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Attention: Ms Sonja Steyn

Dear Madam

### LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION - PROPOSED PILLAR MINING PROJECT AT THE ATCOM EAST SECTION OF THE IMPUNZI COMPLEX, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

#### 1. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Glencore South Africa (Pty) Ltd iMpunzi Complex is located 23km south east of eMalahleni in the Mpumalanga Province, near the towns of Ogies and Kriel. The Complex consists of four (4) sections, namely: Arthur Taylor Colliery (ATC), Phoenix (decommissioned), Arthur Taylor Colliery Opencast Mine (ATCOM), and ATCOM East. ATCOM East is a proposed new Section of the iMpunzi Complex.

Glencore intends expanding its mining operations to incorporate new mining reserves at ATCOM East. The proposed new mining venture includes the opencast mining of historical underground bord and pillar operations, previously owned by BHP Billiton Energy Coal South Africa (Pty) Ltd (BECSA). The new mining venture is situated on portions of the farms Vandyksdrift 19 IS, Steenkoolspruit 18 IS and Kromfontein 30 IS, and requires Glencore taking over mining operations and rights originally owned by BECSA. This venture will culminate in a new Glencore operation called ATCOM East.

The ATCOM East mining operations will be mined in five (5) opencast operations, namely:

- Steenkoolspruit Pit (already has an approved Water Use Licence (WUL) therefore not included in the Integrated Water Use Licence Application (IWULA) );
- River South Pit;
- River West Pit;
- Vandyksdrift (VDD) West Pit; and
- VDD South Pit.

Jones & Wagener (J&W) was appointed by Glencore to undertake the required environmental processes and obtain the necessary approvals for the proposed Pillar Mining Project. The processes are being conducted simultaneously as an integrated process, complemented by a combined public participation process. The processes being undertaken are as follows:

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- Basic Assessment (BA) Process for mining through wetlands in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (EIA) 543-546 under the provisions of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act 107 of 1998) as amended; and
- Integrated Water Use Licence Application (IWULA) for the proposed mining areas and associated mine infrastructure expansion – in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998).

Should the abovementioned applications be successful, an environmental authorisation will be granted by the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET), and a WUL will be awarded by the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) respectively.

### 2. PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER

In terms of Section 15 of the EIA regulations promulgated in June 2010, the applicant for an authorisation must give written notice of the proposed activity to the owner or person in control of the land on which the activity is to be undertaken. In this case the activity will be the opencast mining of historical underground bord and pillar operations and associated mine infrastructure expansion. The owner of the land must be informed that he/she may participate in the Public Participation Process (PPP) as contemplated in the EIA regulations.

The required PPP for the project is due to commence and you will be automatically added to the list of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). During the PPP you will be, and will continue to be informed, of how the process is progressing and will be invited to attend a public meeting as well as to provide input and comment on documents such as the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and IWULA. Your input into the process is valued and all issues and concerns identified by stakeholders will be taken into consideration by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner, which is Jones & Wagener (Pty) Ltd.

We request, on behalf of Glencore, that you sign this letter as proof that you have been notified of the proposed process and return it to Jones & Wager either via fax: (011) 509 0201 or email to cronje@jaws.co.za **by 20 February 2014**. A copy of this letter will be attached to the project application form and will be submitted to the MDEDET to register the BA process.

This letter must not be interpreted as giving consent that the activity may take place, but merely that you have been informed that there is an intention to opencast mine historical underground bord and pillar operations and that the potential issues and impacts associated with this need to be addressed in the BA and IWULA processes.

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Yours faithfully

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**Attention: Mr Nico Breet** 

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We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 25 February 2013.

It would be appreciated if you could kindly record BHP Billiton Energy Coal South Africa (Pty) Limited as an affected party and keep us informed with regards to any progress in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

JOHAN MULLER

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