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Dear Ms Modipa

BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) AND WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION (WULA) PROCESSES FOR THE PROPOSED INGONYAMA ROAD LINK EXTENSION AND THE ASSOCIATED 60M BRIDGE CROSSING IN DIEPSLOOT, GAUTENG PROVINCE

Johannesburg Development Agency (JDA) proposes to construct a 0.7 ≈ 1 km of the Ingonyama Road Link Extension and the associated 60 m bridge crossing which has been identified as an activity street connecting development nodes in Diepsloot. The project aims at enhancing efficient movement and opportunities for economic development in the area. The proposed road is a major access and connector road traversing through Diepsloot, stretching from the north and south of the Diepsloot Township located within the jurisdiction of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality (CoJ), Gauteng Province.

In terms of Government Notice (GN) No. R.543 of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA), read with GN No. R.544 (Listing Notice No. 1: Activities 9, 11 and 18) and GN No. R.546 (Listing No. 3: Activity 16) of NEMA, a Basic Assessment (BA) Environmental Process is required in order to obtain an Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) for the above mentioned project.

In terms of Section 21 (c), (f) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA), the proposed Ingonyama Road Link Extension and the associated 60m long bridge will also require a Water Use License (WUL) for impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse; discharging waste or water containing waste into the water resource through a pipe, canal, sewer, sea outfall or other conduit; and altering the beds, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse.

The JDA thus appointed Strategic Environmental Focus (Pty) Ltd (SEF), as independent environmental assessment practitioners, to facilitate the BA and Water Use License Application (WULA) Processes for the proposed development.

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Interested and affected parties (I&APs) have an opportunity to **comment on the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR)** by providing issues of concern and/or suggestions for enhanced benefits and/or alternatives and to ensure that the GDARD has sufficient information to make a decision.

*Herewith, please find included a **Soft Copy** of the Draft BAR and associated Appendices for the above project for your review and comment from **Monday, 12 August 2013 to Sunday, 22 September 2013***

The comments are due **on or before Sunday, 22 September 2013.**

Meanwhile, should you have any questions, or would like to obtain more information, please feel free to contact Mr. Mandla Zuma, at Tel: (012) 349 1307, Fax: (012) 349 1229 or **E-mail:** mandla@sefsa.co.za.

We look forward to receiving your comments!

Yours sincerely

** Electronically signed*

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