

# Appendix E

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### Public participation

E1 – Adverts and Posters

E2 – Letter to I&APs

E3 – Comments and Response report: *for submission to DEA after PPP*

E4 – Record of Commenting Authorities contacted: *for submission to DEA after PPP*

E5 – I&AP database

# Appendix E1

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### Public participation

E1 – Adverts and Posters

E2 – Letter to I&AP's

E3 – Comments and Response report: *for submission to DEA after PPP*

E4 – Record of Commenting Authorities contacted: *for submission to DEA after PPP*

E5 – I&AP database

# r ryf igbaar



...vlieg hier oor 'n miedelaland in  
neltuig meet die chlorofil in die

...mmeltuie gebruik infrarool-  
neras om data te versamel  
armee die gesondheid van lan-  
rye gekarteer kan word. Donker  
as dui op gesonde plantegroei.

...er as R4 000 moet betaal, volgens  
...ke se berekening.  
Kieser sê van hierdie lisensies moet  
...ke twee jaar vervang word. Volgens  
...om sal dit vir die meeste individue of  
...einer ondernemings eenvoudig on-  
...ekostigbaar wees en 'n belowende  
...edryf dus kniehalter.  
"Dit is ongelooflik hoe gereeld Suid-  
...frika in die nuus is vir innovasies in  
...die hommeltuigbedryf," sê Kieser.  
...Sy maatskappy, Desert Wolf Const-  
...ing, se Skunk-hommeltuie is wêreld-  
...ekend en het al oorsee teen  
...R500 000 stuks verkoop.

# Rapport

## Hoe kan ons help?

Rapport-intekenare kan ons by die volgende besonderhede kontak met enige navrae.

**Intekenare@media24.com**  
**SMS "diens" na 31069** (SMS kos R1,50)  
**0877 401 067**

**Skakel 086 177 2285**  
**om in te teken**  
**op Rapport**

### PROSES VAN OPENBARE OEFELNAME: WERK-VIR-VLEILANDEPROGRAM

**Voorstel:** Die Werk-vir-Vleilandeprogram beoog om 'n aantal afgetakelde vleilande in Suid-Afrika te rehabiliteer. Die rehabilitasie van vleilande behels die konstruksie van 'n verskeidenheid intervensies wat skansmendjies ("gabions") en betonstrukture kan insluit, asook sagter opsies soos heraanplanting en/of die verwydering van indringerplante. Die aantal, tipe, omvang en ligging van elkeen van hierdie intervensies in vleilande sal verskil na gelang van die eerd en omvang van die probleem en die toestand van die vleiland.

**Wettlike Vereistes:** Goedkeurings word vereis kragtens beide onderskeie wette:

**A. Die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, Nr 107 van 1998 (WNOB), soos gewysig:** Rehabilitasievoorselle vereis 'n Basiese Invloedbeoordeling (BIB) in terme van die WNOB se 2014-regulasies vir Omgewingsinvloedbepalings (OIB). Aurecon Suid-Afrika (Edms) Bpk (Aurecon) is aangestel om die BIB-proses te onderneem, en aparte aansoeke sal vir elke provinsie by die bevoegde owerheid, naamlik die Departement van Omgewingsake (DOS), ingedien word. Die gelyste aktiwiteite wat volgens die 2014 OIB-regulasies op elke aansoek van toepassing is, is Goewermentskennisgewingregulasies (GK R) 983: 12, 15, 17, 46, 49 & 52 (Kennisgewinglys 1) en GK R 985: 14 & 23 (Kennisgewinglys 3).

**WNOB Vrystellings in die openbare deelnameproses:** Die voorneme is om aansoek te doen vir vrystelling van die volgende bepalings van die WNOB:  
\* GK R 982 54(2)(a) 'Plaas 'n kennisgewing by die grens of heining van die terrein'. Aurecon het aansoek gedoen om af te wyk van hierdie vereiste om eerder kennisgewings by plaaslike munisipale kantore te plaas aangesien meeste terreine afgeleë en moeilik bereikbaar is.  
\* GK R 982 54(2)(b)(ii). 'Kennisgewing aan eienaars en bewoners van grond aangrensend aan die terrein waar die aktiviteit sal plaasvind'. Aurecon het aansoek gedoen vir 'n afwyking om alle aangrensende grondelenaars in kennis te stel as gevolg van die klein skaal en positiewe aard van die voorgeselde aktiwiteite, sowel a.g.v. die massa mense wat in kennis gestel sal moet word om een hierdie vereiste te moet voldoen.

**B. Nasionale Waterwet, Nr 36 van 1998 (NWW):** In terme van Artikel 39 van die NWW is 'n Algemene Megtiging (AM) toegestaan vir sekere ektiwiteite wat normaalweg 'n Watergebruiklisensie vereis kragtens die NWW, op voorwaarde dat die ektiwiteite deel van vleilandrehabilitasie is en bewaring die primêre doel van die rehabilitasie is (i.e. GK R 1198 van 18 Desember 2009).

**Geleentheid om deel te neem:** Kennisgewing geskied hiermee van die proses van openbare deelname in terme van die WNOB se OIB-regulasies (2014) en die NWW (1998). Die Konsep BIB-versie vir die vier geëffekteerde provinsies, sowel as die Rehabilitasieplanne vir elke belanghebbende en geëffekteerde partye (B&GPs) beskikbaar gestel word. Alle geïdentifiseerde en geëffekteerde B&GPs sal kennisgewings ontvang voordat hulle kommentaar kan maak op die digitale kopieë van die versie sal beskikbaar wees om af te laai vanaf Aurecon se webtuiste (<http://aurecongroup.com/en/public-participation.aspx>). B&GPs kan ook binne 30 dae vanaf die datum van hierdie advertensie kommentaar lewer op die eengevraagde vrystelling van sekere openbare deelnameprosesse.

Provinsie	Versaie	Naam/ Dorp
Oos-Kaap	Ja	Savlanstokkooft / Willowmore
Vrystaat	Nee	Golden Gate Nasionale Park / Clarens
KwaZulu-Natal	Ja	Maputaland, Midlands, Opepi-Suid / Mphohomeni
Limpopo	Nee	Kruger Nasionale Park, Mutale, Nytsvley / Thohoyandou, Tshiheni / Thohonda / Khakhu / Matatani, Moaqoqophong
Mpumelanga	Nee	Chisiesmeel / Chisiesmeel
Noord-Wes	Ja	Botakalalo Natuurreservaat, Planensberg / Natuurreservaat, Madikwe / Natuurreservaat, Mahikeng
Wes-Kaap	Ja	Agulhas Nasionale Park, Duiwanhoks / Goukou, Kaapse Skiereiland / Pearly Beach / Bredasdorp, Riversdal / Heidelberg, Kaapstad

B&GPs moet in hulle kommentaar verwys na die betrokke provinsie en vleilandprojek. Hulle moet ook hulle naam en kontakbesonderhede verskaf, esook eendui of hulle enige direkte of indirekte sake-, finansiële, persoonlike of ander belang van die aansoek het. Hierdie inligting moet een die onderstaende persoon/ persone gestuur word. Kontak: Zoë Palmer / Frenç Gresse (van Aurecon) teen 4 September 2015. E-pos: [zoe.palmer@aurecongroup.com](mailto:zoe.palmer@aurecongroup.com) / [franci.gresse@aurecongroup.com](mailto:franci.gresse@aurecongroup.com)

Tel: 021 526 9400, Faks: 021 526 9500, of Pos: Posbus 494, Kaapstad, 8000



#### KENNISGEWING

Lisensie-aansoek ingevolge die Wet op Petroleumprodukte, 1977 (Wet nr. 120 van 1977). Kennis geskied hiermee een elke belanghebbende of geëffekteerde partye det **DIRANE TRADING (PTY) LTD**, waarna hierna as "die aansoeker" verwys word, 'n aansoek om 'n **GROOTHANDELSLISENSIE** ingedien het, aansoeknommer **G/2015/07/22/0901**. **CNR 3203 TASBET PARK EXTENSION, BEECH STREET TASBET, WITBANK.**

Die doel van die aansoek is om 'n lisensie aan "die aansoeker" toe te staen om groothandelsoptreuwverkope te bedryf, soos in die aansoek uiteengesit is.

Reëlings ter insee van die aansoekdokumentasie kan getref word deur die Kontroleur van Petroleumprodukte te kontak by:

- Telephone: (013) 658 1400; or
- Fax: (013) 656 4898; or
- E-mail: [MpuPetroleumlicensing@energy.gov.za](mailto:MpuPetroleumlicensing@energy.gov.za)

Enige besware teen die uitreiking van 'n lisensie ingevolge hierdie aansoek, wat duidelik bogenoemde aansoeknommer moet toon, moet die Kontroleur van Petroleumprodukte binne twintig (20) werksdae van die verskyning van hierdie kennisgewing bereik. Sodanige beswaer moet by die volgende straat- of posadres ingedien word:

**Straatadres:**  
The Controller of Petroleum Products, Department of Energy  
Cnr Haig & Rhodes Avenue,  
Old Absa Building,  
Witbank  
Posadres:

The Controller of Petroleum Products, Department of Energy  
PO Box 17851,  
Witbank, 1035  
**DIRANE JUL 26(OT)4015**

#### EXPLORE WITH US TRAVELS (PTY)LTD

Kennisgewing van 'n lisensie-aansoek ingevolge die Wet op Petroleumprodukte, 1977 (Wet nr. 120 van 1977). Kennis geskied hiermee een elke belanghebbende of geëffekteerde partye det **EXPLORE WITH US TRAVELS (PTY)LTD** waarna hierna as "die aansoeker" verwys word, 'n aansoek om 'n **GROOTHANDELSLISENSIE** ingedien het, aansoeknommer **G/2015/07/17/0002**. **H/V AIITHORAK LAAN 3 SPRINGBOK UNIT 17 WILLOWS BLOEMFONTEIN**

Die doel van die aansoek is om 'n lisensie aan "die aansoeker" toe te staen om groothandelsoptreuwverkope te bedryf, soos in die aansoek uiteengesit is. Reëlings ter insee van die aansoekdokumentasie kan getref word deur die Kontroleur van Petroleumprodukte te kontak by:

- \* Telephone: 057 391 1300; or
- \* Faks: 057 352 2673; or
- \* E-pos:

[Pini.Mechogo@energy.gov.za](mailto:Pini.Mechogo@energy.gov.za)  
Enige beswaer teen die uitreiking van 'n lisensie ingevolge hierdie aansoek, wat duidelik bogenoemde aansoeknommer moet toon, moet die Kontroleur van Petroleumprodukte binne twintig (20) werksdae van die verskyning van hierdie kennisgewing bereik. Sodanige beswaer moet by die volgende straat- of posadres ingedien word:

**Straatadres:**  
Die Kontroleur van Petroleumprodukte  
Departement van Energie  
**DIE STRIP GEBOU 314 STATE WEG WELKOM 9460**  
Posadres: Die Kontroleur van Petroleumprodukte  
Departement van Energie  
**PRIVAAT SAK X3658 WELKOM 9460**

**EXPLORE WITH US TRAVELS JUL 26 (4015)**



# Why SA needs a strong middle class

Studies show income makes or breaks a democracy

At a time of high stress, elevated emotion and growing concern about South Africa's economic health, it is worth putting thoughts to paper to make sense of our circumstances and offer a sense of perspective.

It is hardly debatable that South Africa finds itself in a dire economic situation. Eskom is unable to meet the demand for electricity, resulting in rolling blackouts and disruptions to the economy's productive sectors. Seven of eight key industries saw the biggest drop in turnover since 2010 in the first quarter of 2015. Already this year, 44 000 white-collar jobs have been lost. Unemployment is at a 12-year high of 26.4%. Consumer price inflation is expected to breach the 6% upper limit by the end of the year.

In the first quarter of 2015, the economy grew by an annualised rate of just 1.3%, which is slower than population growth and well below the average annual growth rate of 3.1% that had been achieved over the past two decades. Adding to this tough landscape is the fact that it is extremely unlikely that economic growth will perk up any time soon.

To be more exact, we are facing GDP growth of around 2% this year after last year's feeble showing of 1.5%, which followed the five-month platinum sector strike. Although the oil price collapse from \$100 a barrel to \$50 a barrel in the last quarter of 2014 provided material relief to the South African economy, the oil price has since stabilised and is now drifting upwards. This is creating new pressures on the economy, price inflation and the rand.

It is not surprising that consumer confidence has plunged to its lowest level in almost 15 years and that business confidence has fallen to a worrying 16-year low. British-South African journalist and historian RW Johnson — in his new book, *How Long Will South Africa Survive?* — gives the country two years. Things could hardly seem bleaker.

But South Africa has been in equally tough situations before. The country is often on a knife edge; you only have to consider the 1976 Soweto school riots or the assassination of Chris Hani to remember that we have had our share of deeply troubling moments.

At times like this, emotions tend to become charged. But, then again, we are human, and, in such settings,



EVERYTHING TO LOSE: Although business confidence is at a low, South Africa's middle class could be a bulwark against disaster Picture: THINKSTOCK

perspective is often lost or distorted.

There is a quote attributed to American author Mark Twain that I think offers some perspective. In 1934, *Reader's Digest* quoted him as saying: "I am an old man and have known a great many troubles, but most of them never happened."

Too often we are focused on the negative and fail to see the positives. Take, for example, our situation in South Africa. Although much of the social and economic progress we have witnessed over the past two decades has been incremental, and sometimes of a "stop-start" nature, the results are, nevertheless, notable.

Income per person (adjusted for prices) has grown from about R27 500 in 1993 to R41 500 per person — the highest level yet — by the end of 2014.

While education and healthcare still have massive delivery deficits to resolve, any analysis would be incomplete if it ignored many of the important structural advances that have been made in terms of key socioeconomic factors, including access to education and healthcare.

To illustrate some of the gains, life expectancy has risen from 52 years in 2005 to 61 years, which is evidence of material improvements in health and access to healthcare.



Adrian Saville

Perhaps the most important number in the country's recent history is that, in the past 20 years, at least three million South Africans have joined the ranks of the middle class. The reason this middle-class population figure is, arguably, the single most important number is identified by Harvard-trained economist Damisa Moyo, who recently made the observation: "Countries like Taiwan, Singapore, Chile, not just China, have shown that, actually, it's economic growth that is a prerequisite for democracy."

"In a recent study, evidence has shown that income is the greatest determinant of how long a democracy can last. The study found that if your per capita income is about \$1 000 [R12 000] a year, your

democracy will last about eight and a half years. If your per capita income is between \$2 000 and \$4 000 per year, then you're likely to only get 33 years of democracy. And only if your per capita income is above \$6 000 a year, you will have democracy come hell or high water.

What this is telling us is that we need to first establish a middle class that is able to hold the government accountable."

Stepping back into the here and now, although consumer price inflation is moving upwards, rates over 10% are a distant memory and are likely to remain that way given the Reserve Bank's discipline and exceptional policy strength. GDP growth may be sluggish now, but it was negative for three and a half years before the 1994 election, giving rise to one of our most prolonged recessions, from which we recovered to experience South Africa's longest uninterrupted phase of economic growth on record.

Pronounced stresses and exaggerated recovery are not exceptional in dynamic economies, and, if anything, are the rule and not the exception in South Africa.

While I don't believe we will suddenly see the economy growing at a 4% or 5% rate any time soon, we

are certainly headed towards a recovery. Growth should gradually rise back to South Africa's structural rate of 3% a year. This growth will be helped by growing infrastructural delivery by the public and private sectors — although public sector programmes will be over budget and behind time.

Such inefficiency in public sector delivery is a perennial feature of emerging markets and — in thinking about business and investment opportunities — sluggish public sector delivery could represent a huge prospect for enterprises involved in alternative energy supply, for example. In addition, South Africa remains by far the most sophisticated economy in a neighbourhood that ranks as the second-fastest-growing region in the world, after Southeast Asia.

At a time of high stress, anxiety and justifiable concern, it is critical to maintain perspective, which is a key ingredient in all disciplined investment processes. While South Africa has much more to do to become a place in which the best happens, the country and the economy are far from a place where the worst happens.

● *Saville is chief strategist at Citidel*

## You, too, can be worth \$10bn. Ask Trump how

TIMOTHY L'O'BRIEN

I'm worth \$10-billion. There, I've said it and it feels good.

I've always been hesitant about disclosing my wealth, largely because going public creates a lot of problems that average Americans aren't familiar with: cold calls from financial managers, probing questions from the Internal Revenue Service, family members eagerly awaiting your death, and so on.

But no longer. I'm a free man. And I'd like to thank the person who liberated me: Donald Trump.

Donald and I first met in the '90s when I was writing a book about gambling, and we intersected again later when I was a reporter for *The New York Times*. Eventually I wrote a book, *TrumpNation*, that looked at Donald's myriad roles as a carnival barker-cum-real estate developer-cum-gambling mogul-cum-celebrity.

Donald co-operated with the project, and I spent time on his plane, in his cars, at his homes and in his office, absorbing some valuable business lessons. After the book came out, I didn't hear from Donald for a few months. Then, in early 2006, he sued me for \$5-billion (half of my net worth), claiming that the book libelled him because it expressed some scepticism about his wealth.

But Donald had no idea how hard it was to get this right! On a single day in August 2004, he told me his net worth was \$4-billion to \$5-billion, then revised that later the same day to \$1.7-billion. Forbes said at the time he was worth \$2.6-billion. A year later Donald told me he was worth \$5-billion to \$6-billion, but a brochure left on my bedside table at his Palm Beach resort said he was worth \$9.5-billion.

When I interviewed Donald's chief financial officer in 2005 to discuss the range of numbers, the figure shared with me was \$5-billion, not \$6-billion. "I'm going to go to my office and find that other billion," the chief financial officer advised.

My sources at the time — all of whom had worked closely with Donald and had direct knowledge of his finances — believed that his net worth was \$150-million to \$250-million. Donald attributed those figures to mishearing.

"You can go ahead and speak to guys who have 400lb [180kg] wives at home who are jealous of me," he said, "but the guys who really know me know I'm a great builder."

When the net worth confusion appeared in my book, Donald sued. My attorneys proceeded to get Donald's tax, bank and property records. We stood on ground, and the suit was dismissed in 2009. Donald appealed, and in 2011 an appellate court affirmed the earlier ruling.

My lawyers deposed Donald for

two days during the litigation. Among the documents discussed was a Deutsche Bank assessment that pegged Donald's net worth at \$788-million in 2005. At the time, Donald was telling his bankers and casino regulators that he was worth \$3.6-billion; he was telling me he was worth \$5-billion to \$6-billion.

Have you "always been completely truthful in your public statements about your net worth", my attorneys asked Donald. "I try," was his reply. When they asked him about how he calculated his net worth, he noted that the figure "goes up and down with markets and with attitudes and with feelings, even my own feelings".

Donald and I haven't been in touch much recently. But when he announced his presidential run last month, waving a document showing a net worth of more than \$8.7-billion, I paid attention. When he filed with the Federal Election Commission last week, his net worth had risen \$1.3-billion over the course of a month to \$10-billion (about R124-billion).

My son's Pokémon cards and the future worth of any bestsellers I write. Value: \$100-million

A warm glow washed over me. After all, I have feelings, too. So I roughed out some numbers over the weekend.

My wife and I bought a house several years ago for \$1.1-million. But we raised our children in it, we have a great herb garden, two dogs, a fleet of groundhogs, and I live there. Value: \$6-billion.

I own a Ford Escape Hybrid, which we bought several years ago for about \$35 000. Ford stopped making hybrid Escapes, so they're prized. I drive it. Value: \$3-billion.

Scottish woolsens, German knives, French art (I used to live in Europe). Value: \$300-million.

A Japanese kimono, Chinese jades, Thai fabrics (I used to live in Asia). Value: \$300-million.

Argentine silver, Chilean wine, an alpaca poncho and a bottle of Inca Kola (I used to live in South America). Value: \$300-million.

My son's collection of Pokémon cards and the future earnings of any bestsellers I write (I plan to define "bestselling business book of all time" the way Donald did for *The Art of the Deal*). Value: \$100-million.

Of course, these numbers could change. But Donald has given me new-found confidence (even though I'm a member of his "loser list").

Next week I just might feel good enough to run for president.

● *O'Brien is Bloomberg View's publisher*

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**  
Development of the GEF-SGP Country Programme Strategy for the 6th Operational Phase

The Global Environment Facility's (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP) in South Africa is pleased to announce a call for proposals for the development of its Country Programme Strategy (CPS) for the 6th Operational Phase (2015 - 2016). The SGP provides financial and technical support to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to enable them to tackle global environmental challenges while addressing local sustainable development needs. Proposals will be received from civil society organisations (NGOs/CBOs) or academic institutions with expertise in landscape management, community development, natural resource management, and environmental education. Initiatives as well as knowledge and experience of working in one or more of the GEF focal areas (biodiversity, climate change, land degradation, international waters and chemicals).

For full details on the call for proposals and how to submit your application, please visit: <http://www.gef.org/press-releases/2015/08/04>

Deadline for proposals is 14 August 2015.

For further information on GEF and SGP please visit [www.gef.org](http://www.gef.org) and [www.sgp.org](http://www.sgp.org)

**IDC**  
Industrial Development Corporation  
Your partner in development finance

**Invitation to potential purchasers of Biomass Pellet Manufacturing Plant/s**

The Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa Ltd ("IDC") owns two Biomass Pellet Manufacturing plants situated in COEGA, Port Elizabeth and Sabie Mpumalanga respectively. The IDC wishes to dispose of these plants and interested parties are therefore invited to submit written Expressions of Interest to acquire these plants whether individually or together. Expression/s of interest to acquire either plant in its entirety will be preferred.

Interested parties must have adequate financial resources to fund the acquisition, as well as to fund any dismantling and removal costs of the equipment and rehabilitation of the sites (if the plant is to be moved). Interested parties are required to submit their expressions of interest and requests for more information to Mosalam Mokhatshane ([mosalam@idc.co.za](mailto:mosalam@idc.co.za)) or Charles Hackland ([charlesh@idc.co.za](mailto:charlesh@idc.co.za)) at +27 11 269 3000.

All interested parties will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement in order to protect privileged information, and then submit proposals or offers based on the information provided to them by the IDC. All submissions and/or expressions of interests and requests for information must be received by the IDC on or before 31 August 2015 at 12:00 noon.

270 Jabu Ndlovu Street, Pietermaritzburg, 3201  
Tel: (033) 264 2700  
Fax: (033) 264 2743  
Private Bag X9152, Pietermaritzburg, 3200  
[dladlag@kznded.gov.za](mailto:dladlag@kznded.gov.za)  
[www.kznded.gov.za](http://www.kznded.gov.za)

**OFFICE OF HEALTH STANDARDS COMPLIANCE**

The National Health Amendment Act 2013 (Act 12 of 2013) mandates the establishment of the Office of Health Standards Compliance (OHSC) "to protect and promote the health and safety of users of health services". The OHSC is a juristic person funded by funds appropriated by Parliament and by fees for services provided and has been listed as a Schedule 3A National Public Entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999).

**Protecting and promoting the health and safety of the users of health services**

In line with the requirements of the PFMA and Treasury Regulations and to ensure compliance with the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act 5 of 2000), the OHSC invites suppliers to register on its supplier database. Registration forms will be available on the entity website: [www.healthstandards.org.za](http://www.healthstandards.org.za) Completed forms and supporting documents can be deposited into the OHSC Tender Box, located at the Reception of the MRC Building, No 1 Soutpansberg Road, Cnr Theodore Hove, Arcadia, PRETORIA 0001, and opposite SG Lorensé Nursing College.

Compulsory documents to accompany the supplier database forms are: Originally certified copy of the business registration certificate, a valid original tax clearance certificate, BBBEE certificate or letter from Auditors / Accounting officer, if Exempt Micro Enterprise, company profile, and originally certified copies of identity documents of directors.

Briefing session will be held on: **14th August 2015 at 10am at the Office of Health Standards Compliance, 1 Soutpansberg Road, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0001.**

For enquiries please contact: Phemele Kgwele, at tel: (012) 339 8684, email: [pkgwele@ohsc.org.za](mailto:pkgwele@ohsc.org.za) or Sanele Khomo, at tel: (012) 339 8690, email: [skhomo@ohsc.org.za](mailto:skhomo@ohsc.org.za)

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF FORMS IS: 24 AUGUST 2015 AT 11H00.**

No late submissions will be accepted.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS: WORKING FOR WETLANDS PROGRAMME**

Proposal: The Working for Wetlands (WfWetlands) Programme intends to rehabilitate a number of degraded wetlands within South Africa. Wetland rehabilitation involves the construction of a variety of interventions that could include, for example, gabion and concrete structures, as well as soft options such as re-vegetation and/or alien plant removal. The number, type, scale and location of each of these interventions would vary according to the nature and magnitude of the problem and the state of the wetland (i.e. the receiving environment).

Legal Framework: Authorisations are required under both laws described below:  
A. National Environmental Management Act, No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA), as amended: Rehabilitation proposals trigger the requirement for Basic Assessment (BA) in terms of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations pursuant to NEMA. Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Aurecon) has been appointed to undertake the BA processes and separate provincial applications will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) as the competent authority. The Listed Activities that are relevant to each application in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations are Government Notice Regulations (GN R 983-12, 15, 17, 48, 49 and 52 (Listing Notice 1) and GN R 985-14 and 23 (Listing Notice 3).  
NEMA PPP Exemptions: The intention is to apply for exemption from the following provisions of NEMA:  
• GN R 982 41(2)(a) "Fixing a notice board at the boundary or on the fence of the site". Aurecon will apply for exemption to rather place notice boards at the local municipal offices as the sites are often in rural areas and not easily accessible.  
• GN R 982 41(2)(b)(ii). "Notifying owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is to be undertaken". Due to the scale of the WfWetlands Programme, it will be a very expensive exercise to identify all the adjacent landowners and occupiers for notification purposes. As such, the public is notified of the proposed projects through advertisements and posters which list the project areas' wetland systems that will be investigated by the Programme. Seen in the light that WfWetlands is not a development but a rehabilitation programme that aims to improve biodiversity and ecosystem services, the rights of adjacent landowners should not be negatively affected.

B. National Water Act, No. 36 of 1998 (NWA): In terms of Section 39 of the NWA, a General authorisation (GA) has been granted for certain activities that are listed under the Act that usually require a Water Use Licence; as long as these activities are undertaken for wetland rehabilitation and the primary purpose of the rehabilitation is for conservation purposes (i.e. GN R 1198 of 18 December 2009).

Opportunity to Participate: Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014) and the NWA (1998). Draft BA Reports for the four affected provinces, and Rehabilitation Plans for each affected wetland project will be available to interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) for a public comment period of thirty days. Notification will be sent to all identified and registered I&APs prior to the start date of this comment period. Digital copies of the reports will be available for download from Aurecon's website (<http://aurecongroup.com/en/public-participation.aspx>). I&APs also have 30 days to comment on the proposed exemptions from public participation process from the date of this advertisement.

**INVITATION TO BID**

BID NO.	SERVICE	REFERENCE NUMBER
ZNT 21 EDTEA 15/16	Appointment of a Service Provider for the Development of the uThungulu Maritime Strategy for the uThungulu Maritime Cluster.	04003296
ZNT 22 EDTEA 15/16	Appointment of a Service Provider for the Development of the uGu Maritime Strategy for the uGu Maritime Cluster.	04003301

Closing Date: 24 August 2015. Closing Time: 11h00.

Compulsory Briefing Session Date and Time: 6 August 2015 at 12h00.

Compulsory Briefing Session Venue: 2nd Floor, Simunye Boardroom, 270 Jabu Ndlovu Street, Pietermaritzburg.

Administrative Enquiries: Ms Thembeka Majozzi, tel. 033 264 2864 / email: [majozzi@kznded.gov.za](mailto:majozzi@kznded.gov.za)  
Mr Nkosinathi Dlamini, tel. 033 264 2373 / email: [dlaminink@kznded.gov.za](mailto:dlaminink@kznded.gov.za)

Technical Enquiries: Mr Tutula Sinxolo, tel. 033 264 2624 / email: [sinxolot@kznded.gov.za](mailto:sinxolot@kznded.gov.za)

Bid documents are available at the Departmental Offices, Ground Floor, Foyer, 270 Jabu Ndlovu (Loop) Street, Pietermaritzburg at a non-refundable fee of R1700 per document.

Submission of Bids: Sealed envelopes, clearly marked with the relevant Bid Number, Closing Date and Time and the Bidders Name, must be deposited into the bid box at the Departmental premises at the Ground Floor, 270 Jabu Ndlovu (Loop) Street, Pietermaritzburg, 3201.

Please note that no documents will be distributed during the briefing session. Late service providers will not be permitted into the briefing session venue.

NB: The document will be issued to prospective bidders on presentation of a valid receipt issued by the cashier or emailed to prospective bidders on receipt of bank stamped deposit slip. For administrative purposes, the unique Reference No: Stated Above, for this bid must appear on each of the receipts and bank deposit slips submitted. Documents will not be sold after 09h00 on the date of the briefing session.

The Departmental bank details:  
Bank: ABSA, Account Number: 4072482787.  
Branch Code: 630525. Reference No: Stated Above. Account Type: Cheque Account.

**Province Reports**

Province	BAR	Rehabilitation Plan	Nearest Town
Eastern Cape	Yes	Baviaanskloof	Willowmore
Free State	No	Golden Gate National Park	Clarens
KwaZulu-Natal	Yes	Maputaland, Midlands, Upper South, Mqopheni	Hluhluwe, Nottingham Road / Impendle, Himeville, Howick
Limpopo	No	Kruger National Park, Mutale, Nylsley	Thohoyandou, Ishiheni, Thohonda/ Khakhu/ Matatani, Mookogphong
Mpumalanga	No	Christiesmeer	Christiesmeer
North West	Yes	Borakalalo Nature Reserve, Pilansberg Nature Reserve, Madlives Nature Reserve, Mahikeng	Ga-Rasi / Fafung, Mogwase, Sikwane/ Mahikeng/ Lichtenburg/ Dedeepoor/ Selatsego
Western Cape	Yes	Agulhas National Park, Duvvverhoks-Goukou, Fynbos	Pearly Beach / Bredasdorp, Riversdale / Heidelberg, Cape Town

I&APs should refer to the relevant province and wetland project, and provide their comments together with their name, contact details and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the applications to the contact person indicated below.

Contact: Zoë Palmer / Franci Gresse (of Aurecon) by 4 September 2015  
E-mail: [zoe.palmer@aurecongroup.com](mailto:zoe.palmer@aurecongroup.com) / [franci.gresse@aurecongroup.com](mailto:franci.gresse@aurecongroup.com)  
Tel: 021 526 9400, Fax: 021 526 9500, or Post: P.O. Box 454, Cape Town, 8000

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries  
Environmental Affairs  
Water Affairs and Sanitation

**aurecon**  
EXPERIENCED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME

**OFFICE OF HEALTH STANDARDS COMPLIANCE**

**MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Special Events / Functions Management Services
- Advertising
- Corporate Gifts
- Media / Publicity
- Video and Photography
- Communication Services
- Media Monitoring
- Strategic Impact Analysis
- Editing Services
- Graphic Design
- Printing of Booklets and Publications (Design, layout and printing)
- Translation Services

**HUMAN RESOURCE**

- Recruitment Placement
- Training and Development Institutions (Accredited)
- Organizational Development
- Job Evaluation Services
- Performance Management
- Competence Assessments
- Human Resource Planning
- Employee Wellness Programs
- Labour Relations Consultants
- Team Building Specialist
- Motivational Speakers
- Employment Relations
- Skills development
- Change management

**LEGAL & LAW FIRMS**

- Corporate Law
- Labour Law
- Financial Law
- Insurance Law

**TECHNICAL**

- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Architects
- Project Management

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

- Printing and Stationery
- Flight Booking, Car Rental, Accommodation (Travel Agencies)
- Conference Venues
- Courier Services
- Security Services (Registered with SIRA)
- Catering
- Office furniture
- Air-conditioning Equipment Supply
- Hotline Services
- Insurance Providers

**ACCOUNTING, FINANCE & AUDIT**

- Corporate Governance and Related Consulting
- Financial Management Consulting
- Tax Consulting
- Auditing
- Risk management
- Valuation of Assets

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

- Business re-engineering specialists
- Cellphone services
- Information Technology Consultants
- Software Suppliers
- Telephone / PABX Maintenance and Suppliers
- WAN / LAN support and installation
- Server Support and Maintenance
- Data / Telephone Network Maintenance
- Installation and Maintenance of Networks
- Supply, installation and Maintenance of Computers / Notebooks / Printers / Projectors / Hubs / switches / UPS / backup solution
- Supply and Support of Multifunctional copiers
- Hardware and Software Suppliers
- Web Development and Maintenance
- Intranet Development and Maintenance
- Supply, installation and Support of Record Management System

WWW.BASADZI.CO.ZA



# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS: WORKING FOR WETLANDS PROGRAMME

## KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

**Proposal:** The Working for Wetlands (WfWetlands) Programme intends to rehabilitate a number of degraded wetlands within South Africa. Wetland rehabilitation involves the construction of a variety of interventions that could include, for example, gabion and concrete structures, as well as soft options such as re-vegetation and/ or alien plant removal. The number, type, scale and location of each of these interventions would vary according to the nature and magnitude of the problem and the state of the wetland (i.e. the receiving environment). Each Province has been considered separately and includes a number of Wetland Projects within which specific wetlands have been identified for rehabilitation. The following wetland rehabilitation projects are proposed in the **KwaZulu-Natal** Province for the 2015/2016 planning cycle:

PROJECT	WETLAND SYSTEM	NEAREST TOWN	LATITUDE (DDMMSS)	LONGITUDE (DDMMSS)
Maputaland	Kleinspan	Hluhluwe	27°39'53.55"S	32°24'50.73"E
	Mpempe		27°41'04.94"S	32°27'40.39"E
Midlands	Ivanhoe	Impendle	29°31'15.20"S	29°51'06.75"E
	Upper Lions	Nottingham Road/ Howick	29°30'59.80"S	29°52'33.69"E
			29°26'23.27"S	29°58'35.69"E
			29°26'44.07"S	29°59'18.77"E
Upper South	Himeville	Himeville	29°26'38.43"S	29°59'48.93"E
			29°42'00.48"S	29°30'31.91"E
Mpophomeni	Mpophomeni	Howick	29°41'44.10"S	29°30'55.66"E
			29°32'48.86"S	30°11'15.26"E

**Legal Framework:** Authorisations are required under both laws described below:

**A. National Environment Management Act, No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA), as amended:** Rehabilitation proposals trigger the requirement for Basic Assessment (BA) in terms of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations pursuant to NEMA. Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Aurecon) has been appointed to undertake the BA processes to authorise wetland systems within the applicable provinces, as well as rehabilitation plans for each wetland project identified. These rehabilitation plans will have detailed information on the proposed interventions and will be used on site during implementation. Both the BA Reports and Rehabilitation Plans will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) as the competent authority. The Listed Activities that are relevant to each application in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations are Government Notice Regulations (GN R) 983: 12, 15, 17, 48, 49 and 52 (Listing Notice 1) and GN R 985: 14 and 23 (Listing Notice 3).

**NEMA PPP Exemptions:** The intention is to apply for exemption from the following provisions of NEMA:

- GN R 982 41(2)(a) 'Fixing a notice board at the boundary or on the fence of the site'. Aurecon will apply for exemption to rather place notice boards at the local municipal offices as the sites are often in rural areas and not easily accessible.
- GN R 982 41(2)(b)(ii). 'Notifying owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is to be undertaken'. Due to the scale of the WfWetlands Programme, it will be a very expensive exercise to identify all the adjacent landowners and occupiers for notification purposes. As such, the public is notified of the proposed projects through advertisements and posters which list the project areas/ wetland systems that will be investigated by the Programme. Seen in the light that WfWetlands is not a development but a rehabilitation programme that aims to improve biodiversity and ecosystem services, the rights of adjacent landowners should not be negatively affected.

**B. National Water Act, No. 36 of 1998 (NWA):** In terms of Section 39 of the NWA, a General Authorisation (GA) has been granted for certain activities that are listed under the Act that usually require a Water Use Licence; as long as these activities are undertaken for wetland rehabilitation and the primary purpose of the rehabilitation is for conservation purposes (i.e. GN R1198 of 18 December 2009).

**Opportunity to Participate:** Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014) and the NWA (1998). Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register their interest for future correspondence to the people mentioned below. I&APs should refer to the province, and where possible the project, and provide any comments with their name, contact details and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interests which they have in the applications. I&APs also have 30 days to comment on the proposed exemptions from the public participation process.

More information can be found in a 'context document' available for download from Aurecon's website (<http://aurecongroup.com/en/public-participation.aspx>).

**Contact:** Zoë Palmer / Franci Gresse (of Aurecon) by **4 September 2015**.

**E-mail:** [zoe.palmer@aurecongroup.com](mailto:zoe.palmer@aurecongroup.com) / [franci.gresse@aurecongroup.com](mailto:franci.gresse@aurecongroup.com)

**Tel:** 021 526 6069, **Fax:** 021 526 9500, or **Post:** P.O. Box 494, Cape Town, 8000



Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries  
Environmental Affairs  
Water Affairs and Sanitation



**EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME**  
Creating opportunities towards human fulfillment



**aurecon**

## Site Posters: KwaZulu-Natal Province

<b>Project:</b>	<b>KZN Midlands</b>	
<b>Wetland:</b>	<b>Ivanhoe Farm</b>	
<b>Notice site:</b>	<b>Department of Home Affairs, Impendle</b>	
<b>Coordinates:</b>	<b>29°30'05.00"S</b>	<b>29°51'53.20"E</b>



**Project:**

**KZN Midlands & Mphomeni**

**Wetlands:**

**Southdown Farm & Mphomeni**

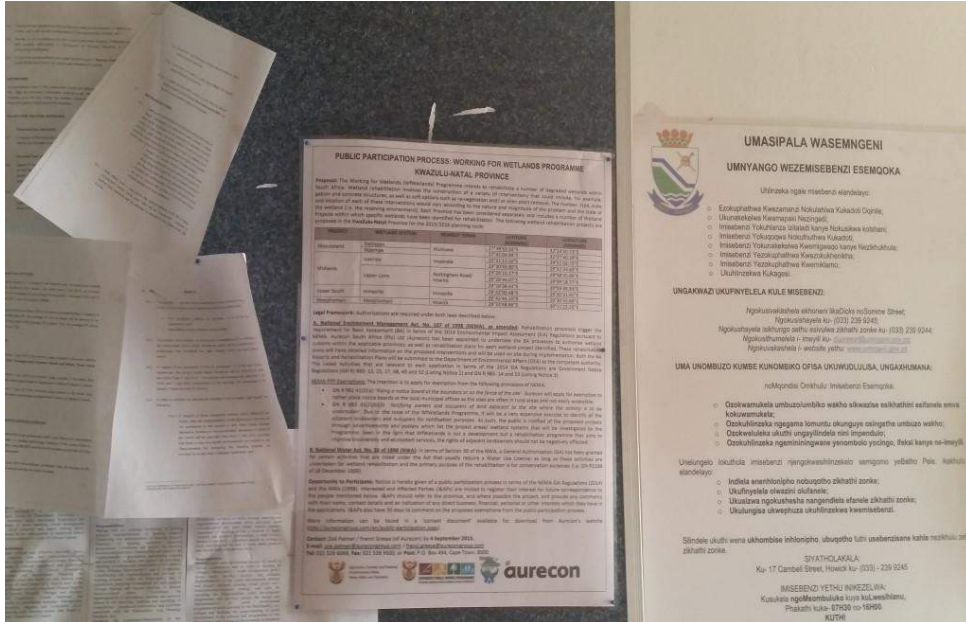
**Notice site:**

**Umngeni Local Municipality, Howick**

**Coordinates:**

**29°29'23.6"S**

**30°13'57.8"E**





<b>Project:</b>	<b>Upper South</b>	
<b>Wetlands:</b>	<b>Glencairn &amp; Hazeldene Farms</b>	
<b>Notice site:</b>	<b>KwaSani Local Municipality, Himeville</b>	
<b>Coordinates:</b>	<b>29°45'00.80"S</b>	<b>29°30'43.00"E</b>





**Project:**

**Maputaland**

**Wetlands:**

**Mnqobokazi**

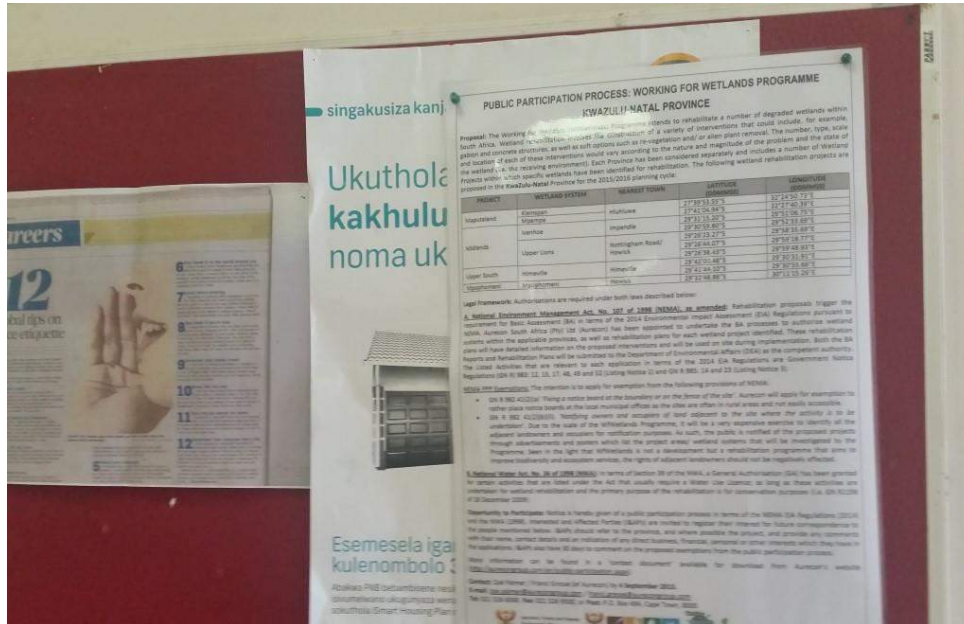
**Notice site:**

**Big Five False Bay Local Municipality, Hluhluwe**

**Coordinates:**

**28°01'06.11"S**

**32°16'23.61"E**



## Appendix E2

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

#### Public participation

E1 – Adverts and Posters

E2 – Letter to I&APs

E3 – Comments and Response report: *for submission to DEA after PPP*

E4 – Record of Commenting Authorities contacted: *for submission to DEA after PPP*

E5 – I&AP database





8 September 2015

Dear Sir / Madam,

**WORKING FOR WETLANDS REHABILITATION PROJECT  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS:  
AVAILABILITY OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS AND REHABILITATION PLANS FOR COMMENT**

*This letter is available in any of the official languages on written request.*

This letter serves to inform you of the Working for Wetlands Programme's (WfWetlands) proposal to rehabilitate a number of wetlands in South Africa. We would also like to notify you of your opportunity to comment on the Basic Assessment Reports (BARs) and rehabilitation plans in terms of the regulations pursuant to the National Environmental Management Act, No. 107 of 1998 (as amended) (NEMA).

## **1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

WfWetlands is a government programme managed by the Natural Resource Management (NRM) directorate of the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), and is a joint initiative with the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF). The programme is mandated to rehabilitate damaged wetlands and to protect pristine wetlands throughout South Africa. Emphasis is placed on complying with the principles of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) which seeks to draw significant numbers of unemployed people into the productive sector of the economy, gaining skills while they work and increase their ability to earn an income.

Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Aurecon) has been appointed to undertake the project activities and associated reporting requirements by WfWetlands. The Aurecon team comprises of Design Engineers and Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) who undertake the planning, design and authorisation components of the project. The Aurecon team is assisted by an external team of Wetland Specialists who provide scientific insight into the operation of wetlands and bring expert and often local knowledge of the wetlands. The project team is also complimented by the WfWetlands Programme's provincial coordinators (PCs) who are responsible for provincial planning and implementation.

## **2. THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, NO. 107 OF 1998 (AS AMENDED) (NEMA)**

### **2.1 Basic Assessment**

In terms of the environmental management principles of NEMA certain activities that may have a detrimental impact on the environment (termed Listed Activities) require Environmental Authorisation (EA) from DEA. Many of the activities associated with the rehabilitation of the wetland are listed Activities in terms of Government Notice Regulation (GN R) 983 Listing Notice 1 and GN R985 Listing Notice 3 of NEMA:

- **Listing Notice 1:** Activities 12, 15, 17, 48, 49 and 52
- **Listing Notice 3:** Activities 14 and 23

In terms of GN R982, activities identified in Listing Notices 1 and 3 require a Basic Assessment (BA) process to be undertaken during which potential biophysical and socio-economic impacts are identified and assessed. Aurecon has undertaken this process on behalf of WfWetlands, and separate BA applications for each province will be submitted to the DEA for consideration.

The provincial level Basic Assessment Reports (BARs) provide the findings of the associated investigations and are available for public comment. The BARs describe the wetland systems that were identified as priorities for this planning cycle, together with the baseline information on the quaternary catchment. Please note that a BA process is being undertaken for only three provinces, i.e. KwaZulu-Natal, North West and Western Cape. Rehabilitation opportunities were also identified within the Mpumalanga and Eastern Cape provinces and these will also be made available for your comment and approval by the DEA. The rehabilitation interventions for Mpumalanga have been proposed in a wetland system that was previously authorised under a subsequent BA process<sup>1</sup>, whereas the proposed interventions for the Eastern Cape project involves activities that fall within the exclusion criteria of the Listed Activities. The rehabilitation plans for these provinces will be made available for public comment before being submitted to the DEA for approval.

**Note:** A condition of the EAs will be that annual Rehabilitation Plans must be submitted to DEA for approval after sufficient field work has been undertaken for the authorised Wetland Projects. These Rehabilitation Plans include specialist reports prepared by the Wetland Specialist (which provide a site description, detailed baseline information, and the wetland context within the greater catchment). The Rehabilitation Plans also include the proposed interventions, objectives, their design details and specification, and proposed locations.

## 2.2 Exemptions

Aurecon has applied for exemptions from two mandatory requirements of the Basic Assessment Process.

- GN R982 41(2)(a) '*Fixing a notice board at the boundary or on the fence of the site*'.
  - Aurecon will apply for exemption to rather place notice boards at the local municipal offices as the sites are often in rural areas and not easily accessible.
- GN R982 41(2)(b)(ii). '*Notifying owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is to be undertaken*'.
  - Due to the scale of the WfWetlands Programme, it will be a very expensive exercise to identify all the adjacent landowners and occupiers for notification purposes. As such, the public is notified of the proposed projects through advertisements and posters that list the project areas/ wetland systems that will be investigated by the Programme. Seen in the light that WfWetlands is not a development but a rehabilitation programme that aims to improve biodiversity and ecosystem services, the rights of adjacent landowners should not be negatively affected.

Please note that notification of the exemption period was included in the advertisement that appeared in the *Sunday Times* and *Die Rapport* on 26 July 2015 as well as on posters that were placed in local municipal offices or on the boundary of sites (Peninsula only). Proof of these is included in Appendix E1 of the KwaZulu-Natal, North West and Western Cape BARs. This opportunity to comment will continue with the Public Participation Process (PPP) of the BARs and Rehabilitation Plans.

<sup>1</sup> Environmental Authorisation was granted on 31 March 2015 (DEA ref. no.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1254, NEAS ref. no.: DEA/EIA/0002501/2014).



### 3. THE NATIONAL WATER ACT, NO. 36 OF 1998 (NWA)

Activities associated with the rehabilitation of wetlands may constitute “water use” in terms of the NWA, and may therefore require general authorisation or licenses from DWS. In general, a water use must be licensed unless:

- a) It is listed in Schedule one (1) of the NWA,
- b) It is existing lawful use ,
- c) It is permissible under a General Authorisation (GA), and
- d) If a responsibility authority waives the need for a licence.

In terms of Section 39 of the NWA, a GA has been granted for certain activities that are listed that usually require a Water Use License. Such a GA (i.e. GN R1198 of 18 December 2009) exists for wetland rehabilitation as long as the activities are for conservation purposes. As some of the rehabilitation activities entail *‘impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse’* and/ or *‘altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse’*, a number of GAs for water uses will be registered with the DWS for structures that would ordinarily require a Water Use License.

### 4. OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

Public Participation procedures are specified as a minimum requirement of the BA Process and must ensure that all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) (including State Departments) have an opportunity to participate. The requisite PPP (in terms of Section 41 of GN R982) has commenced and to date included the publication of national advertisements in the Sunday Times and Die Rapport on **26 July 2015** and the placement of site notices. The BARs and Rehabilitation Plans will be made available for a 30 day comment period from **10 September 2015** until **12 October 2015**.

The reports are available for download from the Aurecon Website: <http://aurecongroup.com/en/public-participation.aspx>. Please be aware that you will be required to register on the website and then again on the project to access the documents. Should you have any trouble accessing the documents, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Zoë Palmer (details below).

I&APs have until **9 October 2015** to submit their comments on the BARs and rehabilitation plans to the EAPs below. I&APs should refer to the relevant province and specifically the wetland project (if applicable). Please include your name, contact details and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that you may have in the applications in your submission.

<b>Contact Person:</b>	<b>Miss Franci Gresse</b>	<b>Miss Zoë Palmer</b>
<b>Tel:</b>	(021) 526 6022	(021) 526 6069
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:Franci.Gresse@aurecongroup.com">Franci.Gresse@aurecongroup.com</a>	<a href="mailto:Zoe.Palmer@aurecongroup.com">Zoe.Palmer@aurecongroup.com</a>
<b>Fax:</b>	(021) 526 9500	
<b>Mail:</b>	PO Box 494, Cape Town, 8000	

## 5. WAY FORWARD

Following the 30 day public comment period, the BARs and rehabilitation plans will be updated by incorporating any I&AP comments received on the reports (where relevant). All comments will be recorded and responded to in a Comments and Response Report which will be circulated to all who have provided comment. The updated BARs and/or rehabilitation plans will then be submitted to DEA for their decision. Once DEA has made their decision on the proposed projects, all registered I&APs will be notified of the outcome of the decision within fourteen (14) calendar days of the decision and the right to appeal.

Yours sincerely  
AURECON

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Franci Gresse', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

**FRANCI GRESSE**

Senior Environmental Consultant:  
Environment and Advisory Services





8 September 2015

Dear Sir / Madam,

**WORKING FOR WETLANDS REHABILITATION PROJECT  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS:  
AVAILABILITY OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS AND REHABILITATION PLANS FOR COMMENT**

*This letter is available in any of the official languages on written request.*

This letter serves to inform you of the Working for Wetlands (WfWetlands) Programme's proposal to rehabilitate a number of wetlands in South Africa. We would also like to notify you of the opportunity to comment on the Basic Assessment Reports (BARs) and rehabilitation plans in terms of the regulations pursuant to the National Environmental Management Act, No. 107 of 1998 (as amended) (NEMA).

## **1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

WfWetlands is a government programme managed by the Natural Resource Management (NRM) directorate of the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), and is a joint initiative with the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF). The programme is mandated to rehabilitate damaged wetlands and to protect pristine wetlands throughout South Africa. Emphasis is placed on complying with the principles of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) which seeks to draw significant numbers of unemployed people into the productive sector of the economy, gaining skills while they work and increase their ability to earn an income.

Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Aurecon) has been appointed to undertake the project activities and associated reporting requirements by the Wetlands Programme. The Aurecon team comprises of Design Engineers and Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) who undertake the planning, design and authorisation components of the project. The Aurecon team is assisted by an external team of Wetland Ecologists who provide scientific insight into the operation of wetlands and bring expert and often local knowledge of the wetlands. The project team is also complimented by WfWetlands Programme's provincial coordinators (PCs) who are responsible for provincial planning and implementation.

## **2 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In terms of Section 7(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GN R982 of 4 December 2014), "The competent authority or EAP must consult with every organ of state that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to that application for an environmental authorisation..." Therefore the following Acts have reference.

## 2.1 NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT, NO. 25 OF 1999 (NHRA)

WfWetlands is mandated to rehabilitate wetlands threatened by erosion, and no impact is expected to occur on cultural or historic features as defined in Section 38 of the NHRA. In the past, where projects could potentially impact on heritage resources, specialists were appointed to undertake heritage impact assessments and the requisite permitting process. Furthermore, should any archaeological and/ or heritage resources be exposed during the implementation of the interventions, the Implementation Team will follow the process described in the Environmental Management Plan (Appendix F of the rehabilitation plans). This process includes ceasing the implementation of all interventions in the immediate areas, cordoning off the discovery, notifying the relevant Heritage Authorities of the discovery, and following their recommendations to investigate or secure the discovery.

NHRA Section	Applicability to WfWetlands
<b>Section 27: National heritage sites and provincial heritage sites</b>	
(18) No person may destroy, damage, deface, excavate, alter, remove from its original position, subdivide or change the planning status of any heritage site without a permit issued by the heritage resources authority responsible for the protection of such site.	Nationally, only projects in the Western Cape have been identified as falling within such sites.
<b>Section 28: Protected areas</b>	
(3) No person may damage, disfigure, alter, subdivide or in any other way develop any part of a protected area unless, at least 60 days prior to the initiation of such changes, he or she has consulted the heritage resources authority which designated such area in accordance with a procedure prescribed by that authority.	It appears that none of the projects fall within protected areas as defined by the Act. However if the relevant authorities confirm this is not the case, the necessary applications will be submitted.
<b>Section 38(1): Development categories</b>	
(a) the construction of a road, wall, powerline, pipeline, canal or other similar form of linear development or barrier exceeding 300m in length;	Although some projects involve linear barriers to control or direct the flow of water, none of these structures exceed the threshold of 300m in length.
(b) the construction of a bridge or similar structure exceeding 50m in length;	Although some projects involve structures across watercourses (namely gabion and concrete weirs), none of these structures exceed the threshold of 50m in length.
(c) any development or other activity which will change the character of a site - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) exceeding 5 000m<sup>2</sup> in extent; or</li> <li>(ii) involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions thereof; or</li> <li>(iii) involving three or more erven or divisions thereof which have been consolidated within the past</li> </ul>	This project is not a development but involves wetland rehabilitation measures to address erosion problems and threats to ecological functioning. Each intervention is localised and only occurs on one property. However more extensive interventions may include soft measures such as brush packing or clearing of listed alien plant species. In such cases these species are not considered part of the cultural landscape.

NHRA Section	Applicability to WfWetlands
(iv) five years; or the costs of which will exceed a sum set in terms of regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority;	
(d) the re-zoning of a site exceeding 10 000m <sup>2</sup> in extent; or	None of the projects require re-zoning of any nature.
(e) any other category of development provided for in regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority,	N/A

## 2.2 THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, NO. 107 OF 1998 (AS AMENDED) (NEMA)

### 2.2.1 Basic Assessment

In terms of the environmental management principles of NEMA certain activities that may have a detrimental impact on the environment (termed Listed Activities) require Environmental Authorisation (EA) from DEA. Many of the activities associated with the rehabilitation of the wetland are listed Activities in terms of Government Notice Regulation (GN R) 983 Listing Notice 1 and GN R985 Listing Notice 3 of NEMA:

- **Listing Notice 1:** Activities 12, 15, 17, 48, 49 and 52
- **Listing Notice 3:** Activities 14 and 23

In terms of GN R982, activities identified in Listing Notices 1 and 3 require a Basic Assessment (BA) process to be undertaken during which potential biophysical and socio-economic impacts are identified and assessed. Aurecon has undertaken this process on behalf of WfWetlands and separate BA applications for each province will be submitted to the DEA for consideration.

The provincial level Basic Assessment Reports (BARs) provide the findings of the associated investigations and are available for public comment. The BARs describe the wetland systems that were identified as priorities for this planning cycle, together with the baseline information on the quaternary catchment. Please note that a BA process is being undertaken for only three provinces, i.e. KwaZulu-Natal, North West and Western Cape. Rehabilitation opportunities were also identified within the Mpumalanga and Eastern Cape provinces and these will also be made available for your comment and approval by the DEA. The rehabilitation interventions for Mpumalanga have been proposed in a wetland system that was previously authorised under a subsequent BA process<sup>1</sup>, whereas the proposed interventions for the Eastern Cape project involves activities that fall within the exclusion criteria of the Listed Activities. The rehabilitation plans for these provinces will be made available for public comment before being submitted to the DEA for approval.

---

<sup>1</sup> Environmental Authorisation was granted on 31 March 2015 (DEA ref. no.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1254, NEAS ref. no.: DEA/EIA/0002501/2014).



**Note:** A condition of the EAs will be that annual Rehabilitation Plans must be submitted to DEA for approval after sufficient field work has been undertaken for the authorised Wetland Projects. These Rehabilitation Plans include specialist reports prepared by the Wetland Specialist (which provide a site description, detailed baseline information, and the wetland context within the greater catchment). The Rehabilitation Plans also include the proposed interventions, objectives, their design details and specification, and proposed locations.

### 2.2.2 Exemptions

Aurecon has applied for exemptions from two mandatory requirements of the Basic Assessment Process.

- GN R982 41(2)(a) 'Fixing a notice board at the boundary or on the fence of the site'.
  - Aurecon will apply for exemption to rather place notice boards at the local municipal offices as the sites are often in rural areas and not easily accessible.
- GN R982 41(2)(b)(ii). 'Notifying owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is to be undertaken'.
  - Due to the scale of the WfWetlands Programme, it will be a very expensive exercise to identify all the adjacent landowners and occupiers for notification purposes. As such, the public is notified of the proposed projects through advertisements and posters that list the project areas/ wetland systems that will be investigated by the Programme. Seen in the light that WfWetlands is not a development but a rehabilitation programme that aims to improve biodiversity and ecosystem services, the rights of adjacent landowners should not be negatively affected.

Please note that notification of the exemption period was included in the advertisement that appeared in the *Sunday Times* and *Die Rapport* on 26 July 2015 as well as on posters that were placed in local municipal offices or on the boundary of sites (Peninsula only). Proof of these is included in Appendix E1 of the KwaZulu-Natal, North West and Western Cape BARs. This opportunity to comment will continue with the Public Participation Process (PPP) of the BARs and Rehabilitation Plans.

### 2.3 THE NATIONAL WATER ACT, NO. 36 OF 1998 (NWA)

Activities associated with the rehabilitation of wetlands may constitute "water use" in terms of the NWA, and may therefore require general authorisation or licenses from DWS. In general, a water use must be licensed unless:

- a) It is listed in Schedule one (1) of the NWA,
- b) It is existing lawful use ,
- c) It is permissible under a General Authorisation (GA), and
- d) If a responsibility authority waives the need for a licence.

In terms of Section 39 of the NWA, a GA has been granted for certain activities that are listed that usually require a Water Use License. Such a GA (i.e. GN R1198 of 18 December 2009) exists for wetland rehabilitation as long as the activities are for conservation purposes. As some of the rehabilitation activities entail '*impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse*' and/ or '*altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse*', a number of GAs for water uses will be registered with the DWS for structures that would ordinarily require a Water Use License.

## 3 OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

Public Participation procedures are specified as a minimum requirement of the BA Process and must ensure that all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) (including State Departments) have an opportunity to participate. The requisite PPP (in terms of Section 41 of GN R982) has commenced and to date included the publication of national advertisements in the *Sunday Times* and *Die Rapport* on **26 July 2015** and the placement of site notices.

The BARs and Rehabilitation Plans will be made available for a 30 day comment period from **10 September 2015** until **12 October 2015**.

Kindly find enclosed an electronic copy of the reports for your perusal. The reports are also available for download from the Aurecon Website: <http://aurecongroup.com/en/public-participation.aspx>. Please be aware that you will be required to register on the website and then again on the project to access the documents. Should you have any trouble accessing the documents, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Zoë Palmer (details below).

I&APs have until **12 October 2015** to submit their comments on the BARs and rehabilitation plans to the EAPs below. I&APs should refer to the relevant province and specifically the wetland project (if applicable). Please include your name, contact details and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that you may have in the applications in your submission.

<b>Contact Person:</b>	<b>Miss Franci Gresse</b>	<b>Miss Zoë Palmer</b>
<b>Tel:</b>	(021) 526 6022	(021) 526 6069
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:Franci.Gresse@aurecongroup.com">Franci.Gresse@aurecongroup.com</a>	<a href="mailto:Zoe.Palmer@aurecongroup.com">Zoe.Palmer@aurecongroup.com</a>
<b>Fax:</b>	(021) 526 9500	
<b>Mail:</b>	PO Box 494, Cape Town, 8000	

#### **4 WAY FORWARD**

Following the 30 day public comment period, the BARs and rehabilitation plans will be updated by incorporating any I&AP comments received on the reports (where relevant). All comments will be recorded and responded to in a Comments and Response Report which will be circulated to all who have provided comment. The updated BARs and/or rehabilitation plans will then be submitted to DEA for their decision. Once DEA has made their decision on the proposed projects, all registered I&APs will be notified of the outcome of the decision within fourteen (14) calendar days of the decision and the right to appeal.

Yours sincerely

AURECON



**FRANCI GRESSE**

Senior Environmental Consultant:

Environment and Advisory Services

## Appendix E3

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

#### Public participation

E1 – Adverts and Posters

E2 – Letter to I&AP's

E3 – Comments and Response report: *for submission to DEA after PPP*

E4 – Record of Commenting Authorities contacted: *for submission to DEA after PPP*

E5 – I&AP database



# Appendix E4

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### Public participation

E1 – Adverts and Posters

E2 – Letter to I&AP's

E3 – Comments and Response report: *for submission to DEA after PPP*

E4 – Record of Commenting Authorities contacted: *for submission to DEA after PPP*

E5 – I&AP database

# Appendix E5

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### Public participation

E1 – Adverts and Posters

E2 – Letter to I&AP's

E3 – Comments and Response report: *for submission to DEA after PPP*

E4 – Record of Commenting Authorities contacted: *for submission to DEA after PPP*

E5 – I&AP database

**WORKING FOR WETLANDS: NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS  
SEPTEMBER 2015**

**National Authorities:**

TITLE	INITIAL/NAME	SURNAME	ORGANISATION
Mr	Mpume	Ntlokwana	Department of Agriculture Forestry & Fisheries: Deputy Director:
Mr	Umesh	Bahadur	Department of Environmental Affairs: Working for Wetlands
Ms	Wilma	Lutsch	Department of Environmental Affairs
Mr	Danie	Smit	Department of Environmental Affairs: Directorate: Sensitive
Ms	Naomi	Fourie	Department of Water and Sanitation
Dr	Paul	Meulenbeld	Department of Water and Sanitation
Dr	Wietshce	Roets	Department of Water and Sanitation: In-stream Water Use (Specialist Scientist)
Ms	Jackie	Jay	Department of Water and Sanitation: Integrated Planning Section
Ms	Barbara	Weston	Department of Water and Sanitation: Deputy Director: Surface Water Reserve Determinations
Mr	Michael	Braack	Department of Environmental Affairs: Natural Resource Management (NRM) Programmes
Mr	Christo	Marais	Department of Environmental Affairs: NRM
Mr	Guy	Preston	Department of Environmental Affairs: NRM
Mr	Danie	Smit	Department of Environmental Affairs: Directorate: Sensitive Environments
Mr	Bonani	Madikizela	Water Research Commission: Research Manager
Mr	Kelvin	Legge	DWS: Integrated Environmental Engineering (Chief Engineer)
Ms	Olga	Jacobs	SANParks: Biodiversity and Social Projects
Ms	Hélette	Dunne	SANParks: Implementation Man
Mr	Simon	Gear	BirdLife South Africa
Mr	Farai	Tererai	Manager: Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
Mr	Steven	Segang	Endangered Wildlife Trust*
Ms	Kerryn	Morrison	Endangered Wildlife Trust*
Ms	Tanya	Smith	Endangered Wildlife Trust*
Mr	Ahmed	Khan	Department of Environmental Affairs*
Mr	Louwrens	Ferreira	Department of Environmental Affairs*
Mr	Werner	Roux	Department of Environmental Affairs*

\*Only notification was sent to the following I&APs



**WORKING FOR WETLANDS: EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE  
PROVINCIAL STAKEHOLDERS – SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Provincial Authorities:**

TITLE	INITIAL/NAME	SURNAME	ORGANISATION
Mr	Angus	Burns	World Wildlife Fund for Nature
Ms	Nokuthula	Dubazane	Mondi Wetlands Programme
Mr	Kwazi	Hlongwane	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries - Land Use and Soil Management
Mr	Ivor	Hoareau	DWS: Directorate Insitutional Establishment Dam Safety
Mr	Poovey	Moodley	KZN DEA: Amajuba District
Mr	Siyabonga	Buthelezi	DWS: Scientific Manager (WQM): Pongola-Umzimkulu Proto CMA
	Renelle	Pillay	DWS
	Nonkululeko	Mokoena	DWS
Ms	Phumelela	Phenyane	Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife: Protected Area Planning & Integrated Environmental Management
Mr	Dominic	Wieners	Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife
Mr	Doug	Woods	'Duzi uMngeni Conservation Trust

**Municipal Authorities:**

TITLE	INITIAL/NAME	SURNAME	ORGANISATION
Mr	Lucky	Zondi	Harry Gwala District Municipality (Director for Development & Planning)
Ms	NC	James	Kwa Sani Local Municipality (MM)
			uMgungundlowu District Municipality
Mr	Sibusiso	Mabaso	Impendle Local Municipality (MM)
Mr	KE	Mpumgofe	uMngeni Local Municipality (MM)
Mr	P.V	Majozi	Kwa Sani Local Municipality - Ward 1
	SG	Ndlela	Impendle Local Municipality - Ward 4
Mr	James	Zondi	uMngeni Local Municipality - Ward 3
Ms	Zine	Dlamini	uMngeni Local Municipality - Ward 9

**Landowners:**

TITLE	INITIAL/NAME	SURNAME	WETLAND SYSTEM
Mr	Inkosi	Ngwane	Maputaland
Mr	AP	Zoloumis	Maputaland
Mr	John	Campbell	Midlands – Ivanhoe
Mr	Nick	Stubbs	Midlands – Upper Lions
Mr	Rex	Lund	Upper South – Lund's Wetland
Mr	Derek	Watson	Upper South – Lund's Wetland

Mr	ME	Dladla	Mpophomeni
----	----	--------	------------

**Wetland Forum and General I&APs:**

TITLE	INITIAL/NAME	SURNAME	ORGANISATION
	Brian	Beyers	WESSA
Ms	Terry	Calmeyer	ILISO Consulting Environmental: Director (Certified EAP)
Mr	Gerhard	Cilliers	Department of Water Affairs: Resource Quality Services
Mr	Craig	Cowden	Ground Truth
	Alex	Dlamini	Invasive Alien Species Programme
Mr	Marc de	Fontaine	Rand Water
Mr	Piet-Louis	Grundling	International Mire Conservation Group
Mr	Vaughan	Koopman	Mondi Wetlands Forum
Mrs	Mbali	Kubheka	WfWet Provincial Coordinator
Mr	Doug	Macfarlane	Eco-Pulse
Mr	Alfred	Matsheke	KZN DEA
Mr	Greg	Mullins	eThekwini Municipality: Environmental Planning & Climate Protection Department
Ms	Joyce	Pope	Umgenei Municipality
	Chucheka	Tivani	Department of Environmental Affairs
Mr	Damian	Walters	Mondi Wetlands Project
Ms	Zama	Madlala	RNR Conservancy
Mr	Sebenza	Nduli	
Mr	Andreas	Sithole	Hluhluwe Nature Reserve
Mr	Cobus	Theron	Endangered Wildlife Trust