

Annexure 17

Marthán Theart

From: Melissa Fourie
Sent: 26 February 2015 12:03 PM
To: Catherine Horsfield; Marthán Theart; Coriaan De Villiers
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Yzermyn Underground Coal Mine in the Mabola Protected Envi

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From: Millicent Solomons
Date: 26/02/2015 11:50 (GMT+02:00)
To: Wilma Lutsch
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Subject: Re: Proposed Yzermyn Underground Coal Mine in the Mabola Protected Envi

Dear Wilma

Your email below refers; please note that the queries related to the Protected Areas Act and authorisations that need to be obtained from the Minister to mine in the protected environment. We do not deal with these matters and it should be directed to the D: Protected Areas for a response.

We currently have one in-process application for environmental authorisation and the amended Final EIR was only received in February 2015. The decision has not yet been made and is only due in approx 100 days. This query relates to an already obtained Mining Permit.

Kind regards

Millicent

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>>> Wilma Lutsch 02/25/15 4:08 PM >>>
Dear Millicent

The attached letter was received from Mellissa Fourie, Executive Director of the Centre for Environmental Rights, requesting a response to a number of questions regarding the granting of a mining right to Atha-Africa Ventures in respect of a mining area that falls within the Mabola Protected Environment.

After investigations in this regard, it became apparent that your section dealt with this matter at a previous occasion, and therefore a friendly request to respond as a matter of urgency to Ms Fourie, as she has to lodge an appeal against the granting of a mining right.

Please also find a response to a media query in this regard for your information.

Kind regards

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