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Link to public documents www.zitholele.co.za/environmental
(Under "Vlakfontein Mining Right Application" heading)

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTIFICATION: GLUBAY COAL (PTY) LTD, VLAKFONTEIN MINING RIGHT APPLICATION, GP30/5/1/2/2/10114MR: AMENDED DRAFT EIAR AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT

Notification issued in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended) (EIA Regulations), Regulation 23(1)(b) read with Regulation 41(5)

1. INTRODUCTION

Our prior correspondence dated 18 March 2024 regarding the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (Draft EIAR) for public comment refers.

Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd would like to inform you, as a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), that a **AMENDED** Draft EIAR is available for public review and comment. During the previous public comment period (between 18 March and 23 April 2024), many I&APs had concerns regarding potential impacts of the project that were not fully addressed, as a number of key studies had not yet been finalised at the time. I&AP concerns furthermore informed updates in the Amended Draft EIAR, with the result that significant new information has been added to the document.

2. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

In addition to the Amended Draft EIAR, the following new or amended Specialist Studies and Reports are available for public comment:

- 1) Appendix 3A: Infrastructure Design and Water Management Report
- 2) Appendix 3C: Geotechnical Investigation
- 3) Appendix 3D: Hydrogeological Assessment
- 4) Appendix 3E: Soil, Land Capability and Agricultural Agro-Ecosystem Assessment
- 5) Appendix 3F: Hydropedological Assessment
- 6) Appendix 3G: Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment
- 7) Appendix 3H: Aquatic Ecosystem Delineation
- 8) Appendix 3I: Air Quality Impact Assessment
- 9) Appendix 3J: Environmental Noise Impact Assessment
- 10) Appendix 3K: Blasting and Vibration Impact Assessment
- 11) Appendix 3L: Heritage Impact Assessment
- 12) Appendix 3M: Palaeontological Impact Assessment
- 13) Appendix 3O: Social Impact Assessment
- 14) Appendix 3P: Community Health Impact Assessment
- 15) Appendix 3Q: Traffic Impact Assessment
- 16) Appendix 3R: Geochemical Assessment and Waste Classification Report
- 17) Appendix 5: Public Participation Process Report for the EIR Phase
- 18) Appendix 6: Impact Assessment Tables
- 19) Appendix 7: Rehabilitation, Decommissioning and Closure Plan

The Amended Draft EIAR and Specialist Studies are available from **Tuesday, 11 June 2024 to Friday, 12 July 2024**. Copies of the Amended Draft EIAR and Specialist Studies are available at the following locations:

- Zitholele website: www.zitholele.co.za/environmental, under heading "Vlakfontein Mining Right Application".
- Printed copies are available at the following publicly accessible places:

Public Venue	Physical Address
Roshnee Library	17 Bilal Drive, Roshnee, Vereeniging, 1939
Rust-Ter-Vaal Library	Kiepersol Street, Rust Ter Vaal, 1936
Meyerton Library	Intshe Street, Loch Street, Meyerton, 1690
Sicelo Library	18 Pou Street, Meyerton Park (Farms), 1960
Vereeniging Library	Leslie Street, Vereeniging, 1939

3. INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE AMENDED DRAFT EIAR AND SPECIALIST STUDIES

We would like to thank all I&APs who contributed comments during the previous public comment period (between 18 March and 23 April 2024). Comments received from I&APs during the previous comment period have been recorded in a Comment and Response Register (CRR) that is available for download from the Zitholele website link or at the various public libraries listed above. Note however that responses have not been included at this stage. Upon conclusion of the comment period for the Amended Draft EIAR (between 11 June and 12 July 2024), all comments received to date during both public comment periods will be responded to in the CRR. The CRR will be included in the Final EIAR that will be submitted to the Competent Authority. The CRR, with all comments and responses will be made available to all registered I&APs once finalised.

Note: Comments received on or before Friday, 12 July 2024 will be responded to in the CRR. Any comments received after this date will be submitted to the DMRE.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS

Should you wish to obtain more information or comment on the Amended Draft EIAR or Specialist Studies, please contact the Public Participation Office via the following means:

Email Address: glubay.ppp@zitholele.co.za

Vlakfontein Application Google Forms Link: <https://forms.gle/99dWNn7RqMmeQwFAA>

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Sincerely,

Public Participation Office

For Zitholele Consulting (Pty) Ltd

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