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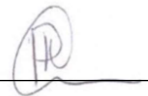
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## ABBREVIATIONS / DEFINITIONS

AMAFA	KwaZulu –Natal Amafa and Research Institute
BA	Basic Assessment
BAR	Basic Assessment Report
BID	Background Information Document
CA	Competent Authority
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation
EDTEA	Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme
GA	General Authorisation
I&APs	Interested & Affected Parties
LM	Local Municipality
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998)
PPP	Public Participation Process
WUL	Water Use License

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## **INTRODUCTION**

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Brava Engineers appointed Hanslab (Pty) Ltd. (hereafter referred to as Hanslab) on behalf of the KZN Department of Transport (DoT) to undertake the Basic Assessment Application process for the proposed development of a 3km long sidewalk adjacent to Main Road P237 (right-hand side only) towards the area of St Lucia.

### **1. PURPOSE OF THE BID**

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This Background Information Document (BID) provides stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with information on the proposed project and details regarding the Basic Assessment (BA) being undertaken by Hanslab (Pty) Ltd. It also aims to emphasise the importance of public participation during the assessment phase and allows for input from Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) on the potential issues that may arise. The BID provides I&APs with an opportunity to register as stakeholders in this process and encourages response to documents distributed for public review.

### **2. NEEDS AND DESIRABILITY**

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The P237 Sidewalk will serve as daily access for the community of Dukuduku and St. Lucia to access the beach and places of work. Furthermore, sidewalk extension will reduce risks to local people not using any mode of Transport as the area experiences high traffic during holiday seasons. The extension of P237 St. Lucia sidewalk will introduce access to several amenities that form the basis of socio-economic stability and create an upward economic trajectory in development.

### **3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

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The client proposes to extend the footprint of an existing sidewalk by 3km in length, the width will be 3m. It is noted that P237 Road is the local road that serves as an access for the community of Dukuduku to St. Lucia. No new roads will be constructed, the proposed project scope only includes the extension of the sidewalk. The proposed development consists of constructing a

concrete slab sidewalk and associated stormwater infrastructure along the P237 road with a linear footprint of 0.9ha.

The P237 Sidewalk will serve as daily access for the community of Dukuduku and St. Lucia to access the beach and places of work. The sidewalk extension will reduce risks to local people travelling on foot as the area gets high traffic during the holiday season.

According to SANBI's GIA Datasets and the uMkhanyakude EDTEA, a portion of the proposed P237 Sidewalk is situated within iSimangaliso Wetland Park. From a desktop assessment, the entire area seems to be a wetland. In terms of vegetation, the area falls under Maputaland Coastal Belt. Cutting and pruning of some large trees is anticipated to occur as trees were identified to be falling within the proposed development footprint.

#### **4. PROJECT LOCALITY**

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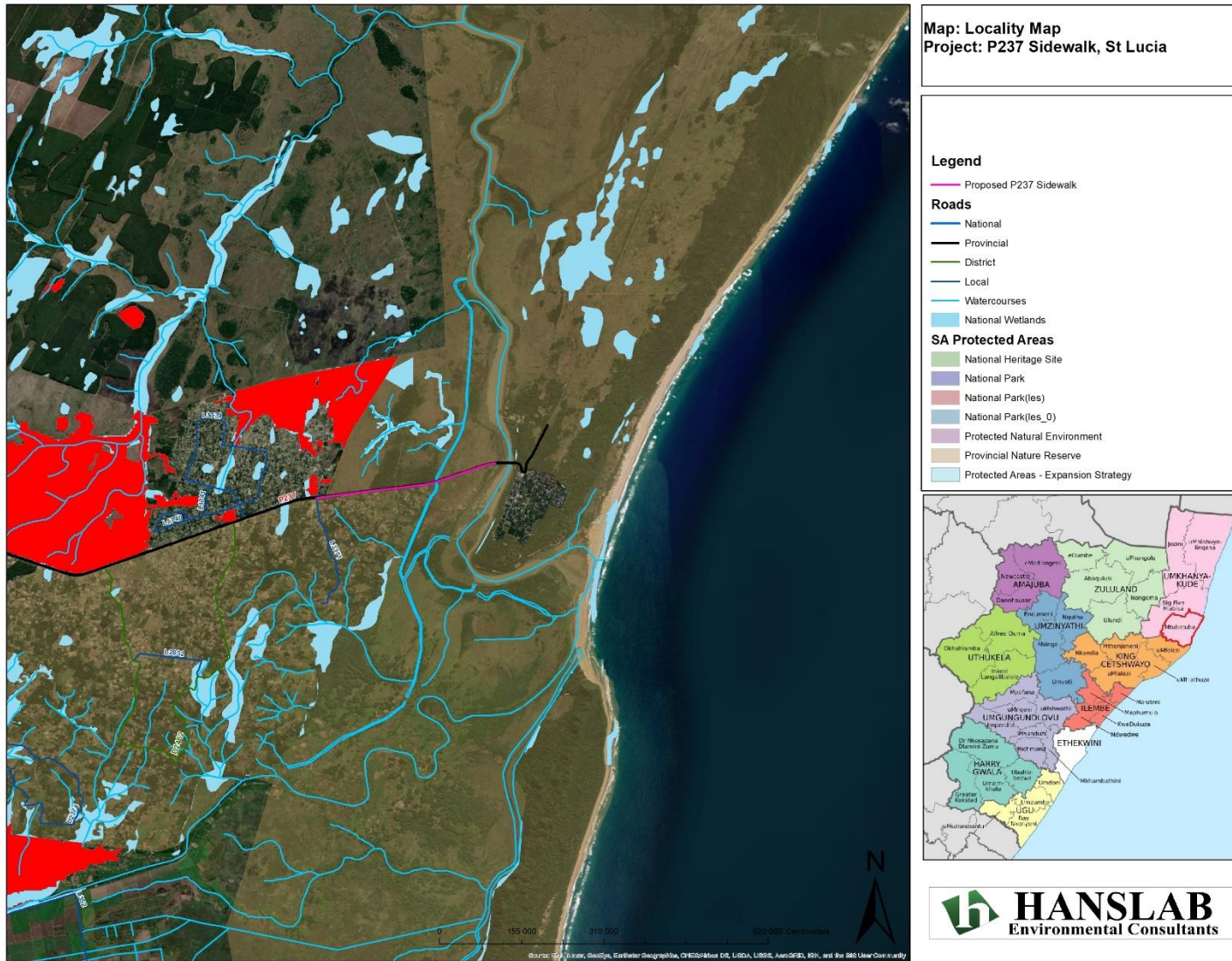
The proposed P237 sidewalk extension will start from the iSimangaliso (Dukuduku Gate) turn-off from P237 and end at Lake St Lucia. The proposed development area is situated approximately 25km east of N2 Highway.

Coordinates as well as the locality map are presented below.

**Table 1: Coordinates of the proposed site:**

Start point	28° 22' 12.36"S	32° 24' 28.99"E
End point	28° 22' 33.25"S	32° 22' 39.95"E





**Figure 1: Map showing the location of P237 Sidewalk extension (Source: ArcGIS)**



## 5. TRIGGERED ACTIVITIES

**Table 1: NEMA and NWA triggered activities**

<b>Listing Notice No.</b>	<b>Activity No. and Description</b>	<b>Applicability</b>
Listing Notice No. 3 of GNR 324 of 2014 (as amended)	Activity 12: <i>The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.</i>	The applicants anticipate the removal or pruning of trees and vegetation along the proposed route. It is expected that over 300 sqm will be pruned or removed.
Listing Notice No. 3 of GNR 324 of 2014 (as amended)	Activity 14 <i>The development of (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more; where such development occurs— (a) within a watercourse; (b) in front of a development setback; or (c) if no development setback has been adopted, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse.</i>	The proposed development is situated adjacent to a wetland area (iSimangaliso Wetland Park).
Section 21 of the National Water Act No. 36 of 1998	Section 21 (c): <i>Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse.</i>	The proposed development occurs within 500m of a watercourse and wetlands

	Section 21 (i): <i>Altering the bed, banks, courses or characteristics of a watercourse.</i>	
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## 6. SPECIALIST STUDIES

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The following specialist studies will be conducted:

- Wetland Delineation and Functionality Assessment,
- Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment (with tree identification and mapping),
- Desktop Heritage Assessment.

## 7. YOUR ROLE AS THE I&APS

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Should you wish to register as an Interested/Affected Party kindly follow the process outlined below:

1. Complete the attached form and submit to Hanslab via the EAP details provided below.
2. Contact the environmental consultant directly via email or telephonically, if you have any queries or require further information on the project.

Kindly note that in terms of Regulation 56 (c), an I&AP is required to disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that they may have with regards to the approval or refusal of the application.

*Kindly note that in terms of Regulation 43 (1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended, an I&AP is **required to disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest** that they may have with regards to the approval or refusal of the application.*

*Please register by the **04 October 2021** by completing the attached comments and registration sheet.*

For all queries / issues / concerns please contact:

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## 8. COMMENTS AND REGISTRATION SHEET

**Attention: Bhavisthra Ramlagan**

**Project:** Proposed P237 St. Lucia sidewalk extension along P237 Road, Mtubatuba Local Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal

<b>TITLE:</b>		<b>TEL/CELL:</b>	
<b>NAME &amp; SURNAME:</b>		<b>EMAIL:</b>	
<b>ORGANISATION:</b>		<b>FAX:</b>	
<b>ADDRESS:</b>			

**Please tick the appropriate box:**

- I would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party<sup>1</sup>
- Please remove me from the distribution sheet for the proposed project. I would prefer not to receive any further correspondence regarding this process.


**Do you have any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest in the approval or refusal of this application?**

Yes	No
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**If yes, please explain:**

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**Comments:**

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**All comments are to be submitted within 14 days of receipt of the BID to:**

bhavisthra@hanslab.co.za

<sup>1</sup> All registered I&APs agree to have their personal information (PI) gathered and stored by Hanslab (Pty) Ltd and have it thereafter be distributed to third parties (competent authorities, stakeholders and other registered I&APs). The competent authority requires this PI as part of the application process. It is further used to communicate updates to registered I&APs. This PI will be stored on our database saved on our secure server.