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Dear Interested and Affected Party

NOTIFICATION OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A 500MM STEEL WATERMAIN INLET TO WESTRIDING RESERVOIR, KWAZULU-NATAL

eThekweni Water and Sanitation propose to install approximately 4km of 500mm diameter continuously welded steel pipe which will be constructed in residential roads, including pipe jacking across Old Main road and new reticulation watermains to service the high level zone of Westriding Reservoir.

The proposed pipe will be constructed along the following residential roads:

- Assagay Road to Old Main Road
- The pipe will then be pipe jacked in a sleeve of a minimum diameter of 900mm across Old Main Road.
- A section of the pipe then runs within the Transnet-owned reserve. There is an existing pipe in this section and the new inlet will be connecting into it.
- The pipe will then enter Galloway Road, turn into Ashley Drive and then it will enter Elizabeth Road, which is where it will cross a small stream.
- The pipeline will then continue into Marion Road where it will then tie into the existing Westriding Reservoir.

A locality map indicating the proposed route of the pipeline as outlined above is provided in a Background Information Document (BID) as annexure A to this letter.

eThekweni Municipality has lodged an application for environmental authorisation with the relevant decision-making authority, the KZN Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (DAEA). GIBB (Pty) Ltd (GIBB) has been appointed as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to compile the necessary application for environmental authorisation on behalf of eThekweni Municipality and undertake the required Basic Assessment (BA) Process.

The application for environmental authorisation and licensing is conducted in accordance with the following legislation:

- Environmental Authorisation from the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) as amended (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GNR. 544 of 2010).
- Water Use Licence Application from the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36, of 1998) (NWA).

A Public Participation Process forms part of the BA Process. GIBB has therefore prepared the enclosed Background Information Document to firstly inform all potential Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs) of the proposed project; and secondly provide details on how parties can register as I&APs to receive information on the BA and lodge any comments (raise issues and concerns) they may have.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please address all comments in writing to:

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Yours faithfully
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Attachments: Annexure A: Background Information Document