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DWS Reference: WU33839

**RE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS — WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION
BALLENGEICH COLLIERY REHABILITATION, KANGRA COAL (PTY) LTD**

Dear Sir / Madam,

M2 Environmental Connections (Pty) Ltd (MENCO), acting as the appointed environmental consultant on behalf of Kangra Coal (Pty) Ltd, hereby formally notifies you that a Public Participation Process (PPP) is currently underway for the Water Use Licence Application (WULA) for the Ballengeich Colliery Rehabilitation Project situated approximately 15 km south of Newcastle on the N11, KwaZulu-Natal.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Applicant: Kangra Coal (Pty) Ltd

Project: Ballengeich Colliery Rehabilitation — passive AMD treatment system, stormwater management, discard dump rehabilitation and operational water uses

Location: Portions 10, 11, 14, 19 and 25 of Farm Ballengeich 3299 HS, approximately 15 km south of Newcastle on the N11, KwaZulu-Natal

DWS Reference: WU33839 — Phase 2 WULA in terms of Section 40 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998)

Water Courses: Horn River (V31F — NFEPA Order 1) and Ngagane River (V31K — FEPA Order 2), Pongola-Mtamvuna WMA (WMA 4)

PPP Opened: 30 June 2026 — publication in the Newcastillian News

Closing Date: 31 August 2026 (60 days from date of publication)

The purpose of this notification is to formally invite you, as an identified Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), to register and to submit any comments, concerns, or representations you may have regarding the proposed project. Your input will be formally documented and considered as part of the PPP, and a written response will be provided to all registered I&APs via a Comments and Response Report (CRR), which will be submitted to DWS as part of the WULA package.

The Ballengeich Colliery ceased mining operations in the early 1990s without formal

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environmental closure. Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) has since been decanting from the flooded underground mine workings into the Horn River at approximately 1,000 m³/day at a pH below 4.5, in contravention of a Section 19 Directive issued by the DWS in August 2013 (Reference: 16/2/7/V301/A/1). The proposed rehabilitation programme seeks to address this long-standing environmental liability through the implementation of a passive AMD treatment system, comprehensive stormwater management infrastructure, and rehabilitation of the existing discard dump.

The PPP was formally opened on 30 June 2026 following publication of the statutory notice in the Newcastillian News. In terms of Regulation 3 of Government Notice 267 (GN 267) of 24 March 2017, promulgated under the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998), all potentially I&APs are required to be notified of the opportunity to participate. You are being notified as an identified I&AP who may have an interest in or may be affected by the proposed water uses.

To register and/or submit comments, please contact MENCO using the details below. All comments and registrations must be received no later than 31 August 2026:

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Telephone:	012 004 0362
PPP Closing Date:	31 August 2026 — no later than 16h00
Subject Line:	WU33839 — PPP Comment — [Your Organisation Name]

The Background Information Document (BID), together with supporting specialist reports, is available upon request from MENCO and on the MENCO Website. Please quote reference WU33839 and include your full name, organisation, postal address, telephone number and email address when registering.

We trust that you will take the opportunity to engage with this process. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JP Fourie', written over a horizontal line.

JP Fourie

M2 Environmental Connections (Pty) Ltd

On behalf of Kangra Coal (Pty) Ltd

Enclosures / Available on Request:

- Background Information Document (BID) — Ballengeich Colliery WULA, June 2026
- I&AP Registration Form

DATE		PREFERRED CONTACT METHOD	
PARTICULARS OF THE INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY			
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