

**ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION:  
PROSPECTING RIGHT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION**

Notice is given in terms of Section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act 28 of 2002) (MPRDA) and Chapter 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 2014 Regulations (as amended) promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended), of an application for a Prospecting Right and an Environmental Authorisation to explore for mineral deposits in the Free State Province of South Africa. This involves a Prospecting Right application in terms of the MPRDA and an Environmental Authorisation application in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations following a Basic Assessment process.

**Nature of Activity:**

White Rivers Exploration (Pty) Ltd (White Rivers Exploration) submitted an online Prospecting Right and Environmental Authorisation Application to the Free State Department of Mineral Resources and Energy on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The online application was successful and the project was allocated the reference number FS 30/5/11/2/10696 PR. Acceptance of the Prospecting Right application was received on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024. If the application is granted, White Rivers Exploration will be enabled to ascertain if economically viable mineral deposits exist within the application area. The minerals of interest include: gold, silver, coal, cobalt, copper, diamond (alluvial), iron, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, lead, platinum group metals, rare earths, sulphur, uranium, tungsten and zinc.

According to the associated Prospecting Work Programme, exploration will be completed over a period of 5 years and the following invasive and non-invasive techniques will be utilised during prospecting:

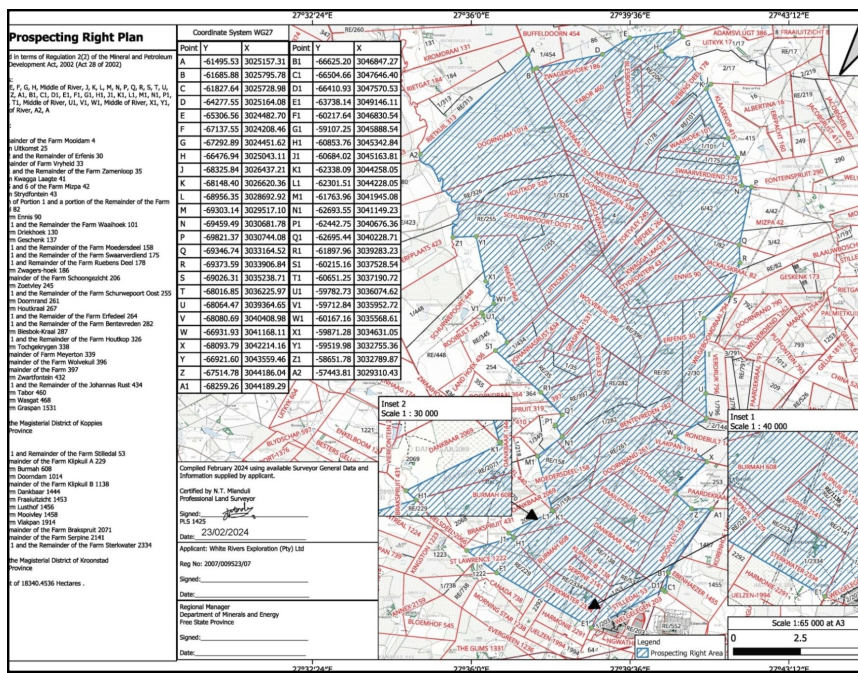
- Invasive:**
- 6 diamond core drillholes
- Non-Invasive:**
- Data acquisition
  - Database, map generation and development of geological model
  - Field visits
  - Geophysical surveys
  - Re-visit key historical drillhole core, and re-logging and re-sampling
  - Logging and sampling of new drillholes
  - Code compliant Mineral Resource estimation
  - Concept study

It is anticipated that the following NEMA EIA listed activities will be triggered by this application:

- Listing Notice 1 - Activity 20 of GNR 327 (as amended on 11 June 2021):** Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a prospecting right in terms of Section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), as well as any other applicable activity as contained in this Listing or in Listing 3 of 2014, required to exercise the prospecting right.
- Listing Notice 3 - Activity 12(b)(i) and (ii) of GNR 324 (of 2017):** The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of such indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purpose undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan (i) within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of Section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004 and (ii) within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans.

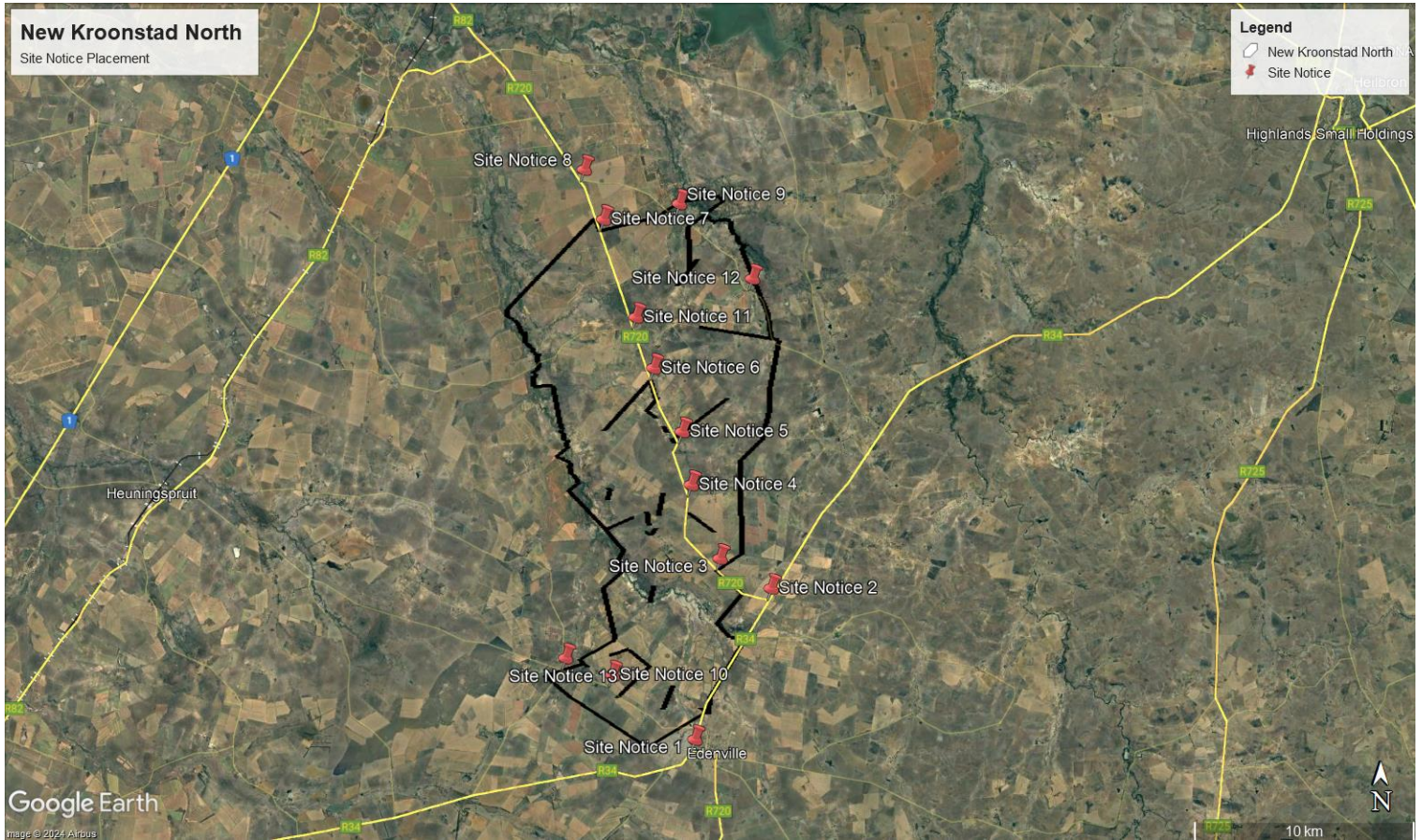
**Location:**

The application area is located approximately 25 km north of Kroonstad town in the Free State Province of South Africa. It covers an area of 18 340.4536 ha and extends over 63 farm portions.





# SITE NOTICE PLACEMENTS



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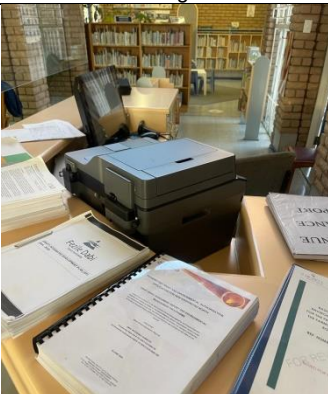
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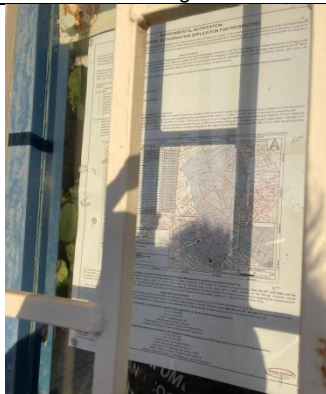
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