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**Attention: Interested and affected parties**

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Dear Sir / Madam

### **NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT EXTENSION OF THE KATHU CEMETERY**

The Gamagara Local Municipality (Gamagara Municipality) proposes to extend the cemetery of the town of Kathu. The 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 Kathu Cemetery will be extended by 5 hectares (ha) to the south on land owned by the Sishen Iron Ore Company (Pty) Ltd (SIOC). The cemetery is nearing capacity and the extension is necessary due to saturated cemetery facilities, and the rapid expansion of the town of Kathu which is partly due to the resettlement of the Dingleton residents. SIOC is in the process of relocating the town of Dingleton, situated immediately west of the current Sishen Iron Ore Mine (Sishen Mine) pit, to the phase 4 (f-h) development on the farm Sekgame 461 directly south-east of Kathu. The 5 ha cemetery extension will be transferred to the Gamagara Municipality through a land swap agreement as part of the Dingleton Resettlement project.

An environmental basic assessment is required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 as amended, and the EIA Regulations (Government Notice Regulation (GNR) 982 – 985, published 4 December 2014). Notice is hereby given that the Gamagara Municipality will be submitting an application for the Extension of the Kathu Cemetery to the Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC) as the competent authority.

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, the draft basic assessment report (BAR) will be submitted to the DENC. At the same time it will be made available for review by the public, relevant organs of state and other government departments for a period of 30 days.

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The public review period will be for 30 days from 26 August to 25 September. Issues and concerns received from stakeholders during the review of the draft BA report will be considered in the final BA report. Thereafter the reports will be updated and resubmitted to the registered interested and affected parties (I&APs) and to the DENC as the final BA report. Further correspondence will provide specific review dates. The reports will be available for review at the following locations:

<b>PRINTED COPIES AT PUBLIC PLACES</b>	
Kathu library	
Gamagara local municipality	
Sishen Mine, security office at main entrance to the mine	
<b>ELECTRONIC COPIES</b>	
On request via e-mail from Synergistics Environmental Services	Ms Chiara Kotze Tel: 011 467 0945, Fax: 011 467 0978, or send e-mail request to ckotze@slrconsulting.com

You are requested to comment on the draft BAR in any of the following ways:

- Completing the attached public input sheet;
- Writing a letter, or producing additional written submissions; or
- Sending an e-mail or phoning the public participation office.

Please complete and return the attached response sheet to Synergistics Environmental Services to indicate your interest in receiving further information regarding the BA as the study progress and to register as an I&AP. You are welcome to contact Synergistics telephonically on 011 467 0945 for any technical and BA related queries.

Your input and feedback is highly valued.

Yours faithfully



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