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Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE ROUTE DETERMINATION OF THE PROPOSED METRO BOULEVARD: AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT 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 is now available for public review. The public commenting period shall commence from **12 November 2008** and end on **11 December 2008**, after which the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) will be submitted to the Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment (GDACE) for a decision.

You are invited to attend an Information Sharing Meeting that will be held as follows:

Venue: St. Michaels & All Angels Anglican Church, 1123 Cornelius Street, Weltevreden Park

Date: Wednesday 26 November 2008

Time: 19h00 – 20h30 (Registration at 18h30)

The meeting will comprise of a presentation of the proposed project, the EIA process followed to date and includes a layout of the proposed route.

Electronic copies of the DEIR, 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.

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Way forward

The timeframes within Government Notice R.385, promulgated in terms of section 24 of NEMA, indicate that within 45 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 needed. Should GDACE request amendments to the FSR, these amendments will be communicated to you.

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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