



## mineral resources

Department:  
Mineral Resources  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



APPLICATION FORM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 AND THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT WASTE ACT, 2008 IN RESPECT OF LISTED ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN TRIGGERED BY APPLICATIONS IN TERMS OF THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2002 (MPRDA) (AS AMENDED).

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Kindly note that:**

1. As from 8 December 2014, this document serves as the application form, and incorporates the requisite documents that are to be submitted together with the application for the necessary environmental authorisations in terms of the said Acts.
2. This application form is applicable while the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Amendment Act of 2008 is in effect, as the form may require amendment should the Act be further amended.
3. Applicants are required to apply for the necessary water use licence and any other authorisations nor licences to the relevant competent authorities as required by the relevant legislation. Upon acceptance of an application for a right or permit in terms of the MPRDA, applicants will be required to provide evidence to the Regional Manager that a water use licence has been applied for.
4. The Regional Manager will respond to the application and provide the reference and correspondence details of the Competent Authority, and in the event that the application for a right or permit is accepted, together with the date by which the relevant environmental reports must be submitted. Notwithstanding anything that may appear to be stated to the contrary in the acceptance letter, the timeframes are in fact aligned and the prescribed timeframes for the submission of documents as regulated by the NEMA regulations must be strictly adhered to.
5. The application must be typed within the spaces provided in the form. The sizes of the spaces provided are not necessarily indicative of the amount of information to be provided. Spaces are provided in tabular format and will extend automatically when each space is filled with typing.
6. The failure to submit complete information as required in this application form may result in the refusal of the application for an environmental authorisation and consequently of the right or permit applied for.
7. This application must be submitted through the SAMRAD online application system of the Department of Mineral Resources under "Other documents to upload".
8. Unless protected by law, all information filled in on this application form will become public information on receipt by the competent authority. Any interested and affected party should and shall be provided with the information contained in this application on request, during any stage of the application process.
9. Please note that an application fee is payable in terms of the National Environmental Management Act and the National Waste Management Act, which fees must be paid upon lodgement of the application. Should the said application fees not be paid as prescribed the application for a right or permit in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act cannot be considered to have been made in the prescribed manner and the said application for a right or permit will have to be rejected. In this regard the type of applications must be identified in the table below.

**PLEASE STATE TYPE OF AUTHORISATIONS BEING APPLIED FOR.**

APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICABLE FEE	Mark with an X where applicable
NEMA S&EIR application on its own	R10 000.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
NEMA BAR application on its own	R 2 000.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
NEMWA S&EIR application on its own	R10 000.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
NEMWA BAR application on its own	R 2 000.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
NEMA S&EIR application combined with NEMWA S&EIR application	R 15 000.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
NEMA BAR application combined with NEMWA BAR application	R 3 000.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
NEMA S&EIR application combined with NEMWA BAR application	R 11 000.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

**1. CONSULTATION BASIC ASSESSMENT AND/ OR SCOPING REPORT**

**2. DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT**

Project applicant:		
Registration no (if any):		
Trading name (if any):		
Responsible Person, (e.g. Director, CEO, etc.):		
Contact person:		
Physical address:		
Postal address:		
Postal code:	Cell:	
Telephone:	Fax:	
E-mail:		

**3. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER (EAP) INFORMATION**

EAP:		
Professional affiliation/registration:		
Contact person (if different from EAP):		
Company:		
Physical address:		
Postal address:		
Postal code:	Cell:	
Telephone:	Fax:	
E-mail:		

If an EAP has not been appointed please ensure that an independent EAP is appointed as stipulated by the NEMA Regulations, prior to the commencement of the process.  
 The declaration of independence and the Curriculum Vitae (indicating the experience with environmental impact assessment and relevant application processes) of the EAP must also be attached as **Appendix 1**.

4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<b>Farm Name:</b>	
<b>Application area (Ha)</b>	
<b>Magisterial district:</b>	
<b>Distance and direction from nearest town</b>	
<b>21 digit Surveyor General Code for each farm portion</b>	
<b>Locality map</b>	Attach a locality map at a scale not smaller than 1:250000 and attach as <b>Appendix 2</b>
<b>Description of the overall activity.</b> (Indicate Mining Right, Mining Permit, Prospecting right, Bulk Sampling, Production Right, Exploration Right, Reconnaissance permit, Technical co-operation permit, Additional listed activity)	



**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(Provide details of the public participation process proposed for the application as required by Regulation.

**Details of the Public Participation process to be followed.**

**6.1.1. IDENTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES TO BE CONSULTED**

IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA	Mark with an X where applicable	
	YES	NO
Will the landowner be specifically consulted?		
Will the lawful occupier on the property other than the Landowner be consulted?		
Will a tribal authority or host community that may be affected be consulted?		
Will recipients of land claims in respect of the area be consulted?		
Will the landowners or lawful occupiers of neighbouring properties been identified?		
Will the local municipality be consulted?		
Will the Authority responsible for power lines within 100 metres of the area be consulted?		
Will Authorities responsible for public roads or railway lines within 100 metres of the area applied for be consulted?		
Will authorities responsible for any other infrastructure within 100 metres of the area applied for be consulted? (Specify)		
Will the Provincial Department responsible for the environment be consulted?		
Will all of the parties identified above be provided with a description of the proposed mining /prospecting operation as referred above?		
Will all the parties identified above be requested in writing to provide information as to how their interests (whether it be socio-economic, cultural, heritage or environmental) will be affected by the proposed mining project?		
Other, Specify		

### 6.1.2. DETAILS OF THE ENGAGEMENT PROCESS TO BE FOLLOWED

<p><b>Steps to be taken to notify interested and affected parties</b> (Describe the process to be undertaken to consult interested and affected parties including public meetings and one on one consultations. NB the affected parties must be specifically consulted regardless of whether or not they attended public meetings. Photographs of notice boards, and copies of advertisements and notices notifying potentially interested and affected parties of the proposed application must be attached as <b>Appendix</b>)</p>	<p><b>PROVIDE DESCRIPTION HERE</b></p>
<p><b>Information to be provided to Interested and Affected Parties.</b></p>	<p><b>Compulsory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site plan.</li> <li>• List of activities to be authorised</li> <li>• Scale and extent of activities to be authorised</li> <li>• Typical impacts of activities to be authorised ( e.g.surface disturbance, dust, noise, drainage, fly rock etc.)</li> <li>• The duration of the activity.</li> <li>• Sufficient detail of the intended operation to enable them to assess what impact the activities will have on them or on the use of their land)</li> </ul> <p><b>Other, specify:</b></p>
<p><b>Information to be required from Interested and Affected Parties.</b></p>	<p><b>Compulsory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide information on how they consider that the proposed activities will impact on them or their socio-economic conditions</li> <li>• To provide written responses stating their suggestions to mitigate the anticipated impacts of each activity</li> <li>• To provide information on current land uses and their location within the area under consideration</li> <li>• To provide information on the location of environmental features on site to make proposals as to how and to what standard the impacts on site can be remedied. requested to make written proposals</li> <li>• To mitigate the potential impacts on their socio economic conditions to make proposals as to how the potential impacts on their infrastructure can be managed, avoided or remedied).</li> </ul> <p><b>Other, Specify</b></p>

7. Description of the assessment process to be undertaken

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
<p><b>Environmental attributes.</b> Describe how the Environmental attributes associated with the development footprint will be determined.</p>	
<p><b>Identification of impacts and risks.</b> (Describe the process that will be used to identify impacts and risks.</p>	
<p><b>Consideration of alternatives.</b> Describe how alternatives, and in particular the alternatives to the proposed site layout and possible alternative methods or technology to be applied will be determined.</p>	
<p><b>Process to assess and rank impacts.</b> Describe the process to be undertaken to identify, assess and rank the impacts and risks each individual activity.</p>	
<p><b>Contribution of specialist reports</b> Describe how specialist reports, if required, will be taken into consideration and inform the impact identification, assessment and remediation process.</p>	
<p><b>Determination of impact management objectives and outcomes.</b> Describe how impact management objectives will be determined for each activity to address the potential impact at source, and how the impact management outcomes will be aligned with standards.</p>	

**8. OTHER AUTHORISATIONS REQUIRED**

LEGISLATION	Mark with an X where applicable			
	AUTHORISATION REQUIRED		APPLICATION SUBMITTED	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
<b>SEMA</b> s				
National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act				
National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act				
National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act				
National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act				
National Environmental Management: Waste Act				
<b>National legislation</b>				
Mineral Petroleum Development Resources Act				
National Water Act				
National Heritage Resources Act				
Others: Please specify				

Please provide proof of submission of applications in **Appendix 5**.

In the event that an authorization in terms of the National Environmental Waste Management Act is required for any of the activities applied for please state so clearly in order for such an authorisation to be considered as part of this application.

**9. DRAFT EMPr**

For consultation purposes, provide a high level approach to the management of the potential environmental impacts of each of the activities applied for.

ACTIVITIES	PHASE (of operation in which activity will take place).	SIZE AND SCALE (of Disturbance)	TYPICAL MITIGATION MEASURES	COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS
(E.g. For prospecting - drill site, site camp, ablution facility, accommodation, equipment storage, sample storage, site office, access route etc...etc...etc E.g. for mining - excavations, blasting, stockpiles, discard dumps or dams, Loading, hauling and transport, Water supply dams and boreholes, accommodation, offices, ablution, stores, workshops, processing plant, storm water control, berms, roads, pipelines, power lines, conveyors, etc...etc...etc.)	State; Planning and design, Pre-Construction Construction, Operational, Rehabilitation, Closure, Post closure.	(volumes, tonnages and hectares or m <sup>2</sup> )	(Eg, storm water control, dust control, noise control, access control, rehabilitation etc...., etc.....)	(A description of how each of the recommendations herein will comply with any prescribed environmental management standards or practices that have been identified by Competent Authorities)

**10. CLOSURE PLAN**



<p><b>In the space provided under each heading below, please provide a high level description of the plan for closure and the information that will be provided in the draft EMPr accompanying draft basic assessment report or environmental impact reports going forward.</b></p>	
<p><b>Baseline environment</b> Describe how the baseline environment will be determined with the input of interested and affected parties and due cognizance of the current land uses and or existing biophysical environment</p>	
<p><b>Closure objectives</b> Describe the closure objectives and the extent to which they will be aligned to the baseline environment</p>	
<p><b>Rehabilitation Plan</b> Describe the scale and aerial extent of the prospecting or mining listed activities to be authorised, including the anticipated prospecting or mining area at the time of closure, and confirm that a site rehabilitation plan drawn to a suitable scale will be provided in the draft EMPr to be submitted together with the draft EIR or Basic Assessment Report as the case may be.</p>	
<p><b>Rehabilitation Cost</b> Describe how the rehabilitation cost will be determined and provide a preliminary estimate thereof</p>	
<p><b>Decommissioning</b> Considering that rehabilitation must take place upon cessation of an activity, describe when each of activities applied for will be rehabilitated in terms of either the cessation of the individual activity or the cessation of the overall prospecting or mining activity.</p>	

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Signature of the applicant / Signature on behalf of the applicant:

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Name of company (if applicable):

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Date:

**APPENDIX 4  
DECLARATION OF THE EAP**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that –

General declaration:

- I act as the independent environmental practitioner in this application
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in regulation 8 of the Regulations when preparing the application and any report relating to the application;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- I will ensure that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on documents that are produced to support the application;
- I will ensure that the comments of all interested and affected parties are considered and recorded in reports that are submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application, provided that comments that are made by interested and affected parties in respect of a final report that will be submitted to the competent authority may be attached to the report without further amendment to the report;
- I will keep a register of all interested and affected parties that participated in a public participation process; and
- I will provide the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal regarding the application, whether such information is favourable to the applicant or not
- all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct;
- will perform all other obligations as expected from an environmental assessment practitioner in terms of the Regulations; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 71 of the Regulations and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

**Disclosure of Vested Interest (delete whichever is not applicable)**

- I do not have and will not have any vested interest (either business, financial, personal or other) in the proposed activity proceeding other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the Regulations;
- I have a vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding, such vested interest being:

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Signature of the environmental assessment practitioner:

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Name of company:

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Date: