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Attention: Stakeholders *On Sahr's Case ID: 1638*

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Dear Sir/Madam

ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENTS

Sishen Western Expansion Project

The Sishen Iron Ore Company (SIOC) is in the process of relocating linear infrastructure, which currently runs through the middle of their property at the Sishen Iron Ore Mine (Sishen Mine) to the perimeter of their property, through a project known as the Sishen Western Expansion Project (SWEP). The SIOC maintains that the relocation is necessary due to the continued progression of the opencast mine pit in a westerly and south-westerly direction. The infrastructure earmarked for relocation are not all mining-related and are owned and operated by a variety of stakeholders including Eskom, Transnet Limited, Sedibeng Water Board, SIOC and the Northern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works. SIOC has all the necessary environmental approvals (DEA Ref: 12/12/20/1436 and DENC Ref: NC/BA/JTG/GAM/SIS2/2012) in place and construction of the new infrastructure is underway.

Notification is hereby given that four Basic assessment reports have been submitted to the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC) as the competent authority. Details to follow:

Inert Waste Disposal to the SWEP Borrow Pits

DENC References: NC/JTG/SISH3/2012, NC/JTG/SISH4/2012, NC/JTG/SISH5/2012 and NC/JTG/SISH6/2012

Four separate BA's were required in terms of the Waste Management Activities (GNR 718, published 3 July 2009) under the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) and also the Environmental Impact Assessment regulations (GNR 543, published 18 June 2010).

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, the Draft BAR's 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 from **21 November 2012 to 9 January 2013**. Thereafter the reports will be updated and resubmitted to the registered interested and affected parties (IAP's) and to the DENC as the Final BAR's. The reports will be available for review at the following locations:

PRINTED COPIES AT PUBLIC PLACES	
Kathu Library	
Sishen Mine, Security Office at Main Entrance to the Mine	
Gamagara Municipality	
Construction Office of the Sishen Western Expansion Project (SWEP)	Mr Rudi Pothas 053 7393887
ELECTRONIC COPIES	
Synergistics website	www.synergistics.co.za
On request via e-mail from Synergistics Environmental Services	Mr Clifford Hallatt Tel: 011 326 4158, Fax: 011 326 4118, or send e-mail request to clifford@synergistics.co.za, or complete the attached comments sheet.

You are requested to comment on the Draft BAR's in any of the following ways:

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

Please do not hesitate to contact the writer hereof should you need additional clarification.

Yours sincerely



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