

Appendix E

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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E3 – Comments and Response Report: to be provided in the Final BAR

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS: WORKING FOR WETLANDS PROGRAMME

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Opportunity to Participate: Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2010) and the NWA (1998). Draft BA Reports for the nine affected Provinces are available to I&APs for public comment from **4 March 2014** until **14 April 2014**. Digital copies of the report will be available for download from Aurecon's website (www.aurecongroup.com) - click on "South Africa", "Public Participation", "Environmental Projects" and finally the "SANBI Working for Wetlands" project).

Province	DEA Reference Number	Province	DEA Reference Number
EASTERN CAPE	14/12/16/3/3/1/1136	MPUMALANGA	14/12/16/3/3/1/1128
FREE STATE	14/12/16/3/3/1/1130	NORTH WEST	14/12/16/3/3/1/1134
GAUTENG	14/12/16/3/3/1/1132	NORTHERN CAPE	14/12/16/3/3/1/1137
KWAZULU-NATAL	14/12/16/3/3/1/1133	WESTERN CAPE	14/12/16/3/3/1/1131
LIMPOPO	14/12/16/3/3/1/1129		

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PUBLIEKE DEELNAME PROSES: WERK-VIR-VLEILANDE-PROGRAM

Program Titel: Die Werk vir Vleilande Program

Voorstel: Die Suid-Afrikaanse Nasionale Biodiversiteit-instituut (SANBI) se Werk-vir-Vleilande-Program beoog om 'n aantal afgetakelde vleilande in al nege provinsies van Suid-Afrika te rehabiliteer. Die rehabilitasie van vleilande behels die konstruksie van 'n verskeidenheid intervensies, wat skanskorf-strukture ("Gabions") en betonstrukture; asook sagte opsies wat herplanting en/of die verwydering van indringers kan insluit. Die aantal, tipe, bestek en ligging van elkeen van hierdie intervensies in die vleilande sal verskil na gelang van die natuur en omvang van die probleem en die toestand van die betrokke omgewing.

Wetlike Vereistes: Goedkeurings word vereis deur beide van die onderstaande wette soos hieronder beskryf:

A. Die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, No. 107 van 1998 (WNOB): Die voorstel om te rehabiliteer vereis 'n Basiese Omgewingsinvloedbepaling (BOIB) in terme van die 2010 Omgewingsinvloedbepalings (OIB) Regulasies ingevolge die WNOB. Aurecon Suid-Afrika (Pty) Ltd (Aurecon) is aangestel om die BOIB-proses te onderneem, en aparte aansoeke vir elk van die nege provinsies is ingedien by die bevoegde owerheid, die Departement van Omgewingsake (DOS). Die gelyste aktiwiteite wat relevant is vir elke aansoek in terme van die 2010 OIB Regulasies is Goewermentskennisgewing Regulasies (GK.R) 544: 11 & 18 (Kennisgewinglys 1) en GK.R 546: 12, 13 & 16 (Kennisgewinglys 3).

WNOB Vrystellings: Die voorneme is om aansoek te doen vir vrystelling van die volgende bepalinge van die WNOB:

- GK No. R. 543 10(2)d 'Plaas 'n kennisgewing van die Departement se besluit'. Aurecon het aansoek gedoen vir vrystelling van die plasing van advertensies om die publiek in kennis te stel van die DOS se besluit en om eerder slegs geregistreerde B&GPe direk in kennis te stel.
- GK No. R. 543 16(1) 'Aanstelling van 'n Omgewingsimpakbepalingpraktisyn ("EAP") om die aansoeke te bestuur'. Aurecon het aansoek gedoen vir vrystelling van onafhanklikheid aangesien hulle ingenieurs die ontwerp werk onderneem vir die nodige intervensies.

B. Nasionale Waterwet, No. 36 van 1998 (NWW): In terme van Artikel 39 van die NWW is 'n Algemene Magtiging (AM) toegestaan vir sekere aktiwiteite wat normaalweg 'n Watergebruik lisensie vereis kragtens die NWW; so lank as wat die aktiwiteite onderneem word vir Vleiland rehabilitasie en solank die primêre doel van die rehabilitasie vir bewaring is.

Geleentheid om Deel te Neem: Kennisgewing geskied hiermee van die publieke deelname proses in terme van die WNOB OIB Regulasies (2010) en die NWW (1998). Konsep BOIB Verslae vir die nege geaffekteerde provinsies is beskikbaar aan B&GPe vir openbare kommentaar vanaf **4 Maart 2014** tot en met **14 April 2014**. Digitale kopieë van die verslag sal ook beskikbaar wees om af te laai vanaf Aurecon se webtuiste (www.aurecongroup.com – klik op "South Africa", "Public Partiiipation", "Environmental Projects" en laastens op "SANBI Working for Wetlands" projek).

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B&GPe moet verwys na die DOS verwysingsnommer/s vir die relevante Provinsie soos uiteengesit in die tabel hier bo, en hulle kommentaar lewer te same met hulle name, kontakbesonderhede en 'n indikasie van enige direkte of indirekte besigheid, finansiële, persoonlike of ander belangstelling wat hulle mag hê m.b.t. die aansoeke aan die onderstaande persoon/ persone.

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The following information can be made available in any of the official languages upon request:

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PROJECT	WETLAND NAME	WETLAND NUMBER	LATITUDE (DDMMSS)	LONGITUDE (DDMMSS)
HOGSBACK	Hogsback	S32D-08	32°31'45.74" S	26°55'51.26" E
PE METRO	Swartkops Vlei	M10D-001	33°52'43.90" S	25°36'15.75" E
GATBERG	Gatberg	T35G-40	31°17'37.45" S	28°10'14.38" E

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