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Sir/ Madam

**COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT: PROPOSED UPGRADE TO
SUBLIME ACCESS ROAD AND NEW INTERSECTION WITH R580, EXXARO MATLA
MINE. Your Ref: J37158:**

The draft report entails the upgrading of an existing Sublime road to accommodate an increased traffic 'to and from' coal stockpiles at Matla Exxaro Coal. The 1.82 km road upgrade includes the widening of the intersection of the road with the R580 Provincial road.

The project triggers the EIA Regulations R. 324 and R.327 of 2014 as amended and therefore a Basic Assessment is required.

The Emalahleni Local municipality is satisfied that the draft BAR has taken into cognisance the potential impact on the existing wetland features through which the upgrade take place and that all other relevant specialised studies that needed to be conducted to identify potential impact in terms of the project has been done.

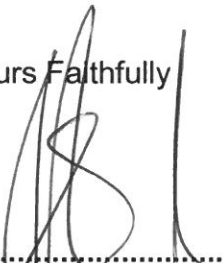
The municipality is also satisfied that the draft report has highlighted all environmental aspects to be addressed in the EMPr, especially those relating to storage and disposal of waste (solid and liquid), air and noise pollution, land use and public open spaces management as covered by Municipal By-laws and policies.

However, the municipality needs to emphasise and in terms of Chapter 2, section 4, of the Emalaheni Public Open Spaces By-laws, (LA Notice 66 of 2008) as announced by Provincial Gazette dated 27 February 2008, that public open spaces should be managed in an environmentally sustainable manner and in the interest of the whole community.

Further, the municipality wish to advise that should the applicant wish to utilise private commercial services for transportation and disposal of a waste, section 5 of the Emalaheni Local Municipality's System for Certificate of Approval for Persons Collecting Waste for Gain or Commercial Waste Collectors Policy, (no. 40 of 2017) as announced by the Provincial Gazette dated 19 May 2017 must be adhered to.

The municipality will not have any objections to the development provided all legal requirements are met.

Yours Faithfully



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