



Next Steps for Bongani Minerals' Tungsten Prospecting Activities

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As reported on 22 May, 2012 in the Swartland Gazette and published on the Batla Minerals website (http://batlaminerals.com/business/investor_information), Bongani Minerals has withdrawn its opposition to the interdict brought against the company by the Berg River Municipality.

The Municipality had filed an interdict to stop the company from prospecting activities in the Moutonshoek Valley pending approval under the Land Use Planning Ordinance (LUPO).

After this interdict was filed, and after Bongani submitted its opposition, the Constitutional Court of South Africa handed down a judgment in a related zoning matter (Maccsand vs. City of Cape Town). The Court found that the granting of a mining right and mining permit is given subject to other relevant laws, which includes LUPO. No specific decision was made with regard to prospecting.

After the Court judgment was handed down and after consultation with its legal team, Bongani withdrew its opposition to the interdict. Bongani wishes to avoid long and costly court battles. The Court judgment, as delivered, will have far-reaching implications for mining companies throughout the Western Cape, Eastern Cape, Northern Cape and parts of the Northwest Province, in that all mining and prospecting companies will now have to comply with the zoning schemes of local municipalities.

On Monday, 4 June, Bongani leaders and its town planning and environmental consultants met with representatives from the Berg River Municipality and Western Cape Province. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the municipal and provincial leaders of the proposed activities and to discuss the best way to move forward with zoning matters as it relates to prospecting activities.

It is important for interested and impacted parties to understand that Bongani has a phased approach to prospecting. The first phase consists of drilling 8 holes impacting 60 sq. metres per hole. The holes have no or very little impact on the farm land or environment. It is similar to drilling for water. Bongani completed the drilling of one of the 8 holes prior to stopping its prospecting activities in response to the interdict.

Next steps for Bongani Minerals – June 2012

- Prepare and submit the application for temporary land use departure in terms of LUPO.
- Continue discussions with the municipality and province regarding job creation and income generation goals and discuss how the *possible* tungsten mine in the Moutonshoek Valley might contribute to accomplishing those goals.
- Obtain laboratory analysis results of the core sample from the first drill hole. Analyse the historic data in light of the new lab results and updated analysis. Use this data to prepare the interim resource statement.

Bongani Minerals wishes to partner with both the Berg River Municipality and the Western Cape Province in maximizing the possible outcomes and benefits of this mining initiative.

Project updates will be released at regular intervals going forward.

About Batla Minerals

Batla Minerals is a French resource investment company listed on the NYSE Euronext (Marche Libre: MLBAT). The company has active diamond operations in Lesotho.

New ventures are being sought across Southern Africa and include mineral deposits in the energy, precious and base metals categories.

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