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Our Ref : 19150-L-006

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Your Ref: Glubay Coal - Springfield Project

Attention : I&APs and Stakeholders

Dear I&APs and Stakeholders

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR PROPOSED MINING ACTIVITIES FOR MINING COAL IN TERMS OF REGULATION 16 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMENDED ("NEMA"), THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ("EIA") REGULATIONS, 2014 IN RESPECT OF PORTIONS 2, 16, 22, 29, 30, 34, 35, 39, 54, 55, 64, 65, 66, 83, 84, 85, 93, 97, 99, 100, 102, 105 AND 106 OF THE FARM KOOKFONTEIN 545 IQ, PORTIONS 16, 89 AND 101 OF THE FARM WALDRIFT 599 IQ AND PORTION 159 OF THE FARM VLAKFONTEIN 546 IQ; SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF SEDIBENG

- **EIA PROCESS UPDATE AS OF 12 NOVEMBER 2021**

Following the last communication to I&APs and stakeholders on 15 September 2021 (Letter 19150-L-005) informing I&APs that the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report would not be made available on 16 September 2021 as previously communicated, we apologise for the lack of communication since then. Glubay Coal understands that it is important for stakeholders, especially landowners, to be kept up to date with process timelines in order to take into account in their future planning.

Since our last communication, Glubay Coal has been in the process of revising the proposed mining layouts and specialist studies to ensure all comments received thus far from I&APs are adequately addressed. Unfortunately, this process doesn't happen in isolation and many other aspects, including specialist studies and recommendations, need to be considered, amended, and updated. Through this process, Glubay Coal is trying to be as thorough as possible in the consideration of these aspects to ensure that all aspects are considered and none are missed.

- **DMRE APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF EIA TIMEFRAMES**

Due to the revision of the mining layouts and amendments to existing studies and processes, Glubay Coal has requested for an extension to the submission timeframes from the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE). DMRE granted the request for extension in a letter dated 29 October 2021. This decision was communicated to Glubay Coal on 12 November 2021.

The DMRE letter stipulates that *"an extension to submit the final Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which includes specialists study and proof of consultation with the interested and affected party has been granted until 29 July 2022."*

A copy of the letter can be downloaded at the link: <https://tinyurl.com/btvcers> or from the online portals referenced in this letter.



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Glubay Coal will communicate the updated EIA process schedule once the schedule has been amended.

- **ACCESS TO APPLICATION REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

All I&APs are hereby informed that Zitholele Consulting's website has been restored and are up and running again. Information relating to the Glubay Coal – Springfield Project can be accessed at the following link:

- <http://www.zitholele.co.za/environmental/>, under the heading “Glubay Coal – Springfield Project”.

To ensure all I&APs have continued access to the application reports and information, Zitholele will also maintain the three (3) independent online portals where the same information published on the Zitholele Consulting website will be available for the duration of the project. The three online portals can be accessed at the following weblinks:

- <https://tinyurl.com/SpringLink1>
- <https://tinyurl.com/SpringLink2>
- <https://tinyurl.com/SpringLink3>

- **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DESK CONTACT DETAILS**

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Yours faithfully



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Attachment: None