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TO:

The Centre for Environmental Rights
Second Floor, Springtime Studios, 1 Scott Road, Observatory, Cape
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Attention: Ms Catherine Horsfield, Ms Suzanne Powell, Ms Melissa
Fourie

Dear Ms. Horsfield,

RE: INVITATION TO PRESENT IN AN OPEN FORUM COMMUNITY ORIENTATED
PUBLIC DEBATE, #COMMUNITYWANTSTOKNOW, ON THE SOCIAL, ECONOMICAL AND
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND REMEDIATION OF A PROPOSED COAL MINING
PROJECT NEAR WAKKERSTROOM

The "Voice Community Representative Council" is a Non-Profit
Organisation based out of Volksrust and represents the aspirations
and voices of the majority of the communities in the Dr. Pixley Ka
Isaka Seme Municipality in Mpumalanga.

The community of Dr. Pixley Ka Isaka Seme is deeply concerned with a
number of concerns which your organization and the coalition of
NGO's you represent have made against an upcoming coal mining
project in our Municipality near Wakkerstroom.

We the local directly impacted community, regret that we have not
been consulted or informed in the information which has led you to
fight this development on grounds of environmental and water
degradation, social and economic pitfalls, and we would like to be
more informed on the grounds on which this development project is
being rejected by your organization.

We have therefore organized a ONE DAY OPEN FORUM COMMUNITY ORIENTED DEBATE - #COMMUNITYWANTSTOKNOW scheduled as follow :

Date: 29 June 2018

Time: 10:00

Venue: Volksrust Town Hall

The invitation and the draft agenda is also attached herewith. We have planned 6 presentation slots for your organization and the coalition represented by your organization to pitch your case directly to our community. We have also allocated 3 presentation slots for the mining company and its experts.

We believe that this open community forum would allow our community to listen first hand to your experts/speakers which would enable the community to take an informed view of the development. It would help us to understand the impacts of the proposed mining project on our lives as WE ARE THE DIRECTLY AFFECTED COMMUNITY.

We therefore would be very grateful if you could send your representative/experts to this interactive open debate.

We also extend invitation to the coalition partners through you to come and use these 6 slots to educate the community.

Attached, please find the formal invitation and the draft agenda to be populated by the organizations you chose as speakers/presenters.

Yours sincerely



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Invitation extended to the following organisations via Centre for Environmental Rights:

1. ENDANGERED WILDLIFE TRUST
2. FEDERATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT
3. BIRDLIFE SOUTH AFRICA
4. WWF SA
5. EARTHLIFE AFRICA
6. GROUNDWORK
7. MINING AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY NETWORK OF SOUTH AFRICA
8. ASSOCIATION FOR WATER AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
9. BENCHMARKS FOUNDATION