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Dear Stakeholder

RE : SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTING PROCESS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED RIETVLEI OPENCAST COAL MINE, NORTH OF MIDDELBURG, ON THE REMAINING EXTENT AND PORTION 1 OF THE FARM RIETVLEI 397; MPUMALANGA: PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd (WSP) was appointed by Rietvlei Coal Company (RCC), to undertake the required Environmental Impact Assessment, Waste Management License, Water Use License and Mining Right applications for the above-mentioned project.

The project commenced in January 2014 in terms of GNR 543, published on 18 June 2010. Subsequent to the commencement of the project and approval of the Scoping Phase, by the Mpumalanga Department of Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET) and the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), the National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Act (No. 25 of 2014) (NEMLAA) came into effect, on 2 September 2014, and forms part of a suite of acts that will give rise to the One Environmental System, for mining related activities.

Under the One Environmental System, the Minister of Mineral Resources will issue environmental authorisations and waste management licences in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the National Environmental Management Waste Act (No. 59 of 2008) (NEMWA), respectively, for mining and related activities.

The transitional arrangements make provision for the continuation of projects that commenced in terms of the previous regulations, however the Mining Right Application was not submitted prior to the 8th December 2014. Upon submission of the Mining Right Application in January 2015, the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) advised that Minister of Mineral Resources is the delegated lead authority, for mining related activities, and requested that an Environmental Authorisation Application be submitted.

The DMR has requested that the Scoping Report be updated to reflect the process in terms of GNR 982, 4 December 2014.

In terms of regulation 41(2) of GNR 982, published on 4 December 2014, and in terms of GNR 527, published on 23 April 2004, all stakeholders are hereby notified that the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) for the proposed establishment of an opencast coal mine will be made available at the venues below (hard copy), and CD, on written request, for review and comment during the comment period from Tuesday 8 September 2015 to Friday 9 October 2015 (end of business day).



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Kindly ensure that all comments are submitted to the contact details provided herewith, by 9 October 2015.

Should you have any queries/comments please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

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