

# SCOPING & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (S&EIA) PROCESS

## NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE WILD COAST SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN MTHATHA, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 326, as Amended (7 April 2017) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for submission of application for environmental authorisation (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 324 and 325 as Amended (7 April 2017)

Notice is given in terms of Section 41(1) of the National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998) for the intent to submit a Water Use Licence Application to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)

### BACKGROUND AND LOCATION

The Coega Development Corporation (CDC) proposes to develop a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in the Wildcoast area of Mthatha around the Mthatha airport. The SEZ will be for commercial and industrial development and will be occupied by various types of businesses, which in turn, will require their own individual authorisations when they intend to develop. Due to the nature of the construction, the CDC is required to follow a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process to gain environmental approval prior to the commencement of the Proposed Project.

### ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION

The following legislative requirements are applicable:

- NEMA: GNR 327, Activities 9, 10, 12, 19 and 24;
- NEMA: GNR 325, Activity 15; and
- NEMA: GNR 324, Activities 4, 12, 14 and 15.

The following legislative requirements are applicable for triggered water use activities:

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

### DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft Scoping Report (DSR) will be made available at the venues below for review and comment for **30 days** from **24 April 2018** to **28 May 2018**:

Public Place	Locality	Contact	Telephone
Umtata High School	55 Victoria Street, Mthatha	School Reception	047 531 2981
Mthatha Library	34 Owen Street, Mthatha	Reception	047 501 4197 083 398 3989
<b>WSP Website</b>	<a href="http://www.wsp-pb.com/en/WSP-Africa/What-we-do/Services/All-Services-A-Z/Technical-Reports/">http://www.wsp-pb.com/en/WSP-Africa/What-we-do/Services/All-Services-A-Z/Technical-Reports/</a>		

Kindly ensure that all comments are submitted to the contact details provided herewith, by **28 May 2018**. Should you have any queries/comments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) is the delegated lead authority while the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (EDEAT), O.R Tambo District Municipality and King Sabata Dalindyebo Local Municipality are the project commenting authorities.

WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to manage the S&EIA process. Parties wishing to formally register as stakeholders in order to offer their comment on the Proposed Project are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP at the details provided below. Registered stakeholders will be forwarded all future correspondence, and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process.

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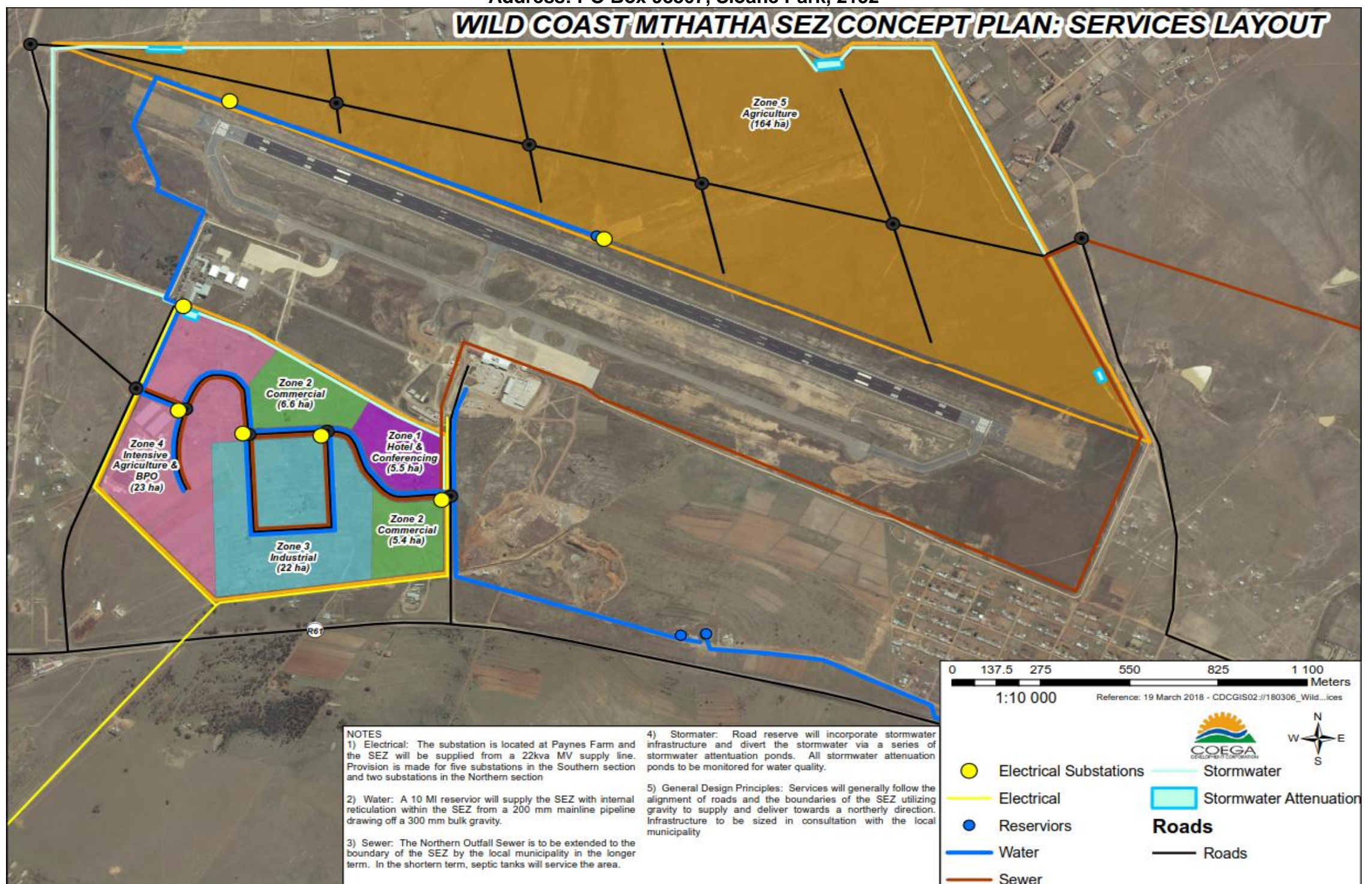


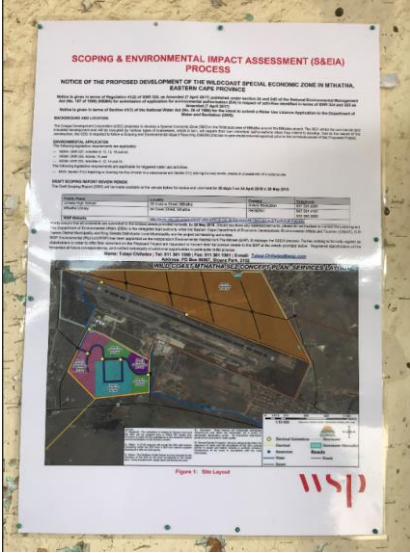

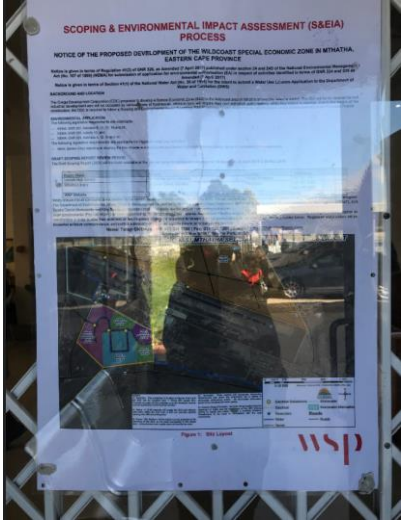



Figure 1: Site Layout





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LOCATION	CO-ORDINATE	ZOOMED IN	LANDSCAPE
Site Boundary Fence	31°33'18.46"S, 28°40'12.85"E		
Umtata High School	31°35'30.48"S, 28°47'9.62"E		

LOCATION	CO-ORDINATE	PHOTOGRAPHS	
		ZOOMED IN	LANDSCAPE
Mthatha Library	31°35'20.36"S, 28°47'12.86"E		
King Dalindyebo Municipality	Sabata Local 31°35'18.82"S, 28°47'16.20"E	