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**NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF FINAL BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADE TO SUBLIME ACCESS ROAD AND NEW INTERSECTION WITH R580, EXARRO MATLA MINE, EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, (Eskom), has applied for environmental authorisation for the abovementioned project.

Please find attached two (2) hard copies and two (2) electronic copies (1 CD and 1 USB) of the Final Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for your decision making. Please note that the Final BAR has been submitted to the following State Departments for their comments. As per Regulation 56 (b) of GN No. R543 should no comments be received within the 30 day public comment period, it will be assumed that the State Department has no comments.

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| Mr    | A           | Tshivhandekano  | Department of Mineral Resources   | 013 690 3288 |
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**Project Description**

GIBB (Pty) Ltd (GIBB) has been appointed by Exarro Matla Coal (Exarro) to conduct a Basic Assessment (BA) and Water Use License Application (WULA)/General Authorisation (GA) Process for the proposed upgrade of Sublime Access Road and the construction of the new intersection with R580 to provide access to the Exarro Coal Mine in Matla, Mpumalanga Province. The road upgrade is approximately 1,82km in length. The road access will be widened to accommodate a dual lane road, along the existing gravel road and upgraded to asphalt standard. There will be a new alignment (approximately 180m) of the existing access road of the R580 and the road alignment will then follow along the existing gravel road. The road will be designed with an average road width of 11.2m. Stormwater upgrades (such as installation of box culverts) will be required as well to allow for drainage along the road.

**Study Area:**

The study area is located within the Emahlaleni Local Municipality in Mpumalanga. The nearest town is Kriel which is located 9km south-west of the study area. The study area is approximately 50 km southwest of Witbank, 30 km south and north of Ogies and Seconds, respectively.

**The purpose of the Project:**

At present, the Matla Coal Mine is accessed via the R580 intersection with Sublime Access Road. However, there has been increased traffic from coal imports to sustain the Matla Power Station burn rate, due to decreased production from Matla Colliery. Therefore, to accommodate the increased traffic, road infrastructure improvements are proposed (new intersection off R580 and the upgrade of the existing Sublime Access Road) to the existing stockpile exit road. Sublime Access Road requires the upgrading of the current pavement layers, which will need to be surfaced as well as widened. The upgrading of the intersection to accommodate the slow turning traffic onto the R580 provincial road is required.

**Legislative requirements:**

Eskom has submitted an application for Environmental Authorisation with the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in terms of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, April 2017 for the abovementioned project.

The following listed activities have been triggered in terms of the above legislation:

| Government Notice | Listed Activities       |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| R 327             | 19; and 56              |
| R324              | 12; 14 (a) (ff); and 18 |

Further to this, a Water Use License General Authorisation will be required in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), Section 21 (c) and (i).

### **Specialist Studies**

The following specialist studies have been conducted for the BA study and WULA:

- Ecological Impact Assessment;
- Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Impact Assessment;
- Palaeontological Impact Assessment
- Wetland Impact Assessment; and

### **Review of the Final Basic Assessment Report**

The Public is afforded a 30 (thirty) day period from **Wednesday, 13 June to Monday, 16 July 2018** (inclusive) to comment on the Final BAR for the above mentioned project.

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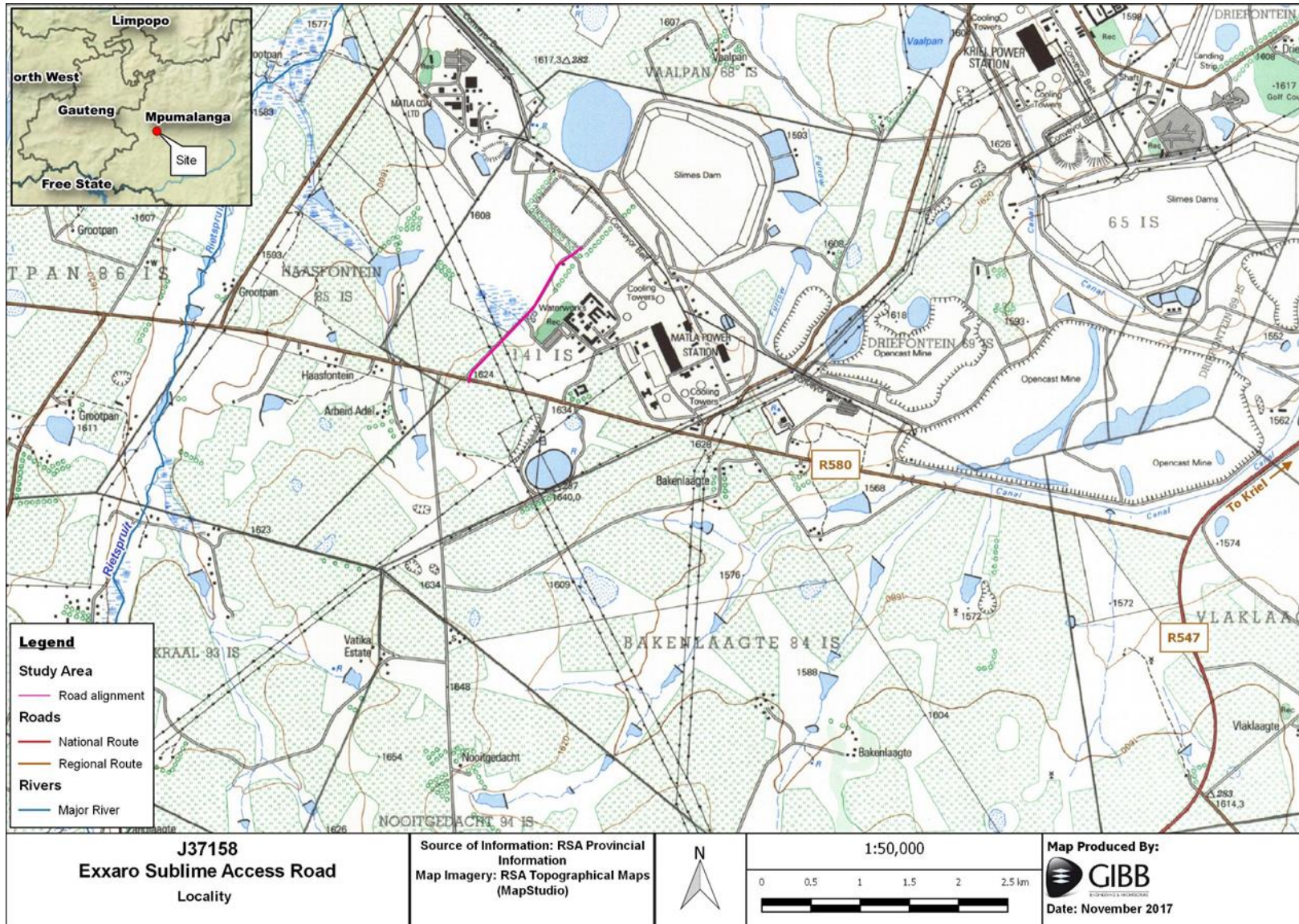


Figure 1: Locality Map

## **INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY REGISTRATION SHEET**

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| Name             |  |
| Organisation     |  |
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| Physical address |  |
| Postal address   |  |
| Fax number       |  |
| Email address    |  |

Please state your interest (i.e. direct business, financial, personal or other interest) with respect to the approval or refusal of the application for the proposed development

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Please state any concerns, suggestions and/or potential impacts that should be considered during the Basic Assessment Process.

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Thank you for making the Final Basic Assessment Report available for public review at the Library.

Please keep the document in an accessible place in the Library for the public to review from **Wednesday, 13 June to Monday, 16 July 2018 (inclusive)**.

We will send a GIBB representative to collect the report thereafter.

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Yours faithfully,  
**For GIBB (Pty) Ltd**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willie Howell".

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