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Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE ROUTE DETERMINATION OF THE METRO BOULEVARD, CITY OF JOHANNESBURG: AVAILABILITY OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (Gaut:002/06-07/N0169)

Background

Arcus GIBB (Pty) Ltd (Arcus GIBB) were appointed to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the route determination of the Proposed Metro Boulevard, a road that may be constructed by the Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA). The route determination of roads is an activity, which requires an environmental authorisation in terms of section 24 (F) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998, "NEMA").

The EIA has included an extensive public participation process, which commenced in August 2006. Through this process you were identified and registered by Arcus GIBB as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP). This letter serves to update you on the status of the EIA.

EIA Process to date

The Draft Scoping Report (DSR) was compiled and distributed for public comment on 21 May 2007. The public commenting period for the DSR was 30 days, however, for various reasons, the commenting period was extended for an additional 14 days, ending on 5 July 2007. A number of comments on the report were received and Arcus GIBB considered these comments in the compilation of the Final Scoping Report (FSR).

The FSR was submitted to the Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment (GDACE) for their review in September 2007 and was accepted on 7 February 2008. A number of additional issues were raised by GDACE during their review period, which required further assessments by the project team and various specialists causing a delay of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

The DEIR was released for public review on 12 November 2008, the commenting period ended on 11 December 2008. The public meeting held on 26 November 2008 resulted in the call for an additional meeting with the JRA present. The second meeting for the EIA Phase was held on 19 February 2009. All I&APs were given an extension to the commenting period after the second meeting for a period of two weeks. The Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) was then finalised.

This letter serves to inform you that the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the above-mentioned project has been submitted to the relevant competent authority, GDACE on this day, **14 April 2009** for Authorisation.

All comments received during the commenting period of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) were incorporated and addressed in the Comments and Response Report appended to the FEIR.

Should you wish to view the FEIR and Appendices, please follow the link provided below:



<ftp://ftp.gibb.co.za/public/rivonia/Metro%20Boulevard/>

The timeframes within Government Notice R.385, promulgated in terms of section 24 of NEMA, indicate that within 60 days of receipt of a FEIR, GDACE will in writing inform and advise Arcus GIBB as to whether the report has either been accepted, rejected or whether particular amendments are required.

You will be kept informed of any decisions made.

We are grateful for all comments received to date and we appreciate your ongoing involvement in this project.

You are welcome to contact us should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely
for Arcus GIBB (Pty) Ltd

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