

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## NOTICE OF WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION AT THE SERITI POWER (PTY) LTD NEW LARGO COAL MINE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Notice is issued in terms of Sections 40 and 41(4) of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 (NWA) and the requirements of Government Notice R267 published in Government Gazette 40713 dated 24 March 2017 (Procedural Requirements for the Water Use Licence Application and Appeals).

### BACKGROUND AND LOCATION

The Seriti Power (Pty) Ltd (Seriti) New Largo Colliery is located approximately 4.5 km south east of Ogies, in the eMalahleni Local Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province. The mine is operational and has three Water Use Licences (WULs) authorised to undertake activities that are described as water uses under Section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), namely:

- WUL: 04/B20G/ACFGIJ/2538, File: 16/2/7/B200/C528 dated 31 March 2023, which supersedes the WUL dated 11 January 2015 as amended on 25 October 2019;
- WUL: 04/B20G/CI/2246, File: 16/2/7/B200/C528 dated 22 August 2014; and
- WUL: 04/B20F/ACFGI/2310, File: 16/2/7/B200/K524 dated 22 September 2013.

Although these water use authorisations are in place, additional water uses associated with the mining of Pit A (Honingkrantz Block specifically) have been identified that require authorisation, as a result of revisions to the mine plan. These water uses include mining of wetlands; location and operation of the New Largo Coal mining operations, pipelines, powerlines, haul roads and associated mine infrastructure in the regulated area of a watercourses; dust suppression; and dewatering in the Honingkrantz Block.

New Largo is applying for a water use licence application (WULA) from the Department of Water and Sanitation, in terms of Section 41 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA) for water uses as defined in Section 21 of the NWA. GN R.267 stipulates that a WULA must be supported by an Integrated Water and Waste Management Plan (IWWMP) and a range of technical studies such as wetland and other environmental related specialist studies.

The following water uses form part of the WULA:

- Section 21(c): Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse;
- Section 21(g): Disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource;
- Section 21(i): Altering the beds, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse; and
- Section 21 (j): Removing, discharging or disposing of water found underground if it is necessary for the efficient continuation of an activity or for the safety of people.

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed to undertake the WULA and public participation process in terms of the NWA.

### INVITATION TO REGISTER AS AN I&AP TO COMMENT

Seriti has appointed WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the EA and Public Participation Process (PPP). 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 COMMENT INVITED ON THE WATER USE AUTHORISATION PROCESS:

Stakeholders are invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties and provide written comments regarding the proposed water use authorisation process by **01 October 2024**. The 60-day comment period starts on **02 August 2024** and will conclude on **01 October 2024**. The comment sheets are available for download at the following website: <https://www.wsp.com/en-za/services/public-documents>.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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WSP will be processing certain personal information about you as an interested and affected party (I & AP) for purposes of enabling your registration as an I & AP and for purposes of storing your details on our database, if you consent for us to do so. WSP uses these details to contact you about other projects in the future. WSP will always process your personal information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. You are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered as an I & AP or if you no longer want your contact details to be included on our database

**Date: 02 August 2024**



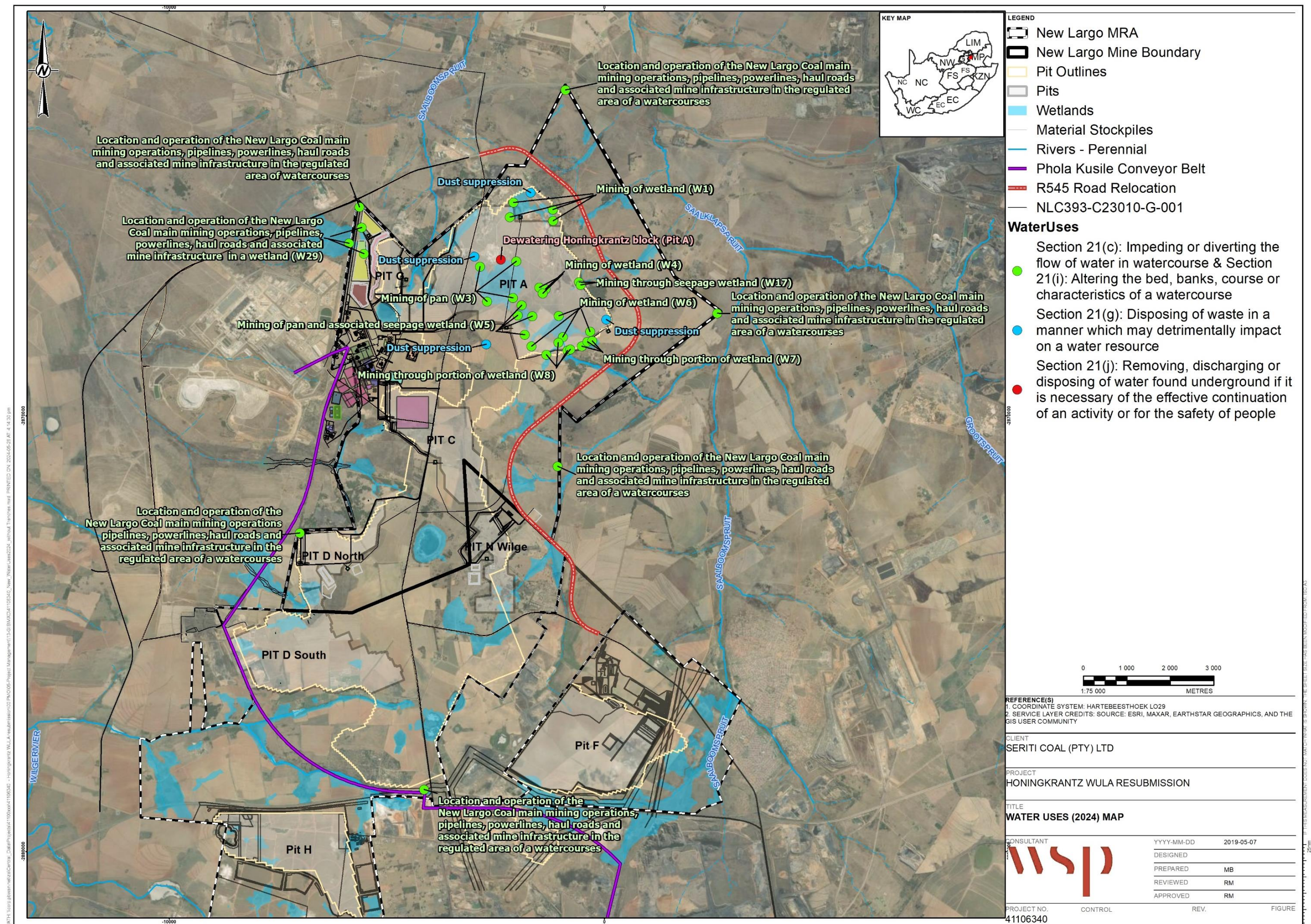


Figure 1: Locality Map