

Environmental Basic Assessment for the proposed rehabilitation of National Route 6, section 4 at Penhoek Pass.

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 54 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010 (GN No. R543) under Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended, of the intent of the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL) to submit an application for environmental authorisation to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for the planned rehabilitation of National Route 6 Section 4 Penhoek Pass (km 52 to km 66,2). The works require an Environmental Basic Assessment.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project involves the rehabilitation of National Route 6, section 4, south of and at Penhoek Pass between kilometres 52.0 and 66.2. This section of road is between Queenstown and Jamestown in the Eastern Cape Province.

The scope of the project includes the lengthening of the existing climbing lane from the foot of the pass (at km 61.2) to the summit (at km 65.9). The effect of this will be an overall widening of the roadway by approximately 5.0 m. The cross section in the pass will be two 3.5 m lanes in a northerly direction and one 3.7 m lane south with two 1.0 m paved shoulders and a 2.5 m concrete drain. The section of the road before the Penhoek Pass will only be rehabilitated.

The scope also includes the widening of stormwater structures along the entire project where appropriate. All 450 mm diameter pipes will be replaced. No watercourses are being crossed by the road section under investigation, and it is never closer than 32 m from any wetland. The proposed development will include the activity listed under *GNR 546 (19) of 2010 and GNR 544 (47) of 2010*.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED

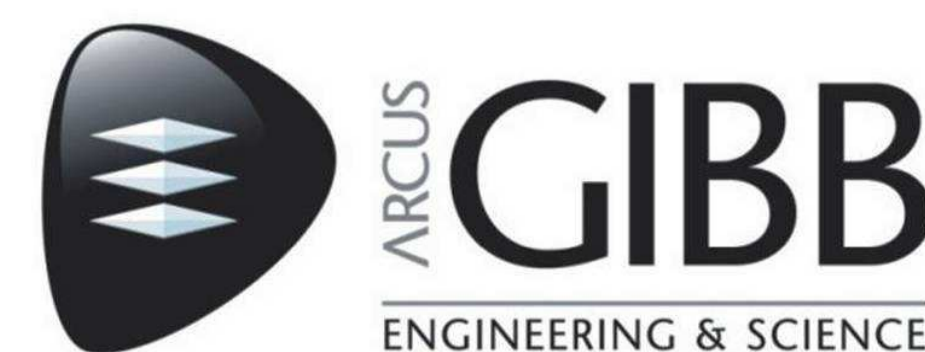
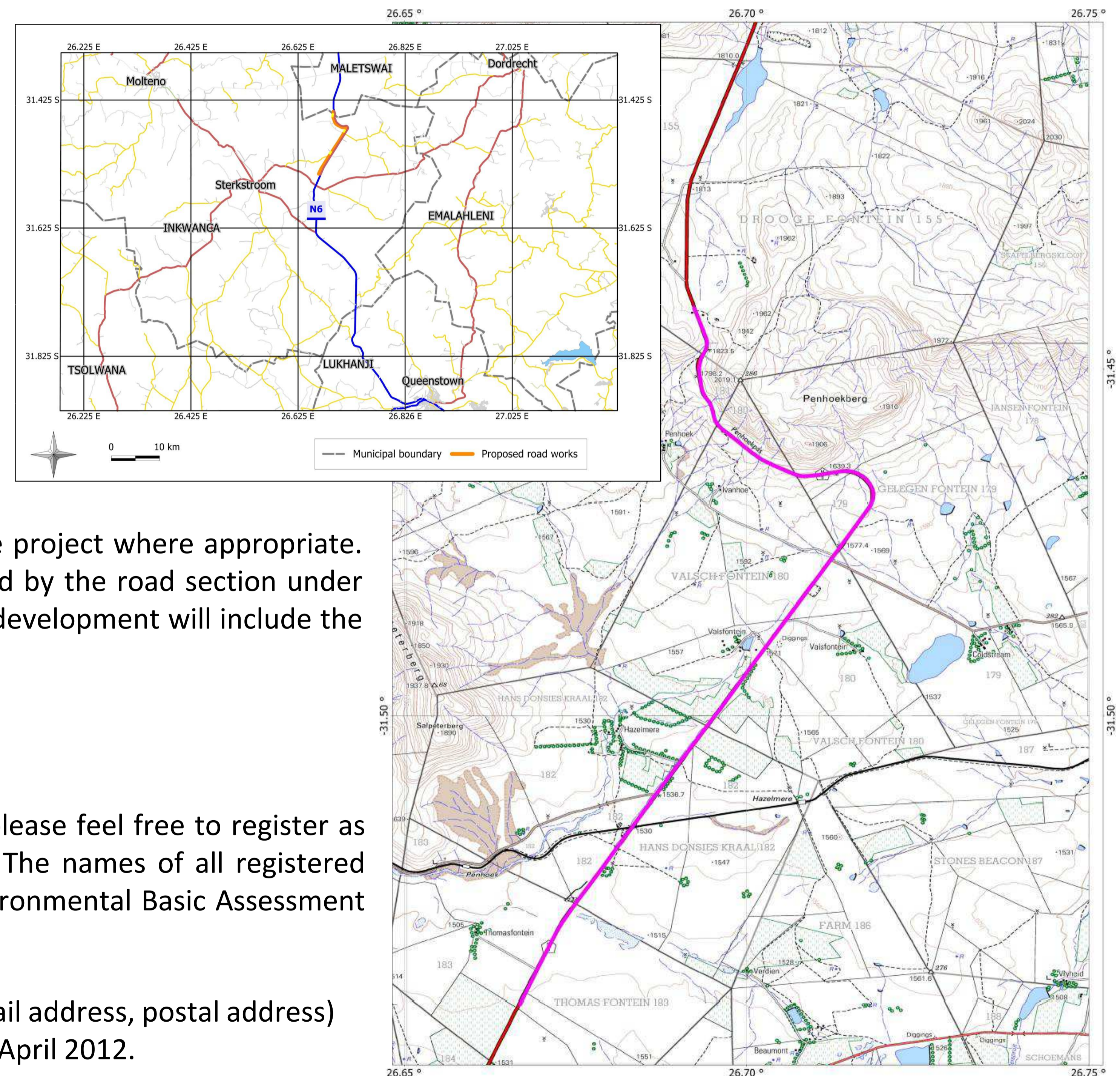
Should you wish to express your views regarding this proposed development, please feel free to register as an Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) by sending us your written comments. The names of all registered I&APs, together with the comments received will be incorporated into the Environmental Basic Assessment application and will be submitted to Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA).

Please submit your name, contact information (address, telephone number, e-mail address, postal address) and written comments to the contact person below before the 5 April 2012.

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