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Dear Stakeholder,

Environmental Authorisation process for the proposed development of a coal de-stoning plant and associated discard disposal site for Anglo American Thermal Coal's New Denmark Colliery near Standerton, Mpumalanga province

MDEDET Number: 17/2/3 GS-167 & DMR Ref Number: MP30/5/1/2/2/(74) MR

- **Acceptance of Final Scoping Report and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment**
- **Next Steps in the Environmental Authorisation Process**

We would like to thank all the stakeholders who participated in the environmental authorisation and stakeholder engagement process throughout the Scoping Phase of the proposed New Denmark project.

In March 2014, stakeholders were advised of the submission of the Final Scoping Report (FSR) to the lead authorities for the environmental authorisation process. The Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET), as well as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) had 21 days to comment on the FSR and could send their comments to the SRK Consulting Stakeholder Engagement Office or directly to the authorities.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the FSR and plan of study have been evaluated and accepted by the MDEDET.

Next steps in the Environmental Authorisation Process

New Denmark Colliery may now commence with the Impact Assessment Phase of the environmental authorisation process as per regulation R543 30(1) (a) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA). Stakeholders will be informed of the availability of the Draft EIA/EMP Report for public comment during the third quarter of 2014.

Stakeholders will be invited to attend information sharing meetings and will have the opportunity to meet with the project team in order to:

- Discuss and comment on the contents of the Draft EIA Report and its accompanying specialist studies;
- Verify that issues and concerns raised during the Scoping Phase were addressed;
- Clarify any questions or issues, or raise additional issues; and

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- Comment on the findings of the specialist studies.

Stakeholders will be informed when the Draft EIA Report will be available for public comment and the details of the information sharing meetings in due course.

This letter is also available in Afrikaans and isiZulu upon request from the Stakeholder Engagement Office.

Please direct any comments or requests for information regarding the proposed project to:

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Thank you for your contributions to this environmental authorisation process and we look forward to meeting with you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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