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Date: 20 April 2022

Attention: Registered Interested and Affected Parties

RE: NOTIFICATION OF AN INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (IEA) IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998), AS AMENDED, AND THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT (ACT NO. 59 OF 2008), AS AMENDED, FOR MINING ACTIVITES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ZANDHEUVEL PHOSPHATE MINE ON THE REMAINDER OF THE FARM ZANDHEUVEL NO. 126, PORTION 61 OF THE FARM WITTEKLIP NO. 123, A CERTAIN PORTION OF REMAINDER OF PORTION 2 OF THE FARM YZERVARKENSBURG NO. 127 AND A CERTAIN PORTION OF REMAINDER OF PORTION 1 OF THE FARM NO. 124, IN THE MALMESBURY DISTRICT, WESTERN CAPE REGION

DMRE Reference: WC 30/5/1/2/2/10103 MR

Holder of IEA: Adelaide Ruiters Mining & Exploration Pty (Ltd)

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Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This letter serves to inform you, in terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, (GN R.982 of 2014 as amended in GN R.517 of 2021) (EIA Regulations), that the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) has decided to grant Adelaide Ruiters Mining & Exploration Pty (Ltd) (ARME) an Integrated Environmental Authorisation (IEA). The IEA has been granted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA) Listed Activities (GN R.921 of 2013, as amended) for the following activities:

- Opencast mining of Phosphate and associated minerals: Limestone, Aggregate, Sand, Rutile, Zircon, Monazite, Garnet, Feldspar, Calcite, Apatite, Titanium Oxide, Rare Earth, Ilmenite, Sandstone, Hematite/goethite, Schorl and Quartz; and
- Mining support infrastructure including access roads and internal haul roads; processing plant
 and associated infrastructure; ore stockpiles; mine residue facilities and topsoil stockpiles;
 stormwater infrastructure; stormwater and service water dams; and facilities for the storage of
 oil, diesel and fuel.



The DMRE is satisfied on the basis of the information submitted to it in accordance with section 24N of the NEMA and Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and subject to compliance with the conditions contained in the IEA and the Environmental Management Programme Report (EMPr), that the Applicant should be authorised to undertake the abovementioned NEMA EIA and NEM:WA Listed Activities throughout the life cycle of the operation. Reasons for the decision are included in Annexure 1 and 2 of the IEA.

The IEA is dated 8 April 2022 and was issued on the same day. A copy of the IEA, which contains the authorisation conditions and appeal provisions is attached hereto in **ANNEXURE A.**

In terms of Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulations 2014 (GN R.993 as amended in GN R.205 of 2015), any party that wishes to appeal against the decision must lodge an appeal as prescribed in Regulation 4(1) of the National Appeal Regulations. The appeal along with supporting documentation must be submitted to the appeal administrator, and a copy thereof to the Applicant, any registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision of environmental authorisation was sent to the registered I&APs. Should you decide to appeal, you must comply with the requirements of the National Appeal Regulations (GN R.993 of 2014 (as amended)). Please refer to Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulations for the appeal procedure.

A copy of the official appeal form can be obtained from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE).

Appeals can be submitted to the DFFE using any of the following methods:

Attention: Directorate Appeals and Legal Review

By post: Private Bag X 447, Pretoria, 0001

By hand: Environmental House, Corner Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Street, Arcadia, Pretoria,

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By email: appealsdirectorate@environment.gov.za

A copy of the lodged appeal must be submitted to the DMRE as follows:

Attention: Regional Manager: Western Cape Region

By post: Private Bag X 09, Roggebaai, 8012

By hand: 9th Floor Atterbury House, 9 Riebeek Street, Cape Town, 8001

By email: Pieter.Swart@dmre.gov.za

By facsimile: (021) 427 1046

A copy of the appeal must also be submitted to the Applicant, registered I&APs and any organs of state with an interest in the matter.

In addition to the above, upon granting and execution of the Mining Right (MR) for the above project, ARME intends to amend the approved EMPr by following a Section 102 Amendment process in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA), to incorporate the new Prospecting Right (PR) granted to ARME on 20 September 2018 within the



approved MR area. The PR is located on a Portion of Portion 1 of the Farm Philips Kraal No. 124 and a Portion of the remaining extent of Portion 2 of the Farm Yzervarkensrug No. 127. Refer to the attached PR plan in **ANNEXURE B**. As the portions included in the new PR are located in between the properties that form part of the proposed Zandheuvel MR Area (refer to the Mining Right Sketch Plan in **ANNEXURE C**), this will result in a larger area in which the proposed mining infrastructure can be sited.

Please note that the proposed Section 102 Amendment Application will require a new Environmental Authorisation (EA) Process, and ARME will conduct a formal offset study in terms of the Biodiversity Offset Strategy as part of this EA process, and as required in Condition 3 of the IEA. I&APs will have an opportunity to comment on the Biodiversity Offset Study as well as the new EA Application as part of the process.

Please do not hesitate to contact OMI Solutions (Pty) Ltd should you require additional information in this regard and thank you for your participation in this application.

Kind regards,

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ANNEXURE A INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION



ANNEXURE B ARME PROSPECTING RIGHT PLAN



ANNEXURE C ARME MINING RIGHT SKETCH PLAN

