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Dear Interested and/ or Affected Party:

REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION, WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE AND INTEGRATED WATER USE LICENCE FOR THE PROPOSED DE WITTEKRANS COAL MINE NEAR HENDRINA, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

NOTIFICATION OF EXEMPTION AND AVAILABILITY OF FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR REVIEW

The public comment period undertaken for the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) officially ended on the 5th August 2013. Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) would like to take this opportunity to thank all registered I&AP's and members of the public who submitted comments and partook in this review process.

Please note that as a result of the comments received during the DSR public review period, the following additions have been effected and are represented in the Final Scoping Report (FSR):

- ✎ The Issues and Responses Report (IRR) has been amended to incorporate all the comments and responses received as a result of the public comment period on the DSR. This IRR will be submitted as an Annexure to the FSR.

Please be advised that an application for exemption in accordance with Section 50 of the EIA Regulations (2010) under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) as amended, was submitted to the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET) subsequent to the submission of the Draft Scoping Report. The exemption application pertained to the lapsing of the initial application period with regards to Section 67(1) of the EIA Regulations, whereby the regulated 6 months period between the submission of the application and the submission of the Draft Scoping Report was exceeded. The said exemption was granted by MDEDET on the 10th September 2013, exempting the project from the provisions of Section 54(2)(a), (b), and (c) of the EIA Regulations which relates to the requirements of the Public Participation Process.

As such, this letter serves to advise all registered Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) of the exemption granted and the availability of the FSR as well as their opportunity to comment on them. The FSR will be available for review at the GSW offices as well as the EIMS website (www.eims.co.za) **from the 26th September 2013 until the 9th November 2013. All comments on the Exemption or the FSR must be submitted directly to the competent authority (MDEDET) at the contact details below.** A copy of all comments to MDEDET must also be submitted to EIMS at the details below.

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Following submission of the Final Scoping Report, MDEDET will either accept or reject the report. If the Final Scoping Report is accepted by MDEDET, then the EIA Phase of the project will commence. All registered I&AP's will receive further opportunity to participate in the EIA Phase.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any queries or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nobuhle Hughes

