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CaseID: 15921

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## **Interim Comment**

### **In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Miss Amishka Mothilal

SLR Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd

68 Old Main Road

Kloof,

Durban

3640

### **Proposed expansion and upgrade of the existing Rocky Drift Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) and extension of a gravity main pipeline to link the existing WWTW to the Phumlani and Msholozzi settlements on Portion 0, 6 and 8 of ERF no 276, Dingwell Farm in Mpumalanga.**

Dr van Schalkwyk have been appointed by SLR Consulting (Pty) Ltd on behalf of their client, The City of Mbombela Local Municipality, to undertake a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the proposed upgrades of Msholi/Phumlani sewer pipeline. The pipeline will be located on the remainder of the farm Dingwell 276 IT, in Mpumalanga Province.

The report was submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) in terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*Schalkwyk, J.A. November 2020. Phase 1 Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment: The Proposed Msholozzi/Phumlani Sewer Pipeline and Expansion of the Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) in the Rocky Drift Region North of Mbombela, Mpumalanga Province.*

The authors undertook a field assessment of the proposed pipeline route and did not identify any heritage resources. The area has been impacted by recent farming activities and any potential heritage that may have occurred has been destroyed. The is very low chance of any heritage resources occurring in the area. The author provide no further mitigation measures.

### **Interim Comment**

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit cannot comment on this application without the submission of the environmental documents that form part of the Environmental Authorisation application as mentioned in the HIA report.

# Proposed Phumlani/Msholozzi Sewer Pipeline and Upgrade of the Rocky Drift WWTW

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SAHRA will provide further comments on submission of the Basic Assessment report and its appendices. Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Nokukhanya Khumalo  
Heritage Officer  
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Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit  
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**ADMIN:**

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## Amishka Mothilal

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**From:** Amishka Mothilal  
**Sent:** Thursday, 22 April 2021 15:23  
**To:** Mervyn Lotter  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Rocky Drift Bulk Wastewater System Upgrade and Expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Works and Msholozzi Sewer Outfall

Dear Mervyn,

Thank you for your correspondence. Phumla was included in the mailing list as well.

Have a lovely afternoon further.

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**From:** Mervyn Lotter <mervyn.lotter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 22 April 2021 14:38  
**To:** Amishka Mothilal <amothilal@slrconsulting.com>  
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Dear Amishka

Please note I am not the correct person to be forwarding that information to within the MTPA. Please forward that information to Phumla Nkosi at [Phumla.Nkosi@mtpa.co.za](mailto:Phumla.Nkosi@mtpa.co.za)

Regards  
Mervyn

On Thu, 22 Apr 2021 at 11:13, Amishka Mothilal <[amothilal@slrconsulting.com](mailto:amothilal@slrconsulting.com)> wrote:

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

Amishka Mothilal <amothilal@slrconsulting.com>

Wed 2021/05/26 13:50

To: Phumla Nkosi <Phumla.Nkosi@mtpa.co.za>

Cc: Theo Wicks <twicks@slrconsulting.com>

📎 1 attachments (77 KB)

Rocky Drift DBAR - MPTA.pdf;

Hi Phumla,

Please find attached Rocky Drift Draft Basic Assessment Report waybill with tracking number (88814490136). You can track the parcel on <https://www.courierit.co.za/>

Thank you!

Regards

Amishka

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**From:** Phumla Nkosi <Phumla.Nkosi@mtpa.co.za>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 May 2021 12:25

**To:** Amishka Mothilal <amothilal@slrconsulting.com>

**Subject:** RE: Proposed Rocky Drift Bulk Wastewater System Upgrade and Expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Works and Msholozzi Sewer Outfall



Okay thank you, our address is :

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N4 Halls Gateway  
Mataffin  
1200

Attention: Thabile Mnisi  
Office G27

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 May 2021 12:22

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**Subject:** RE: Proposed Rocky Drift Bulk Wastewater System Upgrade and Expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Works and Msholozzi Sewer Outfall

We can provide you with a hard copy, however, due to the short deadline the comments from MTPA will be submitted onto the CA.

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**From:** Phumla Nkosi <[Phumla.Nkosi@mtpa.co.za](mailto:Phumla.Nkosi@mtpa.co.za)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 May 2021 12:15

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**Subject:** RE: Proposed Rocky Drift Bulk Wastewater System Upgrade and Expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Works and Msholozzi Sewer Outfall



Unfortunately not, we would require the hard copy and judging by the deadline there won't be enough time.

Kind Regards

Phumla

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**Subject:** RE: Proposed Rocky Drift Bulk Wastewater System Upgrade and Expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Works and Msholozzi Sewer Outfall

Sure, I will do that going forward.

I can still incorporate comments into the Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR). Would it be possible for you to send through any comments by 15.00pm tomorrow (Wednesday 26 May 2021)? Apologies for the short deadline. We are submitting the FBAR on Thursday.

Kind Regards,  
Amishka

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**From:** Phumla Nkosi <[Phumla.Nkosi@mtpa.co.za](mailto:Phumla.Nkosi@mtpa.co.za)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 May 2021 11:33

**To:** Amishka Mothilal <[amothilal@slrconsulting.com](mailto:amothilal@slrconsulting.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Proposed Rocky Drift Bulk Wastewater System Upgrade and Expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Works and Msholozzi Sewer Outfall



Thank you for the clarity , I understand. I don't know how I missed it. In future, can you please send us a hard copy of the document as our policy is to comment on hard copies.

Kind Regards  
Phumla

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 May 2021 11:27

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Hi Phumla,

I hope that you are well.

Yes, this is correct. The email sent on the 20 May 2021 was a reminder email. The initial notification email was sent out on 22 April 2021.

Kind Regards,

Amishka

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Good Morning Amishka

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**Sent:** Thursday, 20 May 2021 10:00

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Dear Sir,

**DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT: THE PROPOSED UPGRADE OF ROCKY DRIFT WWTW AND BULK SEWER PIPELINE FROM MSHOLOZI TO ROCKY DRIFT WWTW, CITY OF MBOMBELA**

The draft basic assessment report which was submitted by you in respect of the abovementioned application and received by the Department on 21 April 2021 refers. The Department has considered the content of the report, and has the following comments:

1. MTPA must be consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment on the draft BAR.
2. Please note that co-ordinates of all watercourse crossings must be provided.
3. The final basic assessment report must provide proof of compliance with Regulation 40(3)
4. The final basic assessment report must include an issues and response report, as well as copies of and responses to comments received from all I&APs, including these comments.

You are reminded of the requirements of Regulation 19(1), and that if such requirement is not met, the application will lapse in terms of the provisions of Regulation 45.

Please draw the applicant's attention to the fact that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Sincerely,

**MS. R. LUYT**

**ACTING DIRECTOR: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT**

**DATE: 25/05/2021**





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Dear Sir/Madam,

**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: THE UPGRADE OF ROCKY DRIFT  
WWTW AND BULK SEWER PIPELINE FROM MSHOLOZI TO THE ROCKY DRIFT WWTW,  
CITY OF MBOMBELA**

The Department confirms having received the application form for Environmental Authorisation and Draft BAR for the abovementioned project on 21 April 2021.

The application has been assigned the reference number **1/3/1/16/1E-319**. Kindly quote this reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application. The responsible officer is **Xolani Nkosi** and all correspondence must be directed to: Environmental Impact Management, Ehlanzeni District Office, marked for the attention of the responsible officer. Please note that you must, within 90 days from 21 April 2021, submit to this office a Final Basic Assessment Report – inclusive of specialist reports and an EMPr - which has already been subjected to a public participation process, and was provided to interested and affected parties for a period of 30 days for comments, and which reflects the incorporation of any comments received, including any comments from this office. In this regard you are referred to the requirements of Regulation 40(3).

Please take note in terms of the provisions of regulation 45, the application will lapse, and this office will deem the application to have lapsed, if the applicant fails to submit the Final Basic Assessment Report within the timeframe specified above.

Please draw the applicant's attention to the fact that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Sincerely,

R. LUYT

ACTING DIRECTOR: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT

DATE: 03/05/2021

