

eThekwini Municipality



Comment and Response Report

DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A 500MM STEEL WATERMAIN INLET TO WESTRIDING RESERVOIR, ASSAGAY, DURBAN.

J34049

November 2014



People • Expertise • Excellence



Comments and Response Report

West Riding Pipeline EIA

CONTENTS

Chapter	Description	Page
1	INTRODUCTION	1-1
2	COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE	2-1
	2.1 Public Participation	2-1

TABLE

Table 1 Comments and Response Table	2-1
---	-----



1 INTRODUCTION

The Comment and Response Report (CRR) as per the tables below consolidates all input received throughout the Public Participation Process (PPP) to date. This Report includes a collation of all the comments and summary of all the issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) on the Background Information Document (BID) which was circulated in the public domain from 02 July 2014 to 01 August 2014. The report also provides GIBB's (the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)) response to the issues raised. All I&APs listed below were registered on the I&AP database for the proposed project.



2 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE

Table 1 Comments and Response Table

DATE	NAME & ORGANISATION	COMMENT	RESPONSE
2.1 Public Participation			
02 July 2014; E-mail	Mr Tony Smith, Resident	<p>“Good day Katherine,</p> <p>I live at 18 Ashley Road, Westriding, Hillcrest.</p> <p>I have received today a notice regarding a Basic Assessment for a 500mm water main.</p> <p>I note that according to your notice and the information from the City – the main will run down Ashley <u>Drive</u> – which is unfortunately in Gillitts and not Westriding.</p> <p>In fact I note that the map supplied shows the route along Ashley Road.</p> <p>I would strongly suggest that both you and your Client redistribute the information correctly <u>prior</u> to proceeding, as the process could be invalidated should the pipe be laid along a road different to that applied for!!”</p>	GIBB thanked Mr Smith for his correction, and all reports were amended accordingly.



DATE	NAME & ORGANISATION	COMMENT	RESPONSE
02 July 2014, Email	Mr R Schroder, Resident	<p>“Dear Ms. Katherine de Jong, please see details below, as requested in your letter dated 2nd July 2014, with regard to communication on the above mentioned subject.</p> <p>INTEREST I am a resident/property owner of Westriding that will be directly affected during/after the period of the proposed construction.</p> <p>CONCERNS A section of the pipeline is already been laid and completed in the Transnet owned reserve. This indicates that it is a foregone conclusion that the pipeline will be laid along Galloway and Ashley Roads.</p> <p>I am concerned by the severe disruption to vehicular traffic currently running along Ashley Road and Galloway Road. This particularly near the Galloway and Old Main Road intersection. This disruption will also be experienced at the Galloway and Ashley Road intersections.</p>	<p>Noted. Mr Schroder has been registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP).</p> <p>This is an existing pipe and the proposed new inlet will be connecting into it. Although this pipeline has been laid, It is not a forgone conclusion as the final decision still lies with the competent authority.</p> <p>Your concerns are noted. However the EMP (Appendix F), Section C2.2 states the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) No other routes will be used by vehicles or personnel for the purpose of gaining access to the site.b) Access to the site is to be shown on a site plan and approved by the Project Manager.c) Disruption to regular road users must be minimised.d) The Project Manager shall ensure traffic safety at all times and shall implement safety measures to this end.



DATE	NAME & ORGANISATION	COMMENT	RESPONSE
		<p>I am also concerned about the removal of both indigenous and other trees as well as the negative visual impact during/after the construction of the pipeline.</p> <p>SUGGESTIONS I am suggesting that the proposed pipeline be routed along the railway reserve to the same destination. This reserve is already cleared of vegetation etc. This will result in the least disruption and damage to current infrastructure along Galloway and Ashley Roads. The cost of rehabilitation may</p>	<p>General and personal traffic safety is the responsibility of the individual. e) Declare and display / indicate appropriate speed limits that would effectively mitigate potential environmental impacts; e.g. dust, noise, spills, accidents, etc.</p> <p>Your concern is noted, please refer to the Vegetation Study in Appendix D2. This study further details the trees that may be impacted on by the proposed project. The specialist concludes that "Vegetation along the route is transformed and none is in natural state. The only concerns are in respect of species that have been planted as ornamentals on road verges by homeowners, but which in spite of their popularity in horticulture are protected. However, these and other impacts can be well mitigated."</p> <p>This option is not feasible as the pipeline would need to go through private property to reach the Reservoir at the top.</p>




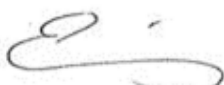

DATE	NAME & ORGANISATION	COMMENT	RESPONSE
		<p>possibly be greatly reduced or even non-existent.</p> <p>Thank you for considering these comments."</p>	
4 July 2014, Email	Mr Martin van der Merwe, Resident	<p>Personal interest in the project:</p> <p>With a specific concern regarding possible "street access and safety in terms of burglaries."</p>	<p>Your concern is noted, eThekweni Municipality will restrict work hours of the proposed project to office hours. No construction staff will be stationed on site and all residential properties will be strictly regarded as no-go areas.</p>
14 July 2014, Email	Mrs Lindi Guttenbrunner, Resident	<p>Personal interest in the project:</p> <p>"The state of the roads should be factored into the project. The road is already in dire need of resurfacing and with the increased construction vehicles, the road surface will deteriorate even further."</p>	<p>Although the state of the roads is a problem, upgrading of the road surface falls outside the scope of work for this project. Should the project receive an authorisation, eThekweni Municipality will ensure that the transportation of construction material to site will be conducted in an efficient manner so as to minimize the impact of the vehicles on the road surface.</p>
17 July 2014, Email	Mr John Bohler, Resident	<p>Personal Interest in the project:</p> <p>1) That the large/established trees in Ashley ad Elizabeth Roads are not removed (indigenous or not)</p>	<p>1) You concern is noted, please refer to the Vegetation Study in Appendix D2. This study further details the trees that may be impacted on by the proposed project. The specialist concludes that "Vegetation along the route is</p>



DATE	NAME & ORGANISATION	COMMENT	RESPONSE
		<p>2) That the Stream Crossing (Elizabeth Road) is done below the watercourse (i.e. no bridge/structure visible)</p> <p>3) That any manholes/access chambers are entirely below ground level (only manhole covers are visible).</p>	<p>transformed and none is in natural state. The only concerns are in respect of species that have been planted as ornamentals on road verges by homeowners, but which in spite of their popularity in horticulture are protected. However, these and other impacts can be well mitigated.”</p> <p>2) GIBB has also been appointed to undertake a Water Use License application for the stream crossings and will ensure that the design and location of the structure are in line with the Department of Water and Sanitations (DWS) requirements.</p> <p>3) Kindly note that the manhole covers proposed will not be raised or cause access problems or disturbances on the resident's driveways. The intention is to keep the manhole covers the same level of the driveway where applicable.</p>

**DOCUMENT CONTROL
FORM IP180_B**

CLIENT : eThekweni Municipality
PROJECT NAME : West Riding Reservoir EIA **PROJECT No.** : J34049
TITLE OF DOCUMENT: West Riding Reservoir EIA: Comment and Response Report
ELECTRONIC LOCATION : P:\3230 Environmental\J34049 – West Riding Reservoir EIA\Comments and Response Report

	Approved By	Reviewed By	Prepared By
ORIGINAL	NAME Elisabeth Nortje	NAME Elisabeth Nortje	NAME Katherine de Jong
DATE November 2014	SIGNATURE 	SIGNATURE 	SIGNATURE 

	Prepared by	Prepared By	Prepared By
ORIGINAL	NAME	NAME	NAME
DATE	SIGNATURE	SIGNATURE	SIGNATURE

	Approved By	Reviewed By	Prepared By
REVISION	NAME	NAME	NAME
DATE	SIGNATURE	SIGNATURE	SIGNATURE

This report, and information or advice, which it contains, is provided by GIBB (or any of its related entities) solely for internal use and reliance by its Client in performance of GIBB's duties and liabilities under its contract with the Client. Any advice, opinions, or recommendations within this report should be read and relied upon only in the context of the report as a whole. The advice and opinions in this report are based upon the information made available to GIBB at the date of this report and on current South African standards, codes, technology and construction practices as at the date of this report. Following final delivery of this report to the Client, GIBB will have no further obligations or duty to advise the Client on any matters, including development affecting the information or advice provided in this report. This report has been prepared by GIBB in their professional capacity as Consulting Engineers. The contents of the report do not, in any way, purport to include any manner of legal advice or opinion. This report is prepared in accordance with the terms and conditions of the GIBB contract with the Client. Regard should be had to those terms and conditions when considering and/or placing any reliance on this report. Should the Client wish to release this report to a Third Party for that party's reliance, GIBB may, at its discretion, agree to such release provided that:

- (a) GIBB's written agreement is obtained prior to such release, and
- (b) By release of the report to the Third Party, that Third Party does not acquire any rights, contractual or otherwise, whatsoever against GIBB and GIBB, accordingly, assume no duties, liabilities or obligations to that Third Party, and
- (c) GIBB accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage incurred by the Client or for any conflict of GIBB interests arising out of the Client's release of this report to the Third Party.

GIBB (Pty) Ltd	Website	: www.gibb.co.za
Postal Address : PO Box 1365, Westville, 3630	Physical Address	: 54 Norfolk Terrace, Westville, 3630
Contact Person : K de Jong	Email Address	: kdejong@gibb.co.za
Telephone No. : 031 267 8567	Fax No.	: 031 266 3310