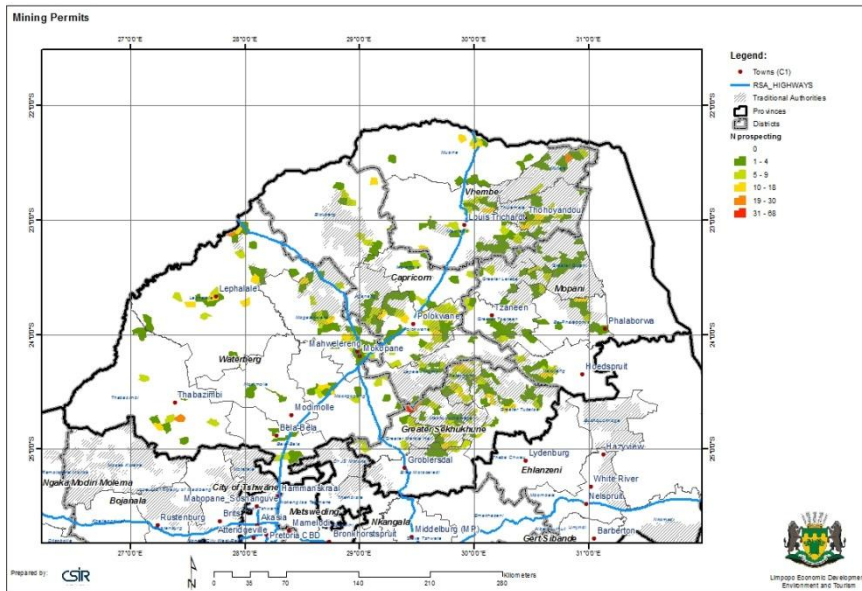


THEME:

PROSPECTING RIGHTS APPLICATIONS

CATEGORY:

LAND - MINING



This map illustrates the distribution of application for prospecting rights in the Limpopo Province. The prospecting rights map gives an indication of where permission has been granted for the identification of an actual or probable mineral deposit.

A prospecting right is a permit which allows a company or an individual to survey or investigate an area of land for the purpose of identifying an actual or probable mineral deposit.

Any person who wishes to apply for a prospecting right must lodge the application at the office of the Regional Manager of the Department of Mineral Resources in whose region the land is situated.

A prospecting right is valid for five years, but after the expiry of the five years, an applicant may request renewal of the prospecting right, for a period of no longer than three years.

The prospecting right will be granted if the following requirements are met:

- the applicant has the:
- funds and expertise to conduct the proposed prospecting operation optimally
- financing plan is compatible with the intended prospecting operation and for the duration thereof
- applicant is able to comply with the Mine Health and Safety Act
- applicant is not contravening the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002

(Act No. 28 of 2002).

- no other person holds a prospecting right, mining right mining permit or retention permit of the same mineral and land
- no unacceptable pollution or damage to the environment will occur as a result of the prospecting operation.

(Source:

http://www.services.gov.za/services/content/Home/OrganisationServices/permitslicencesrights/Miningandwaterone/ProspectingRight/en_ZA)

The map was generated from data in spreadsheets downloaded from the Department of Mineral Resources website on 24 May 2011. The downloaded spreadsheets are dated 19 October 2010

This map contains the following layers:

- Prospecting right applications per mesozone
- Settlements – settlement polygons created by DWAF
- Basemap layerset – contains roads, administrative areas etc.

Map data source: [Department of Mineral Resources](http://www.dmr.gov.za/Maps/21.10.2010/Limpopo%20Region.pdf)

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