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Dear Ms. Xulu

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

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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Please find attached one (1) hard copy and one (1) CD copy of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for the above mentioned project. You are hereby afforded a 30 (thirty) day review period from **Monday, 05 February to Wednesday, 07 March 2018** (inclusive) to comment on the Draft BAR.

The report has also been made available at the following locations:

Place	Address	Contact Person	Telephone
Kriel Public Library	Cnr. Quinton & Hendrikz, Kriel, 2271	The Librarian	017 648 2241
The Draft BAR and associated WULA is also available on the GIBB website at the following link: • https://projects.gibb.co.za/Sublime_Access_Road_Upgrades_BA • A CD copy is available upon request.			

Please register all written comments on the abovementioned project to GIBB. Comments can be submitted by post, fax or email to the GIBB Public Participation Office (details provided below) by no later than **Wednesday, 07 March 2018**.

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

Yours faithfully,
For GIBB



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