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

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, (Eskom), has applied for environmental authorisation for the abovementioned project.

Please find attached two (2) hard copies and two (2) electronic copies of the Revised Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for your perusal. Please note that the Revised BAR has been submitted to the following State Departments for their comments. As per Regulation 56 (b) of GN No. R543 should no comments be received within the 30 day public comment period, it will be assumed that the State Department has no comments.

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Dear Mr KM Mohlaseedi

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

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Please find attached one (1) CD copy of the Revised Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for the above mentioned project. You are hereby afforded a 30 (thirty) day review period from **Thursday, 26 April to Monday, 28 May 2018** (inclusive) to comment on the Revised 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 Revised BAR and associated WULA is also available on the GIBB website at the following link:			
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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 **Monday, 28 May 2018**.



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Yours faithfully,
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Study Area:

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.

The purpose of the Project:

At present, the Matla Coal Mine is accessed via the R580 intersection with Sublime Access Road. However, there has been increased traffic from coal imports to sustain the Matla Power Station burn rate, due to decreased production from Matla Colliery. Therefore, to accommodate the increased traffic, road infrastructure improvements are proposed (new intersection off R580 and the upgrade of the existing Sublime Access Road) to the existing stockpile exit road. Sublime Access Road requires the upgrading of the current pavement layers, which will need to be surfaced as well as widened. The upgrading of the intersection to accommodate the slow turning traffic onto the R580 provincial road is required.

Legislative requirements:

Eskom has submitted an application for Environmental Authorisation with the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in terms of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, April 2017 for the abovementioned project.

The following listed activities have been triggered in terms of the above legislation:

Government Notice	Listed Activities
R 327	19; and 56
R324	12; 14 (a) (ff); and 18

Further to this, a Water Use License General Authorisation will be required in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), Section 21 (c) and (i).

Specialist Studies

The following specialist studies have been conducted for the BA study and WULA:

- Ecological Impact Assessment;
- Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Impact Assessment;
- Palaeontological Impact Assessment
- Wetland Impact Assessment; and

Review of the Revised Basic Assessment Report

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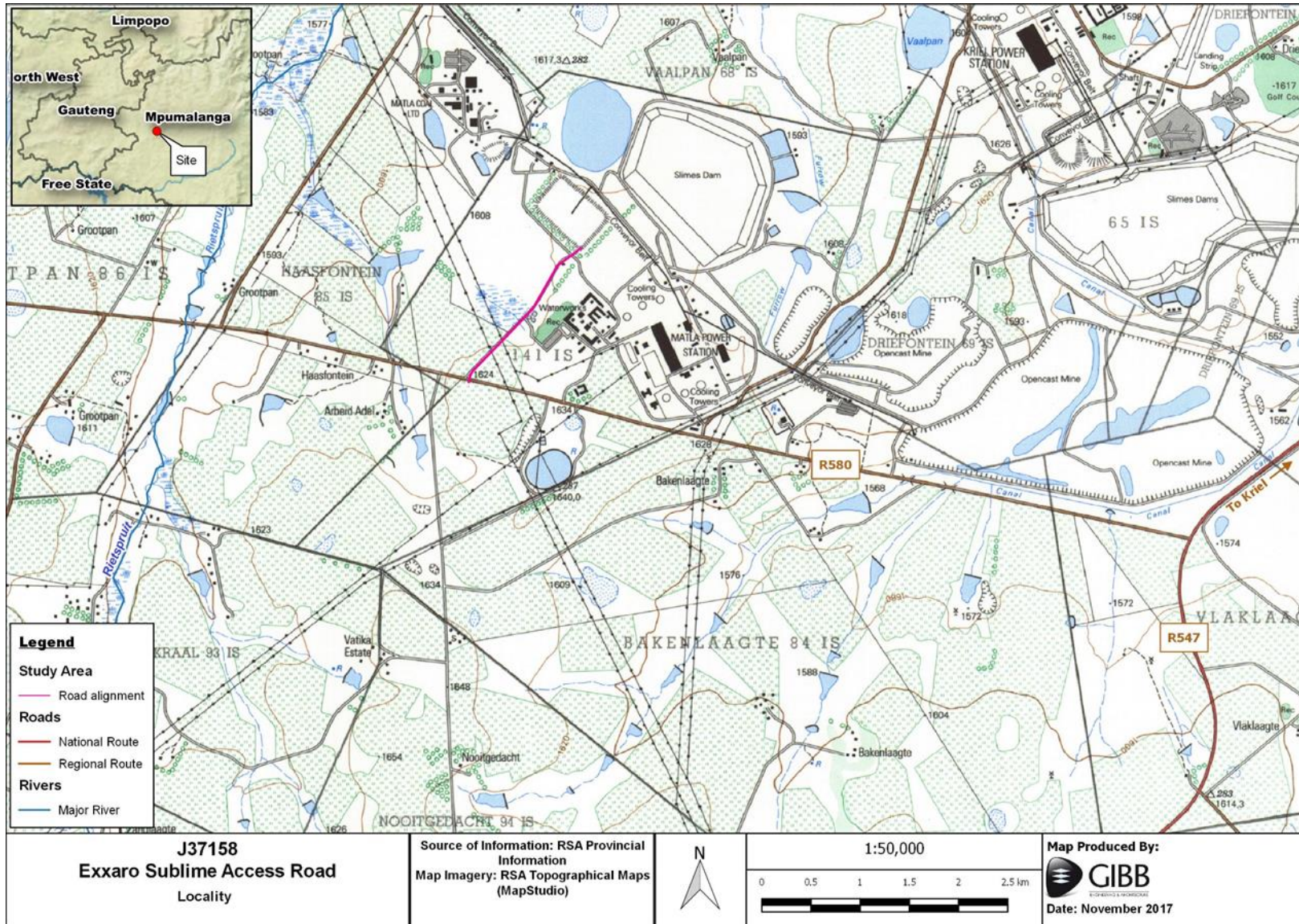


Figure 1: Locality Map

