



**ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADE TO SUBLIME ACCESS ROAD AND NEW INTERSECTION WITH R580, EXARRO MATLA MINE, EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

**DEA REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1879**

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 EA Application is undertaken by means of a Basic Assessment Reporting (BAR) process in terms of the following Legislation:

- National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014 as amended, Listing Notice 1, Activities 19 and 56, Listing Notice 3, Activities 12, 14 (a) (ff), and 18.
- National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), Section 21 (c) and (i).

**PROJECT LOCATION**

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.

**OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT**

Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) are hereby invited to register and/ or comment on the project. The public review period will be from **Monday, 05 February to Wednesday, 07 March 2018 (inclusive)**. The Draft Basic Assessment Report is available for comment at the following locations:

Place	Address	Contact Person	Telephone
Kriel Public Library	Cnr. Quinton & Hendrikz, Kriel, 2271	The Librarian	017 648 2241
The DSR will also be made available on the GIBB website at the following link:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="https://projects.gibb.co.za/Sublime_Access_Road_Upgrades_BA">https://projects.gibb.co.za/Sublime_Access_Road_Upgrades_BA</a></li><li>• A CD copy is available upon request.</li></ul>			

Should you wish to be registered as an I&AP, obtain additional information or comment, please contact the Public Participation Office by no later than **Wednesday, 07 March 2018**, using the contact details provided below.

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