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Dear Stakeholder

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS  
COAL-FIRED POWER STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE - IPP  
WATERBERG (THABAMETSI) POWER STATION, NEAR LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO  
PROVINCE  
(DEA Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/40)**

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**CLIMATE CHANGE AND PALAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
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Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind Regards

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