

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT  
NOTICE OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED  
CONSTRUCTION OF EMANSOMINI PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE IN EMANSOMINI-  
ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY  
DAEA Ref No: DM/0039/2014**

Dear Stakeholder

Date: 29 May 2014

**PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

In terms of the Environmental Impact Regulations, 2010, Regulation 54 under the National Environment Management Act (NEMA) (107 of 1998), Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) must be notified of certain proposed activities and given a chance to be involved in the process. You, as an adjacent Neighbour/Land owner/Organization/Local Authority have been identified as an Interested and Affected Party for the abovementioned project. Details of the project and relevant information regarding the Basic Assessment Process are provided below for your information.

**TITLE OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY**

Emansomini Pedestrian Bridge

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY**

The eThekweni Municipality: Engineering Unit has identified the need to construct a pedestrian bridge to aid residents crossing the Mbokodweni River between Emansomini and Umlazi Y-Section within eThekweni Municipality. The bridge will be a reinforced concrete structure. It will span approximately 90m and have rock/anchored piled foundations. The bridge deck will be 2m wide

**LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY**

The location of the proposed pedestrian bridge will be over Mbokodweni River in between Emansomini and Umlazi Y-Section in Durban South

The geographical coordinates of the site are as follows:

- South (Longitude): 30° 0' 30.17"
- East (Latitude): 30° 52' 26.97"

A locality map is attached with the document. Should you not receive a copy via email/hand delivery please advise the undersigned.

**RELEVANT ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION**

Identification of the proposed activity identified in terms of Sections 24(2)(a) and 24(d) of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (as amended) in G.N. R.543 (18 June 2010) and which must follow the Basic Assessment Process as described in Regulations 21 to 25 of the Environmental Impact Regulations, 2010 promulgated in terms of Section 24(5) NEMA (Act 107, 1998) and published in Listing Notice G.N. R.544 (18 June 2010).

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GN R544, 18 June 2010	11 (x)	A bridge measuring 90m in length, no wider than 2 meters will be built over Mbokodweni River
	18 (i)	The construction of the bridge may result in the infilling or depositing of material of more than 5 cubic metres and the dredging, excavation, removal or soil, sand, pebbles or rock from the watercourse

## BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In line with environmental legislation, the eThekweni Engineering Unit has appointed SiVEST as independent environmental consultants to coordinate and manage the environmental authorization process as contemplated in Sections 24(2)(a) and 24(d) of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (as amended) in G.N. R.543 (18 June 2010). The proposed development requires a **Basic Assessment Process** to be undertaken.

As part of the basic assessment process followed, the following tasks will be completed:

1. Submission of **application form** to DAEA (already undertaken).
2. Submission of a **Background Information Document** (this document) to identified stakeholders including relevant Government Departments, local residents and adjacent landowners on request
3. An **advertisement** in a local, regional and council newspaper, pamphlet distribution and placement of a site notice, inviting written comments giving Interested and Affected Parties a fourteen (14) day period in which to register (already undertaken)
4. Compilation of **Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR)** to be submitted for I&AP's comments for a 40 day comment period
5. Compile I&AP comments and responses into Final BAR.
6. Distribute the **Final BAR, EMP** and supporting documents to I&APs for final comment (21 day period).
7. Submit Final BAR, EMP and supporting documents to DAEA for a decision.
8. DAEA's decision will be distributed to registered I&APs only

## Specialist studies:

The following specialist studies will be undertaken:

- Wetland assessment
- Vegetation assessment

## Public Participation:

The consultation process is predominantly aimed at informing stakeholders of the proposed development and soliciting those environmental issues that need to be addressed during the EIA phase. We hereby request your input on specific matters/issues pertaining to the proposed project. Should you have any comments on this document please submit them to our office within **14 days** of receipt of this document (as described in the EIA Regulations, 2010 Chapter 6) to the contact person given below.

**Please note that in terms of Regulation 56 (c) that as an interested and affected party you need to disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the approval or refusal of the application submitted with your comments.**

**BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS  
EMANSOMINI PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE  
(DAEA REF: DM/0039/2014)  
REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET**

**YOUR COMMENTS AND QUERIES ARE WELCOME**

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY 11TH OF JUNE 2014 BY POST, FAX OR EMAIL TO:**

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PO BOX 1899, UMHLANGA ROCKS, 4320  
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<b>TITLE</b> (Prof/Mr/Mrs)		<b>FIRST NAME</b>	
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<b>ORGANISATION</b>			
<b>POSTAL ADDRESS</b>		<b>POSTAL CODE</b>	
<b>TEL. NO.:</b> (     )		<b>CELL NO.:</b>	
<b>FAX NO.:</b> (     )		<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b>	

What is your main interest with regards to this proposed project?

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What comments / concerns would you like to raise at this stage of the proposed project? (Please use additional pages, if required)

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PLEASE REGISTER THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSON(S) ON THE PROJECT DATABASE:

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Contact details:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Tel.:</b>	<b>Fax:</b>	<b>Cell:</b>	
<b>E-mail:</b>			

IF YOU WISH NOT TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROPOSED PROJECT, AND PREFER TO BE REMOVED FROM THE PROJECTS DATABASE, PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND RETURN THE FORM TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONSULTANTS.

<b>YES</b> , please remove my contact details from the project database	<b>Signature:</b>
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