

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE

Kangra Coal (Pty) Ltd

Newcastle Local Municipality, Amajuba District Municipality, Kwa-Zulu Natal Province

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE

This notice is published in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) to inform the public of a Water Use Licence Application (WULA; DWS Ref: WU33839) submitted by Kangra Coal (Pty) Ltd to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register and submit written comments regarding this application.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Stakeholders will have an opportunity to contribute issues of concern and suggestions for enhanced benefits. In addition, they will be able to verify that their contributions have been considered and to comment on the findings of the specialist assessments. The findings of the specialist studies will be submitted to the various decision-making authorities, for consideration and a decision.

Upon submission of the registration form to M2 Environmental Connections (Pty) Ltd (MENCO) (forms can be requested from MENCO via email request), you will be registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), and be included on an I&APs database which will ensure that you receive future project information.

If you intend to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) or forward comments regarding the development, please submit your completed registration form to MENCO by: **[31 August 2026 — 60 days from publication]**

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Kangra Coal (Pty) Ltd is applying for a Water Use Licence in terms of Section 40 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) for the proposed rehabilitation of the defunct Ballengeich Colliery and the implementation of a passive Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) treatment system.

The Ballengeich Colliery is a historical coal mining operation that ceased activities in the early 1990s without formal closure. The site is located on Portions 10, 11, 14, 19, and 25 of the Farm Ballengeich 3299 HS, approximately 15 km south of Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal, adjacent to the N11 national road, at the confluence of the Horn River and Ngagane River within the Pongola-Mtamvuna Water Management Area (WMA 4).

The proposed project entails the implementation of rehabilitation measures to address acid mine drainage (AMD) currently decanting into the Horn River at a rate of approximately 1,000 m³/day. Key activities include the construction of a passive AMD treatment system comprising Anoxic Limestone Drains (ALDs), a Successive Alkaline Producing System (SAPS), a Sedimentation/Oxidation Pond, and two Aerobic Wetland units. Additional measures include the upgrading of the stormwater management system, lining of four Pollution Control Dams, construction of a flood protection berm, and the rehabilitation of the existing discard dump.

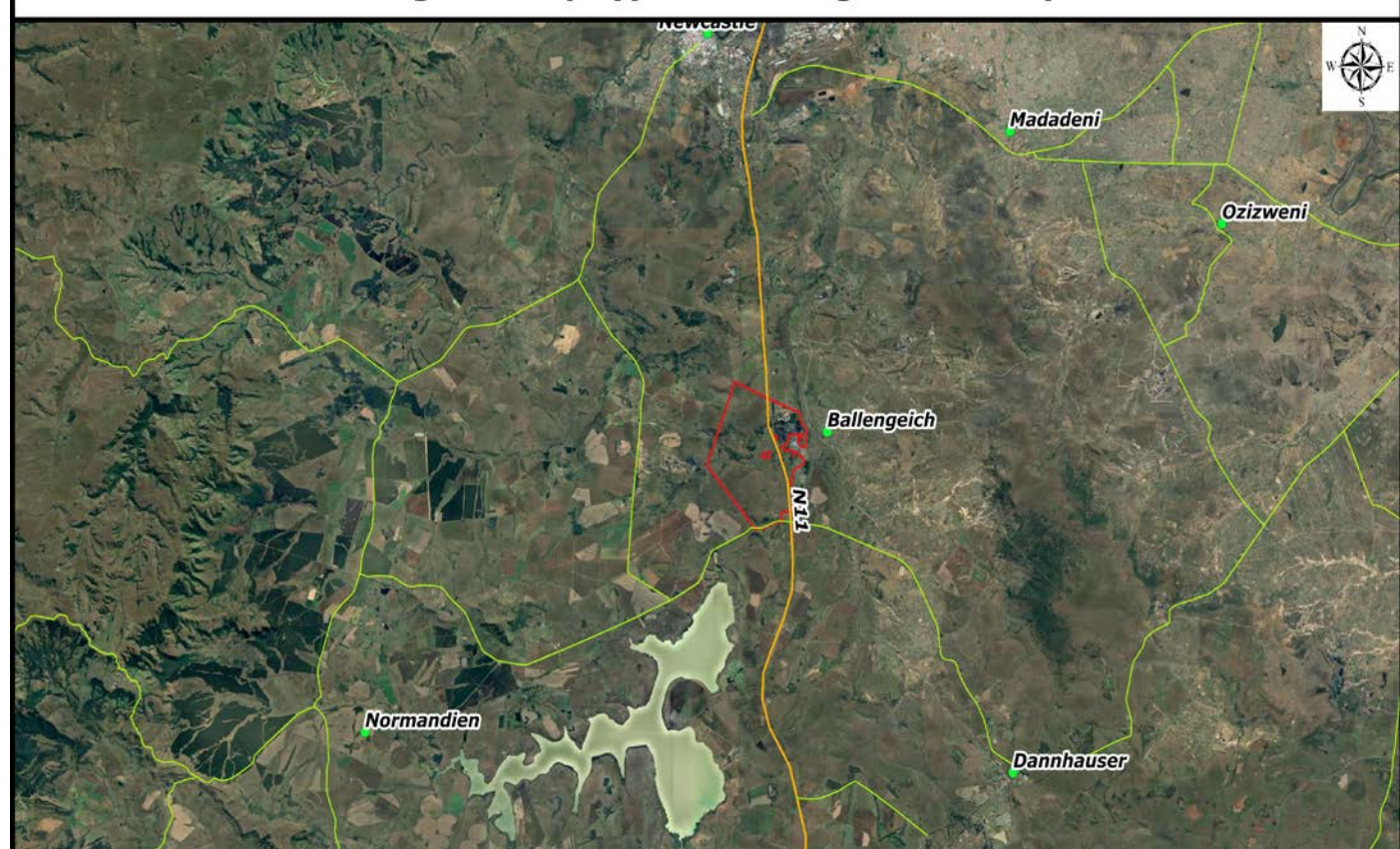
The proposed project includes the following key activities:

- Implementation of a passive AMD treatment system comprising Anoxic Limestone Drains (ALD), a Successive Alkaline Producing System (SAPS), Sedimentation/Oxidation Pond, and two Aerobic Wetland units — designed to treat 1,000 m³/day of AMD before discharge to the Horn River;
- Rehabilitation of the existing discard dump (14 ha) through reshaping, capping, and revegetation;
- Upgrading and lining of four existing Pollution Control Dams (PCDs) and construction of a new Quantum PCD (8,600 m³) to achieve regulatory compliance;
- Construction of a comprehensive stormwater management system including flood protection berms along the Horn and Ngagane Rivers; and
- Refurbishment and operation of the Ballengeich Siding as a coal screening and storage facility for 15 years at 95,000 tonnes per month.

The following Section 21 water uses are applied for:

- Section 21(c) & (i) — Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse; altering the bed, banks, course, or characteristics of a watercourse;
- Section 21(d) — Engaging in a Stream Flow Reduction Activity (SFRA);
- Section 21(f) — Discharging waste or water containing waste into a watercourse;
- Section 21(g) — Disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource; and
- Section 21(j) — Removing, discharging, or disposing of water found underground.

Kangra Coal (Pty) Ltd: Ballengeich Colliery



Legend

- Study Area
- National Roads
- Other roads
- Towns

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