

NAME OF APPLICANT: Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Ltd

REFERENCE NUMBER: NC30/5/1/1/2/12391PR

# **REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF CONSULTATION**

## **WITH COMMUNITIES AND INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES**

**AS REQUIRED IN TERMS OF SECTIONS, 16(4)(b) or 27 (5) (b) OF THE  
MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (ACT  
28 of 2002), AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD DIRECTIVE  
FOR THE COMPILATION THEREOF AS PUBLISHED ON THE OFFICIAL  
WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES.**



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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## A. Definitions

**'consultation'** means a two way communication process between the applicant and the community or interested and affected party wherein the former is seeking, listening to, and considering the latter's response, which allows openness in the decision making process.

**'community'** means a group of historically disadvantaged persons with interest or rights in a particular area of land on which the members have or exercise communal rights in terms of an agreement, custom or law: Provided that, where as a consequence of the provisions of the Act negotiations or consultations with the community are required, the community shall include the members or part of the community, directly affected by prospecting or mining, on land occupied by such members or part of the community.

**'Interested and affected' parties** include, but are not limited to; –

- (i) Host Communities
- (ii) Landowners (Traditional and Title Deed owners)
- (iii) Traditional Authority
- (iv) Land Claimants
- (v) Lawful land occupier
- (vi) The Department of Land Affairs,
- (vii) Any other person ( including on adjacent and non-adjacent properties) whose socio-economic conditions may be directly affected by the proposed prospecting or mining operation
- (viii) The Local Municipality,
- (ix) The relevant Government Departments, agencies and institutions responsible for the various aspects of the environment and for infrastructure which may be affected by the proposed project.

## B. Report on the results of consultation

### 1. Methodology applied to consultation.

- 1.1. Name the community or communities identified, or explain why no such community was identified.

**The prospecting area falls within ward 3 of the Hantam LM within Namakwa District Municipality (NDM), as well as ward 9 of the Kai !Garib LM within the ZF Mgcawu District Municipality. No formal communities have been identified following the consultations with landowners in the area.**

1.2. Specifically state whether or not the Community is also the landowner.  
**It is understood that land is not owned by a community in the application area.**

1.3. State whether or not the Department of Land Affairs been identified as an interested and affected party.

**The Department of Land Affairs has been identified as an interested and affected party. Consultation was done with the department to enquire on existing land claims within the application area.**

1.4. State specifically whether or not a land claim is involved.

**The Department of Land Affairs has advised that are no land claims lodged against the properties in the application area.**

1.5. Name the Traditional Authority identified

**No Traditional Authority was identified.**

1.6. List the landowners identified by the applicant. (Traditional and Title Deed owners)

**The following surrounding surface rights holders/landowners of the area under application have been identified and notified of the proposed Prospecting Right application:**

**Ronie Pieter Cloete**

**Hester Christina Susanna Hendrikse**

**Louis Christiaan Lombaard**

**Catharine Loubser**

**Jacobus Loubser**

**Izak Jacobus Louw**

**Ronell Nolte**

**Franz Petrus Nolte**

**Rudolph Johannes Scheepers**

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**Albertus Johannes Van Niekerk**

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**Philippus Lodewickus Van Schalkwyk**

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**Nel Johannes Jacobus Nel**

**Marthinus Dawid Strauss**

**BURGER JOHANNA PETRONELLA**

**LOUW ALBA**

**LOUW IZAK JACOBUS**

**MALAN ALETTA CATHERINA**

**NEL JACOBUS ADRIAAN GIDEON LOUW**

**NEL JOHANNES JACOBUS**

**NEL MARIA GERTRUIDA**

**NIEKERK ALBERTUS JOHANNES VAN**

**SCHEEPERS RUDOLPH JOHANNES**

**SMITH BAREND JURGEN**

**VISAGIE MARIA MAGDALENA**

**WYK CHRISTOFFEL HENDRIK VAN**

**WYK MARTHA BARENDINA VAN**

1.7. List the lawful occupiers of the land concerned.

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- 1.8. Explain whether or not other persons' (including on adjacent and non-adjacent properties) socio-economic conditions will be directly affected by the proposed prospecting or mining operation and if not, explain why not.

**The proposed prospecting activity will not directly affect the socio-economic conditions. Although the proposed activity may interfere with existing landuses, this would be limited to the application areas and not the adjacent or nonadjacent properties. Mitigation measures have also been included and further discussed in Section 21.4 of the Environmental Management Plan, which propose that further landowner interaction be undertaken prior to the actual activities being undertaken and further, the activities be limited to the actual prospecting areas and that rehabilitation be undertaken of the sites and the access roads.**

1.9. Name the Local Municipality identified by the applicant

**Hantam and Kai !Garib Local Municipalities.**

1.10. Name the relevant Government Departments, agencies and institutions responsible for the various aspects of the environment and for infrastructure which may be affected by the proposed project.

**Namakwa District Municipality  
ZF Mgcawu District Municipality  
Aggeneys Community Forum  
Hantam Local Municipality  
Kai !Garib Local Municipality  
Northern Cape Department of Mineral Resources;  
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC):  
Springbok;  
Northern Cape Department of Water and Sanitation  
Northern Cape Department of Agricultural & Land Reform ;  
Northern Cape Department of Rural Development and Land Reform ;  
Northern Cape Department of Roads Transport and Public Works;  
South African Radio Astromonical Observatory;  
South African Heritage Resources Agency.**

1.11. Submit evidence that the landowner or lawful occupier of the land in question, and any other interested and affected parties including all those listed above, were notified.

**Proof of delivery of notification documents are attached in Appendix B2 of the Basic Assessment Report.**

**2. Description of the existing status of the cultural, socio-economic or biophysical environment, as the case may be, prior to the proposed prospecting or mining operation.**

2.1.1. Confirm that the identified and consulted interested and affected parties agree on the description of the existing status of the environment.

**I&AP registration questionnaires were provided to the identified and consulted interested and affected parties and those who returned the questionnaires confirmed that the receiving environment is mostly grazing land where sheep farming is practiced. Some of the properties are proposed for the future**

renewable energy facilities, however, it is understood that these have not been approved yet.

2.1.2. Describe the existing status of the cultural environment that may be affected

**No burial grounds or graves are depicted on the historical topographic maps for the study area. However, it is possible that unknown burial grounds and graves are present. Burial grounds and graves have high heritage significance and are given a Grade IIIA significance rating.**

**The proposed prospecting area is mainly underlain by the Prince Albert Formation in the central areas, with scattered areas of Karoo Dolerite, and a small Dwyka outcrop in the north.**

**According to the Palaeo sensitivity Map available on the South African Heritage Resources Information System database (SAHRIS), the Palaeontological Sensitivity of the Kalahari Group is rated as Low. The igneous rocks of the Bushmanland and Karoo Dolerite is Insignificant or Zero while the Ecca sediments of the Karoo Supergroup have a Medium Paleontological Sensitivity.**

**Previous studies conducted in the surroundings of the study area have identified a number of archaeological sites. These include Stone Age (ESA, MSA and LSA) sites including find spots, surface scatters and rock art sites.**

2.1.3. Describe the existing status of any heritage environment that may be affected

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Previous studies conducted in the surroundings of the study area have identified a number of archaeological sites. These include Stone Age (ESA, MSA and LSA) sites including find spots, surface scatters and rock art sites.

2.1.4. Describe the existing status of any current land uses and the socio-economic environment that may be directly affected

The Prospecting application area is located close to the Aggeneys - Gamsberg base metal mines. The proposed properties are situated mainly south of the R358 tar road from Pofadder to Nuwerus. Several farm roads and servitude gravel roads cross these properties. Existing power lines are also situated across these properties.

The properties are expected to be previously largely undisturbed and mainly used for grazing of sheep and cattle. Existing farm infrastructure such as windmills, boreholes, fencing and livestock pens are expected to be sparsely dotted across the properties. Only a few tracks or roads cross these properties (PGS, 2019).

The application area falls within the Karoo Central Astronomy Advantage Area 1.

The Hantam LM is the largest of six in the Namakwa DM with an area of 39 085 km<sup>2</sup>. Farming is the main economic driver in this municipality although approximately 70 % of the population work and live within the towns of Calvinia, Brandvlei, Loeriesfontein, Middelpoos, Nieuwoudtville and Onderste Doorns. Farming in the area is dominated by sheep, wool, Lucerne and rooibos tea (municipalities.co.za).

Kai !Garib LM is situated along the Orange Rivers, sharing borders with the Dawid Kruiper LM to the north-east and Namibia in the north-west. This is the second largest of five LMs in the ZF Mgacu DM with an area of 26 377 km<sup>2</sup>. As with Hantam LM, the agriculture sector is the main economic contributor in this LM. The municipality is characterised through its unique landscape features namely the Orange River and Kalahari Desert. The towns situated here are Eksteenkuil, Kakamas, Keimoes and Kenhardt (municipalities, 2019).

According to STATSSA, 2011, the Kai !Garib and ZF Mgawu Local Municipalities have a combined total population of 87447 people, of which 72.2 % are coloured, 16.35 % are black African, and 9.2 % are white. Other groups make up 1.45 % of the population. Of those aged 20 years and older 8.55% completed primary schooling, 17.15 % completed Grade 12/matric, 34.85 % have some secondary schooling, 6% have some higher education, and 11.7 % of these municipalities have no schooling.

The main economic activities, although not extensive, within these Local Municipalities are agriculture and mining. Agricultural activities are dominated

by livestock and poultry farming. Of the 38034 economically active people (employed and unemployed but looking for work), 10 % are unemployed and 1385 are classified as discouraged work-seekers.

Combined there are 23043 households in these municipalities, with an average household size of 3.1 persons per household. Of the households in the municipality, 50.4 % have access to piped (tap) water inside the dwelling/institution.

The education levels in these municipalities are low. Only about half of the population over 20 years old within the District have some secondary education or obtained their Grade 12 qualification.

2.1.5. Describe the existing status of any infrastructure that may be affected.

The proposed properties are situated mainly south of the R358 tar road from Pofadder to Nuwerus. Several farm roads and servitude gravel roads cross these properties. Existing power lines are also situated across these properties.

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2.1.6. Describe the existing status of the biophysical environment that will be affected, including the main aspects such as water resources, flora, fauna, air, soil, topography etc.

**Please consult Section 6.4.2 of the Basic Assessment Report.**

2.1.7. Provide any relevant additional information.

Copies of the I& AP registration questionnaires completed by the interested and affected parties have been included in Appendix B4 of the Comments and Response Report.

**3. The anticipated environmental, social or cultural impacts identified.**

3.1. Confirm that the community and identified interested and affected parties have been consulted and that they agree that the potential impacts identified include those identified by them.

3.1.1. Provide a list and description of potential impacts identified on the cultural environment.

**Safety and security risks to landowners and lawful occupiers;  
Interference with existing land uses.**

3.1.2. Provide a list and description of potential impacts identified on the heritage environment, if applicable.

**Impact on potential burial grounds and graves;  
Impact on structures older than 60 years;  
Impact on archaeological resources;  
Impact on palaeontological resources;**

3.1.3. Provide a list and description of potential impacts identified on the socio-economic conditions of any person on the property and on any adjacent or non adjacent property who may be affected by the proposed prospecting or mining operation.

**Job Creation;  
Deterioration and damage to existing access roads and tracks;  
Safety and security risks to landowners and lawful occupiers;  
Interference with existing land uses;**

3.1.4. Provide a list and description of potential impacts (positive & negative) identified on: employment opportunities, community health, community proximity.

- **Job Creation;**
- **Impact on identified heritage sites;**
- **Safety and security risks to landowners and lawful occupiers;**
- **Interference with existing land uses;**
- **Generation and disposal of waste;**
- **Loss of fossil heritage.**

3.1.5. Provide a list and description of potential impacts identified on the biophysical environment including but not be limited to impacts on: flora, fauna, water resources, air, noise, soil etc.

**Temporary disturbance of wildlife due to increased human presence and possible use of machinery and/or vehicles.**

**Destruction of, and fragmentation of, portions of the vegetation community;  
Loss of ESA and sections of area classed as moderate and highest biodiversity importance;**

**Displacement of faunal community (including possible threatened or protected species) due to habitat loss, disturbance (noise, dust and vibration) and/or direct mortalities;**

**Continued disturbance of vegetation communities (including portions of an ESA and a section classed as moderate and highest biodiversity importance)**  
**Encroachment by alien invasive plant species;**  
**Displacement of avifauna by the airborne survey;**  
**Disturbance and mortalities of herpetofauna due to assaying (Rock chips and Soil sampling);**  
**Ongoing displacement, direct mortalities and disturbance of faunal community (including multiple threatened species) due to habitat loss and disturbances because of the drilling and access roads;**  
**Further impacts due to the spread and/or establishment of alien and/or invasive species;**  
**Displacement, direct mortalities and disturbance of faunal community (including multiple threatened species) due to habitat loss and disturbances (such as dust, vibrations, poaching and noise);**  
**Degradation of aquifers;**  
**Impacts on existing groundwater users;**  
**Impacts on surface water features (e.g. streams, rivers, wetlands, saltpans) – which may be recharged by groundwater;**  
**Noise;**  
**Pollution of Soils;**  
**Air Quality;**  
**Generation and disposal of waste; and**  
**Erosion due to improper rehabilitation.**

3.1.6. Provide a description of potential cumulative impacts that the proposed operation may contribute to considering other identified land uses which may have potential environmental linkages to the land concerned.

**Clearance of vegetation may take many years to re-establish after rehabilitation has taken place due to the semi-arid environment of the proposed area. The interference of the proposed activity with existing land uses may limit the amount of grazing land available and in so doing the livelihood of the farmers within the application areas may be affected.**

**4. Land use or development alternatives, alternative means of carrying out the proposed operation, and the consequences of not proceeding with the proposed operation.**

4.1. Provide a list of and describe any alternative land uses that exist on the property or on adjacent or non-adjacent properties that may be affected by the proposed mining operation.

**The properties are expected to be previously largely undisturbed and were and are presently mainly used for grazing of sheep and cattle. Existing farm infrastructure such as windmills, boreholes, fencing and livestock pens are expected to be sparsely dotted across the properties.**

4.2. Provide a list of and describe any land developments identified by the community or interested and affected parties that are in progress and which may be affected by the proposed mining operation.

**The properties are expected to be previously largely undisturbed and were and are presently mainly used for grazing of sheep and cattle. Existing farm infrastructure such as windmills, boreholes, fencing and livestock pens are expected to be sparsely dotted across the properties. Some of the properties are proposed for the future renewable energy facilities, however, it is understood that these have not been approved yet.**

4.3. Provide a list of and describe any proposals made in the consultation process to adjust the operational plans of the mine to accommodate the needs of the community, landowners and interested and affected parties.

**Mitigation measures have been proposed in the EMPr for all impacts identified.**

4.4. Provide information in relation to the consequences of not proceeding with proposed operation

**If the prospecting right is not granted, the potential to identify viable mineral resources could be lost. Historical prospecting and mining activities have taken place in the vicinity of the proposed prospecting right area and as such the proposed prospecting activities represent a continuation of surrounding land uses. Additionally, it allows for marginal land impacted on by historical prospecting and mining activities to be re-introduced into the economy. The negative impacts likely to occur as a result of the prospecting work are anticipated to be of low significance.**

## **5. Description of the process of engagement referred to in 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 above with identified communities, landowners and interested and affected parties.**

5.1. Provide a description of the information provided to the community, landowners, and interested and affected parties to inform them in sufficient detail of what the prospecting or mining operation will entail on the land, in order for them to assess what impact the prospecting will have on them or on the use of their land;

**Notification documents sent to all pre-identified I&AP's included the following information:**

- **The site plan;**
- **List of activities to be authorised;**
- **Typical impacts of activities to be authorised;**

- The duration of the activity;
- 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;
- The purpose of the proposed project;
- The prospecting methods to be used;
- Details of the affected properties (including parent farm and portion);
- Details of the MPRDA and NEMA Regulations that must be adhered to;
- The minerals being prospected for;
- The information contained in the BAR and EMPR;
- Date by which comment, concerns and objections must be forwarded through to EIMS; and
- Contact details of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP).

In addition, a questionnaire was included in the registered letters, emails and facsimiles sent and requested the following information from I&AP's:

- To provide information on how they consider that the proposed activities will impact on them or their socio-economic conditions;
- To provide written responses stating their suggestions to mitigate the anticipated impacts of each activity;
- To provide information on current land uses and their location within the area under consideration;
- To provide information on the location of environmental features on site, to make written proposals as to how and to what standard the impacts on site can be remedied.
- 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;
- Details of the landowner and information on lawful occupiers;
- Details of any communities existing within the area;
- Details of any Tribal Authorities within the area;
- Details of any other I&AP's that need to be notified;

- Details on any land developments proposed;
- Details of any perceived impacts to the environment that should be considered in the BAR; and
- Any specific comments, concerns or objections to the proposed prospecting operation.

5.2. Provide a list of which of the identified communities, landowners, lawful occupiers, and other interested and affected parties were in fact consulted.

**The following authorities have been identified and notified of the proposed Prospecting Right Application:**

**Aggeneys Community Forum**  
**Agri Namakwa**  
**Agri Northern Cape**  
**Agrimark Kenhardt**  
**Augrabies Falls National Park**  
**Boesmanland Farmers Union**  
**Botanical Society**  
**Brandvlei Boere Unie**  
**Commission On Restitution Of Land Rights: Northern Cape And Free State Regional Office**  
**Conservation South Africa (CSA)**  
**Department Of Agriculture**  
**Department Of Mineral Resources**  
**Department Of Roads Transport And Public Works**  
**Department Of Water Affairs (Springbok)**  
**Department Of Water Affairs (Upington)**  
**Dwaggas Pan**  
**Endangered Wildlife Trust**  
**Endangered Willdlife Trust (EWT)**  
**Environmental Monitoring Group**  
**ESKOM Holdings**  
**Federation For A Sustainable Environment**  
**Hantam Local Municipality**  
**Kai !Garib Local Municipality**  
**Loeriesfontein Boere Unie**  
**Namakwa District Municipality**  
**Namakwaland Action Group/Nago**  
**NC Department Of Agricultural & Land Reform**  
**NC Department Of Environment And Nature Conservation (DENC) Kimberley**  
**NC Department Of Environment And Nature Conservation (DENC): Springbok**

**Pofadder Landbou Vereniging  
Regional Land Claims Commission Free State And Northern Cape  
Riemvasmaak Community Conservancy  
SANRAL  
SKA South Africa  
South African Civil Aviation Authority  
South African Heritage Resources Agency  
South African National Biodiversity Institute  
South African National Parks  
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)  
Succulent Karoo Ecosystem Programme (SKEP)  
Succulent Society Of South Africa (SSSA)  
Transnet SOC Ltd Head Office  
WESSA PE Office  
ZF Mgcawu District Municipality**

**The following surrounding surface rights holders/ landowners of the area under application have been identified and notified of the proposed Koa Valley Prospecting Right application:**

**Ronie Pieter Cloete  
Hester Christina Susanna Hendrikse  
Louis Christiaan Lombaard  
Catharine Loubser  
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The I&AP database is included in Appendix B1

5.3. Provide a list of their views raised in regard to the existing cultural, socio-economic or biophysical environment, as the case may be.

**A list of the I&AP views received during the comment period is included in the Comments and Response Report which is attached as Appendix B of the BAR.**

5.4. Provide a list of their views raised on how their existing cultural, socio-economic or biophysical environment potentially will be impacted on by the proposed prospecting or mining operation.

**Please consult the comments and response report attached as Appendix B of the BAR.**

5.5. Provide list of any other concerns raised by the aforesaid parties.

**Please consult the comments and response report attached as Appendix B of the BAR.**

5.6. Provide the applicable minutes and records of the consultations as appendices.

**I&AP questionnaires are included in Appendix B4.**

5.7. Provide information with regard to any objections received.

**No objections have been received to date.**

**6. Describe the most appropriate means to carry out the proposed operation with due accommodation of the issues raised in the consultation process.**

**The prospecting Works Programme submitted to the DMR and all conditions of the Environmental Management Plan must be adhered to. Further consultation must be undertaken by the applicant with the landowners of the properties where invasive prospecting techniques are proposed.**

### **C. IDENTIFICATION OF THE REPORT**

**The report on the results of consultation must, at the end of the report include a certificate of identification as follows;**

<b>Herewith I, the person whose name and identity number is stated below, confirm that I am the person authorised to act as representative of the applicant in terms of the resolution submitted with the application, and confirm that the above report comprises the results of consultation as contemplated in Section 16 (4) (b) or 27 (5) (b) of the Act, as the case may be.</b>	
<b>Full Names and Surname</b>	<b>Gideon Petrus Kriel</b>

<b>Identity Number</b>	<b>8309015001081</b>
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