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Stakeholder Engagement: A Re Yeng Project

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Dear Sir/Madam



Record of Decision: Tshwane Rapid Transport (TRT) Network complaints from interested and affected parties

This serves as an amendment of the Record of Decision issued on 21 June 2013, as has been agreed on meetings between the Chairperson of the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Committee of the PHRA-G and other stakeholders, including your office on 30 August 2013 and 2 September 2013. It is also noted that you had additional meetings with residents and that you received their approval.

After reviewing your application again at its meeting held on Friday, 13 September 2013, the PHRA-G HIA Committee has made the following decision:

a) The Jacaranda trees in the City of Tshwane are regarded as being of cultural heritage significance since they are older than 60 years and

have cultural values to the residents in the area. They should therefore be handled with the necessary care and within the provisions made by the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999).

- b) No further trees may be cut down without consulting the residents and the PHRA-G.
- c) It needs to be stated that the approval on an HIA in 2012 was done on the basis of the information supplied in the mentioned HIA and is only applicable to that set of information.
- d) Since it is acknowledged that this project may have constant changes during the course thereof, the developer is advised to continuously engage with the PHRA-G in all instances when changes are foreseen so that the heritage implications thereof can be addressed.
- e) This should be done via a heritage practitioner, which should be appointed to apply the methodology of a **'Watching Brief**' for the remainder of the project.
- f) The 'Watching Brief' should not only apply to the Jacaranda Trees, but also to any other matter of heritage interest that may be encountered during the course of the project as it is foreseen that other features with heritage significance are likely to be impacted on by the development. This includes inter alia kerbstones, palm trees, bridges etc. and needs to be dealt with in accordance with heritage principles. This includes the possible re-using of materials and replanting of trees.
- g) The heritage practitioner should submit a final heritage report at the end of the project in order to serve as record of decision made, as well as the process of dealing with these heritage matters.
- h) It therefore entails that no additional HIA will be needed, under condition that the process indicated above is being followed.
- i) The decision made at the meetings indicated above, is hereby approved. However, the heritage practitioner should also include this information in the final report to the PHRA-G.
- j) It is acknowledged that it may not be possible to safe all of these heritage features. However, the developer needs to take note that such problems should be addressed by the heritage practitioner and taken up with the PHRA-G after which an informed decision can be made simultaneously. This may require regular site inspections where decisions are made and minuted accordingly.
- k) The above mentioned issues should be made applicable to the entire route of the TRT.
- b) Kindly further note the following:

i. Should any archaeological artefacts and graves be discovered during

the development, the development must be halted and a Heritage Specialist must be called to investigate the findings before the development can proceed. Alert the South African Heritage Resources Agency at this number: 021 462 4502.

ii. PHRA-G may not be held responsible for any costs or losses incurred in the event of the suspension or retraction of granted approval for any reason.

Kind Regards

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