

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP) NOTICE TO UNDERTAKE AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA) AND REGISTRATION OF GENERAL AUTHORISATION (GA) WATER USES**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Chapter 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GG No. 40772, GN No. 326, 07 April 2017) and section 47D of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended, taking into consideration the Public Participation Guideline Document (DEA, 2017) for an application for Environmental Authorisation as well as registration of section 21(c) & (i) water uses under General Authorisation for remediation activities of the Sappi Ngodwana Dam, on Portion 0 of Ngodwana 1030JT, Ehlanzeni District and Mbombela Local Municipalities, for the following authorisations:

### Water Use

A General Authorisation registration (Government Notice No. 509 of 26 August 2016) in terms of Section 39 of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998), is required for the construction-related remedial work on the SAPPi Ngodwana Dam, for the following water uses:

- Section 21(c): impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse;
- Section 21(i): altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse.

### Environmental Authorisation

An Environmental Authorisation is required for the construction-related remedial work on the dam as per the following Listed Activities through a Basic Assessment (BA) process:

#### **Listing Notice 1** (GG No. 40772, GN No. 327, 07 April 2017):

##### Listed Activity 19

The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic metres from a watercourse.

##### Listed Activity 27

The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation.

#### **Listing Notice 3** (GG No. 40772, GN No. 324, 07 April 2017):

##### Listed Activity 4

The development of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13,5 metres.

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i. Outside urban areas:

(ee) Critical biodiversity areas

(gg) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area.

##### Listed Activity 12

The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.

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ii. Within critical biodiversity areas.

##### Listed Activity 18

The widening of a road by more than 4 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre.

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i. Outside urban areas:

(ee) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;

(gg) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area.

##### Listed Activity 23

The expansion of—

(i) dams or weirs where the dam or weir is expanded by 10 square metres or more;

(a) within a watercourse;

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i. Outside urban areas:

(ee) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;

(gg) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area.

Should you require further information, want to make representations in respect of the application, including an appeal and/or request to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party, kindly submit in writing your name, contact details including postal & email address, and interest in the matter to the contact person and in the manner(s) provided below; within 30 days of the date of this advertisement. Date of publication of this notice: 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2020.

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