

Fw: Orange River Prospecting Right Applications - Request for access to WARMS database & Lower Orange River Forum Stakeholder List

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Good day Mrs. Alexia Hlengani

Dept. Water and Sanitation - Upington
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Thank you for taking my call;

Let me reintroduce myself, Marissa Botha, from Naledzi Environmental Consultant.

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We are busy gathering project data in order to kick start the EIA process, WULA and associated public participation process.

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The above requested information will assist us greatly in our assessment and allow for an all-encompassing public consultation process.

Your assistance in this regard would be highly appreciated.

Regards and thank you in advance,



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RE: Orange River Prospecting Right Applications - Request for access to WARMS database & Lower Orange River Forum Stakeholder List

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Good morning

The email below was received and I have communicated with my seniors yesterday and this morning with regards to the request below, hopefully they will get back to you as soon as possible .

Thank you

Regards

Bandile Ndzakana

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Orange Proto-CMA

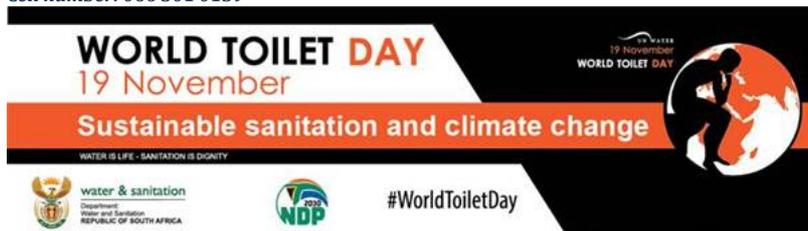
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Subject: Re: Orange River Prospecting Right Applications - Request for access to WARMS database & Lower Orange River Forum Stakeholder List

Good morning,

We would just like to follow up on the below request and confirm whether the emailed request has been received?

Regards,

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Good day,

We have received your contact details from Ms. Alexia Hlengani.

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We are currently busy with the public participation process for EIA and WULA and require the details of the up and downstream water uses for the consultation process.

1. Can you please assist us to gain access to the WARMS Database/ provide the names, contact details, allocation rights of affected up and downstream water users? (We would need to consult them and assess the project's potential impact on their water use)

Your swift feedback in this regard would be highly appreciated.

Regards,

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Request for copy of Gazette / Proclamation - Richtersveld National Park

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Thu 10/22/2020 10:19 AM

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APPENDIX 6-REGULATION 2(2)[1] 12663.pdf;

Good day, Karl,

Our telephonic conversation refers;

We have been appointed to conduct a Scoping and EIA Process for two Prospecting Right Applications on the left bank of the Orange River in the Richtersveld in the Northern Cape, bordering Namibia.

One PR application (NC 30/5/1/1/2/12663 PR) is located on the left bank of the Orange River, boundary to Portion of the Remainder of Farm No. 18, along the northern border of the Richtersveld National Park. (Map attached)

Samara Mining (Pty) Ltd does not have any existing prospecting or mining rights in the area of application (so called mining concession).

The application is made on the northern boundary of the Richtersveld National Park (see map). The applicant intends to excavate 10 trenches from three prospecting river pockets (focus areas) on the Orange River. The excavations will mainly be from the riverbed below the 1: 100 floodline. A Rotary Pan / Processing Plant, Stockpiles including contractors camp, access roads and associated infrastructure will need to be established on the Orange River embankment.

From the National Protected Areas Register Database it appears as if the National Park boundary goes right up to the middle of the Orange River. But we need to confirm this with DEFF. The prospecting might be outside the boundary but the infrastructure would fall within the national park.

We are aware that Section 48 of MPRDA prohibits prospecting or mining on land reserved in terms of any other law. Section 48 of NEM: Protected Areas Act states that, despite other legislation, no person may conduct mining or prospecting in protected areas.

Despite the above, the DMR has accepted the application from Samara. We want to advise our client, but first need to do further legal research as to whether the Richtersveld National Park Proclamation (Gov Gazette) actually allows for any such new prospecting activities along or in its borders .

Can you please provide your inputs as per our conversation and provide us with the official Gazette for the Richtersveld National Park asap?

The client has considered the following options:

- Prospecting below the 1:100 floodline but placing the processing infrastructure within the existing Oena Diamond Mine concession area, subject to an agreement;
- Prospecting below the 1:100 flood line but hauling the bulk sample for reduction/processing to the other PR application area which is not situated within the boundary of the Richtersveld

National Park;

- **Your inputs on these options would also be appreciated.**

We have not started with any form of public engagement on the process. We are first gathering data to compile the Scoping Report. Once the Scoping Report is complete, we will start engaging key stakeholders and the public.

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