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General Public Letter

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Dear Sir/Madam

**NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A WATER USE LICENSE ON THE FARM TWYFELHOEK NO. 104, FAURESMITH RD, FREE STATE PROVINCE. REFERENCE: WU41502**

This letter serves to formally notify you of the commencement of the public participation process for the Water Use License Application (WULA) submitted by Anke Duvenhage (Main Applicant / Responsible Person) to the Department of Water and Sanitation.

This public participation process is conducted as required in terms of Section 41(4)(b) of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998). The purpose is to allow all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to review the project summary and provide comments on the proposed water uses for the project.

A brief overview of the project:

- **Project Activity:** The project is a co-operative venture between three mining permit holders. To maintain efficiency and minimize the environmental footprint, the operation utilizes a centralized infrastructure model with a shared diamond processing plant and water management facilities.
- **Targeted Resource:** The operation involves the responsible extraction of Alluvial Diamonds through opencast strip-mining.
- **Water Management:** The project is designed as a closed-loop system. Process water is contained and recycled continuously, and no process water will be discharged into the surrounding environment.
- **Location:** The site is located within Quaternary Catchment C51K of the Orange-Senqu Water Management Area (WMA).

The application seeks authorization for the following water uses under Section 21 of the NWA:

- **Section 21(a) Taking water:** For the abstraction of groundwater to use in mineral processing and dust suppression.
- **Section 21(b) Storing water:** For containing water in a dedicated Reticulation/Dirty Water Dam.
- **Section 21(e) Engaging in a controlled activity:** Specifically for using water to suppress dust on operational roads and work areas.
- **Section 21(g) Disposing of waste:** This covers the handling and containment of dirty water from the washing process inside the Reticulation Dam (following a zero-discharge policy).
- **Section 21(j) Removing water found underground:** This is required to safely remove any groundwater that accumulates in the existing open pit, allowing the team to work safely.

The attached WULA Summary Report is available for review . Please send any written comments, objections, or queries regarding these water uses directly to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner, Lindie Wiehahn, via email at [lindie@liwico.co.za](mailto:lindie@liwico.co.za) or via telephone at 072 141 4164.

All comments must reach the office by no later than 5 June 2026. If no written correspondence is received by this date, it will be accepted that there are no objections or comments regarding the application.

Yours faithfully,



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