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To: Interested & Affected Party
From: Environmental Assurance (Pty) Ltd.
Date: 28 June 2018
Subject: Notice of Public Participation Process

NOTICE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

**WULA: PROPOSED COAL MINING BY UMLABU COLLIERY NEAR ERMELO, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE
(ENVASS REF: 066_18-19)**

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process in terms of Regulation 41 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2014 as promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) [as amended] and Chapter 4, Section 41(4) and Regulation 17 of the Regulations Regarding the Procedural Requirements for Water Use Licence Applications and Appeals of 2017, promulgated in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) [as amended].

Location: Farm MOOIFONTEIN 109 IT, VOORSLAG 274 IS, STERKFRONTEIN 242 IS and VLAKFRONTEIN 108 IS within the boundaries of the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and the Gert Sibande District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province

National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998): An application for a water use licence is lodged in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) to undertake the following activities:

- (a) taking water from a water resource;
- (c) impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse;
- (g) disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource;
- (i) altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse; and
- (j) removing, discharging or disposing of water found underground if it is necessary for the efficient continuation of an activity or for the safety of people.

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE AND COMMENT ON THE WULA PROCESS:

Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register. I&APs should refer to the relevant reference number(s) and must provide their comments together with their name, contact details (preferred method of notification, e.g. email address or fax number) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in



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the application to the contact person indicated below within 60 days from the date of this notice (i.e. **28 June - 28 August 2018**). All comments must be directed to Mr Corrie Retief by any of the following methods:

- Written submission to 394 Tram Street, Nieuw Muckleneuk, Pretoria, 0181
- Email addressed to Corrie Retief at pp@envass.co.za
- Faxing of written comments to 012 460 3071.

We look forward to your valued comments.

Note: If you are aware of any other parties that may be interested in this project please feel free to pass this information on to them or alternatively provide us with their contact details.

INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC MEETING:

All Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to attend a public meeting on **13 August 2018**.

Venue: Barnyard Venue, R36, Ermelo, 2350
GPS: 26°27'29.4"S 30°01'30.4"E
Time: 10:00-12:00

A technical presentation will be presented on the following:

- Background of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and the Applicant (Umlabu Colliery);
- Project overview and authorisations applied for in terms of legislation;
- Specialist studies conducted;
- Potential environmental impacts identified; and
- Public participation process.

For more information on the Water Use Licence Application or location and time of the public meeting, please contact Mr. Corrie Retief at the contact details above or at 012 880 1535 / 012 460 9768.

Kind Regards

Corrie Retief

Environmental Consultant