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Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADE TO SUBLIME ACCESS ROAD AND NEW INTERSECTION WITH R580, EXARRO MATLA MINE, EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Department confirms having received the Draft Basic Assessment Report for the abovementioned project on 05 February 2018. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 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. You are hereby informed that the Draft BAR submitted will be accepted as is. However, 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.

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.

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.

Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

Yours sincerely



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Designation: Environmental Officer Specialised Production: EIA Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support

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