

## RE: Proposed Rocky Drift Bulk Wastewater System Upgrade and Expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Works and Msholozhi Sewer Outfall

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The existing Rocky Drift wastewater treatment works (WWTW) receives effluent from the town Rocky Drift, consisting of an industrial area, the formalized residential area of Phumlani. The town of Phumlani is provided with water supply via metered house connections and the existing industries within Rocky Drift and the Phumlani township are already served by a waterborne sewerage system. Recently, the residential area of Msholozhi has been developed alongside Phumlani and while Phumlani is serviced by formalized waterborne sanitation, Msholozhi is not serviced. Msholozhi received town planning approval for the formalization of the residential area. As part of this process, the City of Mbombela (CoM) Local Municipality has proposed the provision of formalized water and sanitation services for Msholozhi.

The existing 160 mm Ø bulk sewer pipeline from Phumlani to the existing Rocky's Drift WWTW is the only current residential sewer outfall supplying the works. This pipeline will however be too small to cater for the increased sewage flows once the Msholozhi waterborne sewerage system commences operations. The CoM therefore propose the upgrade and expansion of the Rocky Drift WWTW and installation of a Msholozhi sewer outfall to increase the current operational capacity of the WWTW and to provide Msholozhi with access to formalised water and sanitation services. Further details are available in the attached executive summary document.

#### **APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION**

The proposed project is subject to an Application for Environmental Authorisation and a Basic Assessment process as stipulated in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended by GN. R 326 of April 2017). The proposed project will trigger activities 10, 12, 19 and 27 of Listing Notice 1, 2014 (GN. R 983 of 2014), (as amended by GN. R 327 of April 2017) and activities 12 and 14 of Listing Notice 3 (GN. R 985 of 2014), (as amended by GN 324 of April 2017).

The authority responsible for considering the application is the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA).

In addition, approval in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (No. 25 of 1999) may be required.

#### **WATER-USE LICENCE APPLICATION**

The proposed project is subject to a Water Use Licence Application Process in terms of Section 21 (c), (f) and (i) the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998. As part of the Water Use Licence Application, SLR has prepared a Water Quality Management Report.

The Competent Authority responsible for considering the Water-Use Licence is the Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency.

## OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE:

The report can be accessed at <https://www.slrconsulting.com/public-documents>. If you and/or your organisation would like to register as an interested and affected party (I&AP) and/or wish to raise any issues or concerns regarding the proposed project applications, please contact Amishka Mothilal of SLR at the contact details below. For comments to be included in the Reports they should be submitted to SLR by no later than **24 May 2021**.

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