COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT Version 1

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Comments and Response Report (CRR) presents comments from Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), stakeholders and organs of state received during the following public engagements:

- Online pre-application meeting with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment case officer on 25 August 2022; and
- DWS Introductory meetings with the local authority, traditional councils on 15 and 16 September 2022 in the project area;' and
- Public meetings and a site inspection on 25 and 26 October 2022 at Casteel (Thusong Service Centre), Casteel Dam and Dingley Dale Mission Faith Church conducted during the public registration and comment period on the Background Information Document (BID) from 17 October to 15 November 2022.

No written submissions were received from community members, stakeholders or organs of state during the public registration period on the Background Information Document (BID) from 17 October to 15 November 2022, despite follow ups with the traditional council with regards any submission via the 'Suggestions Boxes placed at the public venues. The authorities have

The CRR provides a summary of the issues received and offers a response to the issues raised. As indicated, the public is consulted in two stages during the Basic Assessment process and thus the CRR consists of versions. These versions include:

- Version 1 CRR appended to the draft Basic Assessment Report available for public review containing comment on the BID document distributed during the public registration period including engagement meetings.
- Version 2 CRR appended to the final Basic Assessment Report submitted to LEDET for approval.

This document CRR Version 1 is appended to the draft Basic Assessment Report made available for public review and comment for a period of 30 calendar days from 30 June to 31 July 2023. The CRR Version 1 is available to I&APs on the Naledzi website at http://www.naledzi.co.za/public-documents-naledzi.php and at the advertised public venues i.e. Setlhare and Moreipuso traditional council offices, Casteel Thusong Centre including Dingley Dale. It is also submitted to the DFFE for initial comment along with the project application for environmental authorisation.

2. ISSUES AND RESPONSE REPORT

Please refer to page 5 for the summary of issues raised by I&APs, stakeholders, and organs of state during the online pre-application with DFFE, DWS introductory meetings and public engagements conducted by Naledzi during October 2022 including our responses provided thereto.

The full set of meeting minutes, presentations and signed attendance registers are attached to the Draft BAR and EMPr.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

I&AP	Interested and Affected Party
BID	Background Information Document
CRR	Comments and Response Report
PPP	Public Participation Process
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment
BLM	Bushbuckridge Local Municipality
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation
SIAM	Strategic Infrastructure Asset Management
NEC	Naledzi Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
BA	Basic Assessment
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998)
R40	R40 Regional Road passing by Casteel Dam
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency
BAR	Basic Assessment Report
EMPR	Environmental Management Programme
m ³	Cubic metres
SED Plan	Social Economic Development Plan
DoA	Department of Agriculture
COGTA	Dept. Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs
DSRP	Dam Safety Rehabilitation Programme
IUCMA	Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency
MDARDLEA	Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and
MUARDEEA	Environmental Affairs
PSC	Project Steering Committee

Table 1: Comments and Responses recorded during the BID public review period (pre-application engagements, introductory meetings, community meetings)

Number	Date of comment, comment	Comment	Response from EAP/Specialist/Applicant
	name of organisation/I&AP		
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1. Ce	omments from DFFE du	ring the pre-application engagement of 25 August 20	22
1.1	25 August 2022	The project will generate construction traffic over a twenty-four (24)	Both Traffic and Heritage Impact
		month period which includes haulage of construction between a	Assessment Studies were commissioned for
	DFFE: Integrated	commercial quarry and Casteel Dam along the R40. The EAP must	the project. Please refer to Appendix E of
	Environmental	therefore also commission a Traffic Impact Assessment/ Statement.	the Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR).
	Authorisations		
		In absence of heritage sources, the EAP must still submit a Heritage	
	Ms Samkelisiwe Dlamini	Statement/exemption letter compiled by a specialist for approval by	
	Case Officer	SAHRA.	
			•
		Bushbuckridge Local Municipality (BLM) at DWS I	
2.1	15 September 2022	a) What is the current capacity of the dam and will it be increased	a) The dam capacity is 1.18 million m ³ . Its
		as part of the rehabilitation works?	capacity will not be increased. Only the
	Bushbuckridge Local		spillway capacity to accommodate
	Municipality (BLM)	b) What employment opportunities can be expected from the	flood events.
		project during its construction phase?	

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	Ms Sarah Mogakane		b) The rehabilitation works will be carried
	Director: Economic		out by the DWS Chief Directorate:
	Development, Planning and		Construction Management. Skilled
	Environment		labour will be provided by DWS and
			unskilled labour will be sourced from
	Mr Mpho Makhavhu		the local communities. It is predicted
	Deputy Director: Water		that a minimum of 150 and a maximum
	Services		of 200 will be employed and commute
			to site on a daily basis.
			DWS will introduce the DWS
			contractor/ construction team to the
			traditional authorities during the
			procurement phase and together agree
			on a 'Social Economic Development
			(SED) Plan' on how and from where to
			employ the unskilled labour. DWS will
			also have a dedicated Stakeholder
			Liaison Officer (perhaps at Thusong
			Centre) prior and during construction
			works.
2.2	1	There are a 1000 emerging farmers forming part of an agriculture	DWS will not stop the current water release
		irrigation scheme downstream from Casteel Dam. The scheme	to the downstream irrigation users.
		abstract water released downstream from Casteel Dam. How will the	
		rehabilitation works affect the downstream water users?	

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			During the rehabilitation of the outlet
			works, one out the three existing outlet pipes
			will always be available to release water.
2.3		The introductory meeting is welcome, however the proposed scope of	Naledzi agreed to the site inspection. The
		works would be better understood through a site inspection to Casteel	site inspection took place on 15 October
		Dam.	2022. Refer to Appendix F8 of the Draft
			BAR for a copy of the minutes, signed
			attendance register and photos.
2.4		Are there any houses built below the flood line of the dam and river	DWS is in the process of reviewing the Dam
		that need to be removed?	Emergency Preparedness Plan and will
			make it available along with a map
		DWS must provide the local municipality with a map indicating the	indicating the flood line and buffer area to
		buffer area to be upheld/kept clear from housing/development to the	be upheld to the dam.
		dam.	
			Please refer to Appendix D2 of the Draft
			BAR for the floodline/buffer maps.
2.5		a) Where will DWS source construction material?	Construction material will be sourced from
		b) Is the commercial quarry located within any of affected tribal	a licensed quarry (probably near Agin
		council areas?	Court).
2.6		Kindly consider any community customs and rituals performed at the	These have been considered as part of the
		Casteel Dam. DWS must respect the customs and beliefs of the	Heritage Impact Assessment Report. Please
		community.	refer to Appendix E6 of the Draft BAR.

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3. C		Tribal Authorities during DWS Introductory Meetin	ugs of 16 September 2022
3.1	16 September 2022	DWS must be mindful of Hippos and Crocodiles in the dam during	DWS will build a temporary coffer dam
	Moreipuso Traditional	the construction works. It may pose a danger to construction workers.	around the area of the inlet and outlet works to perform the rehabilitation works.
3.2	Council representatives	The canal downstream from Casteel Dam is in poor condition and	DWS is the custodian of Casteel Dam but
	Ward 22 Councillor	needs to be refurbished.	the Department of Agriculture (DoA) is responsible for the canal and must therefore be engaged in this matter.
3.3	_	What is the timeframe for the EIA process and construction period for the rehabilitation works?	The EIA process (BA process) for this specific project will take 12-18 months to complete. The construction is planned to start in the year 2024 and will be concluded by 2026.
3.4	_	What is the acceptable distance to be upheld between the residential stands and the dam?	At least 70 meters above the 1: 100 year or 1: 2 year flood line of the dam. Refer to Appendix D2 of the Draft BAR.
3.5		Please ensure to consult the ward councillors for Wards 14, 22, 32 and 16. Casteel Dam falls within all four of these wards.	Noted. All four councillors have been consulted and will be consulted throughout the BA process public engagements. Please refer to our detailed response provided in section 3.8.
3.6	16 September 2022	What is the distance that needs to be kept between the residential stands and the dam?	At least 70 meters above the 1: 100 year or 1: 2 year flood line of the dam.

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	Sethlare Tribal Council		A map indicating the flood line and 70-
	representatives and ward		meter buffer to the upheld to the dam is
	councillors for Ward 16 and		included in Appendix D2 of the Draft BAR.
3.7	32	Given the safety risks identified at the dam, does DWS not foresee	It is understood from the document '
		Casteel Dam collapsing during the rehabilitation works?	Lebowa Government, Department of
			Agriculture and Environmental
		The Zoeknog Dam wall collapsed during scheduled rehabilitation	Conservation, Branch: Water Affairs,
		works by DWS.	Investigation concerning the failure of
			Zoeknog Dam: Pertinent Information,
			<i>Report No. 1455/6057, March 1994'</i> that the
			Zoeknog dam failed during 1993 owed to
			several factors i.e.
			• The outlet conduit was put in a
			trench through the foundations,
			below the filter carpet. The
			dispersive silt was compacted around the outlet in the trench but
			its walls were not protected by
			gunite.
			Backward erosion initiated into the
			crack, hydraulic cracking and a contracted leak occurred in the
			trench.
			 Failure occurred due to internal
			• Failure occurred due to internal erosion owed to the incorrect
			positioning of the dam outlet filter.

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			None of the identified factors were owed to rehabilitation works.
			The rehabilitation works at Casteel Dam are specifically aimed at preventing any potential dam wall collapse.
3.8		Councillors for Wards 16, 22, 32 and 14 must be consulted and included as part of the consultation process. The notifications to the community must be available in Sepedi, Sesotho and Xitsonga. A translator will be required to assist during the community public meetings proficient in these languages.	 Naledzi has included and engaged as part of the public participation process the following Ward Councillors: Ward 16 – Matthew Mangami for Casteel and Arthur's Seat Ward 14 – Godfrey Mashego for Casteel Ward 22 – Selby Malatjie for Rooiboklaagte Ward 32 – Army Mashaba for Casteel, Zoeknog and Dingley Dale area. The public notifications (letters, advertisement, site notices and BID) we available in the requested languages (refer to Appendix F6 of the Draft BAR). Translators were available at the two public meetings during the public registration period proficient in these languages i.e.

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			Mr. Absalom Malope the Deputy Director
			from Mpumalanga Dept. Co-operative
			Governance and Traditional Affairs
			(COGTA) situated at the Casteel COGTA
			offices. He served as the Sepedi translator at
			the Thusong Public Meeting at Casteel on
			25 October 2022.
			Mr Laudrick Selowe, Pastor at Dingley Dale
			Faith Bible Church served as the Sepedi and
			Xitsonga translator for the 26 October 2022
			public meeting with downstream water
			users at Dingley Dale. Refer to Appendix F8
	-		of the Draft BAR.
3.9		What would happen if the project is rejected by DFFE?	The project would not be rejected by DFFE
			since it's not a new development but
			necessary scheduled rehabilitation works to
			an existing dam as part of the DWS Dam
			Safety Rehabilitation Programme (DSRP).
			The purpose of the BA process is to ensure
			that the DWS observe all the necessary
			environmental specifications when
2.10	-		implementing the project.
3.10		The DWS must respect the community's beliefs and rituals (beliefs of	This has been addressed in section 2.6
		watersnake / Mushati in dam).It may be necessary as part of the study	above. These have been considered as part
		to determine what customs/rituals are performed at the dam.	of the Heritage Impact Assessment Report.

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			Please refer to Appendix E6 of the Draft
			BAR.
3.11		The brick factory upstream from Casteel Dam is polluting the stream	The Aquatic Biodiversity Study for the
		and the dam.	project would consider this in the specialist
			reporting. The community or local authority
			can approach the clay brick mine or the local
			Bushbuckridge IUCMA offices at 013-010-
			6049. Request to speak to Assah Thibela
			who is the responsible IUCMA official for
			the catchment. Alternatively, it can be
			reported to the Ehlanzeni District
			MDARDLEA Offices at 013-759-4000.
			Bushbuckridge Clay Brick Mine has been
			registered as an interested and affected party
			and notified of the proposed project using
			the BID.
		Stakeholders during the public registration period	
4.1	18 October 2022	Project noted. We will share with the Sabie Sand Catchment	Noted.
	Email	Management Forum members.	
	Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment		
	Management Agency		
	(IUCMA)		
	Gugu Motha:		
	Assistant Manager		

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4.2	25 October 2022 Public Meeting at Casteel Thusong Service Centre Speaker Mathlake	 (a) It is concerning that the IUCMA and the DoA are not present at the meeting. (b) The dam services other communities downstream from Casteel that should be consulted. (c) The community of Casteel also want access to the dam water supply through the furrows/canal. (d) The community has fishing rights at Casteel Dam and must be allowed access to the dam. (e) The dam must be fenced off and monitored by a local security company. (f) The dam is to be referred to as 'Ga-Josefa' as proclaimed in 1952 by Queen Elizabeth. (g) The NEMA Regulations have been amended and its amendment must be used and applied to the BA process. 	 (a) The IUCMA and DoA are registered interested and affected parties on the project database and were provided with the BID and invitation to the public meetings. The IUCMA generally don't attend community meetings but rather submits comments on the environmental reports produced as part of the process i.e. BAR and EMPR. The DoA was present at the Dingley Dale public meeting on 26 October 2022. (b) Agreed. The dam supplies water to farmers downstream i.e. New Forest -, Dingley Dale Irrigation Scheme and Champagne Citrus Board. These stakeholders were notified of the project and were presented at the Dingley Dale public meeting on 26 October 2022. (c) The distribution of the water to farmers / downstream water users including the management and maintenance of the furrow/canals from Casteel Dam is the responsibility of the DoA, not DWS: SIAM. The furrows/canals are currently damaged and need to the repaired by the said department. Any

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			 farmer wanting access to the supply via the canal needs to engage the DoA directly or contact the BLM for assistance in this regard. (d) The rehabilitation works would be limited to the embankment, spillway and inlet work. Fishing would be able to continue along the rest of the dam away from construction activities.
			 (e) The DWS is not in the tradition to fence off its dams and would restrict community access to the dam i.e. fishing rights, recreational use, thoroughfare etc. A detailed analysis to establish the viability of installing a fence and appointing a local security company is required.
			Since this process will require time and independent consultation it is requested that this issue be treated outside this BA process to avoid the creation of delays. A comprehensive response to this request will be provided by DWS at the beginning of the tender stage.
			(f) The dam is registered as Casteel Dam with the DWS. Naledzi through the EIA/BA process does not seek or have a mandate to change the names of water

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			 resources or get involved in traditional issues around place/dam names. It is a reference for the BA process and environmental authorisation application. (g) Correct. The NEMA EIA Regulations are amended from time to time. The EIA Regulations are still referred to as the 2014 EIA Regulations (GNR 326 as amended) and would be applied as per its amendments.
4.3	25 October 2022 Public Meeting at Casteel Thusong Service Centre Rexon Mogakane (Greenville)	 (a) Where can the community submit their comments on the project? (b) The Brick factory upstream of the dam pollutes the inflowing stream and dam water. The Brick factory should be engage in this regard and reprimanded. (c) Did Naledzi consult the clay-brick company? 	 (a) Community members can complete the registration and comment form obtainable at the meeting, Casteel Thusong Centre, Dingley Dale Faith Mission Church including the tribal offices of Moreipuso and SetIhare and submit it either to Naledzi by hand after the meeting or insert it into the 'Suggestion Boxes' available at the mentioned public venues. Alternatively, it can be downloaded from the Naledzi website and emailed directly to <u>botham@naledzi.co.za</u> or <u>dmusetsho@naledzi.co.za</u> (b) Please refer to detailed response provided to item/section 3.11 above in this regard.

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4.4	25 October 2022	(a) How many skilled and unskilled job opportunities would be	a) The minimum number is 150 and
	Public Meeting at Casteel	created by the project?	maximum of 200 employees. But the
	Thusong Service Centre	(b) What is the overall value of the project?	number of job opportunities created
		The project is only proposed to be commissioned by January 2024.	by the project will be confirmed and
			communicated during the tender
	Albert Mohlolo (Setlhare	This is an issue the dam must be rehabilitated as soon as possible!	stage, after the conclusion of the
	Traditional Council)		current BA process. Local labour
			will be sourced from communities
			identified by the project steering
			committee (PSC) in consultation
			with political principals, and
			traditional councils. Local authority
			and 'a stakeholder committee' in its
			entirety.
			b) The overall value of the project cannot
			be disclosed at this stage since there are
			still numerous variables being
			integrated and considered for the
			project.
			c) Noted. The provided project schedule is
			in line with the timeframes to obtain the
			necessary approvals for the project
			including the procurement process to
			be followed.

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4.5	25 October 2022	(a) The dam wall is dangerously eroded. There is a big donga below	a) The rehabilitation of the donga below
	Public Meeting at Casteel	the dam.	the dam spillway is being considered
	Thusong Service Centre	(b) Are there any plans to rehabilitate the Zoeknog dam?	part of the BA process and dam
			rehabilitation work.
	Community member		b) According to the DWS, it is not
			relevant to this project. There are no
			plans to rehabilitate Zoeknog Dam.
4.6	25 October 2022	There is another dam upstream from Casteel Dam, supplying water to	Officials from the Department of Water and
	Public Meeting at Casteel	Casteel Dam. Did DWS evaluate this dam and will it be rehabilitated?	Sanitation (DWS) and several community
	Thusong Service Centre		members who volunteered visited the dam
			on 25 October 2022. The dam is located
	Alson Magabane (Ward 14)		upstream of Casteel Dam as mentioned
			during the meeting. The coordinates of the
			dam are as follows; Longitude:
			30°58'27.41"E and Latitude:
			24°40'25.85"S. The structure consists of an
			earth fill with an elevated concrete pipe
			culvert.
			The crest of the "dam" is used as a road
			linking different villages. On the day of the site visit, severe surface erosion was
			identified around the culvert and it is more
			likely to result in "dam" failure should
			nothing be done to remedy the situation.
			nothing be done to remedy the studiton.

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			This dam is not registered with DWS and its ownership is unknown. Since the dam does not belong to the Department of Water and Sanitation it was concluded that the Directorate: SIAM does not have a legal mandate to spend funds on this structure, therefore, its rehabilitation will not form part of the rehabilitation of Casteel Dam. The DWS has started a process of consulting BLM concerning the ownership of this upstream dam and the possibility of the municipality repairing the road.
4.7	26 October 2022 Public meeting at Faith Mission Church, Dingley Dale A for downstream water users. Nkateko Mazhaka (DARDLEA, Environmental Advisor)	 a) We are pleased to hear that there will be no water supply interruptions to downstream water users during the rehabilitation works since the farmers depend on the water for irrigation. b) We are also grateful to the EAP for providing us with the project timeframes allowing farmers to plan i.e. when to plant and when to avoid. 	Statement. No response required.
4.8	26 October 2022 Public meeting at Faith Mission Church, Dingley	a) It is stated in the presentation that approximately 70 unskilled people would be required to work on the project. Which group of people will be employed?b) How will the construction unfold to avoid interruptions?	a) The number of job opportunities created by the project will be confirmed during the tender stage which will commence after the conclusion of the current Basic Assessment process.

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	Dale A for downstream water	c) How will the farmers be impacted during the two (2) year	Local labour will be sourced from
	users.	construction period?	communities identified by the project
			steering committee (PSC) in
	Sipho Wonder Shay		consultation with political principals,
			and traditional councils. Local
			authority and 'a stakeholder committee'
			in its entirety.
			b) As per above.
			c) Farmers would not be impacted during the construction period, since water
			will still be released downstream.
			will still be released downstream.
			Casteel Dam currently has a large
			extended pipe releasing water
			downstream to irrigation users since the
			outlet works are not functioning
			correctly. The same measure would be
			followed during construction. Once the
			rehabilitation works are done, DWS
			will stop the temporary measure and the
			outlet works would continue to release
			water as usual.
4.9	26 October 2022	We are very grateful for the rehabilitation project. Will the valve	Yes. The dam safety evaluation showed that
	Public meeting at Faith	releasing water to Chochocho also be repaired?	the pipe inside the dam intake tower,
	Mission Church, Dingley		releasing water downstream needs to be
	Dale A for downstream users		repaired and replaced including the
	Sam Setlale (Chochocho)		associated valves.

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4.10	26 October 2022 Public meeting at Faith Mission Church, Dingley Dale A for downstream water users. Bettie Makubela (Champagne CPA Forum)	The dam should be fenced and monitored by a local security company and the pathways should be properly paved for the community to use the area for recreational purposes. The community and local fishermen must still have access after the dam is fenced off.	Please refer to response provided to item/section 4.2 (e).
4.11	26 October 2022 Public meeting at Faith Mission Church, Dingley Dale A for downstream water users. Ernest Selowe	We welcome the project. Although it is indicated to a be small project it is a 'cross ward' project overlapping wards 22, 16, 32 and 14 which span the traditional councils of Moreipuso and Setlhare. The direct beneficiaries of the water supply are at the meeting. Our people must benefit from the project. The Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, Water and Sanitation must be the custodian and there must be no interruptions when the project starts.	Once the project is approved by the DFFE, the DWS wants to take the leadership from the BLM and representatives from the moshate (ruling house) for a site inspection of Casteel Dam and explain the project and location of rehabilitation works, thereafter set up the steering committee. Local labour will be sourced from communities identified by the project steering committee (PSC).
4.12	26 October 2022 Public meeting at Faith Mission Church, Dingley Dale A for downstream water users. Daniel Selowe Chairman, Champagne Citrus Board	What would be the total value of the project?	The issue of the project value must be reserved until the BA process is concluded. The DWS team is not able to confirm the project value at this stage.

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