BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTING (BAR) PROCESS AND WATER USE LISENCE AMENDMENT FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADE OF THE DULLSTROOM WATER TREATMENT WORKS (WTW)



INVITATION TO REGISTER AND COMMENT

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Notice is given in terms of Regulations published in Government Notice No. R.543 in Government Gazette No. 33306 18 June 2010, under Section 54(c)(i) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA), that the **Nkangala District Municipality** proposes to upgrade the Dullstroom Water Treatment Works (WTW) on portion 36 of the farm Grootsuikerboschkop. 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 in Dullstroom.

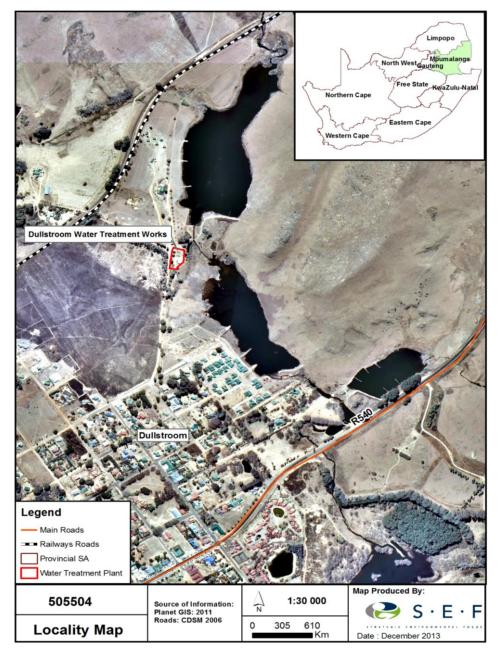
The Nkangala District Municipality has appointed **Strategic Environmental Focus (Pty) Ltd (SEF)** as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to facilitate the Basic Assessment Reporting (BAR) process including the Public Participation process. In terms of Government Notice No. 544 (Listing Notice No. 1, Activity 9, 11 and 55), a Basic Assessment Reporting (BAR) process is required in order to obtain Environmental Authorisation from the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (MDEDET) for the proposed project.

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.

In terms of Section 21 (a),(c) and (i) of the National Water Act,1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) the proposed upgrading of the WTW at Grootsuikerboschkop also requires an amendment of the existing Water Use License (WUL) whichwill be administered by the Department of Water Affairs (DWA)

The **Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR)** for the abovementioned project is available for **public review and comment** from **Friday, 14 March 2014 to Tuesday, 29 April 2014** on SEF's website (<u>www.sefsa.co.za</u>) and at the **Dullstroom Public Library** 194 Chunky Mahlangu Drive. Contact Nonki Mboweni Tel: 013 253 7676.

The Draft BAR may not be removed from the library.



Should you wish to register as an Interested and Affected Party, wish to participate by contributing comments on the Draft BAR, or who would like to obtain more information, please contact:

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