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INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) AND WATER USE LICENCE (WUL) APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE WATER TREATMENT WORKS (WWTW) IN DULLSTROOM, PHASE 1

The **Nkangala District Municipality** proposes to upgrade the Water Treatment Works (WTW) on portion 36 of the farm Groot-suikerboschkop. The proposed site falls under the jurisdiction of Emakhazeni local municipality, in the Nkangala Region of Mpumalanga and is located adjacent to the municipal Caravan Park on the outskirts of Dullstroom.

The Nkangala District Municipality appointed Strategic Environmental Focus (Pty) Ltd (SEF) as an independent environmental consultancy to facilitate the Basic Assessment (BA) including the public participation process. In terms of Government Notice No. 544 (Listing Notice No. 1) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) [NEMA] the following listed activities are triggered and therefore require Environmental Authorisation by way of a Basic Assessment Process:

GN R 544 of 18 June 2010	Activity No. 9 The construction of facilities or infrastructure exceeding 1000 metres in length for the bulk transportation of water, sewage or storm water - (i) with an internal diameter of 0,36 metres or more; or (ii) with a peak throughput of 120 litres per second or more.
GN R 544 of 18 June 2010	Activity No. 11 The construction of: (ii) channels; (v) weirs; where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.
GN R 544 of 18 June 2010	Activity No. 55 The expansion of a dam where: (i) the highest part of the dam wall, as measured from the outside toe of the wall to the highest part of the wall, was originally 5 metres or higher and where the height of the wall is increased by 2,5 metres or more; or (ii) where the high-water mark of the dam will be increased with 10 hectares or more.

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The following listed activity in Section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 38 of 1998) is also triggered by the project:

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(a)	Taking water from a water resource
(c)	Implementing or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse
(i)	Removing, disturbing or disposing of water found underground if it is necessary for the efficient continuation of an activity for the safety of people

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A Basic Assessment is being conducted to ensure that the environmental impacts that may be associated with the proposed project are taken into consideration. The **Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR)** is available for comment from **Friday, 14 March 2014 to Tuesday 29 April 2014** at the

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following venue (see Table 1) and on the SEF website (see below for more information).

Name of public venue	Name of Contact Person	Contact Number(s)	Viewing Times
Dullstroom Public Library 194 Chunky Mahlangu Drive	Nonki Mboweni	Tel: 013 253 7676	Mon – Fri (08h00 to 16h30)

Should you wish to participate in the BA by contributing issues of concerns/comments, please register as an I&AP by completing the enclosed Registration and Comment Sheet or you can visit SEF's website at <http://www.sefsa.co.za>. To register as an I&AP or comment on the project, click on "Stakeholder Engagement". Click on the "register" button and complete the compulsory fields to register as an I&AP. On completion of these fields, you will receive an email titled "**Stakeholder Engagement – New Registration**". Click on client login and use the emailed details to login in and view the Basic Assessment Report for the **Basic Assessment (BA) and water use licence (WUL) application for the proposed upgrade of the (WWTW) in Dullstroom, phase 1** and associated appendices. Should you have any problems in obtaining the information from the Internet, please feel free to contact SEF for assistance.

The comments are due **on or before Tuesday 29 April 2014**.

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

We look forward to receiving your comments!

Yours sincerely

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