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Dear Ms. Pamela Ntuli

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

As per previous communication, 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 abovementioned project in order to provide access to the Exarro Coal Mine in Matla, Mpumalanga Province.

An Application for Environmental Authorisation was submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) (DEA reference 14/12/16/3/3/1/1879). This Application has however lapsed in terms of the legislated timeframes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014 (as amended). A new Application was subsequently submitted to the DEA on 28 June 2018. The Draft Report will thus be made available for public review again.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Please find attached 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, 09 July to Friday, 10 August 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 Public Participation Office. Comments can be submitted by post, hand delivered or email (details provided below) by no later than **Friday, 10 August 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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