

# **BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

## **NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED RE-INSTATEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF VBC08 WETLAND PROJECT IN SECUNDA, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 326 (2014, as amended) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for submission of an application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 327 and GNR 324 (2014, as amended) and in terms of Section 41(4) of the National Water Act (36 of 1998) (NWA), for the submission of a Water Use Licence (WUL) Application.

**APPLICANT:** Sasol South Africa Limited

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Secunda Operations (SO), a division of Sasol South Africa Limited (Sasol) are proposing the reinstatement of a Channelled Valley Bottom Wetland (VBC08) located below the SO Nitro Fertiliser plant. The reinstatement project entails the installation of up to eighteen wetland restoration structures (weirs) at various points of the VBC08 wetland system. The installation of the weirs will help improve the wetland health by reducing nutrient and salt load into the Bossiespruit. The Secunda Industrial Complex (SIC) is located in Secunda, which is approximately 50 km north of Standerton and 28 km west of Bethal in the Mpumalanga Province. The site is east of the R546 Regional Road and Embalenhle Township and falls within Govan Mbeki Local Municipality of the Gert Sibande District Municipality.

**LOCATION:** Bosjesspruit 291 IS, Secunda X21 – ERF 6687, Brandspruit 318 IS and Twistdraai 285 IS.

### **NATURE OF APPLICATION:**

Application for an environmental authorisation is being made in respect of the following listed activity:

- NEMA EIA Regulations: GNR 327 Activity 12 and 19;
- NEMA EIA Regulations: GNR 324 Activities 3; and
- NWA: Section 21 (c) & (i) water uses 2

### **PUBLIC REGISTRATION AND AVAILABILITY OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT:**

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) was appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Sasol to manage Basic Assessment (BA) and WUL processes. Parties wishing to formally register as interested and affected parties in order to receive more information and/ or raise their comment(s) on the proposed project, are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP and disclose their direct and/or indirect business, financial, personal or other interest in the project. Any comments on the proposed project should be submitted to the EAP via the details provided below. Registered interested and affected parties will be forwarded all future project related correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process.

The Draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available for public review and comment from **8 September to 11 October 2021** for a period of 30 days. The draft report will be made available at the following locations:

- Secunda Public Library (Address: 1 Louwrens Muller St, Tel: 017 620 6000);
- Sasol Charlie 1 Security Entrance; and
- WSP website (<https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>)

Kindly ensure that all comments on the proposed project or requests to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party are submitted to the contact details provided herewith, by **11 October 2021**. Should you have any queries/comments, please do not hesitate to contact the EAP:

**The contact details of the EAP:** (N) Lukanyo Kewana (T) 011 3611400 (E) [Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com](mailto:Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com) (A) PO Box 98867, Sloane Park, 2152







Figure 1: Site Locality Map



# **BASIESE ASSESSERINGSPROSES**

## **KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE HERINSTELLING EN ONTWIKKELING VAN VBC08 VLEILAND PROJEEK IN SECUNDA, MPUMALANGA PROVINSIE**

**Kennisgewing** geskied ingevolge Regulasie 41 (2) van GNR 326 (2014, soos gewysig) gepubliseer kragtens artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (Nr. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) vir die indiening van 'n aansoek om Omgewingsmagtiging (EA) ten opsigte van aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 327 en GNR 324 (2014, soos gewysig) en ingevolge artikel 41 (4) van die Nasionale Waterwet (36 van 1998) (NWA), vir die indiening van 'n Watergebruiklisensie (WUL) aansoek.

**AANSOEKER:** Sasol South Africa Limited

**PROJEEK BESKRYWING:** Secunda Bedrywighede, 'n afdeling van Sasol South Africa Limited (Sasol), stel voor dat 'n Channeled Valley Bottom -vleiland (VBC08) onder die Nitro -kunsmisaanleg herstel word. Die herinstellingsprojek behels die installering van tot agtien vleilandherstelstrukture (stuwwe) op verskillende punte van die VBC08 vleilandstelsel. Die installering van die stutte sal help om die gesondheid van die vleiland te verbeter deur die hoeveelheid voedingstof en sout in die Bossiespruit te verminder. Die Secunda Industriële Kompleks (SIC) is geleë in Secunda, ongeveer 50 km noord van Standerton en 28 km wes van Bethal in die Mpumalanga Provinsie. Die perseel is oos van die R546 Streeks Pad en Embalenhle Township en val binne die Govan Mbeki Plaaslike Munisipaliteit van die Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit.

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**AARD VAN TOEPASSING:** Daar word aansoek gedoen vir 'n omgewingsmagtiging ten opsigte van die volgende gelyste aktiwiteite:

- NEMA OIE -regulasies: GNR 327 Aktiwiteit 12 en 19;
- NEMA OIE -regulasies: GNR 324 Aktiwiteit 3; en
- NWA: Artikel 21 (c) en (i) watergebruik

**REGISTRASIE:** WSP Group Africa (Edms.) Bpk (WSP) is deur Sasol aangestel as die onafhanklike omgewingsbeoordelingspraktisyn (OBP) om die basiese assessering (BA) en WUL -prosesse te bestuur. Partye wat formeel wil registreer as belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye om meer inligting te ontvang en/ of kommentaar op die voorgestelde projek te lewer, word versoek om hul volledige kontakbesonderhede aan die OBP te stuur en hul direkte en/ of indirekte sake bekend te maak, finansiële, persoonlike of ander belang by die projek. Enige kommentaar op die voorgestelde projek moet by die OBP ingedien word via die onderstaande besonderhede. Geregistreeerde belanghebbendes en geaffekteerde partye sal alle toekomstige projekverwante korrespondensie gestuur word en afsonderlik in kennis gestel word van bykomende geleenthede om aan die proses deel te neem.

**ONTWERP BASIESE ASSESSERINGSOORSIGSTYD:** Die konsep BA -verslag sal op die onderstaande plekke beskikbaar gestel word vir hersiening en kommentaar vir 30 dae van 8 September tot 11 Oktober 2021.

- Secunda Openbare Biblioteek (Adres: Louwrens Muller St 1, Tel: 017 620 6000);
- Sasol Charlie 1 Veiligheidsingang; en
- WSP-webwerf (<https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>)

Maak asseblief seker dat alle kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek of versoeke om as 'n belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party geregistreer te word, teen 11 Oktober 2021 by die kontakbesonderhede ingedien is.

**Die kontakbesonderhede van die OBP:** Lukanyo Kewana (T) 011 3611400 (E) [Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com](mailto:Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com) (A) Posbus 98867, Sloane Park, 2152





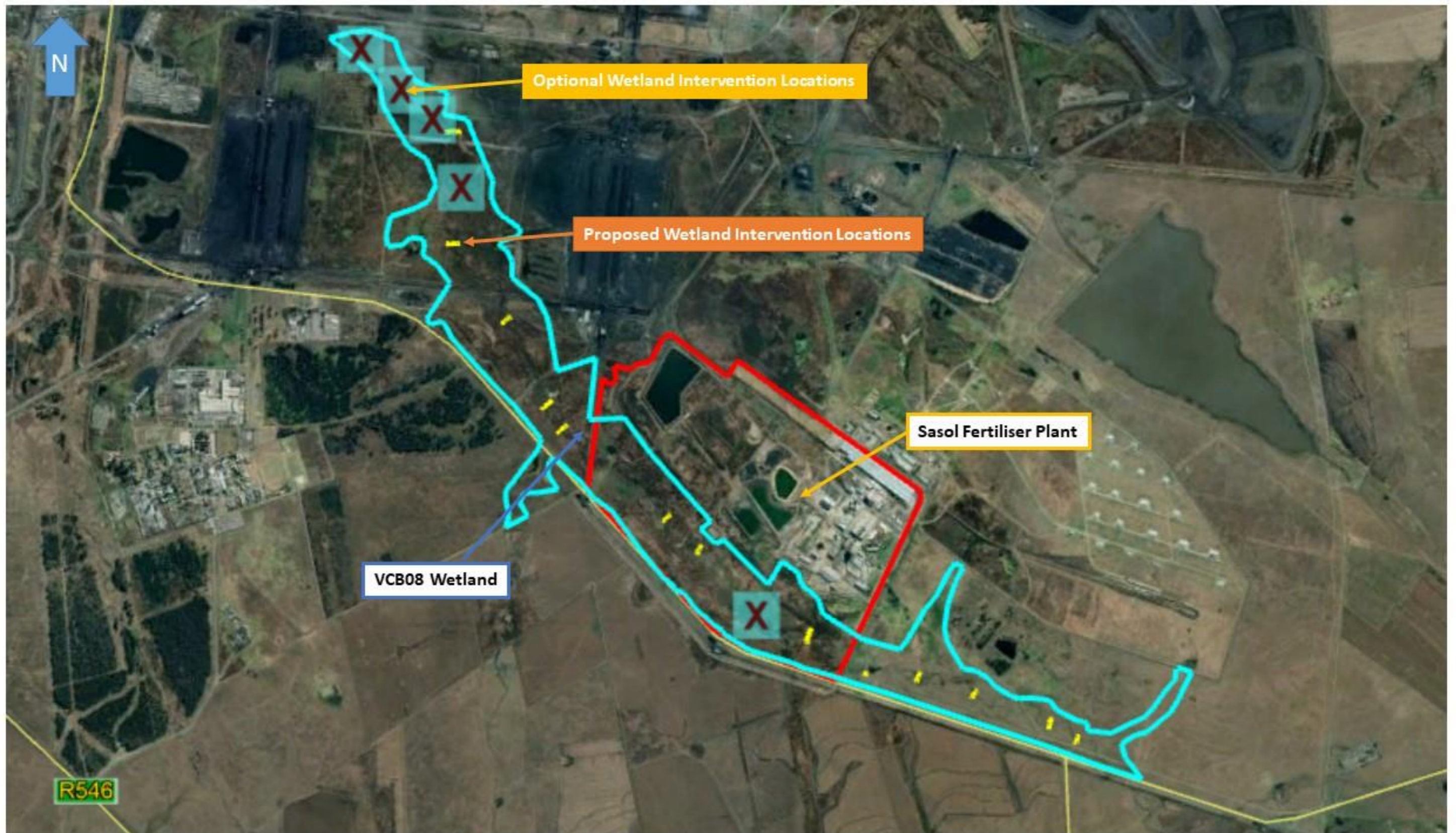


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# **UQHUBO LOKUHLOLA SISEKELO KWEMVELO**

## **ISAZISO SOKUVUSELELWA NOKUTHUTHUKISWA KWE-VBC08 WETLAND PROJECT ESECUNDA, ESIFUNDAZWENI SASEMPUMALANGA**

Isaziso sikhishwa ngokwemigomo yoMthethonqubo 41 (2) we-GNR 326 (2014, njengoba uchitshiyelwe) oshicilelwe ngaphansi kwesigaba 24 no-24D soMthetho Kazwelonke Wokuphathwa Kwezemvelo (No. 107 ka-1998) (NEMA) wokufakwa kwesicelo Sokugunyazwa Kwezemvelo (EA) maqondana nemisebenzi ekhonjwe ngokwe-GNR 327 kanye ne-GNR 324 (2014, njengoba ichitshiyelwe) futhi ngokweSigaba 41 (4) soMthetho Kazwelonke Wamanzi (36 ka-1998) (NWA), ngokufaka Isicelo selayisense lokusebenzisa amanzi (WUL).

**UMFAKISICELO:** Sasol South Africa Limited

**INCAZELO YEPHROJEKTHI:** ISecunda Operations, uphiko lweSasol South Africa Limited (Sasol) ihlongoza ukubuyiselwa kweChanneled Valley Bottom Wetland (VBC08) etholakala ngaphansi kwesitshalo seNitro Fertilizer. Iphrojekthi yokubuyisela kabusha ihlanganisa ukufakwa kwezakhiwo ezingaba yishumi nesishiyagalombili zokubuyiselwa kwamaxhaphozi (iisilawuli samanzi) ezindaweni ezahlukahlukene zohlelo lwamaxhaphozi i-VBC08. Ukufakwa kwalezizakhiwo kuzosiza ukuthuthukisa impilo yamaxhaphozi kanye nomfula i-Bossiespruit. ISecunda Industrial Complex (SIC) itholakala eSecunda, okuyindawo ecishe ibe ngamakhilomitha angama-50 enyakatho yeStanderton kanye namakhilomitha angama-28 entshonalanga neBethal esifundazweni saseMpumalanga. Lesi siza sisempumalanga yoMgwaqo Wesifunda ongu-R546 kanye nelokishi i-Embalenhle futhi singena ngaphansi kukaMasipala Wendawo yaseGovan Mbeki kuMasipala wesiFunda iGert Sibande.

**INDAWO:** Bosjesspruit 291 IS, Secunda X21 – ERF 6687, Brandspruit 318 IS futhi Twistdraai 285 IS.

**UHLOBO LOKUFAKA ISICELO:** Lephrojekthi ithinta lemisebenzi elandelayo:

- Imithethonqubo ye-NEMA EIA: I-GNR 327 Umsebenzi we-12 no-19;
- Imithethonqubo ye-NEMA EIA: Imisebenzi ye-GNR 324 Imisebenzi 3; futhi
- I-NWA: Isigaba 21 (c) & (i) ukusetshenziswa kwamanzi

**UKUBHALISA:** I-WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) yaqokwa njenge-Independent Assessment Practitioner (EAP) ezimele yiSasol ukuphatha Izinqubo Zokuhlola Okuyisisekelo (BA) nezinqubo ze-WUL. Abantu abafisa ukubhalisa ngokusemthethweni njengabantu abathintekayo nabanentshiseleko ukuze bathole ulwazi oluthe xaxa futhi / noma baphakamise imibono yabo ngalo msebenzi ohlongozwayo, bayacelwa ukuba bathumele imininingwane yaboo ephelile ku-EAP futhi badalule ibhizinisi labo eliqondile kanye / noma elingaqondile, intshisekelo yezezimali, intshiseleko yomuntu siqu noma okunye ngalephrojekthi. Noma yikuphi ukuphawula mayelana nephrojekthi ehlongozwayo kufanele kuhanjiswa ku-EAP ngemininingwane enikezwe ngezansi. Amaqembu abhalisiwe anentshisekelo nabathintekayo azodluliselwa yonke imibhalo ehlobene nephrojekthi yesikhathi esizayo futhi aziswe ngamunye ngamathuba angeziwe okubamba iqhaza kule nqubo.

**ISIKHATHI SOKUBUYEKEZA ISIQEPHU SOKUHLOLA:** Lo Mbiko Owuhlaka we-BA uzotholakala ezindaweni ezingezansi ukuze ubuyezwe futhi uphawule ngazo izinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu (30 days) kusukela ngomhla **ka-8 Septhemba kuya kumhla ziyi-11 kuMfumfu 2021**.

- ISecunda Public Library (Ikheli: 1 Louwrens Muller St, Ucingo: 017 620 6000);
- Kwisango lokungena eSasol Charlie 1; futhi
- Iwebhusayithi ye-WSP (<https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>)

Uyacelwa ukuthi uqinisekise ukuthi konke ukuphawula mayelana nephrojekthi ehlongozwayo noma izicelo zokubhaliswa njengeNhlango Enentshisekelo Naleyo Ethintekayo zilethwe kwimininingwane yokuxhumana enikezwe lapha, ungakashayi umhlaka **11 kuMfumfu 2021**. Uma unemibuzo / imibono, sicela ungangabazi ukuxhumana ne-EAP.

**Imininingwane yokuxhumana ye-EAP:** Lukanyo Kewana (**Ucingo**) 011 3611400 (**E**) Lukanyo.Kewana@wsp.com (**A**) PO Box 98867, Sloane Park, 2152







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