

Our reference : 1390

DMR reference: NCS30/5/1/1/3/2/1(11885 EM)

Date 13 March 2019

## **ATTENTION: INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTIES**

Dear Sir / Madam

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE: APPLICATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED PROSPECTING OF “DIAMONDS” ON A PORTION OF PORTION 5 OF FARM AMAM NO. 46, KOA VALLEY SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF NAMAQUALAND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

#### **Notification of the Granting of the Environmental Authorisation (EA)**

On behalf of the holder of the Environmental Authorisation (EA), Newhope Exploration (Pty) Ltd., we herewith inform you that, by virtue of the powers conferred on the competent authority by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (“NEMA”) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the competent authority [Department of Mineral Resources (DMR)] **granted an EA** for the prospecting of “Diamonds”, on 7 August 2018 (date of decision and date of issue).

A copy of the (EA) which details the activities authorised by the competent authority is attached and is also available on our websites [www.withersenviro.co.za](http://www.withersenviro.co.za) and [www.legacyemc.co.za](http://www.legacyemc.co.za).

The **reasons for the decision** are stipulated in **Annexure 1** and the **Departmental Standards** are stipulated in **Annexure 2** of the Environmental Authorisation.

#### **Appeal Procedure**

Registered I&APs who wish to appeal the decision, must, in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014, submit an Appeal in accordance with Regulation 4 to the Appeal Administrator (contact details below), **within twenty calendar days** from the date the holder of the decision<sup>1</sup> sent notification of the decision to the registered I&APs. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the holder of the decision [Newhope Exploration (Pty) Ltd.], registered I&APs, any Organ of State with interest in the matter, and the decision maker (i.e. DMR). The contact details of the decision maker, the registered I&APs and the organ’s of state are available upon request from Legacy Environmental Management Consulting in the event that an appeal is to be lodged.

Responding statements to an appeal must be submitted to the appeal authority and the appellant within twenty calendar days from the date of receipt of the appeal submission.

Appeals and responding statements must be submitted, in writing, by means of one of the following methods:

#### **Appeal to the Department of Environmental Affairs:**

- **Attention:** Directorate Appeals and Legal Review
- **Email:** [appealsdirector@environment.gov.za](mailto:appealsdirector@environment.gov.za)
- **By Post:** Private Bag X 447, Pretoria, 001
- **By hand:** Environment house, Corner Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083

#### **Copy of the lodged Appeal to the Department of Mineral Resources:**

- **Attention:** Regional Manager: Northern Cape Region
- **By facsimile:** 021 712 1959

<sup>1</sup> Legacy Environmental Consultant (Withers Environmental Consultant) is appointed by Newhope Exploration (Pty) Ltd, to send out this notification as described above on its behalf. It should be noted that the EA was only received by the applicant on 5 March 2019.

- **Email:** [Pieter.swart@dmr.gov.za](mailto:Pieter.swart@dmr.gov.za) and copy linda.njemla@dmr.gov.za
- **By post to:** Private Bag X14, Springbok, 8240
- **By hand:** Attention: Regional Manager, Hopley Centre Building, Corner of van der Stel & van Riebeeck Street, Springbok, 8240

The prescribed Appeal form, as well as guidance on the submission of appeals, is obtainable from:

- E-mail: [appealsdirector@environment.gov.za](mailto:appealsdirector@environment.gov.za)
- URL: [https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations)

**Contact Details of the Applicant (Holder of the EA):**

- **Applicant:** New Hope Exploration (Pty) Ltd
- **Responsible person:** Mr Herman Steyn
- **Postal Address:** PO Box 6442, Welgemoed, 7538
- **Telephone:** 021 913 4938
- **Facsimile:** 086 503 3696
- **Email:** [southwestexploration@telkomsa.net](mailto:southwestexploration@telkomsa.net) and [westerland@telkomsa.net](mailto:westerland@telkomsa.net)

A full copy of the EA may be downloaded from the websites with [www.withersenviro.co.za](http://www.withersenviro.co.za) and [www.lagacyemc.co.za](http://www.lagacyemc.co.za), or alternatively contact Legacy Environmental Management Consulting (Mr Aubrey Withers) on Tel: 021 887 4000 or Email: [ppp@legacyemc.co.za](mailto:ppp@legacyemc.co.za) to obtain a copy.

Yours faithfully



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