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Dear Sir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF UPGRADE OF THE SUBLIME ACCESS ROAD TO THE EXXARO COAL MINE WITHIN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Department confirms having received the Application for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 18 January 2018. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You are hereby informed that the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) template was removed from the Departmental website and that the submission of a BAR in the form of a template will no longer be accepted by the Department. All future Basic Assessment Process applications must comply with the requirements contained in Regulation 19 and Annexure 1 of GN R982 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

All documentation delivered to the physical address contained in this form must be delivered during the official Departmental Officer Hours which are available on the Departmental Website (https://www.environment.gov.za/contacts/national_office). No faxed and e-mailed applications; applications delivered to security or applications placed in the Departmental Tender Box will be accepted.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Kindly quote this reference number in all future submissions.

Yours sincerely



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