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Our ref: LW/kr/1244

Dear Interested and Affected Party

NOTIFICATION REGARDING OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL LICENCING PROCESSES FOR THE KALABASFONTEIN PROJECT IN THE MSUKALINGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Environmental Impact Management services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) has been appointed by Exxaro Coal to assist with undertaking the necessary environmental authorisation and amendment processes for the Kalabasfontein Project which includes the extension of the Forzando South Coal Mine.

The project footprint falls within the Msukalingwa Locality Municipality, Mpumalanga. The project area covers portions 7, 8, RE, 11 and 13 of Farm Kalabasfontein 232 IS. The mining area is situated 20 kilometres north of Bethal and 20 kilometres east of Ga-Nala (Kriel).

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41 of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, promulgated under Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998 – NEMA), of applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA), Water Use License (WUL) and amendment application to an existing Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and Mine Works Program (MWP) for the proposed Kalabasfontein Project which includes the extension of mining operations at Forzando South Coal Mine. During the course of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process the need for a Waste Management License (WML) as well as other environmental legal requirements will be identified.

Forzando Coal Mines (Pty) Ltd wishes to extend the current mining activities at Forzando South underground coal mines (under Mining Right MR380) by inclusion of contiguous areas which are held under Prospecting Rights 1035PR and 1170PR. The proposed extension does not intend to develop new surface infrastructure. There will be a need for two new ventilation shafts at the Forzando South mining area.

As a potential I&AP, you are invited to register and comment on the project. Should you have any comments or concerns regarding the project, or should you require additional information, please contact EIMS telephonically, or in writing by no later than 20 July 2018 using the contact details below. Please include the project reference number (1244) in all correspondence.

Furthermore, please be informed that the Environmental Scoping Report will be available for from 10 July to 10 August 2018, for the perusal and comment of all Interested and Affected Parties. A copy of the report will be available at the Bethal Public Library as well as on the EIMS website (<http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation>).

In order to present the findings of the Scoping Report to the public and to solicit comments on the report, a public meeting will be held on the 25th July 2018 at the Bethal Public Library (Danie Nortje Street, Contact Bettie Jordan, 017 624 3029) from 13h00 to 15h00.

Furthermore, please note that only registered I&APs will be informed of any future project information and participation opportunities.

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Geagte Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party

**KENNISGEWING AANGAANDE DIE GELEENTHEID OM DEEL TE NEEM AAN DIE OMGEWINGS LISENSIËRING
PROSES VIR DIE KALABASFONTEIN PROJEK IN DIE MSUKALINWA PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT,
MPUMALANGA PROVINSIE**

Environmental Impact Management Services (Edms) Bpk (EIMS) is deur Exxaro Coal aangestel om te help met die nodige omgewingsmagtigings- en wysigingsprosesse vir die Kalabasfontein-projek wat die uitbreiding van die Forzando Suid-Steenkoolmyn insluit. Die projek val binne die Msukaligwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Mpumalanga. Die projek area dek Gedeeltes 7, 8, 11, 13, en RE van die Plaas Kalabasfontein 232 IS. Die myngebied is ongeveer 20km noord van Bethal en 20km oos van Ga-Nala (Kriel).

Hiermee word kennis gegee in gevolge Hoofstuk 6 van die 2014 Omgewingsimpakstudie (EIA) regulasies, uitgevaardig kragtens artikel 24 (5) van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (Wet No. 107 van 1998 - NEMA), vir 'n aansoek om Omgewingsmagtiging (EA), Watergebruiklisensie (WUL) (Nasionale Waterwet No 36 van 1998) en 'n wysiging aansoek tot 'n bestaande Omgewingsbestuursplan (EMP) en 'n Myn Werke Program (MWP) Artikel 102 van die Minerale en Petroleum Hulpbronontwikkeling (Wet No 28 van 2002 -MPRDA) vir die voorgestelde Kalabasfontein Projek. Die projek sluit in die uitbreiding van die ondergrondse mynbedrywighede by Forzando Suid Steenkoolmyn tot op die aangrensende Kalabasfontein Plaas. Die behoefte aan 'n Afvalbestuurslisensie (WML- Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur Afval Wet No 59 van 2008) en ander omgewings wetlike vereistes sal geïdentifiseer en gekommunikeer word aan die geregistreerde belangstellende en geaffekteerde partye (B & GP) deur die loop van die Omgewingsimpakstudie (EIA) Proses.

Forzando Coal Mines (Pty) Ltd wil die huidige ondergrondse mynbedrywighede by Forzando Suid-steenkoolmyn (onder mynreg MR380) uitbrei deur die insluiting van die aangrensende gebiede wat gehou word onder prospekterregte 1035PR en 1170PR. Die voorgestelde uitbreiding is nie van plan om nuwe oppervlak infrastruktuur op die uitbreidings gebiede te ontwikkel nie. Daar sal 'n behoefte wees vir twee nuwe ventilasie skagte binne die myngebied van Forzando Suid.

As 'n potensiële Belangstellende & Geaffekteerde Party (B & GP), word u uitgenooi om te registreer en kommentaar te lewer aangaande die projek. Indien u enige kommentaar of bekommernisse het met betrekking tot die projek, of as u verdere inligting verlang, kan u EIMS telefonies of skriftelik kontak teen nie later as 20 Julie 2018 deur gebruik te maak van die kontak besonderhede hieronder. Sluit asseblief die projek verwysingsnommer (1244) in alle korrespondensie in.

Verder, wees asseblief ingelig dat 'n Omvangsbepalings verslag beskikbaar sal wees van 10 Julie tot 10 Augustus 2018 vir hersiening en kommentaar van alle B & GPe. 'n Harde kopie van die verslag sal beskikbaar wees by die Bethal Biblioteek (Danie Nortje Straat, kontak: Bettie Jordan op 017 624 3029) sowel as op die EIMS webtuiste (<http://www.eims.co.za/public-participation>).

Ten einde, die bevindinge van die Omvangsbepalings verslag aan die publiek te bied, en om die kommentaar op die verslag te verkry, sal 'n publieke vergadering gehou word op 25 Julie 2018 by Bethal Biblioteek, Danie Nortje Straat (017 624 3029, Bettie Jordan) vanaf 13h00 tot 15h00. Verder, neem asseblief kennis dat slegs geregistreerde B & GPe in kennis gestel sal word van enige verdere projek inligting en deelname geleenthede.

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