

PUBLIC NOTICE

TRONOX KZN SANDS (PTY) LTD: FAIRBREEZE MINE EXTENSION INTO HELEZA MOYA FARM, uMLALAZI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE KING CETSHWAYO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

Notice is issued in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

BACKGROUND AND LOCATION

Tronox KZN Sands (Pty) Ltd (Tronox) has operated the Fairbreeze mineral sands mine, located south-west of Mtunzini, for nearly 10 years. The mine comprises four approved mining areas (Pits A, B, C and C-Extension), an onsite primary wet plant (PWP) and a fines residue storage facility (RSF). Heavy mineral concentrate from the PWP containing ilmenite, zircon, rutile and other mining co-products, is transported by road to the Tronox Empangeni Central Processing Complex (CPC) which includes a Mineral separation plant and smelter where titanium dioxide and pig iron are produced.

In 2022 Tronox acquired the 118 hectare (ha) Heleza Moya property, located between the Fairbreeze PWP and the Pit B mining area, and incorporated this property into the Fairbreeze Mining Rights Area (MRA). Tronox is now making application to extend mineral sands mining into parts of Heleza Moya to enable this area to be mined together with the approved Pit B orebody which lies to the immediate north and west of Heleza Moya. The Heleza Moya property in relation to the full MRA, approved infrastructure and mining areas is shown in **Figure 1**, together with the proposed development areas on the Heleza Moya property. The Heleza Moya property is located on the Remainder of Portion 3 of Lot Emoyeni No. 9105, uMlalazi Local Municipality within the King Cetshwayo District Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Although the Heleza Moya property has been consolidated into the MRA of Fairbreeze Mine (MR reference: KZN/30/5/1/2/2/123MR), approval to mine this land is not yet in place. Therefore, an Environmental Authorisation (EA) application to mine on identified parts of Heleza Moya must be submitted to the DMRE KZN Regional Office. A Basic Assessment (BA) process must be undertaken to support the application for EA. This BA process is undertaken in terms of Government Notice Regulations (GN R.) No. 982 and 983 of the EIA Regulations (2014), as amended. This BA process will follow the requirements listed in Section 19-20 and Appendix 1 of GN R. 982 of the EIA Regulations (2014), as amended.

The activity triggering the requirement for an authorisation is detailed below:

LISTED ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	APPLICABILITY
Listing Notice 1 (GN R. 983, as amended by GN R. 517 of 2021), Activity 21D	Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires an amendment or variation to a right or permit in terms of section 102 (S102) of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, as well as any other applicable activity contained in this Listing Notice or in Listing Notice 3 of 2014, required for such amendment	A S102 application will be submitted to include Heleza Moya Farm into the mining right


Tronox has appointed WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the EA process.

INVITATION TO REGISTER AS AN I&AP TO COMMENT

Interested and affected parties (I&APs) are invited to register as stakeholders on the project. Registration and comment sheets as well as electronic copies of the background information document for the project are available for download at the link below.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft BA Report (BAR) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) will be available for comment from **22 November 2023 to 12 January 2024** and can be accessed from the link and the public venues below during this period:

NAME OF PUBLIC PLACE	ADDRESS	CONTACT DETAILS	OPERATING HOURS	FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:	OR SCAN THE QR CODE
Mtunzini Library	11 Hely Hutchinson Street, Mtunzini	Tel: (035) 340 1421 Tel: (035) 340 1847 Email: sandyb@umlalazi.org.za	Mon 8am – 5pm Tue – Fri 8am – 4pm Sat 9am – 1pm Sun closed	Public Participation Office; WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd; PO Box 6001, Halfway House, 1685; Tel: 011 254 4800; Fax: 086 582 1561 E-mail: gld.pp@wsp.com	
Online Link	https://www.wsp.com/en-za/services/public-documents				
In terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), personal information provided by I&APs will only be used for the sole purposes of this project and will only be shared with the relevant Government Departments as per the regulatory requirements and will not be shared with anyone else without their consent.					

PUBLIC MEETING

We would also like to draw I&APs attention to the following public meeting. A public meeting will be held on **Thursday, 30 November 2023** to afford I&APs an opportunity to engage with the project team regarding the proposed Project. During the public meeting, relevant information will be presented verbally through a formal presentation on the proposed Project. The meeting details are as follows:

Public Meeting Venue	Address	Meeting Time	For more information, please contact the WSP Public Participation Office
Mtunzini Country Club	1 Victoria Ave, Gandhi’s Hill, oThongathi, 4400	5pm – 7:30pm	

Kindly ensure that all comments on the proposed project or requests to be registered as an I&AP are submitted to the contact details provided herewith.

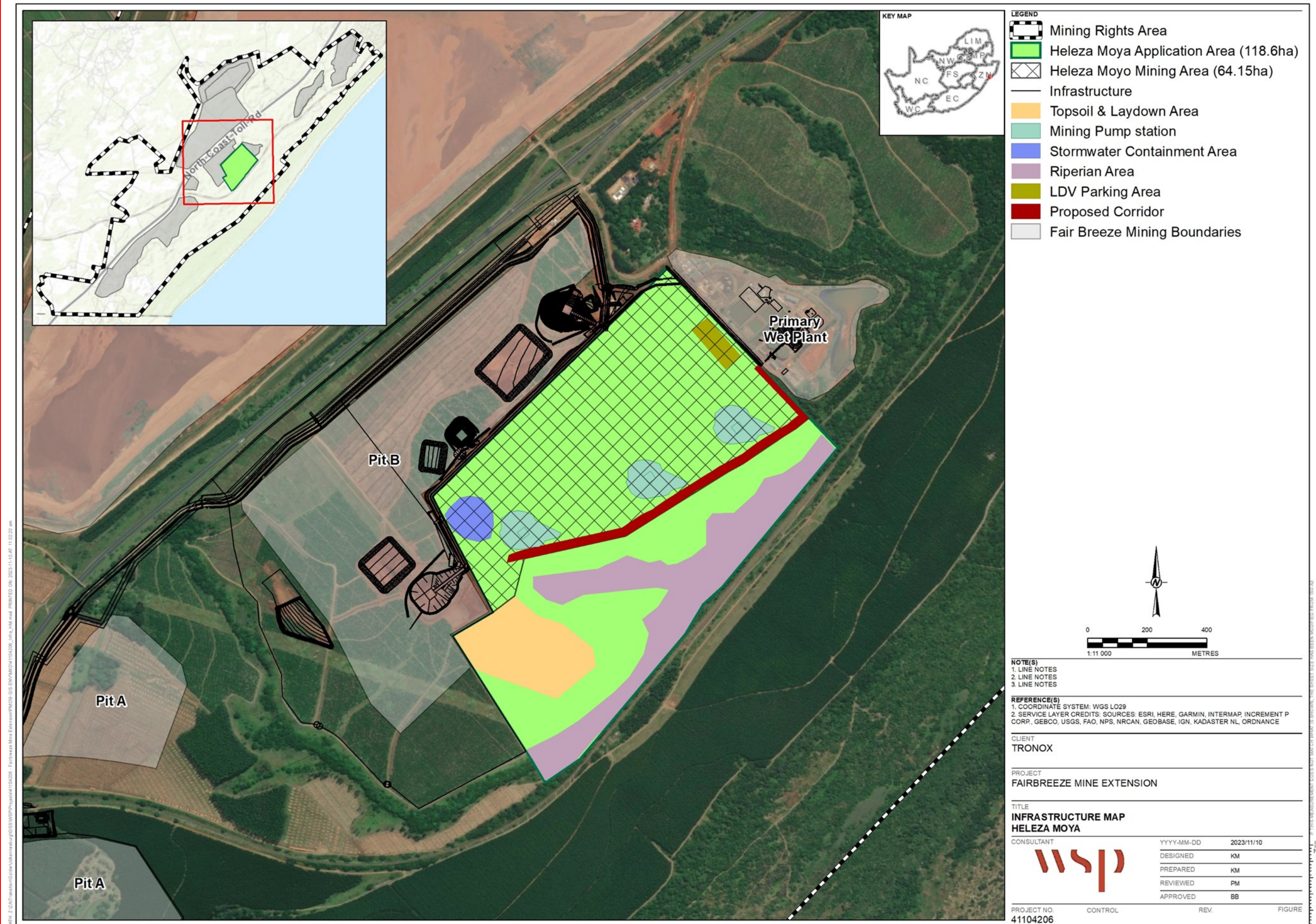


Figure 1: Conceptual Layout Map

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