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ATTENTION: COMMENTING AUTHORITY

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR NEW KATHU CEMETARY

This letter serves to notify you of the proposed new Kathu Cemetery Project.

Introduction and Project Description

The Gamagara Local Municipality (Gamagara Municipality) proposes to develop additional space for graves in the town of Kathu. The existing Kathu Cemetery is located approximately 3.5 km north-east of central Kathu on the remaining extent of the farm Uitkoms 463 (immediately East of the N14 road), and falls within the Gamagara Municipality and John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality, in the Northern Cape.

The cemetery is nearing capacity and thus additional space is necessary due to the rapid expansion of the town of Kathu which is partly due to the resettlement of the Dingleton residents as a result of the expansion of the Sishen Iron Ore Mine. Due to the existing Kathu Cemetery being located in the protected Kathu Forest, extending the cemetery on the farm Uitkomst 463 is not possible. An alternative location has been proposed and is the only feasible alternative for the new cemetery. The best viable alternative is to establish a new cemetery on the remaining extent of the farm Lylyveld 545, approximately 13 km south of central Kathu (see appendix 1 for a locality map). The new Kathu Cemetery will be approximately 5 hectares (ha) in extent on land owned by the SIOC. The land for the new cemetery will be transferred to the Gamagara Municipality through a land swap agreement as part of the Dingleton Resettlement project.

Construction of the new Kathu Cemetery will include site clearance, establishing access to the cemetery, internal roads, fencing, ablution facilities linked to a possible septic tank system, a parking area for approximately 100 cars, night time security lighting, a borehole for water supply (to be taken from the existing Lylyveld mine pipeline that crosses the farm) and waste collection bins.

Basic Assessment Process

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA; No. 107 of 1998) as amended, and the EIA Regulations (GNR 982-985, published on 4 December 2014), the proposed cemetery requires a Basic Assessment Process to be conducted. Notification is hereby given that the Gamagara Municipality is submitting an application for a New Kathu Cemetery to the Department of the Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC), who is the competent authority. The activities in terms of NEMA, identified at this stage, being applied for include:

Legislation	Listed Activity	Description	Competent Authority
NEMA	Listing Notice 1 GN R983 Activity 23	Development of a new cemetery.	DENC
	Listing Notice 1 GN R983 Activity 24	Possible construction and/or widening of roads	
	Listing Notice 1 GN R983 Activity 27	Clearance of indigenous vegetation	
	Listing Notice 1 GN R983 Activity 28	Institutional development on agricultural land	
	Listing Notice 1 GN R983 Activity 56	Possible construction and/or widening of roads	

Synergistics Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd (a SLR Group Company) has been appointed as the independent environmental practitioner responsible for undertaking the necessary environmental work and conducting the public participation process for the project

Please submit your initial comments by 09 December 2016. Should you know of anyone else who should be included on our database please send us their contact details.

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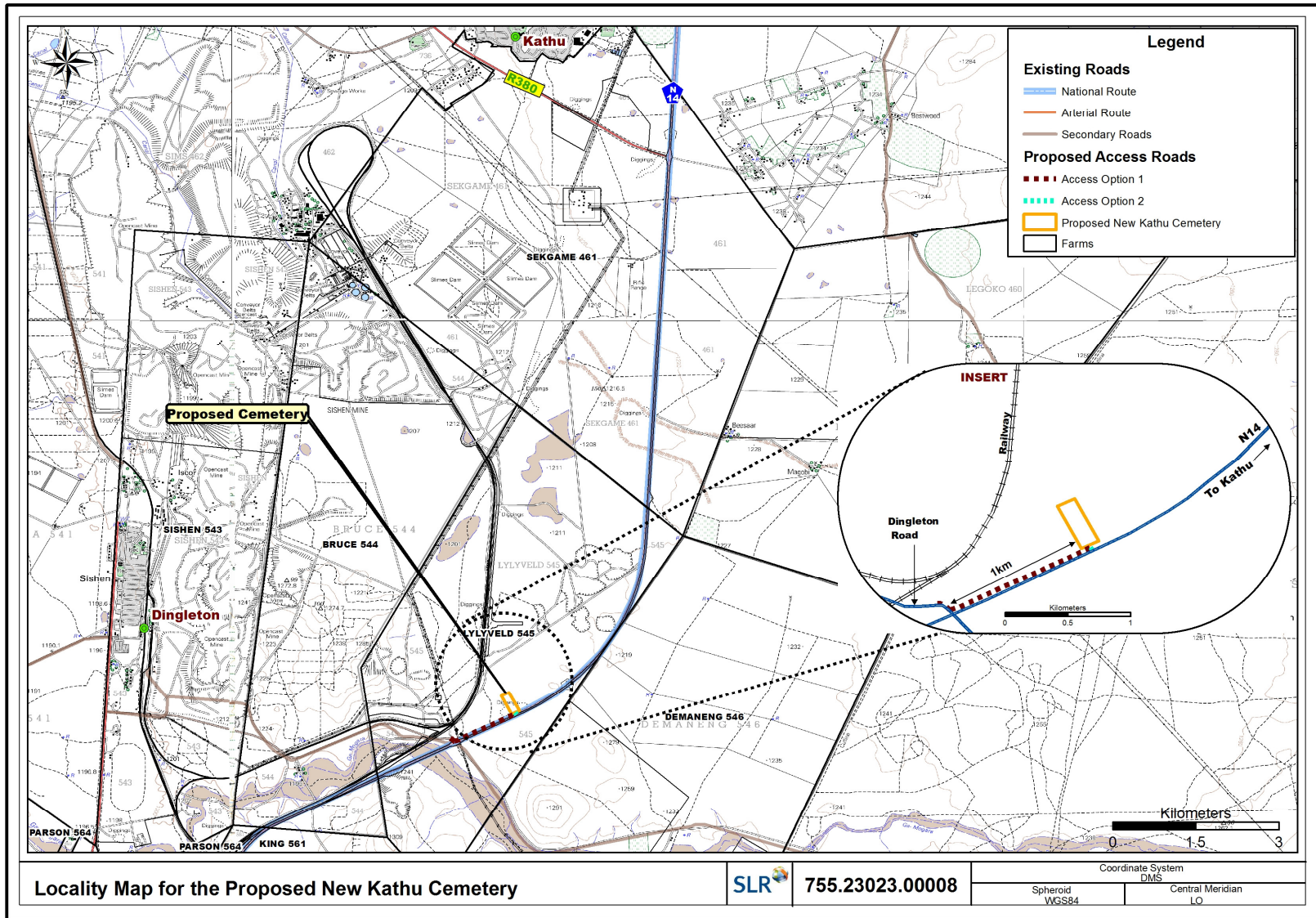
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Yours faithfully



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APPENDIX 1: LOCALITY MAP



Locality Map for the Proposed New Kathu Cemetery

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**GAMAGARA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR THE NEW KATHU CEMETERY**

REGISTRATION AND RESPONSE FORM FOR INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

DATE		TIME	
PARTICULARS OF THE INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY			
NAME			
POSTAL ADDRESS			
		POSTAL CODE	
STREET ADDRESS			
		POSTAL CODE	
WORK/ DAY TELEPHONE NUMBER		WORK/ DAY FAX NUMBER	
CELL PHONE NUMBER		E-MAIL ADDRESS	

PLEASE IDENTIFY YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROPOSED PROJECT

PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS HERE (USE ADDITIONAL PAGES AS REQUIRED)

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 Please provide initial comments and queries by 09 December 2016
 Comments and queries can be provided throughout the process