

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD WITH INTERESTED AND/OR
AFFECTED PARTIES WITH REGARD TO THE PROSPECTING RIGHT
APPLICATION OF WESTERN CAPE MINERALS (PTY) LTD
(WC) 30/5/1/1/2/10416 PR**

1. Present

The list of attendees who were present during the public meeting held at Gaikou Lodge, Swellendam on the 17th of August 2022 is attached hereto as Appendix '1'.

2. Opening and welcome:

Tanja Jooste ('TJ') of M and S Consulting (Pty) Ltd ('M&S') opened the meeting at 9: 20 and welcomed all present.

TJ advised that the meeting will be recorded. The Minutes of the Meeting and Presentation will be made available to all present.

3. Presentation:

TJ presented the Prospecting Right application of Western Cape Minerals (Pty) Ltd ('WCM').

Amendment to Presentation / Application:

WCM originally applied for fifteen properties. Nine of these properties will be formally excluded from the Prospecting Right Application. The properties that shall remain:

- Portion 3 of the Farm Klipfontein 242;
- Remaining Extent of the Farm 372;
- Portion 1 of the Farm 372;
- Portion 7 of the Farm 372;
- Remaining Extent of the Farm Diamant 571; and
- Farm 660.

WCM originally applied for nine minerals. Seven of these will be formally excluded from the Prospecting Right Application. The minerals that shall remain:

- Manganese Ore; and
- Vanadium Ore.

The remaining content of the Presentation remains the same and is not copied in the minutes. A copy of the Presentation is attached as Appendix '2'.

4. **Discussions:**

Note: The discussions have been placed in alphabetical order for ease of reference – this section is not in the same sequence as the meeting.

- **Access:**

Question: Does the property owner have the authority to deny access?

TJ: A surface owner may refuse access to the property; however the State is the custodian of the minerals of South Africa. The Department of Mineral Resource and Energy ('DMRE') will be approached in the instance where access is denied by a surface owner.

- **Agricultural Land:**

David Lakey ('DL'): Will existing agricultural land be proclaimed no-go areas?

TJ: These properties will be formally excluded from the application.

Danie Vorster ('DV'): He farms on one of the properties that will remain part of the application. There are very old trees, beehives, wildlife, etc. Why are only some types of farming excluded?

John Shone ('JS'): Specialists Reports will provide an indication of where invasive prospecting will be allowed.

- **Applicant:**

Question: Is WCM a State Owned enterprise?

JS: No, WCM is a private entity.

Question: Does a private entity have to apply through the State for mineral rights?

JS: Yes.

Question: Has the application been done?

JS: Yes.

Anneli Groenewald ('AG'): Who is WCM?

JS: WCM is a newly registered company.

AG: Requests details of current company under which the Directors of WCM operates.

JS: Bishop Mining Ventures, Northern Cape Province.

Jaap Viljoen ('JV'): Why does WCM assume that it will be more successful than previous companies who mined in the area? In all previous activities Geologists were involved, but still no evidence of a mineable resource.

JS: The directors of WCM have approximately 25 years of manganese mining experience. Technology has improved in recent years.

- **Application:**

Question: How did WCM decide on the application area?

JS: Based on geological information and the current manganese mining operation in the area.

Question: Is the application State driven?

JS: No.

Hilton Hermemes ('HH'): When was the application submitted?

TJ: Don't have the dates on hand. Early May?

Erratum: The Prospecting Right Application was submitted on 25 April 2022.

Question: What was the basis of the large application area if properties are so easily excluded?

JS: WCM was informed of the potential manganese deposit in the area. A number of properties were applied for but after deliberation it was found that the application area was excessive.

- **Consultant:**

Odette Curtis-Scott ('OCS'): Questions how independent the consultant is. M&S is biased towards supporting the application. M&S' company profile confirms that the business is built around mining. EAP's integrity is questioned.

- **Consultation:**

M&S had difficulties with the identification of all interested and/or affected parties. TJ requested that the contact details of any party, who have not yet been notified or consulted with, be provided to ensure that consultation can take place with these parties.

OCS: Big concern about surface owners who were not notified timeously. What exactly are the dates that an application was made to the Deeds Office for the details of the Trusts and why no attempt was made to hand deliver the notices. All of the surface owners were not provided the opportunity to comment on the Scoping Report before submission thereof – grounds to reject the Scoping Report.

TJ: Attempts were not only made to obtain the Trust information from the Deeds Office, but also through SearchWorks and an Attorney, with no results. A meeting was held with the DMRE to address the issue between the POPI Act and NEMA requirements. DMRE undertook to help find a solution for this problem.

Question: Did consultation take place with Langeberg Municipality as well as District Municipality?

TJ: Yes, the Local and District Municipalities were notified of the application.

Question: Was SANParks notified?

TJ: No. SANParks will be notified.

Shane Harrison ('SH'): Only received notification, through his auditors, on the 7th of July 2022 of the application, after the final Scoping Report was submitted.

TJ: M&S makes use of 'Biz Portal' to obtain registered contact information of Companies. The address found on this website was used to send the notification.

OCS: Are there still land owners who have not been informed?

TJ: Will have to check the attendance register to confirm. If there is anyone that has still not been informed, they will be informed.

DV: Only received notification of the application from a neighbour. This is unacceptable. A one-on-one meeting is preferred.

JS: Meetings will be held with the surface owners.

OCS: Consultation should have taken place in the Scoping phase as this would have prevented the process to continue to the EIA phase.

Follow-up Consultation:

Question: Where will Interested and / or Affected Parties ('IAPs') be updated on the application process?

TJ: Communication will take place through e-mail to all registered IAPs.

Julian Arder ('JA'): When will the consultation regarding the EIA/EMPr take place?

TJ: The draft EIA/EMPr must be circulated for thirty days before submission of the final document to the DMRE. The circulation depends on the specialist studies, as these have to be included before consultation of the draft EIA/EMPr can take place. There is an option in NEMA to apply for extension of submission of the EIA/EMPr. M&S will make use of this option if the timeframes can't be met.

Comment: More consultation is needed. The questions that have not been answered in this meeting must be properly addressed in future consultations. IAPs must be informed timeously of the follow-up meetings.

JS: This is the first phase consultation. Follow up consultation will be conducted.

- **Cultural / Heritage / Archaeology / Palaeontology:**

HH: Which types of heritage sites will be protected by WCM? The area, especially along the Heskwas River, was originally Hessequa territory. Farming has destroyed much of the heritage sites, i.e. rock paintings. HH sees the area as a 'World Heritage Site' although Local, Provincial and National Government denies this. How will WCM look at the preservation of ancient cultures in the area?

JS: Specialists will be appointed to assess the cultural and heritage resources of the application area.

HH: Who are the specialists that will be appointed to conduct the Palaeontological and Archeological assessments?

JS: Specialists have not yet been appointed and thus specific names are not readily available.

- **Description of operation:**

JS: The planned prospecting operation will search for the extension of the existing Klipfontein manganese mining operation, which is situated on an adjacent property. The prospecting operation will be on a small scale.

Concern: If minerals are found during prospecting it will escalate to mining and ultimately lead to a 'Mpumalanga'.

JS: There is not enough manganese ore in the region to lead to the type of mining operations that take place in Mpumalanga.

- **Dust:**

HH: Dust from mining operations, especially on heritage sites, is a concern.

- **Environment:**

HH: Will WCM disturb the environment?

JS: Prospecting will take place on a very small scale and will be less invasive as some of the food- and processing factories already in Swellendam.

HH: There is a difference between the need for food and manganese.

JS: Manganese is present in a wide variety of foods.

Comment: People's fear is not so much the prospecting, but when it escalates to mining and the associated impact it has on the area and community. The natural capital and tourism is really important in the area. The community is trying hard to conserve the environment through various initiatives and other organisations.

Erick Oosthuizen ('EO'): There are various scarce fauna and flora species in the area. It will be sad if these are lost.

Question: What are the vegetation types of the application area?

TJ: There are five different vegetation types in the overall application area.

- **Environmental Impact Assessment / Environmental Management Programme Report ('EIA/EMPr'):**

TJ: The due date for submission of the EIA/EMPr is 25 November 2022.

Erratum: The EIA/EMPr document must be submitted to the DMRE within 106 days of acceptance of the Scoping Report. The DMRE accepted the Scoping Report on the 2nd of August 2022. The due date for submission of the EIA/EMPr document is 17 November 2022.

The draft EIA/EMPr document, inclusive of all specialist reports, shall be circulated to all registered IAPs for perusal and comment before submission of the final EIA/EMPr document to the DMRE.

- **Existing Mining:**

Question: Does WCM have any link to the existing mining operation?

JS: No.

JV: The current mining activities are of small scale; however the degree of degradation of the environment is very visible in the area. No rehabilitation was done by previous companies.

- **General:**

Ryan Kleynhans ('RK'): Process not off to a good start. Both the consultants and the developers look ill-prepared due to the late start and size of the venue. The tone of the answers to attendees was not well received.

JS: WCM is not at the meeting to fight, but to inform the public of their intent to prospecting in the region.

Comment: Have a feeling that applicant is trying to convince attendees of something that WCM is convinced about and that the attitude of the presentation towards the meeting is not serious.

JS: Not the intention. WCM is serious about the application and is trying to consult all parties.

Comment: A roving microphone should be used in follow-up meetings.

TJ&JS: Noted.

Comment: A bigger venue with speakers and a microphone must be used in follow-up meetings.

Comment: It is believed that there is an ulterior motive to WCM's application.

JS: WCM has no motive other than to prospect for manganese ore.

Comment: All the attendees have a love for the region and the associated fauna and flora and the feeling is mutual that it must be conserved. Concerned that WCM wishes to continue with the project even though it is clear that the community does not support the project. WCM prefers money at the expense of the livelihoods of the local community.

Comment: The presentation to attendees must be provided at a level at which all understand.

- **Manganese Mining:**

David Evenson ('DE'): How much manganese have been mined since the 1970's to allow attendees to have a better idea of what is in store.

JS: Manganese mining in the Northern Cape is massive at an estimated seven million tonnes per annum. Manganese mining in the Western Cape is much less and accounts for approximately half-a-million tonnes of manganese ore in total since the 1970's. There is a difference in the manganese ore grade between Northern Cape and Western Cape.

Question: Why then does WCM anticipate a manganese operation will be successful in the Western Cape.

JS: The different composition of the Northern Cape and Western Cape manganese ores will allow for 'blending' of the two materials, which will increase the overall grade thereof to better meet market requirements. If

viable manganese ore is not found during the prospecting phase, no mining will take place.

Comment: Hopes that the prospecting proves it will not be viable to mine. Mining is considered a no-go as residents of the Western Cape protect the Fynbos and Renosterveld.

JS: Specialists will be appointed and any protected areas shall be marked as no-prospecting areas.

Concern: Concern that residents are only finding out about open-pit mining now.

JS: WCM is not mining in the Western Cape. They only intend to prospect to determine if the manganese resource is viable.

- **Manganese Poisoning:**

HH: What is the potential for manganese poisoning should mining be allowed? Dust particles through air or water could lead to Manganism.

JS: He has never heard of Manganism in all his years in the manganese ore business. He would have to consult a specialist in this regard.

George Michaelides ('GT'): There is a much bigger risk of poisoning from the spraying of crops.

- **Manganese Quality:**

Question: Is the quality of the manganese higher in the Western Cape than that of the Northern Cape?

JS: The quality of the manganese depends on the chemical composition thereof. The problem with Swellendam manganese is the high phosphate concentration (which has to be confirmed by drilling). This is why blending is required to meet market requirements.

- **Market:**

Question: Where is the ore exported to?

JS: China.

- **Objection:**

Question: Has the Prospecting Right been approved or can IAPs object.

TJ: IAPs may object. The application process is still ongoing and permission has not been obtained from the Department: Mineral Resources and Energy ('DMRE').

JS: Request that all written comments, concerns or objections be sent to M&S and the DMRE to ensure these are addressed.

Comment: The natural environment must not be disturbed. Mining will not be allowed in the region.

- **Operational:**

Question: Will the operation be underground or opencast? Attendee concerned that the area will be disturbed in a similar manner as the Mpumalanga mining operations.

TJ: Conventional opencast method.

Question: How extensive (size wise) will the operation be?

JS: About the size of the grass. *Note: Please refer to the Presentation which includes the proposed footprints of disturbance.*

Question: What will the total extent of disturbance, including infrastructure, roads, etc. be?

JS: Difficult to determine the size of the manganese deposit before the drilling results have not been obtained. Keep in mind that if it is not economically viable to take out the resource, the prospecting will not be converted to mining.

DL: Will the results of the non-invasive prospecting results be made available during the EIA/EMPr phase? Currently the locality of invasive activities and associated infrastructure is unknown.

TJ: The non-invasive activities forms part of the Prospecting Right. Without a valid Prospecting Right in hand, WCM is not authorised to enter the properties to conduct the non-invasive prospecting activities.

DL: The DMRE will provide an authorisation to WCM without knowing the locality of the activities?

TJ: That is exactly what prospecting is – the search for minerals – the locality of the mineral resource is unknown. The overall anticipated footprint of disturbance and associated impact will be addressed in the EIA/EMPr.

- **Pending Case:**

HH: There is a pending investigation in terms of the National Heritage Act in terms of which DMRE can't consider any mineral applications until the investigation has been finalized.

JS: Unaware of such an investigation. Requests reference number to allow an enquiry to DMRE in this regard.

HH: Will provide the reference number.

- **Properties:**

AG: Which properties will be excluded?

TJ: Showed the properties that will be excluded on the projector.

Note: Refer to number 3 above.

Question: What is the basis on exclusion of the properties?

JS: Based on additional geological input the probability of manganese ore occurring on the area to be excluded is very scarce.

- **Rehabilitation:**

SH: There are various historical prospecting trenches in the area which have not been rehabilitated. Is there any guarantee that WCM will rehabilitate?

JS: A financial guarantee is provided to the DMRE before any invasive prospecting may commence. If in the instance WCM does not rehabilitate, these funds are available for rehabilitation. It will be to WCM's own benefit to rehabilitate as the funds put aside is much higher than the actual cost to rehabilitate.

Question: Rehabilitation fund should be held in a Trust and not given to the DMRE.

GM: A financial guarantee is provided through Centriq. The monies are not physically given to the DMRE.

- **Scoping Report:**

OCS: Questions the validity of the Scoping Report and confirmed that legal opinion has been sought thereon.

OCS: When was the final Scoping Report submitted and how much time does DMRE have to respond?

TJ: Final Scoping Report was submitted on the 24th of June 2022. The acceptance of the Scoping Report was received per hand from DMRE on the 16th of August 2022.

OCS: What does the acceptance of the Scoping Report mean?

TJ: DMRE gave permission that the application can continue to the EIA phase.

JS: The specialist studies must now be conducted.

Question: What does DMRE assess in the Scoping Report in order to approve the application?

TJ: DMRE looks at the 'big picture'. The Scoping Report is a desktop study. Specialist studies will be used to compile the EIA/EMPr document. It is the job of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner ('EAP') to assess the natural environment against the anticipated impact of the proposed project and make recommendations to the DMRE. The DMRE's Environmental Section then evaluate the content/information contained in EIA/EMPr and based on the information provided to them make their decision to either approve or refuse the application.

OCS: Are there any conditions in the DMRE's acceptance of the Scoping Report?

TJ: Letter was only received yesterday, not yet been able to attend thereto.

- **Sensitive Environments:**

TJ: Specialists will be appointed to assess the baseline environment. Any sensitive environments identified will be proclaimed no-prospecting areas.

TJ requested permission from Surface Owners that the specialists may enter the properties to conduct the field-based studies.

- **Specialists:**

Question: Will WCM make use of their own specialists?

TJ: No, specialists from Western Cape will be utilized.

OCS: Requests the names of the specialists that will be used.

TJ: Will provide a list of specialists.

JS: Ask that OCS recommend specialists.

OCS: A specialist study must be conducted over a wet and dry season. The due date of submission of the EIA/EMPr in November won't allow for this?

TJ: NEMA has specific timeframes which must be adhered to which doesn't allow for studies to be conducted over a wet and dry season.

- **Surface Use Agreement:**

Question: Are there any agreements yet between WCM and the surface owners.

JS: Not yet. This is the first phase of the consultation process.

- **Timeline:**

AG: What is the timeline of the application?

JS: It depends on the DMRE. The process can take anything between eighteen months to five years to be completed.

- **Water:**

Question: How much water will be used?

JS: A dry process (high density magnets) will be used. Only water that will be used is for dust suppression.

Question: It could very well be a wet process (Presentation).

JS: The type of processing plant is dependent on the drill results. WCM knows that water is a precious resource.

Question: If WCM finds that a wet process is needed and a Water Use License ('WUL') has not yet approved, can DMRE override this requirement?

JS: No water use activities may take place without a WUL. DMRE can't override this legislation.

EO: Water is scarce in the region. Farmers are dependent on the water rights. If prospecting activities (i.e. depth of boreholes) affect the water resource or the quality thereof the farmers will be negatively impacted.

Craig Netty ('CN'): The Riviersonderend flows through the application area. What will the project's impact be on this river? This river is the main source of the Breede River, which means that a negative downstream ecological impact can be expected.

TJ: The EIA/EMPr will include a 100m or 1:100 year floodline (whichever is the greatest) no-prospecting buffer around all surface water sources (i.e. rivers and non-perennial drainage lines). A specialist will be used to determine these buffer zones. This measure will lessen the potential for an impact on the river.

HH: What is the elevation of the application area? Natural fountains and underground aquifers will be impacted on by drilling activities with manganese flowing downstream. What will the health impact of manganese in the water be?

JS: Other pollutants adjacent to rivers have a much larger impact on the water quality than what the drilling into an underground aquifer will have.

5. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Minutes taken by: Ms. M. Nel

Minutes compiled by: Ms. T. Jooste

Minutes reviewed by: Mr. G.T. Michaelides; Mr. J.P. Kotze; Mr. J.H. Shone,
Mr. E. Marais and Mr. A.N. Leseisane

6. Distribution list:

Attendees as per Attendance Register

APPENDIX 1 – ATTENDEES:

The following persons were present during the public meeting held at Gaikou Lodge, Swellendam, on the 17th of August 2022:

- a. Wynand Olievier – Mill & Hops
- b. Beneke de Wet – SBC
- c. Fred Pheiffer – Resident
- d. Riaan Zeeman – Creo Design
- e. H.J. Steyn – Swellendam Heritage Association
- f. Amanda Bremner – Private
- g. A. Bremner – Private
- h. R. Harrison - Retired
- i. Johan Thomo – MBKV
- j. Penny Thomo – MBKV
- k. Amber McIntyre – Private
- l. Mikayla Schoonwinkel – Realtors International
- m. Beverley Pimm – Private
- n. Jonathan Pimm – Private
- o. Ron Brunings – Swellendam Municipality
- p. Linda Weitz – Private
- q. Khanyise Tyolo – SANParks
- r. A. Hunter – Swellendam Heritage Association
- s. P.J. Herbst – Private
- t. Jaap Viljoen – GNC Tour
- u. Anneli Groenewald – Suidernuus
- v. Shane Harrison – Eighty Hout Street Properties
- w. David Lakey – Western Cape Department Of Agriculture
- x. Julian Ardagh– Julsim Trust
- y. Elna Lamprecht – Swellendam Municipal Council
- z. John Paisley – Swellendam Environmental Forum
- aa. Vicky Jansen – Swellendam Hackers
- bb. Ross Soller – Swellendam Twitcher
- cc. Craig Midgley – Centre for Estuarine Research and Conservation
- dd. M.P. Thomson – Stormsvlei
- ee. D.W. Harding – Swellendam
- ff. Jane Bartlett
- gg. Jaco Cilliers – Farm Owner
- hh. Erik Oosthuizen – Farm Owner
- ii. Francois Verwey – Farm Manager
- jj. B. Mitchell – Private
- kk. S. Callanan – Private
- ll. Carol Podd – Private
- mm. Mad Harrison – Private
- nn. Jaco Badenhorst – Kam Bati
- oo. Val Anderton – Seeff Properties
- pp. W.L. de Wet – Botsoc, Crew, the Swellendam Hackers
- qq. Andy Evertsen – Private
- rr. T. Andrew – Private
- ss. R. Anderton – Private
- tt. Hilton Hartnick – Hessequa Traditional Authority – Archaeologist

uu. L. Richardson – Agulhas Biodiversity Initiative
 vv. M. Langenhoven – Resident
 ww. M.A. Witbooi – Southern African Koi & San Kingday Council
 xx. Canville Cupido – Hessequa Traditional Authority
 yy. Ryan Kleynhans – Spar
 zz. Maureen Thompson – Private
 aaa. R. van Vollenstee – Private
 bbb. Nelly Mavuso – BNP
 ccc. Ilana Uys – Private
 ddd. Danie Vorster – Farm Owner
 eee. Walter Stuart – Private
 fff. Marinda Roux – Seeff
 ggg. Russell Haikney – Afri Forum
 hhh. Elana Theunissen – Langeberg Bulletin
 iii. Fritz Orren – Private
 jjj. Bruce Cleary – Genesis
 kkk. G.G. Jarvis – Private
 III. B. Degenhardt – Private
 mmm. J.S. Whybrow – Private
 nnn. H.J. Roth – Private
 ooo. H. Slingers – Private
 ppp. J. Slingers – Private
 qqq. J.R. Matthysen – Private
 rrr. O. Crutis-Scott – Overberg Renosterveld Conservation Trust
 sss. C. Lourens – Department of Agriculture
 ttt. Ninja Jochum – Private
 uuu. Natalia Brown – SPCA Swellendam
 vvv. G.T. Michaelides – Western Cape Minerals (Pty) Ltd
 www. J.P. Kotze – Western Cape Minerals (Pty) Ltd
 xxx. J.H. Shone – Western Cape Minerals (Pty) Ltd
 yyy. E. Marais – Western Cape Minerals (Pty) Ltd
 zzz. A.N. Leseisane – Western Cape Minerals (Pty) Ltd
 aaaa. M. Nel – Western Cape Minerals (Pty) Ltd
 bbbb. Tanja Jooste – M and S Consulting (Pty) Ltd

Note: There are a number of attendees who are not included in the above list as the names are illegible on the Attendance Register.

PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION



WESTERN CAPE MINERALS (PTY) LTD

Presented by M and S Consulting (Pty) Ltd



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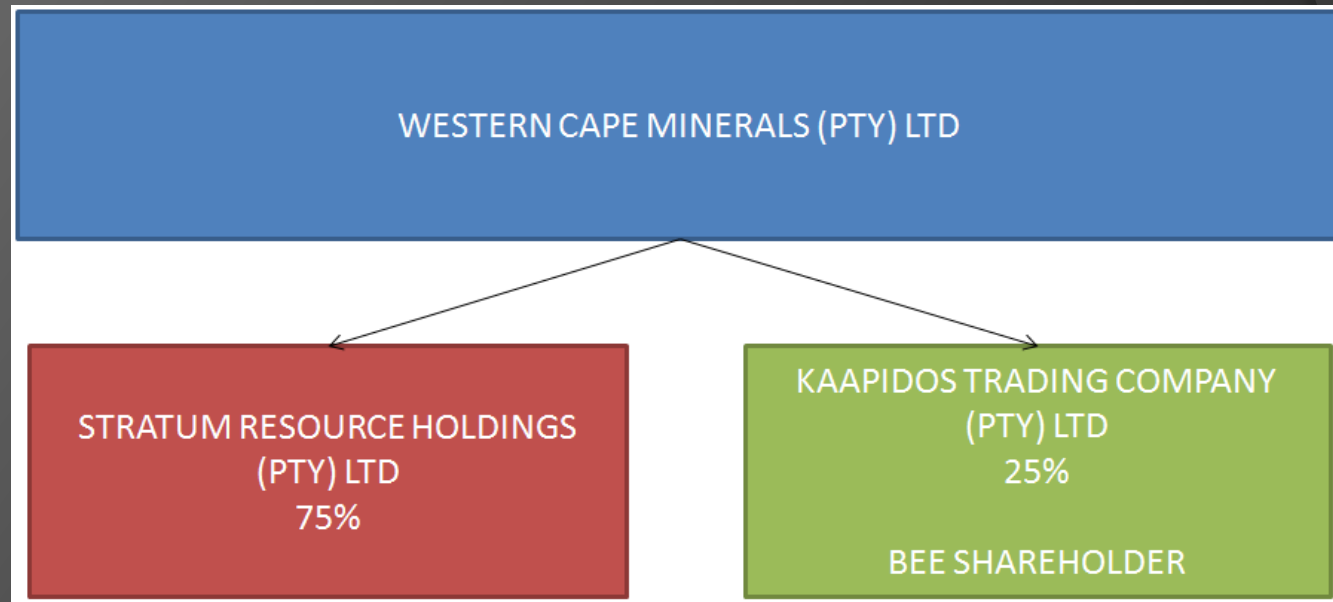
M and S Consulting (Pty) Ltd ('M&S') is an independent company of consultants and has been appointed by Western Cape Minerals (Pty) Ltd ('WCM') to conduct the Prospecting Right application process on their behalf.

We would like to thank everyone for attending this public meeting and look forward to obtain relevant, both positive and negative, input to ensure that the documentation relating to the WCM's Prospecting Right Application makes provision for all potential issues that may arise from this proposed operation.

Please take note that this presentation will be held in English to accommodate all delegates present.

WHO IS WESTERN CAPE MINERALS (PTY) LTD

WCM is a Private Company, registered in the Republic of South Africa, with the following shareholding:



Mr. G.T. Michaelides, Mr. J.P. Kotze, Mr. J.H. Shone, Mr. E. Marais and Mr. A.N. Leseisane are the Directors of WCM.

APPLICATION AREA

WCM has applied for a Prospecting Right, including Bulk Sampling, over:

- ❖ Portion 3 of the Farm Klipfontein 242;
- ❖ Portion 4 (a portion of Portion 2) of the Farm Klipfontein 242;
- ❖ Remaining Extent of the Farm Vaandrigtsdrift 243;
- ❖ Remaining Extent of Portion 3 (a portion of Portion 2) of the Farm Vaandrigtsdrift 243;
- ❖ Portion 4 of the Farm Vaandrigtsdrift 243;
- ❖ Portion 8 (a portion of Portion 3) of the Farm Vaandrigtsdrift 243;
- ❖ Portion 9 (a portion of Portion 3) of the Farm Vaandrigtsdrift 243;
- ❖ Remaining Extent of the Farm Kleinfontein West 371;
- ❖ Remaining Extent of the Farm 372
- ❖ Portion 1 of the Farm 372;
- ❖ Portion 7 of the Farm 372;
- ❖ Remaining Extent of the Farm Naauwkloof 384;
- ❖ Remaining Extent of the Farm Twee Rivieren 522;
- ❖ Remaining Extent of the Farm Diamant 571; and
- ❖ Farm 660

These properties are situated in the Swellendam District and measure 4 848.5740 hectares in extent.

The properties are situated approximately 20km south-west of the town of Swellendam.

LOCALITY OF APPLICATION AREA IN RELATION TO SWELLENDAM, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE



NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION

WCM has applied over 15 farm portions, which properties are owned by 12 different persons/entities respectively. In addition to the surface owners, the immediate surrounding surface owners; Local and District Municipalities; Eskom; SANRAL; Relevant Government Departments; and a number of additional Interested and/or Affected Parties ('IAPs'), for whom contact details could be obtained, were notified of the Application.

Note: Contact details could not be obtained for all of the Trusts (surface owners / surrounding surface owners). M&S attempted to obtain the information through SearchWorks, the Master of the High Court as well as through an Attorney, without any success. The Protection of Personal Information Act ('POPI') prevented M&S to obtain information from third parties. We hereby request that the Attendance Register provided be completed in full to allow us to hold meaningful consultation with all IAPs going forward.

CURRENT LAND USES

Current land uses identified to date:

- ❖ Agricultural Land Use, including irrigation.
- ❖ Residences and associated infrastructure.
- ❖ Farm Stall.

Planned land uses on application area (south of N2):

- ❖ Wind Turbines

Land uses in immediate surrounding area:

- ❖ Mining Permit
- ❖ River Resort
- ❖ Tourism

SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTS

Sensitive environments identified to date:

There are five rivers within the PR Area:

Bree River;

Freek Bothas River;

Heskwas River;

Kwassadie; and

Riviersonderend.

There are also a number of non-perennial drainage lines within the PR Area.

There are five broad vegetation types found on the PR Area of which three are listed as critically endangered, one as vulnerable and one as least threatened.

SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTS

Sensitive environments identified through IAPs (to be confirmed by Specialist Studies):

- ❖ Conservation Areas as declared through CapeNature.
- ❖ Red Data List Species: Both Fauna and Flora
- ❖ Wetlands
- ❖ Heritage: Historic Events (i.e. Ossewapad; Groot Trek; Ruins of historic building; grave yard; canon station; etc)

PROSPECTING WORK PROGRAMME

WCM has applied to prospecting for a period of 5 years for Chrome Ore, Copper Ore, Gold Ore, Manganese Ore, Nickel Ore, Platinum Group Metals, Silver Ore, Tin Ore and Vanadium Ore.

Prospecting is the 'Search for Mineral Deposits' through methods such as drilling and excavation. The mineral resource is unknown, thus the need for a Prospecting Right to ascertain whether or not the minerals applied for are found in the application area.

- CONTINUE -

WCM's proposed prospecting operation shall be conducted in phases. The results of each phase will determine the focus area for the next phase.

- ❖ Phase 1: Reconnaissance Visit; Desktop Study; Desktop Geological Mapping.
- ❖ Phase 2: Geophysical Survey.
- ❖ Phase 3: Field Mapping (Geology).
- ❖ Phase 4: Core Drilling (Phase 1).
- ❖ Phase 5: Core Drilling (Phase 2).
- ❖ Phase 6: Bulk Sampling.
- ❖ Phase 7: Feasibility Report.

Thirty boreholes are initially planned, with infill drilling during phase 5 to increase the confidence in the orebody.

Provision has been made for 18 trenches (bulk sampling), each measuring 40m x 30m x 5m deep.

- CONTINUE -

Drilling locations and number of boreholes can only be determined once the results from the first three non-invasive phases of the prospecting operation have been completed; just as the locality of bulk sampling trenches and associated infrastructure can only be determined once the drill samples have been analysed and drill logs completed by a Geologist.

Bulk sampling will be conducted by the conventional opencast method (drill, blast, load, haul). It will be designed based on the nature of the ore-bodies on the PR Area, which proposes that each resource area be treated as a separate excavation.

Sensitive environmental features will be identified and suitable measures (i.e. buffer zones) taken to avoid any impact to these during invasive prospecting activities.

PROPOSED SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

WCM plans to establish the following, amongst other, infrastructure on the site during the bulk sampling phase:

Chemical Toilets; Diesel Tank; Generator; Offices; Processing Plant; Roads; Salvage Yard; Stockpile Area; Washbay; Water Tank; Weighbridge and control room and Workshop.

It should be noted that the final design and layout can only be decided upon after the drilling phase/s of the proposed operation have been completed and the locality of the mineral resource (if any) has been determined.

EIA / EMPR

The Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Programme Report shall be compiled with the assistance and input of the following specialist reports (Greenmined Environmental will facilitate these):

- ❖ Agricultural Assessment;
- ❖ Aquatic, Ecological and Wetland Impact & Risk Assessment;
- ❖ Dust Fall-Out Assessment (Baseline);
- ❖ Geohydrological Impact Assessment;
- ❖ Heritage Impact Assessment;
- ❖ Need and Desirability Assessment;
- ❖ Noise Assessment (Baseline);
- ❖ Palaeontological Assessment;
- ❖ Site Sensitivity Verification Report;
- ❖ Socio-Economic Assessment; and
- ❖ Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment

SPECIALISTS

To ensure WCM has sufficient baseline information to determine the anticipated impact on the application area, a number of specialists (as per above slide) have been appointed to conduct relevant Specialist Studies.

We hereby request permission from the Surface Owners that access can be arranged for the relevant specialists to conduct field-based studies for inclusion in the EIA/EMPR document.

EIA / EMPR - CONTINUE

The purpose of the EIA / EMPR document is to, through a consultative process:-

- ❖ Determine the policy and legislative context within which the proposed activity is located and document how the activity complies with and responds to the policy and legislative context;
- ❖ Describe the need and desirability of the proposed activity, including the need and desirability of the activity in the context of the preferred location;
- ❖ The baseline environment focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage and cultural aspects of the environment;

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- ❖ Determine the nature, significance, consequence, extent, duration, and probability of the impacts occurring to inform identified preferred alternatives;
- ❖ Determine the degree to which these impacts:-
 - can be reversed;
 - may cause irreplaceable loss of resources; and
 - can be managed, avoided or mitigated;
- ❖ Identify the most ideal location for the activity within the preferred site based on the lowest level of environmental sensitivity identified during the assessment;
- ❖ Identify, assess, and rank the impacts the activity will impose on the preferred location through the life of the activity;

EIA / EMPR - CONTINUE

- ❖ Identify suitable measure to manage, avoid or mitigate identified impacts; and
- ❖ Identify residual risks that need to be managed and monitored.

The draft EIA/EMPR document shall be circulated to all registered IAPs for perusal and comment before submission thereof to the DMRE (due date is 25 November 2022).

REHABILITATION

WCM is able, and willing, to provide a Financial Guarantee for environmental rehabilitation to the DMRE before execution of the Prospecting Right. The exact amount to be provided shall be calculated in the EIA/EMPR document, and if accepted by the DMRE, provided as such.

WCM shall continuously rehabilitate surface disturbances relating to drilling, open excavation areas and waste rock dumps to ensure that they operate within the guarantee amount at all times. This amount will also be revised annually.

WATER USE LICENSE

WCM has initiated the process to apply for an Integrated Water Use License through the Department of Water Affairs.

A meeting has also been set up with the Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency to ensure that WCM applies for all water uses required for its proposed operation.

QUESTIONS?

30 August 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: WESTERN CAPE MINERALS (PTY) LTD
AMENDMENT OF PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION

We hereby inform you that the following properties will be excluded from the Prospecting Right Application of Western Cape Minerals (Pty) Ltd:

- Portion 4 (a portion of Portion 2) of the Farm Klipfontein 242
- Remaining Extent of the Farm Vaandrigtsdrift 243
- Remaining Extent of Portion 3 (a portion of Portion 2) of the Farm Vaandrigtsdrift 243
- Portion 4 of the Farm Vaandrigtsdrift 243
- Portion 8 (a portion of Portion 3) of the Farm Vaandrigtsdrift 243
- Portion 9 (a portion of Portion 3) of the Farm Vaandrigtsdrift 243
- Remaining Extent of the Farm Kleinfontein West 371
- Remaining Extent of the Farm Naauwkloof 384
- Remaining Extent of the Farm Twee Rivieren 522

The properties that remain part of the Prospecting Right Application:

- Portion 3 of the Farm Klipfontein 242
- Remaining Extent of the Farm 372
- Portion 1 of the Farm 372
- Portion 7 of the Farm 372
- Remaining Extent of the Farm Diamant 571
- Farm 660

We further wish to inform you that Chrome Ore, Copper Ore, Gold Ore, Nickel Ore, Platinum Group Metals, Silver Ore and Tin Ore will be excluded from the Prospecting Right Application. The minerals that remain part of the Prospecting Right Application are Manganese Ore and Vanadium Ore.

Feel free to contact the writer should you require any additional information.

Yours truly



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