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Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE ROUTE DETERMINATION OF THE PROPOSED METRO BOULEVARD: AVAILABILITY OF FINAL SCOPING REPORT AND PLAN OF STUDY FOR EIA

Background

ARCUS GIBB (Pty) Ltd (ARCUS GIBB) was 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 includes 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.

Status of the EIA

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 has considered these comments in the compilation of the Final Scoping Report (FSR).

The FSR differs from the DSR in the following respects:

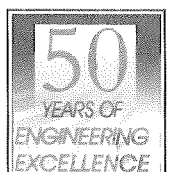
- All written comments received on the DSR have been responded to within the Comments and Response Report (Appendix AA of the FSR);
- Based on the comments received, ARCUS GIBB has identified the need for two additional specialist studies, namely agricultural potential and property value assessment. The terms of reference for these two studies has been included within the Plan of Study for EIA; and
- The I&AP Database has been amended and updated.



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The FSR has been submitted to the Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment (GDACE) for their review. The timeframes within Government Notice R.385, promulgated in terms of section 24 of NEMA, indicate that within 30 days of receipt of a FSR, GDACE will in writing inform and advise ARCUS GIBB as to whether the report has either been accepted, rejected or whether particular amendments are needed.

Electronic copies of the FSR, as submitted to GDACE, may be obtained from Ms. K. Moodley at ARCUS GIBB by addressing your request to kmoodley@gibb.co.za. Hard copies of the report may be viewed at the locations listed below.

Venue	Contact Person	Contact Number
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Way forward

Should GDACE request amendments to the FSR, these amendments will be communicated to you. The Impact Assessment Phase will commence as soon as the FSR is accepted and the results of this phase will be formulated into a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), which will be distributed for public comment as soon as it is complete.

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

For and on behalf of ARCUS GIBB (Pty) Ltd



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