

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE AND WATER USE LICENCE:

ASSMANG BLACK ROCK MINE OPERATIONS, SANTOY, NORTHERN CAPE

Notice is hereby given, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998, as amended (NEMA), the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GN.R 982 of 2014, as amended), the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008, as amended (NEM:WA) and the National Water Act 36 of 1998 (NWA), that Assmang (Pty) Ltd is applying for an Integrated Environmental Authorisation (EA) & Waste Management Licence (WML), and Water Use Licence (WUL), for a proposed centralised waste water treatment plant and planned expansions requiring clearing of land at the Assmang Black Rock Mine on farms Gloria 266/1, Mukulu 265 RE, Nchwaniing 267/1, Nchwaniing 267/3, Santoy 230/1, Belgravia 264 RE and Belgravia 264/1 near Hotazel, Northern Cape.

Applicant: Assmang (Pty) Ltd - Black Rock Mine Operations (BRMO)

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: EScience Associates (Pty) Ltd.

Competent Authorities: Integrated EA & WML - Department of Mineral Resources
WUL - Department of Water and Sanitation

The proposed development includes activities listed in terms of Listing Notice 1 (GN R983 of 2014, as amended) and Listing Notice 2 (GN R984 of 2014, as amended) of the EIA Regulations. The listed activities triggered by the proposed development are:

- **Listing Notice 1: Activity 10, 11, 14, 16, 24, 25, 27, 31 and 34**
- **Listing Notice 2: Activity 15 and 27**

The listed activities in GN 921 of 2013, as amended, published in terms of section 19(2) of the NEM:WA, that are applicable to the proposed development are:

- **Category B: Activity 4 and 10**

The proposed activities therefore require that a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process be undertaken in accordance with the NEMA EIA Regulations.

Additionally, water uses as listed in section 21 of the NWA require a Water Use Licence. The listed water uses are:

- 21(a) - taking water from a water resource;
- 21(e) - Controlled activities 37(1) (a) irrigation of any land with waste or water containing waste...;
- 21(f) discharging waste or water containing waste into a water resource...;
- 21(g) disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource;
- 21(j) removing, discharging or disposing of water found underground...;

In terms of the requirements of the EIA regulations and the Water Use Licence Application and Appeals Regulations GN.R 267 of 2017, all interested and affected parties (IAPs) must be provided with opportunity to participate in the Scoping and EIA process, and the Water Use Licence Application (WULA) process. This would include the opportunity to give input, request further information, review relevant reports, and submit comments or objections. If you are interested in participating in these processes, please register as an IAP by submitting your name, contact information and interest in the project to the contact person below by **25 June 2021**. Any queries or comments with respect to the processes can also be directed to the person below.

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