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Sent: 30 October 2016 01:20 PM
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Cc: Marais, Wanda; 'Secretary KBVA'
Subject: RE: NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD: Proposed Seaview and Greenbushes Bulk Water Infrastructure Expansion

Thanks, Jason. I did receive a copy from Wanda.

Our interest in this proposed bulk water infrastructure expansion is how it will supply water to Kini Bay. Kini bay is not specifically mentioned, and we would be happier knowing that it also caters for Kini Bay.

Wanda, please include Kini Bay when reference is made to the areas this proposal caters for, as we are under the impression that Kini Bay is supposed to benefit from this as well.

Thanks and regards
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Marais, Wanda" <WMarais@srk.co.za>
Date: 27 October 2016 at 3:49:04 PM SAST
To: Undisclosed recipients;;
Subject: **NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD: Proposed Seaview and Greenbushes Bulk Water Infrastructure Expansion**

Dear Authorities, Stakeholders and Interested & Affected Parties,

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD: Proposed Seaview and Greenbushes Bulk Water Infrastructure Expansion

Please find attached the Executive Summary of the Pre-Application Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) for the proposed Seaview and Greenbushes Bulk Water Infrastructure Expansion, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape Province.

The Pre-Application DBAR is not a final report and is open for public and stakeholder review and comment for a period of 30 days. It will thereafter be amended in response to the comments received and released as the Post-Application DBAR, which will also be subject to a public comment period. Thereafter the Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) will be submitted to the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs & Tourism (DEDEAT) for their decision.



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Dear Ms Marais

PROPOSED SEAVIEW GREENBUSHES BULK WATER INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION: PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR COMMENT

Your letter dated 7 November 2016 on the above matter, addressed to Mr Izak van der Merwe, has reference.

In general the planned bulk water infrastructure expansion is supported, but some issues are raised below.

The mandate of this Department will be affected in two ways, namely the development of infrastructure that will overlap on the Island Nature Reserve, which is also a declared State Forest, and some infrastructure that will affect natural forest.

THE ISLAND NATURE RESERVE

The proposed Upper Seaview reservoir will extend into a portion of the nature reserve. The first question is whether alternative sites have been assessed, and if so, to indicate those

on map and describe their assessment, and motivate why this site is preferred. If not, to motivate why this is the only site that can be considered.

Then focusing on the site itself if the proposed reservoir (and all other facilities linked to it such as the access road) is going to be developed there, the issue of the State Forest status has to be resolved by DAFF. This can be done in two ways: a) to withdraw that portion of land as State Forest in the Government Gazette (based on a surveyor diagram of the portion to be excised) or b) to keep the State Forest status, in which case a tariff will be applicable. In the case of b) an application for a license will have to be made for activity on a State Forest in terms of Section 23 of the National Forests Act of 1998.

NATURAL FOREST

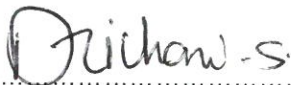
The planned infrastructure will affect patches of natural forest (as acknowledged at the bottom of p 16 of the Aquatic Assessment report). However the map of the Vegmap (figure 3) is completely inaccurate (the Vegmap was very broadly mapped, and surveys of natural forest by DAFF in some areas west of PE shows much more extensive natural forest occurring).

The botanical report of species of special concern of Jamie Pote lists the National Forests Act of 1984 and refers to the fact that the Minister can declare protected tree species. It should have stated that such a list has already been declared, and that a licence in terms of Section 15 of the Act is required. It should also have stated that trees in a natural forest may only be destroyed or damaged in terms of a licence under Section 7 of the Act. The other Forest Act of 1984 listed there has been replaced by the latter Act. This report shows maps of vegetation along the planned pipelines (Maps 1 and 2), but there the pipeline section going down to Beachview, and then from Beachview to Clarendon Marine, are not shown. The list of species in tables 2 and 3 include *Sideroxylon inerme*, under vegetation shown as thicket, especially parts of pipeline sections 2 and 10. Botanists have often misidentified natural forest as thicket, because these occur intermingled, and thicket is often a transitional stage to natural forest. In the case that there will be natural forest patches in this terrain, it would be recommended to do applications for a license under Sections 7 and 15 of the National Forests Act to destroy or damage trees in natural forest, and protected tree species respectively.

Bulk infrastructure is considered an exceptional circumstance, unlike residential erven, for the purpose of applying Section 7 of the National Forests Act. However, the strategic view in planning this infrastructure also becomes important. The extent to which the bulk infrastructure must service other development becomes important, especially given the forested nature of the properties around Seaview. What does the map titled *Seaview Phases* depict? If this is supposed to depict future development areas to be supplied with water, then it is of great concern, because the areas depicted as Phase 2 and Phase 3 are mostly covered in natural forest, with few parts that are developable.

Should you require additional information on this matter please do not hesitate to contact Ms MM Sundani, Assistant Director: Forestry Regulation and Support on 012-309 5865 or MulaloSu@daff.gov.za.

Yours sincerely



DIRECTOR: FORESTRY REGULATION AND OVERSIGHT

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Date: 08/12/16