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Dear Interested and Affected Party

**NOTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION & MINING RIGHT APPLICATION:
FOR THE PROPOSED ZANDRIVIERS DRFIT (ZRD) AREAS AND ASSOCIATED
INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE MADIBENG MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

Purpose of the Project:

GIBB (Pty) Ltd (GIBB) has been appointed by PPC Ltd (PPC) to undertake Environmental Authorisation and Mining Right Application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014), as well as Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA) and the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA), for the proposed Assen and Tambotie Areas and associated infrastructure within the Madibeng Municipality, North West Province.

You have been identified as a potential interested and affected party (I&AP) for the above mentioned project. Further information relating to the proposed development is provided in the section below.

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

PPC Ltd (PPC) has for many years operated an excavation pit and processing plant in the greater Assen area. A new limestone ore body (ZRD North and South) has been identified for mining. The proposed Mining operation is an open cast limestone mine. It is envisaged that the proposed ZRD project will mine 350 000 tonnes/year of limestone and this limestone will be transported to the existing Beesterkraal mine for further processing.

The proposed Zandriviërs Drift (ZRD) Mining Right Application will include the following: The ZRD North Ore Body; ZRD North Overburden Dump Area Alternatives 1 & 2; Overburden Dump Road; Haul road; ZRD South Ore body; ZRD South Overburden Dump Area; Overburden Dump Road and Haul Road. Refer to Figure 1 below.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

PPC has submitted an application for Environmental Authorisation and Mining Right Application to the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA) and the National Environmental Management

Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014.

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

Government Notice	Listed Activities
Notice 1 (GNR983)	24
Notice 2 (GNR.984)	15; 17; 21
The activity may require a Water Use License (WUL) in terms of Section 21 (j) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).	

SPECIALIST STUDIES:

The following specialist studies have been conducted for the BA process:

- Geohydrological Impact Assessment;
- Ecological Impact Assessment;
- Heritage Impact Assessment;
- Wetland Impact Assessment;
- Agricultural potential Assessment;
- Noise Impact Assessment;
- Air Quality Impact Assessment; and
- Visual Impact Assessment.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

All Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to participate by registering written comments on the abovementioned project to GIBB. Comments should include the I&AP's name, contact details and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the project, and can be submitted by post, fax or email to **the Public Participation Office:**

Attention: Yonela Mngqibisa

GIBB Public Participation Office

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Tel: (012) 471 8914

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REVIEW OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT:

The Public is afforded a 30 (thirty) day period from **Thursday, 23 March 2017 to, Monday, 24 April 2017 (30 days) inclusive** to register and/or comment on Draft Scoping Report and Mining Right Application for the above mentioned project

The report will be made available at the following locations:

Place	Address	Telephone
Atlanta Supermarket	Along R511 Brits, Thabazimbi	Rakesh Narsi 012 277 1341
Assen Police Station	Assen Beestekraal Brits 0255	Captain Willem Robbertse 012 252 8521
The Draft EIR and Mining Right Application are also available on the GIBB website at the following link:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://projects.gibb.co.za/PPC_ZRD_MRA • A CD copy is available upon request (please contact Mr Tashriq Naicker) 		

DETAILS OF PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD:

Date: **28 Tuesday March 2017**
Presentation time: **16:00 to 18:00**
Venue: **Farmers Association Hall along R511**

Please confirm your attendance by **Monday, 27 March 2017

GIBB will distribute further information and correspondence on the project and Associated Mining Right Application process to all registered I&APs and provides further opportunities for comments throughout the S&EIR process.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,
For GIBB (Pty) Ltd



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Figure 1: Proposed ZRD Areas and Associated Infrastructure Locality Map