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Your Ref : Glubay Coal – Springfield Project

Our Ref : 19150-Let-001-Process Notification-Rev0

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Dear Stakeholders,

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED MINING ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH MINING COAL ON PORTION 2, 22, 29, 30, 34, 35, 39, 54, 55, 64, 65, 66, 83, 84, 85, 93, 97, 100, 102, 105 AND 106 OF THE FARM KOOKFONTEIN 545 IQ, PORTION 16, 89 AND 101 OF THE FARM WALDRIFT 599 IQ AND PORTION 159 OF THE FARM VLAKFONTEIN 546 IQ WHICH FALL WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE SEDIBENG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE (GP 30/5/1/2/2 (10084) MR)

This letter is in reference to the Mining Right, Environmental Authorisation and Water Use Licence Applications lodged by Glubay Coal (Pty) Ltd (“Glubay”), under the above reference number with regards to the Springfield Project. The letter sets out details regarding the appointment of the new Public Participation Practitioners, as well as the process going forward.

- **INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PRACTITIONER**

Glubay has appointed Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd (“Zitholele”) as independent public participation consultants to facilitate the Public Participation Process (PPP) for the Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) Phase of the above mentioned project. The Public Participation Project team will be led by Dr Mathys Vosloo. Our contact details have been included below for future correspondence.

- **NOTIFICATION OF THE APPROVAL OF THE SCOPING REPORT**

Kindly note that the Scoping Report for the above mentioned project which was submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources by uKhozi Environmentalist (Pty) Ltd (‘uKhozi’) was accepted on the 24th February 2020 in terms of the Regulation 23(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (GN R. 982) (“EIA Regulations”), as amended, published in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (“NEMA”).

uKhozi is currently in the process of conducting various specialist studies, as outlined in the Plan of Study of the accepted Scoping Report, which will inform the draft EIA report.

- **EXTENSION OF TIME PERIOD FOR SUBMISSION OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Glubay requested an extension to the timeframe to submit the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report from the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) on 28 February 2020. The DMR has granted the requested extension until 14 October 2020 via a letter dated 02 March 2020.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

The Environmental Impact Assessment Process is carried out in accordance with the EIA Regulations. The report content will align with Appendices 3 (information requirements for Environmental Impact Reports) and Appendix 4 (information requirements for Environmental Management Programmes) of the EIA Regulations.

Figure 1 provides a process flow diagram indicating the key tasks to be carried out for the Environmental Impact Assessment Process.

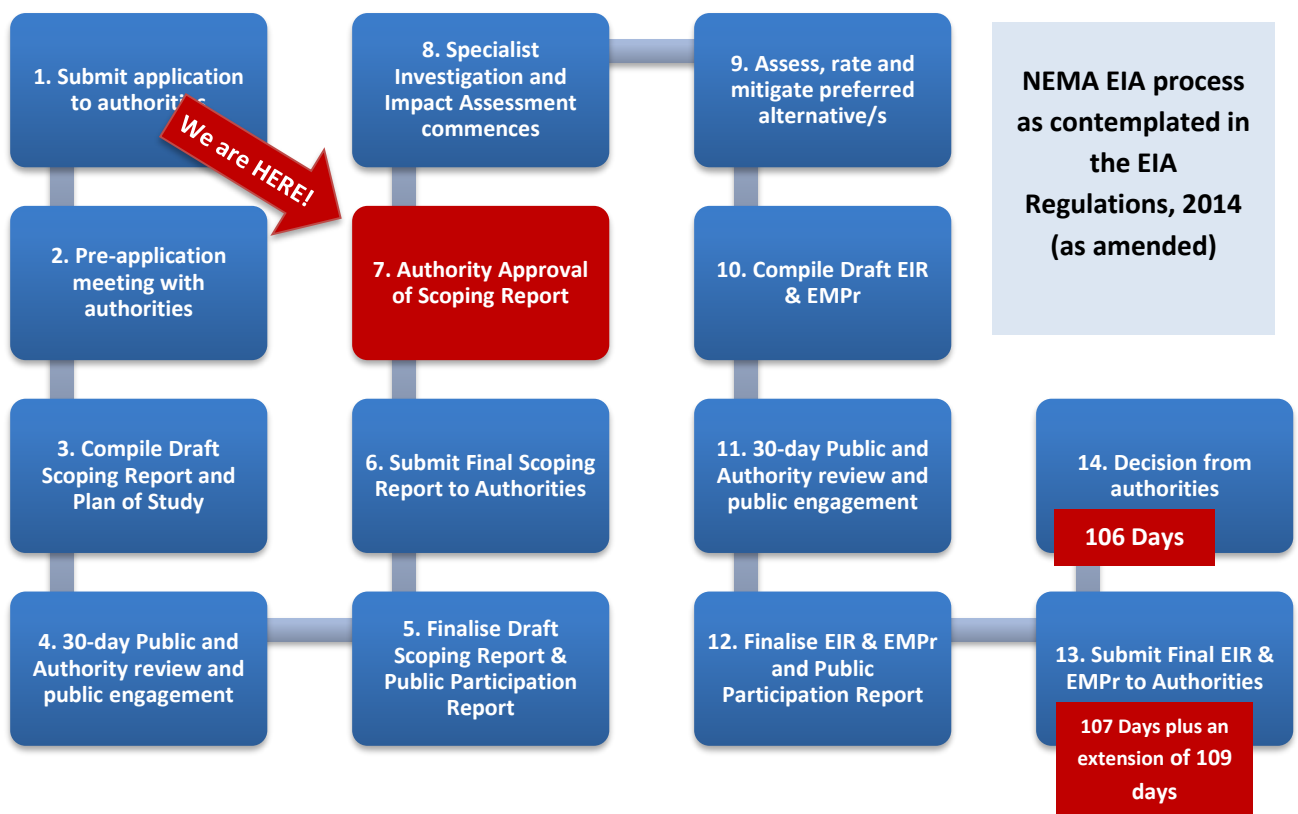


Figure 1: Process Flow Diagram for the steps required in a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process

According to the regulated timeframes as shown in Figure 1, the applicant has 106 calendar days from the date of acceptance of the Scoping Report (Step 7) to submit the Final Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPr”), which also includes the 30 days public review period (Steps 8 – 12). The Competent Authority thereafter has 107 calendar days to assess the information provided and make a decision on the application.

The applicant applied for extension on the 28 February 2020 for the abovementioned regulated timeframes (107 days to submit the Final EIR to the Department for decision making). The Department granted the extension by 109 days on the 02 March 2020, therefore the applicant has in total 216 days to submit the final EIR to the Department for decision making.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PHASE

The Zitholele project team has reviewed the project and the Public Participation process followed during the Scoping phase. Based on the outcome of the Scoping phase, Zitholele has determined the level of public participation that will be required for the project. The public participation will be carried out in accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations.

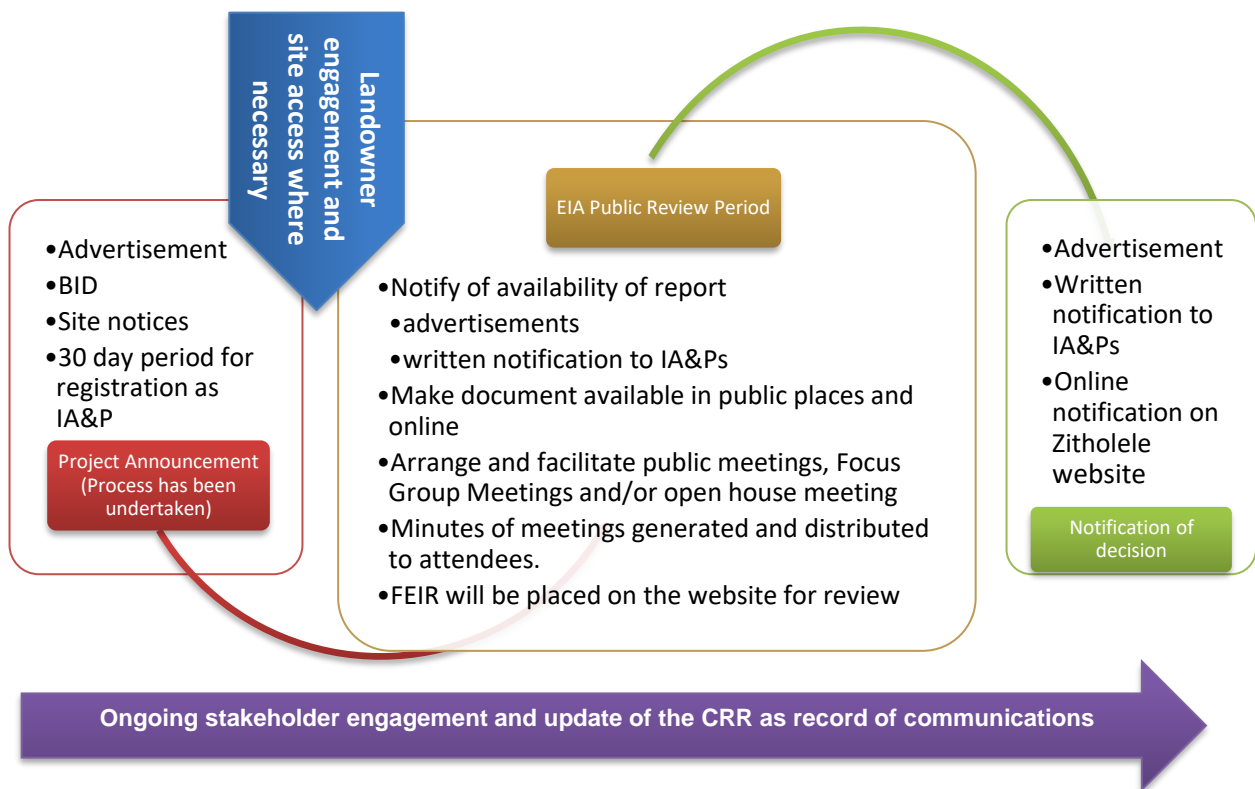


Figure 2: Public Participation during the Environmental Authorisation Process.

NB: All I&APs will be notified of the dates of the public meetings that will be held during the 30 day Public Review Phase.

- **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PRACTITIONERS CONTACT DETAILS**

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Please note that an electronic copy of the approval letter is also available on Zitholele Consulting's website: <https://www.zitholele.co.za/environmental/> under the heading "Glubay Coal – Springfield Project".

Should you require electronic copies of the acceptance letter or the extension letter issued by the Department, please feel free to contact us on the details provided above.

We would like to thank you for your participation in the Scoping & EIA Process and Public Participation Process thus far. Please also note that this notification serves as confirmation that you have been registered as an I&AP.

Your participation has been valuable and highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully



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