



Entembeni our lives, Our Future

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Entembeni Crisis Forum Statement: Stop Jindal Mining from harming our environment!

On 15th July, the Entembeni Crisis Forum learned that the Indian mining company Jindal lodged a fresh application for a mining right over our community's land near Melmoth in Northern KZN. For two decades, our community has resisted mining applications on our ancestral land on the basis that Jindal and its South African predecessor, Sungu-Sungu, refused to seek the consent of our community's members and the affected villages, which would have been forced to relocate.

Our Forum has been at the forefront of disseminating information about Jindal's plans, and in August 2023, we filed a comprehensive objection in terms of section 10 of the MPRDA supported with a [petition](#) of 6800 signatories, and by the NGOs AIDC, ARD, BMF, LAMOSAs and AFRA.

Jindal undertook to respond to the 166-page objection but failed to do so. On 17 May 2024, the DMRE informed us that Jindal withdrew its mining right application 10108MR on six community farms totalling twenty thousand hectares. Jindal is now applying for a mining right 10130MR of twenty-six thousand hectares on the six community farms plus over sixty private and communal farms and farm portions. The

new application now extends into the citrus and sugarcane-producing Nkwalini valley to the east of the Goedetrouw dam.

Jindal appointed the environmental consultancy TCIR to prepare its scoping report and environmental impact assessment. The assessment prepared by consultants SLR and Zutari in July 2023 was flawed according to the DMRE. In February this year, the DMRE refused to grant environmental authorisation for Jindal's mining project citing gaps in the EIA and potential damage to water quality, air quality, and local biodiversity.

The [draft scoping report](#) of July 2024 appears to acknowledge that two schools, the Gqokubukhosi Secondary School and Dlozeyane Primary School, and 100 village houses will have to be relocated if Jindal gets approval for the mining right. The [dSR](#) mentions an amount of R250M and states that "the municipality shall therefore, through its available resources and assistance from other relevant stakeholders, make an effort to implement the [relocation] projects." It also states, "no involuntary relocation is foreseen." The mining right area applied for is 26 000 hectares, but the mining footprint is only 1500 hectares.

The ECF calls upon all stakeholders to inform themselves of Jindal's new plans. We shall join our partners in making every effort to inform our affected villages of our rights to make free and informed decisions, and the obligations of Jindal.

For more information:

Community members and ECF supporters have received threats of bodily harm to themselves and their families. This happened when they published their contact details or their names were cited in the media. Enquiries can be addressed to:

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Links

dSR	https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:eu:24095876-9d1d4bd4-8866-b8f17d4d120f
objection	https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:eu:7e28fbf2-f8064925-a10f-0fd4b2cf2c76
notice	https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:EU:0f4f3410-8fdf41be-a394-3613b66562db



2024 list of farms

- 1) Bella Vista: A Portion of Bella Vista 17782GU,
- 2) Riversbend 156MGU,
- 3) Good Hope 11050GU,
- 4) Maranqapawlu 15351GU,
- 5) River View 11373GU
- 6) Ebenhaezer 11380GU
- 7) Perseverance 17345GU,
- 8) Bridgeford 12024GU,
- 9) Harmony 16388GtJ, 10) Hillcrest 15900GU,
- 11) Nkwalini Settlement: Portion 1, 6., 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 21 , 22, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36., 39, 45, 591, 61, 73, 79., 88, 89, 103, 108 and 124 of the Farm Nkwalini Settlement 12785GU,
- 12) Sunnyside 11374GU,
- 13) Latham 15084GU,
- 14) Nqapawlu 12320GU,
- 15) Megvale 13021 GU, 16) Normanhurst 13023GU, 17) Loudwaters 11258GU.
- 18) Vergelegen 6104GU,
- 19) Goedgeloof 6106GU,
- 20) Ntembeni: A Portion of Ntembeni 116921GU,
- 21) Komdraai 6110GU,
- 22) Dirkchinburg: A Portion of Dirkchinburg 6125GU,

- 23) Mara 11259GU,
- 24) Reserve No.11: Portion of Portion 3 & 4 Reserve No.11 15831GU,
- 25) Hopeful 11421GU,
- 26) Mvuzane: A Portion of Mvuzane 17629GU,
- 27) Farm 17881GU,
- 28) Umhlatuzi

- a. Lot. 1 of Umhlatuzi 12240GU,
- b. lot 2 of Umhlatuzi 12241GU,
- c. lot 3 of Umhlatuzi 12242GU,
- d. Lot 4 of Umhlatuzi 12243GU,
- e. Lot 5 of Umhlatuzi 10383GtJ,
- f. Lot 6 -of Umhlatuzi 1 OB69GU,
- g. Lot 7 of Umhlatuzi 10870GU,
- h. Lot 8 or Umhlatuzi 10671 GU,
- i. Lot 9 of Umhlatuzi 10872GU,
- j. A Portion of lot 13 of Umhlatuzi 10036GU.
- k. Lot 17 of Umhlatuzi 10535Gu,
- l. Lot 63 of Umhlatuzi 13020GU,
- m. Lot 64 of Umhlatuzi 13220GU,
- n. Lot 65 Umhlatuzi 12679GU,
- o. Lot 53 of 11134GU,
- p. Lot 58 of Umhlatuzi 11133GU,
- q. Lot 24 of Umhlatuzi 10414GU,
- r. Lot 19A Umhlatuzi 14828GU,

- 29) Wilderness 6107GU
- 30) Black Eyes 13385GU

Table 2-2: Details of area applied

		Farm	Surveyor General Codes	Area (hectare)	
1)		VERGELEGEN 6104 GU	N0GU00000000610400000	1165,45	Communal
2)		GOEDGELOOF 6106 GU	N0GU00000000610600000	1573,04	Communal
3)		WILDERNESS 6107 GU	N0GU00000000610700000	2100,61	
4)		KROMDRAAI 6110 GU	N0GU00000000611000000	326,03	
5)		GOEDERTROW 89 No. 7806 GU	N0GU00000000780600000	3143,267	
6)		BLACK EYES 13385 GU	N0GU00000001338500000	1901,32	

7)	LOT NO 5 10383 GU	N0GU00000001038300000	123,81	
8)	LOT 24 UMHLATUZI 10414 GU	N0GU00000001041400000	4,18	
9)	UMHLATUZI 10835 GU	N0GU00000001083500000	0,13	
10)	LOT 13 UMHLATUZI 10836 GU	N0GU00000001083600000	16,73	
11)	LOT 6 UMHLATUZI 10869 GU	N0GU00000001086900000	233,89	
12)	LOT 7 UMHLATUZI 10870 GU	N0GU00000001087000000	145,47	
13)	LOT 8 UMHLATUZI 10871 GU	N0GU00000001087100000	151,75	
14)	LOT 9 UMHLATUZI 10872 GU	N0GU00000001087200000	114,01	
15)	GOOD HOPE 11050 GU	N0GU00000001105000000	1,39	
16)	UMHLATUZI 11133 GU	N0GU00000001113300000	322,02	
17)	UMHLATUZI 11134 GU	N0GU00000001113400000	198,95	
18)	LOUDWATERS 11258 GU	N0GU00000001125800000	87,42	
19)	MARA 11259 GU	N0GU00000001125900000	1,86	
20)	RIVER VIEW 11373 GU	N0GU00000001137300000	0,98	private
21)	SUNNYSIDE 11374 GU	N0GU00000001137400000	69,96	
22)	EBENHAEZER 11380 GU	N0GU00000001138000000	3,97	
23)	HOPEFUL 11421 GU	N0GU00000001142100000	2,88	
24)	BRIDGEFORD 12024 GU	N0GU00000001202400000	379,12	
25)	UMHLATUZI 12240 GU	N0GU00000001224000000	174,24	
26)	UMHLATUZI 12241 GU	N0GU00000001224100000	294,28	
27)	LOT NO 3 UMHLATHUZI 12242 GU	N0GU00000001224200000	149,94	
28)	LOT NO 4 UMHLATHUZI 12243 GU	N0GU00000001224300000	233,92	
29)	NQAPAWLU 12320 GU	N0GU00000001232000000	252,12	
30)	UMHLATUZI 12679 GU	N0GU00000001267900000	220,88	
31)	NKWALINI SETTLEMENT 12785 GU			
32)		N0GU00000001278500006	3,76	
33)		N0GU00000001278500008	0,97	
34)		N0GU00000001278500009	2,42	
35)		N0GU00000001278500010	2,43	
36)		N0GU00000001278500011	2,39	
37)		N0GU00000001278500012	2,40	
38)		N0GU00000001278500013	2,61	
39)		N0GU00000001278500021	124,03	
40)		N0GU00000001278500022	100,05	
41)		N0GU00000001278500030	15,49	
42)		N0GU00000001278500032	104,57	
43)		N0GU00000001278500033	48,89	
44)		N0GU00000001278500034	15,35	
45)		N0GU00000001278500035	70,71	
46)		N0GU00000001278500036	92,70	
47)		N0GU00000001278500039	74,82	
48)		N0GU00000001278500045	0,58	
49)		N0GU00000001278500059	11,16	
50)		N0GU00000001278500061	12,21	
51)		N0GU00000001278500073	153,14	
52)		N0GU00000001278500079	12,00	
53)		N0GU00000001278500088	0,72	
54)		N0GU00000001278500089	0,76	
55)		N0GU00000001278500103	16,16	
56)		N0GU00000001278500108	84,29	

57)			NOGU00000001278500124	0,92
58)		LOT 64 UMHLATUZI 13020 GU	NOGU00000001302000000	182,83
59)		MEGDALE 13021 GU	NOGU00000001302100000	233,56
60)		UMHLATUZI 13022 GU	NOGU00000001302200000	123,31
61)		NORMANHURST 13023 GU	NOGU00000001302300000	181,16
62)		SUB A OF LOT NO 19 UMHLATHUZI 14828 GU	NOGU00000001482800000	0,56
63)		LATHAM 15084 GU	NOGU00000001508400000	70,90
64)		MARANQAPAWLU 15351 GU	NOGU00000001535100000	185,57
65)		FARM 15644	NOGU00000001564400000	535,67
66)		FARM 15645	NOGU00000001564500000	714,61
67)		HILLCREST 15900 GU	NOGU00000001590000000	194,84
68)		HARMONY NO 16388 GU	NOGU00000001638800000	350,30
69)		PERSEVERANCE 17345 GU	NOGU00000001734500000	4,20
70)		BELLA VISTA 17782 GU	NOGU00000001778200000	1,26
71)		FARM 17881	NOGU00000001788100000	188,19
72)		RESERVE NO. 11 15831 GU	NOGU00000001583100003	3917,00
73)		RESERVE NO. 11 15831 GU	NOGU00000001583100004	877,00
74)		INTEMBENI 16921 GU	NOGU00000001692100000	3677,00
75)				25787,107



