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Dear Stakeholder

DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT: FOR EXISTING PRISON DAM UPGRADE, BY INCREASING THE HEIGHT AND LENGTH OF THE EXISTING DAM WALL, RUSTENBURG, NORTH WEST PROVINCE (NWP/EIA/75/2011)

This letter serves to inform you of the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) for public review and comment.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

The Prison dam is located within, and owned by the Rustenburg Local Municipality, in the North West Province. The dam is situated on the outskirts of the town and approximately 8,5km north east of the centre of the town. The Prison Dam has a storage capacity of 120 000 m³ and a dam wall height of 6m. The dam is registered as a category II dam with the Department of Water Affairs.

The residential area, Boitekong X15, located within the Rustenburg Local Municipality, and is located downstream of the Prison Dam. During the previous rainy season a number of houses were inundated by flood waters and the residents had to be evacuated to safer places. Remedial measures which include amongst others converting the Prison Dam to a flood attenuation dam, have been identified as a mitigation measure to protect people and property against further flooding

BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

SRK Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner in terms of Section 16(1) of GN R 543 printed in terms of the National Environmental Management Act [NEMA] (Act No 107 of 1998) to undertake the BA as mentioned above. The proposed upgrade of the existing prison dam, near Rustenburg, in North West Province requires an Environmental Authorization in terms of Section 24 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998). These activities are described in more detail within the Basic Assessment report.

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Environmental authorisation is required in terms of Notice 544, activity 55, of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the National Water Act (NWA) (Act 36 of 1998) of the intent to carry out the following activities:

- **Existing prison dam upgrade, by increasing the height and length of the existing dam wall;**

The DBAR is now available for a 40 – day commenting period. The period will commence on the 3rd of June 2012 and end on the 15th of July. Comments received from relevant Stakeholders should be directed to the relevant authorities and a copy sent to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP). The DBAR will be submitted to the Department Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT).

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

A hard copy of the DBAR will be made available at the following locations:

Venue	Contact Person	Contact Number
Rustenburg Public Library	Mr Pieter Louw	(014) 590 3295
Boitekong Community Library	Miss. Dineo Utlwani	(014) 590 3882
SRK website	www.srk.co.za	

You are hereby invited to submit your comments regarding the proposed development, by submitting your name, contact information and the details of your comments to the following contact personnel.

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Should you or your organization be wrongly identified as an Interested and Affected Party, or in the event that the responsibility of providing comments does not lie with this recipient but with another party within the organization, please forward this notification to the relevant person, or notify us as soon as possible so we can amend the database.

We would like to thank all that have participated in the Public Participation Process, and we appreciate your comments and ongoing involvement during the life cycle of the Prison Dam Upgrade Environmental Authorization process.

We encourage and look forward to your participation in this process.

Yours faithfully

Handwritten signature of Ilke Nel in black ink.

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