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NOTICE 120 OF 2016

**GAMAGARA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY****ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE NEW
KATHU CEMETERY
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

The Gamagara Local Municipality (Gamagara Municipality) proposes to develop additional space for graves in the town of Kathu. The existing Kathu Cemetery is located approximately 3.5 km north-east of central Kathu on the remaining extent of the farm Uitkoms 463 (immediately East of the N14 road), and falls within the Gamagara Municipality and John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality, in the Northern Cape. The cemetery is nearing capacity and thus additional space is necessary due to the rapid expansion of the town of Kathu which is partly due to the resettlement of the Dingleton residents as a result of the expansion of the Sishen Iron Ore Mine. Due to the existing Kathu Cemetery being located in the protected Kathu Forest, extending the cemetery on the farm Uitkomst 463 is not possible. An alternative location has been proposed and is the only feasible alternative for the new cemetery. The best viable alternative is to establish a new cemetery on the remaining extent of the farm Lylyveld 545, approximately 13 km south of central Kathu. The new Kathu Cemetery will be approximately 5 hectares (ha) in extent on land owned by the SIOC. The land for the new cemetery will be transferred to the Gamagara Municipality through a land swap agreement as part of the Dingleton Resettlement project.

Construction of the new Kathu Cemetery will include site clearance, establishing access to the cemetery, internal roads, fencing, ablution facilities linked to a possible septic tank system, a parking area for approximately 100 cars, night time security lighting, a borehole for water supply (to be taken from the existing Lylyveld mine pipeline that crosses the farm) and waste collection bins.

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998) as amended, and the EIA Regulations (GNR 982-985, published on 4 December 2014), the proposed cemetery requires a Basic Assessment Process to be conducted. Notification is hereby given that the Gamagara Municipality is submitting an application for a New Kathu Cemetery to the Department of the Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC), who is the competent authority. The activities in terms of NEMA, identified at this stage, being applied for include: GNR983 Activities 23 (development of a new cemetery), 24 and 56 (Possible construction and/or widening/lengthening of roads), 27 (clearance of indigenous vegetation), 28 (Institutional development on agricultural land).

Synergistics Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd (a SLR Group Company) has been appointed as the independent environmental practitioner responsible for undertaking the necessary environmental work and conducting the public participation process for the project. To raise any questions, register as an interested and affected party or to receive further information, please submit your details to the person listed below.

To register as an Interested and Affected Party (IAP), please respond to this advertisement by 09 December 2016. Please note that you need to register as an IAP to receive further information on the project and review reports.

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