations/queries the following is necessary:

DETAILED SURVEY PLAN on reasonable scale in a digital file format ((KML, KMZ, DXF or DGN) correctly projected in WG indicating the following:

DGN files supplied to be as per Eskom Standard ( Projected WG, Microstation V8;V8i)

Co-ordinates, in the format of degrees, minutes and one decimal of a second/Y, X co-ordinates indicating the position of the proposed development and existing infrastructure.

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- The dimensions of the structure or object e.g. height, length, and width, as well as any other accessories such as storm water pipes etc.
- Cross sections of buildings with the dimensions accurate to 0,1 metres indicating cut/fill and final finished level.
- The distance from the nearest power line structure, distances relative to the centre line of the power line,
- Positions and heights of proposed stockpiles,
- North arrow.
- Relevant SG Diagrams

NB. Architectural plans will not be accepted.

2. For Wayleaves/Queries/Investigation/ Comments, Please open the following attached document.

ESKOM

REQUIREMENTS.pdf

3. For Blasting/Mining Applications Please open the following attached document to see Eskom's Requirements.

BLASTING

APPLICATION FORM.pdf

4. For availability of supply or capacity queries, Eskom's Lands & Rights Department will obtain the necessary information from Eskom's Planning Department & reply accordingly.

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5. Masts should be erected further than its fall distance from any Eskom infrastructure.

Mast\_Eskom Condition.pdf

5. For Requests of Eskom's Spatial Data - Please send email to Eskom's ESIGIS Department: Ms Mmbengeni Makungo on email MakungM@eskom.co.za

A developer taking a new supply from Eskom, an increase of supply or line deviation is required to make an application to Eskom via the Eskom toll free number 0860037566. This application will be processed in terms of Eskom's standard customer connection tariffs, conditions and policies at the developers cost.

ESKOM LANDS & RIGHTS PLEDGES TO DO IT'S BEST TO DELIVER A QUALITY SERVICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS.

Kind Regards,

Siyabonga Nsele

Greenmined's Response on 05 June 2024:

Good day Ms Naicker,

Please find attached as requested.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

Dear Sir

RE: APPLICATION FOR MINING PERMIT IN TERMS OF SECTION 27 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, (ACT 28 OF 2002)



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AND THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR A MINING PERMIT APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE MINERALS AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO 28 OF 2002) (MPRDA), THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) (NEMA), AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) (EIA REGULATIONS) SUBMITTED BY RAUBEX KZN (PTY) LTD. REFERENCE NUMBER: KZN30/5/1/3/2/10974MP.

Herewith please receive information as requested in your email dated 15 May 2024 in order to comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme in terms of NEMA,1998 and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) for the proposed mining of stone aggregate, gravel from 1 ha of a portion of Portion 10 of the Remaining Extent of the farm Schaap Plaats 5689 GS, uThukela Magisterial District, KwaZulu-Natal Province.

25. Authority, case office and reference: Department of Mineral Recourses and energy,

Case office: Ms. Hlengiwe Mthembu

Dmre Reference: KZN 30/5/1/3/2/10974MP

ii. Consultant: Sonette Smit (084 585 5706) [9ita.an.s@greenmined.co.za](mailto:9ita.an.s@greenmined.co.za)

iii. Applicant: Raubex KZN (Pty) Ltd : Mr. Shaun Collins , 031 700 6411 [shaun.c@raubex.com](mailto:shaun.c@raubex.com)

iv. Project name: Steyns Borrowpit

v. District Municipality: uThukela District Municipality and

vi. Local Municipality: Alfred Duma Local Municipality

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vii. Location: The Remaining Extent of Portion 10 of Schaap Plaats 5689 GS, situated in the Magisterial District of Uthukela of KwaZulu-Natal Province. ±15 km northeast of Ladysmith.  
 Using the N11, head northeast for approximately 15km. The entrance to the proposed mining area is found on the left of the road.

viii. 21digit code and coordinates: N0GS00000000568900010

ix. Coordinates of Permit Area:

NUMBER	DEGREES, MINUTES, SECONDS		DECIMAL DEGREES	
	LAT (S)	LONG I	LAT (S)	LONG I
A	28°26'7,166"S	29°53'46,021"E	-28,435324°	29,896117°
B	28°26'5,784"S	29°53'49,236"E	-28,43494°	29,89701°
C	28°26'8,920"S	29°53'50,431"E	-28,435811°	29,897342°
D	28°26'10,334"S	29°53'47,105"E	-28,436204 °	29,896418°

x. Current Land use: Agricultural land

xi. Application Area Extent: 1 ha

Proposed activity: The proposed mining footprint will be 1 ha and will be developed over a previously disturbed area of the farm. The area has a history of disturbance due to previous excavation activities and is currently utilized for cattle grazing by the farm owner. Additionally, adjacent to the proposed permit application area lies the approved spoil site for the N11 project, indicating a pre-existing alteration of the landscape. Furthermore, the construction of a new bypass road for the N11 to the east of

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the site has been completed, utilizing existing excavation resources. These factors underscore the existing land use dynamics and alterations in the vicinity. The mining method will make use of excavation by means of earth moving equipment. The material is then loaded and hauled away from this site where it will be stockpiled and transported to clients via trucks and trailers. The infrastructure will be of temporary nature as a mining permit can only be valid for a maximum of 5 years. The farm track currently in use for the construction activities in the area will undergo periodic improvements to facilitate the movement of vehicles associated with the project. Chemical toilets will be used, and the project will appoint local employees where possible.

Due to the small scale of the operation no permanent infrastructure will be built at the mining area.

The mining activities will consist out of the following:

Stripping and stockpiling of topsoil.

Excavating.

Stockpiling and transporting of material.

Sloping and landscaping upon closure of the site; and

Replacing the topsoil and vegetation the disturbed area.

The mining site will contain the following:

Excavating equipment.

Earth moving equipment.

Site vehicles.

Parking area for visitors and site vehicles.

Ablution facilities (Chemical toilet).

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xii. Locality Map (Memory Stick)

b. Shape or Kmz file:attached

The I&AP's and stakeholders were notified of the availability of the report and 30 days commenting period until 10 June 2024 will be allowed for comments.

These documents can be downloaded from the company website at <https://www.greenmined.com/mining-permits/>.

We trust you find this in order. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the event of any uncertainties.

Kind Regards,

Sonette Smit

Eskom's comments on 05 June 2024 for response received 05 June 2024:

Dear Miss Smit

**ESKOM DISTRIBUTION COMMENTS**

RE: APPLICATION FOR MINING PERMIT IN TERMS OF SECTION 27 OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, (ACT 28 OF 2002) AND THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR A MINING PERMIT APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE MINERALS AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO 28 OF 2002) (MPRDA), THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) (NEMA), AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) (EIA REGULATIONS) SUBMITTED BY RAUBEX KZN (PTY) LTD. REFERENCE NUMBER: KZN30/5/1/3/2/10974MP

With reference to your email application and accompanying plans received by this office on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2024, we confirm that an investigation has been carried out with regard to the supply of electricity, as well as any encroachment into Eskom's Servitudes, in respect to the application as set out above.

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Platberg NB34, 11kV overhead line is the only distribution asset showing to exist on our system which traverses the subject property as shown on the KML application file "Steyn Borrow Pit – 1 hectares Eskom". Refer to the attached Eskom Diagram ER\_INV\_325/2024.

The following Eskom Distribution Regulations shall apply:

Building Restrictions for 11kV Overhead Power Lines

No building or structures may be erected or installed above or below the surface of the ground, neither may any material which might endanger the safety of this power line be placed within 12 (twelve) metres from the center line of this power line, on either side (overall servitude width 24 metres)

The applicant will adhere to all relevant environmental legislation. Any cost incurred by Eskom as a result of non-compliance will be charged to the applicant. Dimensions and specifics will be in accordance to Eskom standards so as to not obstruct Eskom's existing infrastructure in any way.

Eskom shall not be liable for the death or injury to any person or for the loss or damage to any property whether as a result of the encroachment or of the use of the servitude area by the applicant, his/her agent, contractors, employees, successors in title, and assigns.

The clearances between Eskom's live electrical equipment and the proposed construction work shall be observed as stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993. Equipment shall be regarded electrically live and therefore dangerous at all times. The applicant indemnifies Eskom against loss, claims or damages including claims pertaining to consequential damages by third parties and whether as a result of damage to or interruption of or interference with Eskom's services or apparatus or otherwise. Eskom will not be held responsible for damage to the applicant's equipment. The applicant's attention is drawn to the Electricity Act, 1987, (Act 41 of 1987, as amended in 1994), Section 27(3), which stipulates that the applicant can be fined and/or imprisoned as a result of damage to Eskom's apparatus.

Mining and the use of explosives of any type within 500 metres of Eskom's services shall only occur with Eskom's prior written permission. If such permission is granted the applicant must give at least fourteen working days prior notice of the commencement of blasting. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued in terms of the blasting process.

No mechanical equipment, including mechanical excavators or high lifting machinery, shall be used in the vicinity of Eskom's apparatus and/or services, without prior written permission having been granted by Eskom. Any third-party servitudes encroaching on Eskom land shall be registered against Eskom's Notaries deed at the applicant's own cost. If such a servitude is brought into being, its existence should be endorsed on the Eskom servitude deed concerned, while the third party's servitude deed must also include the rights of the affected Eskom servitude.

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Mr Siegfried Haschke	Department of Land Reform and Rural Development	10 May 2024	No comments received
Mr John Pakwe	Amafa – The KwaZulu-Natal Amafa and Research Institute	10 May 2024	No comments received
SAHRA	SAHRIS	10 May 2024	No comments received

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Mr Coenraad Steyn – Landowner	Schaap Plaats 5689 Portion 1,3 & 10	10 May 2024	No comments received
Mr De Wet Jacobs	Schaap Plaats 5689 Portion 4	10 May 2024	22 May 2024

Mr Jacobs comments received on 22 May 2024:

More Anel,

Ek sien in die 15ita an15 het Mnr. Steyn 30/04/2024 geteken vir die projek op Schaapplaats ptn 10. Hierdie projek het reeds etlike maande vooraf begin (Augustus 2023). Die een kant van die projek vorm n grens met my eiendom. Verder het hierdie projek 'n geweldige impak op toegang na my privaat woning. Die bestaande motorhek toegang is verwyder en vervang met n hek. Die hek is problematies ten opsigte van sekuriteit wanneer my familie moet stilhou en uitklim om deur te ry. Met hoë syfers vir plaas aanvalle is dit glad nie 'n ideale toegangs wyse nie. Wanneer die hek 15ita an staan, is daar die gevaar van beeste wat uitkom en ernstige ongelukke kan veroorsaak op die N11 pad. Aanspreeklikheid vir die hek wat oopstaan, is problematies aangesien verskeie partye gebruik maak van die toegang. 'n Werkbare ooreenkoms na my mening sou wees om n motorhek te plaas vir privaat toegang tot wonings en dan n hek vir die kontsuksie maatskappy wat dan alleen gebruik en aanspreeklikheid daarvoor aanvaar.

Groete,

De Wet Jacobs

Greenmined's response on 22 May 2024:

Goeie more De Wet,

Dankie vir u epos en terugvoering.

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Ek stuur 16ita an vir die omgewingskonsultant om u verder te kan help met onderliggend.

Vriendelike Groete,

Anel

Greenmined's response on 11 June 2024:

Goeie dag Mnr De Wet,

Dankie vir u deelname in ons publieke deelname proses.

Dit blyk dat jou bekommernis dalk nie direk verband hou met die nuwe mynaansoek, maar eerder met die stortingsterrein vir die N11 self.

Om u bekommernisse doeltreënd aan te spreek, het ons u kommentaar na die aansoeker gestuur vir terugvoering, sien aangeheg korrespondensie in hierdie verband. Hulle is opdrag gegee die plaaseienaar, mnr Steyn, wat die hek ingesluit het, te hervestig. Mnr Steyn is geraadpleeg tydens die verskuiwing en die voltooide installasie en kan ongelukkig geen opdrag van 'n buite party neem nie. U is welkom om hulle direk te kontak in die verband om die kwessie verder te bespreek en enige nodige verduideliking of oplossing te verskaf.

Ons waardeer u betrokkenheid by hierdie aansoek en vertrou dat hulle u bekommernisse betyds sal aanspreek.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

Sonette Smit



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Mr Mark Prinsloo	Schaap Plaats 5689 Portion 15	10 May 2024	No comments received
Mr Wiseman Njabulo Maunze	Schaap Plaats 5689 Portion 19 & 20	10 May 2024	25 April 2024

Mr Maunze's comments received on 25 April 2024:

Hi Anel

I have this issue and originates from Mt Steyn's farm.

They promise to come to do an assessment of my dam and nobody came.

My dam is also loaded with fish, so if their equipments have oil leaks what will happen to them.

Regards

Njabulo

Greenmined's response on 25 April 2024:

Dear Njabulo,

Thank you for sharing your concerns with us.

We value your feedback and will investigate and respond accordingly.

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Your mail will be forwarded to the relevant consultant to review.

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

Trust you find this in order.

Sincerely, Anel

Greenmined's response on 12 June 2024:

Good day Njabulo,

Thank you for your participation in the public consultation process. We have carefully reviewed your concerns regarding the water. It appears that your concern may not be directly related to the new mining application but rather to the management approved spoiling site for the N11 itself.

To address your concerns effectively, we have forwarded your matter to the contractor responsible for the N11 spoiling site. They will be in direct contact with you to discuss the issue further and provide any necessary clarification or resolution.

We appreciate your engagement in this matter and trust they will address your concerns in a timely manner.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

Sonette Smit

## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The I&AP's and stakeholders were informed of the proposed project through:

- ◆ telephonic discussions;
- ◆ direct communication with notification letters regarding the availability of the DBAR (email);
- ◆ placement of on-site notices; and
- ◆ the placement of an advertisement in The Ladysmith Gazette on 10 May 2024.

Please refer to Appendix E1 & E2 as proof of the correspondence with the I&AP's and stakeholders during the public participation process up and until 10 June 2024.

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