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Dear Interested and Affected Party

**NOTIFICATION REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION SEVERAL FARM PORTIONS (AREA 5- GROOT KOLK) WITHIN THE ZF MGCAWU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) has been appointed by Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Ltd – hereafter referred to as the applicant – to prepare and submit a Basic Assessment Report (BAR), Environmental Management Programme (EMPR), as well as an Integrated Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) Consultation process, in support of a prospecting right application and Environmental Authorisation.

The prospecting right application will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act 28 of 2002, as amended) (MPRDA) and the associated regulations, and the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) and the associated regulations, and has been lodged at the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) – Northern Cape.

The applicant, Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Ltd, is applying for a prospecting right application in order to ascertain if economically viable mineral deposits exist within the application area for the following: Ferrous & base metals (Copper, Iron, Lead, Zinc, Manganese, Nickel, Molybdenum) and all associated metals and minerals, precious metals (Gold, Silver) and all associated metals and minerals. Both non-invasive and invasive prospecting techniques will be utilized.

The Groot Kolk Application Area covers an area of about 30 150,5 hectares. The area is located approximately 187 kilometres South West of the town of Upington and 193 km kilometres South East of the town of Aggeneys, Namaqualand District, Northern Cape Province. The affected farm portions are provided in the attached background information document. It should be noted that these properties may change after acceptance of the Prospecting Right Applications by the DMR. Should the application area change, the updated properties will be provided in the draft Basic Assessment Report which will be available for public comment.

The application for a prospecting right and environmental authorisation process will be carried out as stipulated in Section 16 of the MPRDA and Chapter 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (GNR 326) promulgated under the NEMA. A public notification and involvement process is being carried out as part of the process.

This notice is in accordance with clause 16 of the MPRDA and Chapter 6 of EIA Regulations, 2014, which requires that Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Ltd notify in writing and consult with the land owner or lawful occupier and any other affected party. In this regard, **we would like to ask the landowners to please notify their respective property occupiers about the proposed development or send us the occupiers' contact details so that we may notify them and include them in the Public Participation Process for this project.** The results of the consultation will be included in the BAR submission in order for the DMR to adjudicate on the application.

Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) are provided an opportunity to register and comment on the proposed activity and application. In order to ensure that you are identified and registered as an interested and affected party (I&AP) please submit your name, contact details and the reason for your interest, in writing or telephonically, to Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (Contact details are provided at the end of this letter). Please include the project reference number 1304-5 in all correspondence.

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Please note that only registered I&AP's will be informed of any project information. Comments will be included in the final BAR, to be submitted to the DMR at the end of the process. Please include comments, concerns and suggestions to be submitted and considered by the DMR.

Should you have concerns or comments (including those relating to environmental and social impacts) please include them in the attached questionnaire. A copy of the background information document has also been included for your information.

Any queries, comments, or concerns with regards to this application can be directed to EIMS at:

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Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any queries or concerns.

Sincerely,

**GP Kriel**