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Mam,

REHABILITATION OF ROAD P127/2: REPLACEMENT OF CULVERT C7

Endecon Ubuntu (PTY) LTD herewith wishes to elaborate on the reasons for replacing Culvert C7.

Culvert C7 is structurally damaged, and is failing in such a way that if maintenance is not done as a priority, then the road will fail to such an extent that it will need to be closed. (this can't be allowed, since the road is a main road transporting coal to Duvha powerstation.)



The culvert has already lost some of its spans, together with the outlet structure.

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The remaining portion is showing signs of distress, where some of the foundation of the culvert have already been washed out, causing the culvert to split in two with one side already sagging with +50mm.

The process of maintenance that will be followed on this culvert, necessitates us to remove the culvert, in order to secure the foundation of the culvert, and then to replace the culvert with like on like. Since the culvert structure cannot be removed without damaging the spans, we need to replace them with new spans.

It is our belief that there was a miscalculation during the initial design of the culvert structure, and that the actual size of the structure should be 2 of 1.8 x 1.8m, instead of the 2 of 1.8 x 1.2. The new culvert footprint will stay exactly the same and only the height of the culvert will differ.

To carry out the proposed maintenance, we will be utilizing existing farm bridge structures to divert the traffic, and no work will be done to upgrade these farm bridges as they are of adequate size to accommodate the traffic.

Yours faithfully,

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