

02 November 2016

Dear Stakeholder

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
METALS INDUSTRIAL CLUSTER NEAR KURUMAN, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
DENC REF. NO.: NC/EIA/04/JTG/GA-S/KUR1/2016**

NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF EIA REPORT

The Northern Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism propose the establishment of a Metals Industrial Cluster on Portion 6253 of Erf 1 located ~2km south east of the town of Kuruman and ~1km south west of Wrenchville. The Metals Industrial Cluster is planned to be a semi-industrial and industrial park that will include a variety of businesses and enterprises relating predominantly to the industrial sector (but also including entities from other supporting sectors such as IT and retail), with varying function and nature of production (i.e. ranging from light to heavy industry). The proposed project site falls under the jurisdiction of the Ga-Segonyana Local Municipality and within the greater John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality in the Northern Cape Province. The full extent of the project site (~47 ha in extent) is planned to be developed and utilised for the Metals Industrial Cluster.

The overarching objective of the Metals Industrial Cluster is to diversify economic activities and encourage development in the Northern Cape Province while maximising metals-related production through the development of a cluster with competitive but complimentary industries.

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In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notices R982 to GN R985; an EIA process is being undertaken for this proposed project. The Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC) is the competent authority. In order to obtain authorisation, comprehensive, independent environmental studies must be undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014. The DENC accepted the Scoping Report and Plan of Study for the project in June 2016. The application has been assigned the following reference number: NC/EIA/04/JTG/GA-S/KUR1/2016.

The Northern Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism has appointed Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd as the independent environmental consultant to undertake the required EIA to identify and assess all the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project, and propose appropriate mitigation and management measures in an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). As part of these environmental studies, Interested and Affected (I&APs) have been and will continue to be actively involved through the public involvement process.

AVAILABILITY OF THE EIA REPORT FOR REVIEW

An EIA Report for the proposed project has been prepared by Savannah Environmental and is available for review. The review period is from **02 November 2016 – 02 December 2016**. The report can be viewed at the Kuruman Public Library, School Street, Kuruman. The report can also be downloaded from the website www.savannahsa.com/projects.

Please could you kindly submit your formal comments by sending written correspondence in this regard. All comments received will be submitted in the final EIA Report which will be submitted to the DENC. Comments can be made as a written submission via fax, post or email.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind Regards

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