

Your role in the Water Use Licence Application

(WULA) Process is to:

1. To raise public awareness of activities taking place within your surroundings and to ensure Inclusion of any issues, suggestions or comments you may be aware of regarding proposed activities.
2. To provide I&APs with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
3. To utilise opportunities provided to raise issues and provide comments throughout the process.

How to become Involved and Register as an I&AP?

Your participation in this process is valuable and is encouraged, therefore you are invited to register as an I&AP and contribute by sending written submissions via post, fax, email or telephone to:

**Physical Address: 40 Lyncon Road, Carlswald,
Midrand, 1684**

**Postal Address: Postnet Suite 697, P/Bag X29,
Gallo Manor, 2052**

Tell: 011 041 3689 ; Fax: 086 602 8821

Email: admin@nsovo.co.za or rejoice@nsovo.co.za



Figure 2: DWS Authorisation process

NOTICE OF WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED WATER USE ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH MINING ACTIVITIES AT LEEUEPAN COAL MINE BLOCK OI WEST WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF VICTOR KHANYE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

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PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The primary aim of this document is to provide background information on the proposed development and outline the licencing process to be followed in accordance with the requirement of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA). Further, this document provides information on how Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) can become involved and provide the necessary information to allow meaningful participation in the process.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP)

Public Participation Process (PPP) is any process that involves the public in problem solving or decision-making and forms an integral part of the WULA process. The PPP provides I&APs with an opportunity to comment and/or make suggestions on the proposed project. The PPP will be undertaken in terms of Section 41 (4) of the NWA and Chapter 6, Regulation 39 through 44 of the NEMA: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of December 2014 as amended.

PROPOSED PROJECT BACKGROUND

Exxaro Resources Limited ("Exxaro") proposes to mine Block OI to increase mining productivity and extend the life of Leeuwpan Coal Mine ("Leeuwpan"). The mine operates following the requirements and conditions in the Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) approved by the Department of Mineral Resources. Leeuwpan consolidated all its EMPs on 25 April 2017, and this included mining activities at the new area called Block OI which is an opencast and operation activities were planned to commence in the 3rd quarter of 2018. Accordingly, an Integrated Water Use License (IWUL) covering all listed activities proposed for Block OI in terms of the NWA was obtained on 18 December 2015; which only authorises the development of a plant at this location, not a mine.

During recent exploration activities, additional reserves were found in a section to the west of Block OI which contains highly impacted wetlands systems, two pan wetlands surrounded by a hillslope seep wetland. In September 2018,a Risk Assessment was undertaken to determine the application approach, and the assessment yielded a medium score, which resulted in the requirement of a full WULA .

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed Block OI West is located on wetlands and mining on this site will trigger NWA Sections 21 (c) and (i) water use activities, which require the WULA process to be undertaken. In accordance with the requirements of the NWA, Exxaro requires approval from the DWS in order to undertake the proposed mining activities.

LOCALITY

The proposed activities will be undertaken on Farms Kenbar 257IR Portion 0, Moabsvelden 248IR Portion 3 and Rietkuil 249IR Portions 1 & 2. located along the R50 near Delmas within the jurisdiction of Victor Khanye Local Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province as depicted in Figure 1 below. The property is owned by the Exxaro.

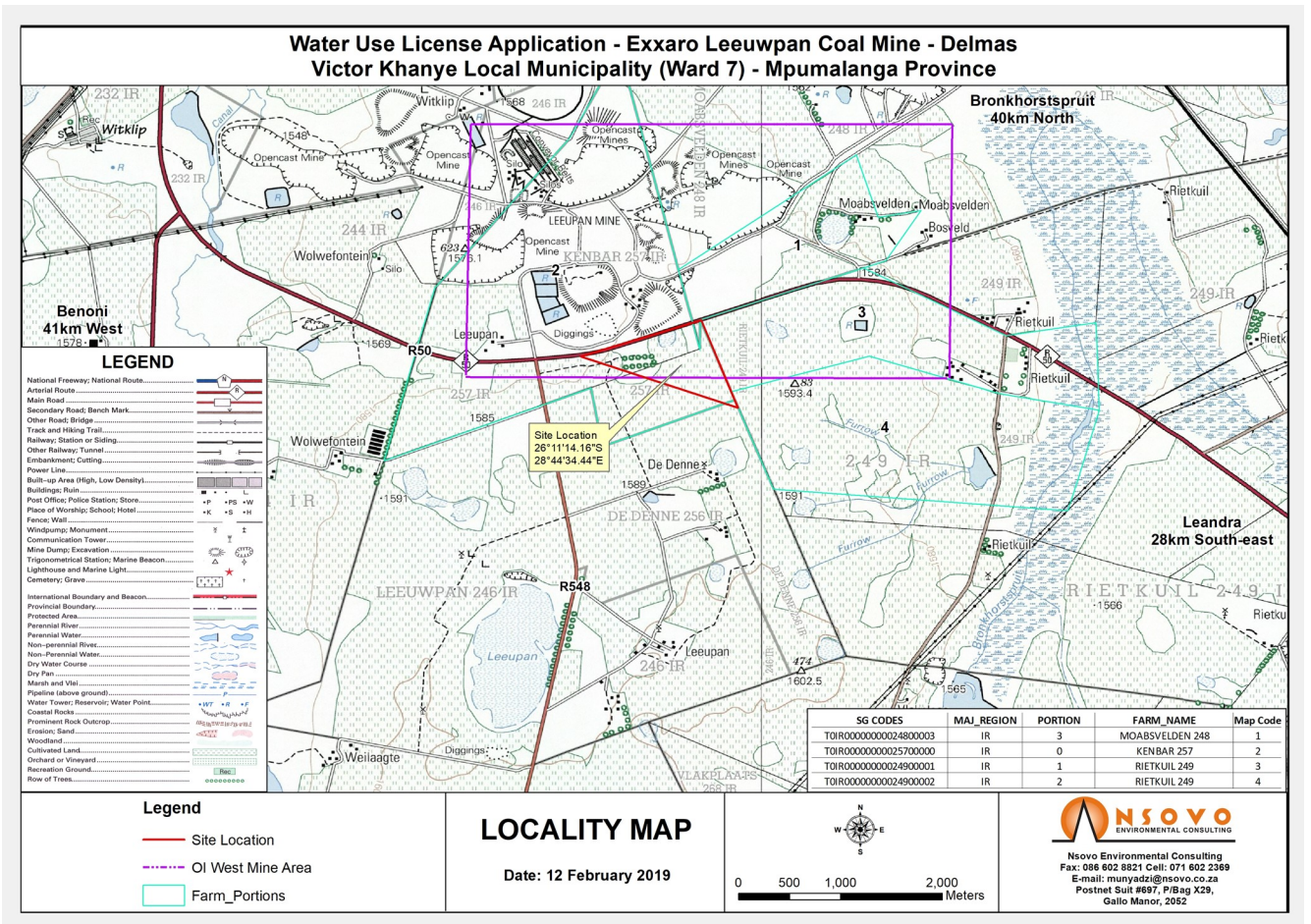


Figure 1: Locality map of the study area