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**ATTENTION: SAHRA**

**SIYANDA CHROME SMELTING COMPANY (PTY) LTD (SCSC)**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAMME (EMP) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED SIYANDA  
FERROCHROME SMELTER PROJECT**

**EIA AND EMP REPORT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY REVIEW**

**DEA REFERENCE: 14/12/16/3/3/3/213**

Dear Sir/Madam

Siyanda Chrome Smelting Company (Pty) Ltd (SCSC) is proposing to construct a new ferrochrome (FeCr) smelter on portion 3 of the farm Grootkuil 409 KQ located adjacent to the existing Union Section Mine approximately 8 km north-west of Northam in the Thabazimbi Local Municipality, Limpopo Province.

As part of the proposed project, SCSC is planning to process UG2 chrome concentrate from surrounding platinum mines, and in broad terms the project will comprise a railway siding, a raw materials offloading area, two 70 MW DC ferrochrome furnaces, crushing and screening plant, mineralised waste facilities and related facilities such as material stockpiles, workshops, stores and various support infrastructure and services including powerlines, access and internal roads and pipelines.

The environmental impact assessment (EIA) and environmental management programme (EMP) report for the proposed project is now available for public and regulatory authority review. In this

regard, please find attached 1 hard copy of the EIA and EMP report for your departments review and comment.

The closing date for comments is **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2016**. This provides interested and affected parties 30 days to review the EIA and EMP report and/or summary and submit comments to SLR. Comments should be submitted in writing to SLR via fax (011 467 0978) and/or e-mail ([ndaly@slrconsulting.com](mailto:ndaly@slrconsulting.com)) or ([wberry@slrconsulting.com](mailto:wberry@slrconsulting.com)) and/or post (PO Box 1596 Cramerview, 2060), or alternatively comments can be dropped off at the public feedback meeting (see meeting details below).

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This letter also serves to invite you to the general public feedback open day which will be held to assist IAPs and regulatory authorities with the review of the EIA and EMP report and to provide IAPs and regulatory authorities with an opportunity to discuss the outcomes of the EIA and EMP report with the project team.

<b>General Public Feedback Open Day</b>
Date: Thursday, 17 November 2016
Time: Anytime between 13h30 and 18h00
Venue: Swartklip Recreation Centre
Format: IAPs and Regulatory Authorities are invited to arrive anytime between 13h30 and 18h00 to discuss queries/concerns with SLR's EIA team (including specialists) and/or Siyanda. It should be noted that no formal public meeting will be held.

As part of the report distribution to the communities of Kwetsheza, Mantserre and Sefikile, information sharing sessions will be held with the leadership of these communities to enable the leadership to engage/explain the outcomes of the EIA with their communities. In addition to the above public feedback open day, community specific arrangements may be arranged with the leadership of the above mentioned communities at the end of the public review period (as required), the purpose of which will be to facilitate the submission of comments.

In addition to the hard copies, electronic copies and summaries of the EIA and EMP report that have been distributed as part of the review process, full copies of the EIA and EMP report are also available for public review at the following venues:

- Thabazimbi Local Municipality
- Waterberg District Municipality
- Northam public library
- Kwetsheza community (home of ward councillor)
- Mmantserre community (home of ward councillor)
- Sefikile community (Mr Mataboge c/o BBKTA)
- Swartklip recreation centre
- SLR's offices in Johannesburg

All comments received during the review period will be included in the final EIA and EMP report which will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for decision making purposes.

If you have any questions about the proposed project or the EIA process, please contact the undersigned.

Regards



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