

**INVITATION TO COMMENT**

**NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR A DOLOMITE MINING PERMIT, THE PROPOSED MINING PERMIT IS ON REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 13, WOLVE KOP FARM 12, MIDDELBURG RD EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE.**

**DMR Reference Number: (EC) 30/5/1/3/2/2/1 (0675) MP**

Notice is hereby given for Environmental Authorisation in terms of section 24(2), 24(5), 24D and 44, read with section 47A(1)(b) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) **Afrimat Contracting International (Pty) Ltd**, a subsidiary of Afrimat Limited, is applying for a mining permit to mine 4.8 ha of stone aggregate on the Remaining Extent of Portion 13 of the farm Wolve Kop 12 situated in Middelburg RD Magisterial District, Eastern Cape Province.

The site is located 12 km north of Middelburg town. The size of the proposed site is 4.8ha.

In terms of Sections 24(2) and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and as read on Listing Notice 1 (Government Notices R. 983 in Government Gazette 38282 of 4 Dec 2014) as amended, a Basic Assessment is required for the project as per the following listed activities:

<b>GN and Listing Notice</b>	<b>Activity No.</b>	<b>Listed Activity</b>	<b>Description of each listed activity as per project description</b>
GN R 983, Listing Notice 1 as amended	22	The decommissioning of any activity requiring - (i) a closure certificate in terms of section 43 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002)	Replacement of topsoil over mined-out area (concurrent rehabilitation) and final rehabilitation of entire major area
GN R 983, Listing Notice 1 as amended	21	Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a mining permit in terms of section 27 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), including associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks directly related to the extraction of a mineral resource, including activities for which an exemption has been issued in terms of section 106 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002).	The excavation, drilling and blasting and crushing of blasted excavated dolerite to reduce the to meet specifications of the contract.
GN R 983, Listing Notice 1 as amended	27	GNR 983, Listing Notice 1 Activity No. 27: The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for- i. the undertaking of a linear activity; or Maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.	The clearing of land for the purposes of mining dolerite deposits, the erection of a crushing plant and other associated infrastructure required for the operation of the mine

The operation of the proposed mine will require the use of water and the applicant proposes to drill a borehole to serve as water supply for dust suppression and small quantities of process water, therefore, in terms of the National Water Act No. 36 of 1998, a Water Use license is required and has been applied for with Eastern Cape Department of Water and Sanitation: (a) Taking water from a water resource.

The Draft Basic Assessment Report is available for viewing on the following link: <https://afrimat.co.za/index.php/sustainability/environmental-conservation/welverdiend-wolvekop-eia> for a period of 30 days starting from **Thursday 16 September 2021 to Monday 18 October 2021**. Please note the Draft report is also available on request. Interested and/or affected parties who wish to participate by contributing comments, or who would like to obtain more information, should please contact Siphumelele Mbali on details indicated below. The comments must please reach us by **Monday 18 October 2021**.

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