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Sub-directorate: Mine Environmental Management: Mpumalanga Region

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION LODGED IN TERMS OF SECTION 24 OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) READ WITH REGULATION 21 & 23 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014 AS AMENDED FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF EXXARO COAL MPUMALANGA (PTY) LTD FOR BELFAST EXPANSION PROJECT (BEP) IN RESPECT OF PORTION 3,4,6,8,9,11,16,21,24 OF THE FARM ZOEKOP JS AND PORTION 2,4,5,6,25,26 AND THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM LEEUWBANK 427 JS, ALL SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF EMAKHAZENI: MPUMALANGA REGION.

The above matter has reference

- I refer to the abovementioned matter and confirm that your application for an Environmental Authorisation herein referred to as "EA" lodged on 02 December 2021 is hereby acknowledged.
- 2. Acknowledgement of your application does not grant you permission to commence with the proposed activities. Commencement of a listed activity without an environmental authorisation constitutes an offence in terms of Section 49A (1) (a) of NEMA, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) as amended and upon conviction for such an offence, a person is liable to a fine not

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exceeding R10 million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

3. You are also reminded to submit all reports as per the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended inclusive of specialist reports that has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days in terms of chapter 6 of NEMA within the timeframe stipulated in the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

NB: Regulation 45 of 2014 EIA Regulations stipulates that "an application in terms of these Regulations lapses and a competent authority will deem the application as having lapsed, if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless extension has been granted in terms of regulation 3(7)."

Kind Regards

REGIONAL MANAGER: MINERAL REGULATION=\

MPUMALANGA REGION DATE: 22 03 2022.

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