



**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADE TO SUBLIME ACCESS ROAD AND NEW INTERSECTION WITH R580, EXARRO MATLA MINE, EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE
(DEA REF NO: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1879)**

Notice is hereby given that Eskom Holdings (SOC) Ltd (Eskom) has submitted an application for Environmental Authorisation to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014 (as amended) 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 FOLLOWING LISTED ACTIVITIES ARE TRIGGERED IN TERMS OF THE NEMA LEGISLATION:

- NEMA Listing 1 (GN R. 327): Activity No. 19 and 56
- NEMA Listing 3 (GN R, 324): Activity No. 12; 14(a) (ff); and 18.

THE FOLLOWING LISTED ACTIVITIES ARE TRIGGERED IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL WATER ACT LEGISLATION:

- Section 21 (c & 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTING:

GIBB (Pty) Ltd (GIBB) has been appointed as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Exarro to undertake the necessary environmental authorisations (Basic Assessment) and associated public participation processes in support of the above applications.

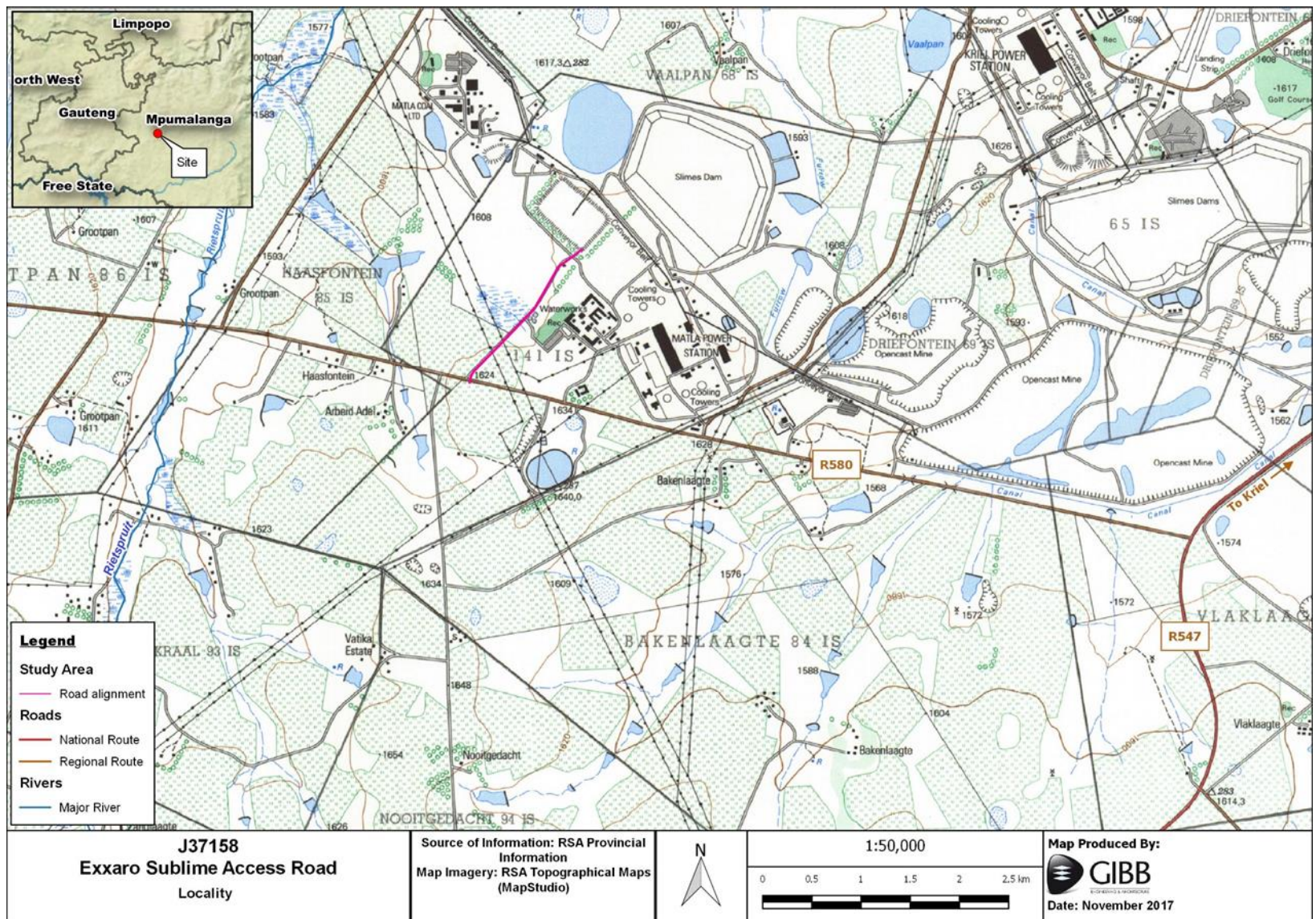


Figure 1: Locality Map

OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER AS AN I&AP AND TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS

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

Place	Address	Telephone
Kriel Public Library	Cnr. Quinton & Hendrikz, Kriel, 2271	017 648 2241

The Draft BAR 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.

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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