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DMR Reference #: MP 30/5/1/1/2/2/10090 MR

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ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION: PROPOSED PAARDEPLAATS COAL MINE EMPR, EIA/EMP & IWULA PROJECT

Dear Interested & Affected Party

Please be advised that EIMS (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Exxaro Coal Mpumalanga (Pty) Ltd to function as the independent consultants responsible for conducting the required Environmental Reports, Specialist Studies, Public Participation Process (PPP) and liaising with Relevant Authorities and Government Departments for the proposed Paardeplaats Coal Mine. The anticipated environmental applications/ processes/ submissions include:

- ✎ An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPR), according to the requirements of Section 39 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (Act No. 28 of 2002, MPRDA) and Regulation 48 (GNR527) of the MPRDA, in support of the Mining Right Application;

This correspondence serves as notification of Exxaro's applications and EIA processes in accordance with the requirements of Section 22 of the MPRDA only. The proposed project area is approximately 1,415 Hectares in extent and is located approximately 4km south west of the town of Belfast in the Emakhazeni Municipality of Mpumalanga Province (please see attached locality map). The proposed mining right application area is located on Portions 13,28,29,30 and 40 of the Farm Paardeplaats 380 JT and Portion 2 and Remaining extent of the Farm Paardeplaats 425 JS. Initial activities that are planned to be carried out at Paardeplaats comprise of the following:

- ✎ Creation of the open pits;
- ✎ Construction and operation of pollution control dams (PCD's);
- ✎ Construction and operation of haul roads;
- ✎ Construction and operation of pipelines for the abstraction of water from the pits;
- ✎ Run of Mine (RoM) stockpiles;
- ✎ Diesel Storage;
- ✎ Construction and operation of a mobile office and ablution block for workers; and
- ✎ Construction and operation of a general waste storage facility.

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Please note that this project was previously issued under DMR reference number MP 30/5/1/1/2/10040 MR but due to an administrative error, the application was re-submitted and re-issued with a new reference number i.e. MP 30/5/1/2/2/10090 MR. In addition this EIA has been used to obtain a Record of Decision (RoD) previously from the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism.

Should you wish to register as an I&AP please complete the attached I&AP Registration Form and Questionnaire and return it to EIMS by 19 May 2014. Also note that the Draft Scoping Report & Draft Integrated Environmental Management Programme, as previously submitted, is currently available for comment and review and is available on our website (www.eims.co.za) and in hard copy at the Belfast Public Library until 19 May 2014.

Please note that only registered I&AP's will be included in future correspondence regarding this EIA process. All comments, queries, objections and registrations must be directed to both EIMS and the Department of Mineral Resources Mpumalanga at the following details:

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