

Our Ref : 19150-L-004

06 July 2021

Your Ref: Glubay Coal - Springfield Project

Attention : I&APs and Stakeholders

Dear I&APs and Stakeholders

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR PROPOSED MINING ACTIVITIES FOR MINING COAL IN TERMS OF REGULATION 16 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMENDED (“NEMA”), THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (“EIA”) REGULATIONS, 2014 IN RESPECT OF PORTIONS 2, 16, 22, 29, 30, 34, 35, 39, 54, 55, 64, 65, 66, 83, 84, 85, 93, 97, 99, 100, 102, 105 AND 106 OF THE FARM KOOKFONTEIN 545 IQ, PORTIONS 16, 89 AND 101 OF THE FARM WALDRIFT 599 IQ AND PORTION 159 OF THE FARM VLAKFONTEIN 546 IQ; SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF SEDIBENG

This letter provides an update to the ongoing EIA process and notifies all I&APs and Stakeholders of the commencement of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA).

- **APPLICATION PROCESSES PROGRESS UPDATE**

This section provides the I&APs and stakeholders with an update on the status of the Mining Right, Environmental Authorisation, Waste License and Water Use License Application processes for the proposed Springfield Coal Mine currently being undertaken on behalf of the applicant, Glubay Coal (Pty) Ltd.

Status of Specialist studies

The project is currently in the Draft EIA phase. While some of the specialist studies has been completed, the EIA process is currently awaiting completion of outstanding specialist studies. The status of the specialist studies commissioned for the project is summarised in the table below.

Specialist study	Specialist	Status
Contaminated Land Assessment, Soil, Land Capability and Agricultural Potential Study	TerraAfrica	Ongoing, draft report expected by the 11 th of July 2021
Geochemical Assessment, incl. Waste Assessment	WESST	Awaiting project schedule from specialist, drilling to commence at the beginning of July 2021
Hydrology Assessment	Hydrospatial	Fieldwork completed, however awaiting geochemical assessment and design report to finalise report
Dolomitic investigation	Rocksoil Consult	High Level Assessment completed. Expected completion of detailed investigation end July 2021
Design Report	GFK Consulting Engineers	Compilation of the Design Report is ongoing. Expected completion: July 2021 .

		<p>The Design Report will contain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean water management plan • Clean and Dirty Water Separation and Sizing • Preliminary PCD Designs • Preliminary Overburden Product and ROM Pad Designs • Preliminary Domestic Water and Sewage Disposal Design • Preliminary Storm Water Channel Design for Clean and Dirty • Water and Appurtenant Culverts and Bridges • Water Balance • Acid Mine Drainage Strategy • Preliminary Drawings Including Roads, Fences, Access Control Etc. • Method Statements Related to Required Infrastructure
Water Management Plan	GFK Consulting Engineers	<p>Compilation of the Water Management Plan is ongoing. Expected completion: July 2021.</p> <p>The Water Management Plan will contain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume estimate of water in old underground workings • Water quality of the water in the old underground workings • Evaluation of the water quality for irrigation use or direct release into streams • Estimation of volume for potential irrigation use of surplus water • Preliminary design of water treatment, if required • Solutions for transport, management and storage to surrounding landowners/water users
Closure Assessment		<p>Waiting on information from Agricultural specialist. Expected date: August 2021.</p> <p>The following reports will be compiled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Rehabilitation Plan setting out annual closure objectives and targets. • Final Rehabilitation and Closure Plan setting out final plan objectives and targets. • Risk Assessment Report.
<p>The following studies have been completed to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshwater Aquatic Assessment & Wetland Delineation (Nov 2020) • Socio Economic Assessment (Apr 2021) • Air quality Impact Assessment (Jul 2020) • Noise Impact Assessment (Aug 2020) • Traffic Impact Assessment (Sep 2020) • Heritage Impact Assessment (Nov 2020) • Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment (Aug 2020) • Blasting & Vibration Assessment (Aug 2020) • Visual Impact Assessment (Nov 2020) • Health Risk Impact Assessment (Nov 2020) • Hydrogeological Impact Assessment (Nov 2020) 		

EIA Project Schedule

Timeframes and key milestones for the Mining Right, Environmental Authorisation, Waste License Application Processes are presented in the table below.

Activity Description	Anticipated timeframes & milestones *
Completion of remaining specialist studies, including Dolomite Assessment, Agricultural Assessment, and Closure Assessment	31 July 2021
Finalise draft EIA/EMPr for comment	15 September 2021
Draft EIA/EMPr available for 60-day commenting period	16 September – 15 November 2021
Anticipated round of public meetings	16 – 31 October 2021
Integrate information and submit Final EIA/EMPr to DMRE	30 November 2021
Authority review (107 calendar days, excluding 15 Dec – 05 Jan)	1 December 2021 – 15 April 2022

** Please note that the dates provided are subject to change and are based on the assumption that no further lockdowns will be imposed and there will be no major changes to the development plans*

WULA Project Schedule

Timeframes and key milestones for the Water Use Licence Application Processes are presented in the table below.

Activity Description	Anticipated timeframes & milestones *
Completion of remaining specialist studies, including Dolomite Assessment, Agricultural Assessment, and Closure Assessment	31 July 2021
Phase I: Submit Phase 1 of the EWULAAS process identifying all the water uses applied for	31 July 2021
Phase II: Organise and attend site inspection with the DWS	15 August 2021
Receive technical info letter confirming requirements for WULA	31 August 2021
Phase III: Compile draft IWWMP (to be submitted within 105 days after receiving technical info letter incl. PPP).	30 November 2021
Phase III: Complete Phase 3 of the EWULAAS process	15 December 2021
Present IWULA to DWS and address DWS issues through written responses. DWS has 150 days to finalise the application.	15 December 2021 – 30 June 2022

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- **COMMENCEMENT OF POPI ACT**

The Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), No 4 of 2013, promote the protection of personal information that is processed by public and private bodies while introducing certain conditions to establish minimum requirements for the processing of personal information. Pertinent sections of the Act become effective on the 1 July 2021.

Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd, acting as the Public Participation Practitioner, maintain and store personal information collected from I&APs that have registered as stakeholders in the EIA process for the Glubay Coal Springfield Mine project. Collected I&AP information managed by Zitholele Consulting is furthermore available to the applicant, Glubay Coal (Pty) Ltd, and the Environmental Assessment Practitioner, uKhozi Environmentalists (Pty) Ltd during the EIA and WUL Application processes. In compliance with the POPI Act, Zitholele hereby confirm the following:

1. Personal information and data that has already been collected from I&APs and stakeholders during the EIA process is stored managed and utilised exclusively as part of this Environmental Authorisation and Licensing process and will not be used for any other purpose.

2. The following personal information is stored and referenced as part of this EIA process:
 - a. Name and Surname of I&AP
 - b. Contact details including mobile number/s, telephone number/s, fax number/s, email address, physical address and postal address
 - c. Stakeholder affiliation, representation and designations
 - d. I&AP declaration of interest and comments captured during the EIA process
3. Personal Information is stored in MS Excel, MS Word and PDF format on Zitholele Consulting's secure server. The server is backed up to a secure offsite CrashPlan and data is encrypted and locked behind multifactor authentication.
4. All I&APs and stakeholders are of the understanding that the EIA process, as described in the EIA Regulations of 2014, as amended, is a public process and that information provided during the process will become public knowledge once the relevant reports are released to the public for stakeholder review. Registered I&APs therefore consent to the use of personal information during authorisation and licencing application processes in order to participate in the EIA process.
5. Zitholele Consulting request all registered I&APs to provide consent to Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd, Glubay Coal (Pty) Ltd, and uKhozi Environmentalists (Pty) Ltd to continue to store and utilise personal information already collected and recorded for sole use in the EIA and WUL Application processes through one of the following means:
 - a. Complete attached Consent Form and submit to Zitholele Consulting by 30 July 2021 via contact details provided in this letter
 - b. Complete the Consent Form at the link: <https://forms.gle/mZCjy1rTcMYRmWKDA> by 30 July 2021

- **ACCESS TO APPLICATION REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

All I&APs are reminded that that Zitholele Consulting's website is currently still offline due to a technical issue our IT team is addressing. To ensure all I&APs have continued access to the application reports and information, Zitholele have placed electronic copies of all current information for the Springfield project on three (3) independent online portals at the following weblinks:

- <https://tinyurl.com/SpringLink1>
- <https://tinyurl.com/SpringLink2>
- <https://tinyurl.com/SpringLink3>

These webportals will continue to remain active for the duration of the application processes.

- **ONGOING COMMUNICATION WITH I&APs AND STAKEHOLDERS**

I&APs and stakeholders will be informed of any future changes to the EIA and Public Participation processes and timelines should such changes become necessary.

The Public Participation team will further advise on the release and availability of the draft EIAR for public review, confirmed public review start and end dates, and details regarding the public meeting dates, venues and arrangements once these dates are confirmed.

- **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DESK CONTACT DETAILS**

The Public Participation Desk can be contacted at the following details:

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Yours faithfully



Dr Mathys Vosloo

ZITHOLELE CONSULTING (PTY) LTD

Attachment: I&AP Consent Form

**PROTECTION OF PERSONAL
INFORMATION ACT NO 2 OF 2013
DATA SUBJECT CONSENT FORM**

Public Participation Desk:
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Project: GluBay Coal Springfield Mine
Application Reference No.: GP 30/5/1/2/2/ (10084) MR
Applicant: Glubay Coal (Pty) Ltd
EAP: uKhozi Environmentalists (Pty) Ltd
PP Practitioner: Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd

Data Subject Consent

Zitholele Consulting request all registered I&APs to provide consent to Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd, Glubay Coal (Pty) Ltd, and uKhozi Environmentalists (Pty) Ltd to continue to store and utilise personal information already collected and recorded for sole use in the EIA and WUL Application processes.

As a registered Interested and Affected Party, I provide my consent to continue to store and use the personal information provided for the duration of the GluBay Coal Mine EIA and WUL Application processes:

- Yes, continue to keep me informed about the GluBay Coal Mine EIA and WUL Application processes
- No, please delete my personal information from your I&AP database. I understand that I will no longer receive communication about the GluBay Coal Mine EIA and WUL Application processes

Confirmation of Personal information

I hereby confirm my personal information that may be stored and used in the GluBay Coal Mine EIA and WUL Application processes:

Name & Surname:	
Mobile Number/s:	
Telephone Number/s:	
Email Address:	
Physical Address:	
Postal Address:	
I am also the primary contact person for the following registered I&APs	
Comments:	