

## 1. Introduction

- The mining operation is situated in the **Nama Khoi Municipality**, specifically on a **5HA portion** of the **Karehoute Kloof 221** farm, located within the **Namaqua Land** district in the **Northern Cape** region.
- The operation will involve the extraction of **granite blocks** through an **opencast mining method** (both surface and subsurface).
- The extracted material will consist of **raw granite blocks**, primarily for **export** and the **local market**.
- The project timeline involves applying for the mining rights over the 5HA portion of Karehoute, which may take approximately **300 days**, depending on approval by the **Minister of Minerals and Energy**.

## 2. Project Timeline

- The initial stage of the mining project will focus on obtaining the necessary permits for the 5HA area, with an expected timeline of **approximately 300 days** for approval.
- Upon receiving approval for the mining permit, the project will operate under this permit for **two years**, with the possibility of **annual renewals** for up to **five years** in total.
- If the mining operation receives **positive market feedback**, there is potential to **convert the mining permit into a mining license**, which could be valid for a **30-year** period, ensuring long-term operational stability.

## 3. Environmental Considerations

- **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):** A detailed EIA has been conducted to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the mining operation. **Please see attached the full EIA** for an in-depth analysis.
- **Biodiversity and Conservation:** Efforts will be made to protect local biodiversity through careful management of land and resources.
- **Rehabilitation and Closure Plans:** Rehabilitation will be an ongoing process throughout the mining operation. A **rehabilitation guarantee** will be in place, as required by the **Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE)**, to cover the cost of rehabilitating disturbed areas. The mining operation will progressively rehabilitate affected areas, with final land restoration planned for post-mining.
- **Yearly Environmental Assessments:** An accredited environmental consultant will perform **yearly assessments** to monitor environmental impacts. The resulting reports will be shared with **affected parties**, including the local community, the Nama Khoi Municipality, and relevant authorities.

#### 4. Socio-Economic Impacts

- **Job Creation and Skills Development:** In the **first stage** of operations, **10 people** will be employed, consisting of **4 skilled workers** and **6 unskilled laborers**. Unskilled workers will receive ongoing **training** to upgrade their skills.
- **Local Economic Growth:** In subsequent stages, **around 10 local individuals** will be engaged in a **community-run project** that manufactures **tombstones, cobblestones, and lintels**. This project will be managed by the community, providing them with entrepreneurial opportunities and fostering economic self-sufficiency.

#### 5. Regulatory Compliance and Legal Considerations

- **Health and Safety Compliance:**
  - **Annual medical examinations** will be conducted for all employees to monitor health and detect occupational risks.
  - A **safety officer** will be appointed to oversee safety protocols, and a **hygienist** will ensure proper hygiene standards in the workplace.
  - **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** will be provided to all workers, and an **appointed medical doctor** will be available on-call for medical emergencies.
- **Government Support:** Regular meetings will be held with local authorities to provide updates on operations, address concerns, and ensure alignment with local development goals and policies.

#### 6. Risk Management and Contingency Plans

- **Risk Assessment:** A comprehensive risk assessment will identify potential hazards, including environmental, health, safety, and operational risks.
  - **Code of Practice (COP)** will be developed for each job category to mitigate and eliminate risks.
  - **Planned Task Observations (PTO)** will be conducted regularly to monitor safety adherence during tasks.
- **Contingency Plans:** Detailed contingency plans will be developed to manage unforeseen circumstances, including emergency response protocols and backup resources to minimize impacts on workers, the environment, and the community.

#### 7. Summary of Benefits for the Community and Local Municipality

- **Job Creation and Skills Development:** The mining project will create **direct employment** opportunities, with ongoing training for unskilled workers. Local workforce skill sets will be upgraded, providing opportunities for advancement.

- **Economic Diversification:** The project will support a community-run business manufacturing tombstones, cobblestones, and lintels, promoting **entrepreneurship** and economic diversification.
- **Local Business Opportunities:** Local businesses will benefit from the increased demand for goods and services such as transportation, security, and maintenance.
- **Infrastructure Development:** The mining operation will help improve local infrastructure, such as roads and communication networks, benefiting the broader community.
- **Social Development:** Regular engagement with the community will ensure transparency, and the project may contribute to local **social programs** like healthcare and education.
- **Environmental Responsibility:** The mining operation will commit to **ongoing rehabilitation**, minimizing environmental impact, and ensuring land restoration after mining activities.
- **Long-Term Stability:** The project offers a potential transition to a **mining license** with a 30-year validity, ensuring long-term economic stability for the local municipality and community.

#### **Additional Economic Contribution:**

- As part of the project, we will **advertise at our own cost** the sale of **old blocks** that have been lying in stock since **1984**. These blocks have an **estimated value of ZAR 800,000** and will be offered for sale to further support the local economy and create additional revenue for the community.