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Dear Stakeholder

Environmental Impact Assessment Application for the proposed New Koffiefontein Slime Dam Development at Koffiefontein Diamond Mine.

REF NR: EMS/23(ii), 3, 15/14/11; NEAS Ref: FSP/EIA/0000379/2014,

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is being undertaken for the proposed new slimes dam and associated infrastructure at Koffiefontein Diamond Mine. The Koffiefontein Diamond Mine is located on the Remaining Extent of the Farm Koffiefontein 733 in the Free State Province.

The mine is running out of space for disposal of slimes from the diamond mining and processing operations. A new slimes dam will be required and will be sized to cater to the extension of the Life of Mine. The slimes dam will be located on mining property and adjacent to existing slimes dams. The new proposed slimes dam will be build in an environmentally responsible manner. Petra Diamonds' expansion plan at Koffiefontein Mine is expected to increase production by the year 2017. The current mine plan has a life of 12 years, but the orebody remains open at depth so the actual Life of Mine could be considerably longer.

Zitholele Consulting has been appointed by Koffiefontein Diamond Mine Joint Venture to do an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Application for this proposed additional slime dam and associated infrastructure. The EIA will identify, propose and assess feasible sites for locating the preferred slime dam, different technologies for the managing of slime and various possible designs for disposal facilities.

Associated infrastructure may include:

- Services including water supply in the form of pipe lines,
- Access and maintenance roads to the slime dam.

An EIA must be conducted according to the National Environmental Management Act, (Act No 107 of 1998, and approved by the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Free State Province (*the DETEA*)).

Sharon Meyer of Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner for this EIA. The decision-making authority for this project is the DETEA.

You are invited to register as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) and to participate in this environmental process by using the registration and comment sheet in the enclosed Background Information Document. Please return the comment sheet at the latest by 05 July 2014 for this initial public notification process, although submissions and public participation will continue throughout the EIA process.

Kindly send your reply to at the Public Participation Office on fax number 086-676-9950 or e-mail to publicprocess@zitholele.co.za. You are also welcome to contact Zitholele Consulting on (011) 207-2060. This assessment is being conducted on behalf of Koffiefontein Diamond Mine.

Yours sincerely



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