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Dear Sir,

AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (17/2/3/E-313): THE DEVELOPMENT OF BULK SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE (RESERVOIR, WATER AND SEWER PIPELINES) FOR THE PROPOSED TEKWANE SOUTH EXTENSION 2 ON PORTION 7 OF THE FARM TEKWANE 573 JU, MBOMBELA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

You are advised that the Department has, in terms of the powers vested in it by regulation 30 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 promulgated in terms of Sections 24 (5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (as amended) decided to amend the abovementioned environmental authorisation. Details regarding the basis on which the Department reached this decision are attached hereto.

- a) The amendment of the extent to which the activity is authorised by the substitution of the activity table on page 4 of the environmental authorisation dated 3 June 2015 with the following:

Activity number	Activity Description	Extent to which Activity is Authorised Where activities authorized are in accordance with layout plan in the BAR with no. 06U02 dated June 2014
GN R544 Activity 9	The construction of facilities or infrastructure exceeding 1000m in length for bulk transportation of water, sewer or storm water with an internal diameter of 0.36m or more.	The construction of a bulk water pipeline along the D2296 road reserve commencing at 25°28'15.45"S 31°07'23.66"E to the Entokozweni reservoir. The construction of a bulk sewer pipeline as follows: ▪ Start Point: 25°28'22.58"S 31°06'53.49"E ▪ Middle point: 25°28'58.71"S 31°08'48.58"E, across the Reitbokloop at 25°28'52.66"S 31°09'15.79"E ▪ End point: 25°29'12.35"S 31°0'50.38"E
GNR 546 Activity 2	The construction of reservoir for bulk water supply with capacity of more than 250m ³	The construction of a 4ML reservoir at the co-ordinates 25°28'15.45"S 31°07'23.66"E

The decision to amend the environmental authorisation is subject to the following conditions –

1. The following measures are compulsory and must be implemented to minimize and prevent loss of or disturbance to riparian vegetation:
 - i. Loss of trees and excavation of the river bank must be avoided by the method of horizontal drilling.
 - ii. Loss of trees and excavation of the river bank must be minimized by installing the pipeline above ground on pedestals and aligning the pipeline in such a manner to avoid loss or disturbance of large trees.

Your attention is drawn to the National Appeal Regulations, 2014, which regulate appeal procedures. Should you wish to appeal any aspect of the decision, you must, *inter alia*, lodge your appeal with the MEC, within 20 days of the date of receipt of this letter, by means of one of the following methods:

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By post: Private Bag x 11219
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Should you decide to appeal, you must serve a copy of your appeal to all registered interested and affected parties as well as any organ of state with interest in the matter.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties in writing, and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of this letter, of the Department's decision in respect of your application. Such notification must comply with the requirements of Regulation 4(2) and 4(3) and must draw the attention of registered interested and affected parties to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, 2014.

Yours sincerely,



MR. S.S. MALULEKA
CHIEF DIRECTOR: ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
DATE: 28.02.2017

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Reasons for Decision

1. Background

The Department issued an environmental authorisation to the Department of Human Settlement on 3 June 2015 to undertake activities listed in Government Notices R544 and R546 of 18 June 2010 associated with the development of bulk service infrastructure (Reservoir, Water and Sewer pipelines) for the proposed Tekwane South Extension 2 on Portion 7 of the farm Tekwane 573 JU, Mbombela Local Municipality.

The Department considered amending the environmental authorisation for the following reasons –

- a) According to the Amendment Report, the proposed amendments are environmentally, economically and socially sustainable.
- b) According to the Amendment Report, adverse impacts can be sufficiently mitigated.

The amendments contemplated were –

- a) Changing the route of the authorised bulk sewer pipeline.

2. Information considered in making the decision

In reaching its decision, the Department took, *inter alia*, the following into consideration -

- a) The information contained in the amendment application received by the Department on 20 December 2016, the draft amendment report dated December 2016 and received by the Department on 20 December 2016, as well as the final amendment report dated February 2017.
- b) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).

In view of the above, the Department is of the opinion that the amendments would not result in a negative environmental impact that would conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management as laid down in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). It is accordingly decided to amend the environmental authorisation.

