

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS

PROPOSED FLOOD REMEDIAL MEASURES AT THE DASPOORT WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS NEXT TO THE APIES RIVER/ SKINNERSPRUIT CONFLUENCE Gaut: 002/11-12/E0296

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The City of Tshwane (CoT) intends to construct flood remedial measures at the Daspoort Waste Water Treatment Works. The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide:

- Stakeholders with an opportunity to register as an Interested and Affected Party (IAP),
- Background information on the proposed project,
- Information on the Environmental Authorisations that will be applied for and the process that will be followed,
- IAP with an opportunity to raise issues and concerns throughout the application process.

BACKGROUND

Certain areas within the City of Tshwane (CoT) is prone to flooding during rainfall events due to anthropogenic activities such as the increase of runoff from parking areas, and this may pose a serious risk to human lives and damages to infrastructure.

Consulting Engineers were appointed to assist the CoT in all aspects of flood management. During this process various areas were identified that pose a risk to infrastructure and more important to human lives. Priority areas were identified that require urgent flood remedial measures.

The Daspoort Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) was identified as an area which requires urgent attention. The WWTW is situated on the corner of DF Malan Drive (M1) and Bazaar Street in Pretoria at the confluence of the Apies River and the Skinnerspruit (refer to **Figure 1**).

The WWTW floods frequently during rainstorm events and this is posing a serious risk to the WWTW's infrastructure. During these flood events the rivers also causes significant erosion to the banks on both the Skinnerspruit, the Apies River and the bridge that provide access to the staff village. Currently both the rivers has eroded the river banks to such an extent that the soil below the security fence is being eroded away and this pose a serious threat to security and a risk that the fence may be damaged.











Erosion along the river banks of the Apies River/Skinnerspruit

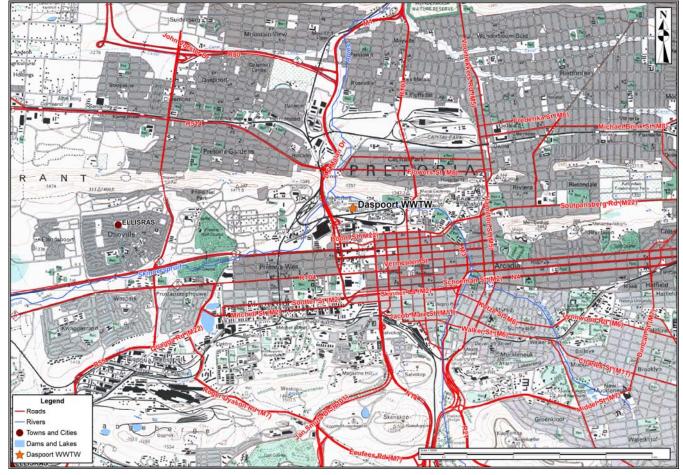


Figure 1: Locality of the Daspoort WWTW.

A feasibility study undertaken in September 2009 by SRK Consulting determined that a significant portion of the Daspoort WWTW is situated within the 1:50 and 1:100 year floodlines. The feasibility study was completed in three phases. During the first phase the flood lines were determined. During the second and the third phases flood remedial works were identified that could be constructed to protect the infrastructure against flooding and subsequent erosion of the Apies River and Skinnerspruit water courses.

The objective of the flood control measures will be to reduce to the flooding risk to acceptable levels.

The flood control measures may include but will not necessarily be limited to the following:

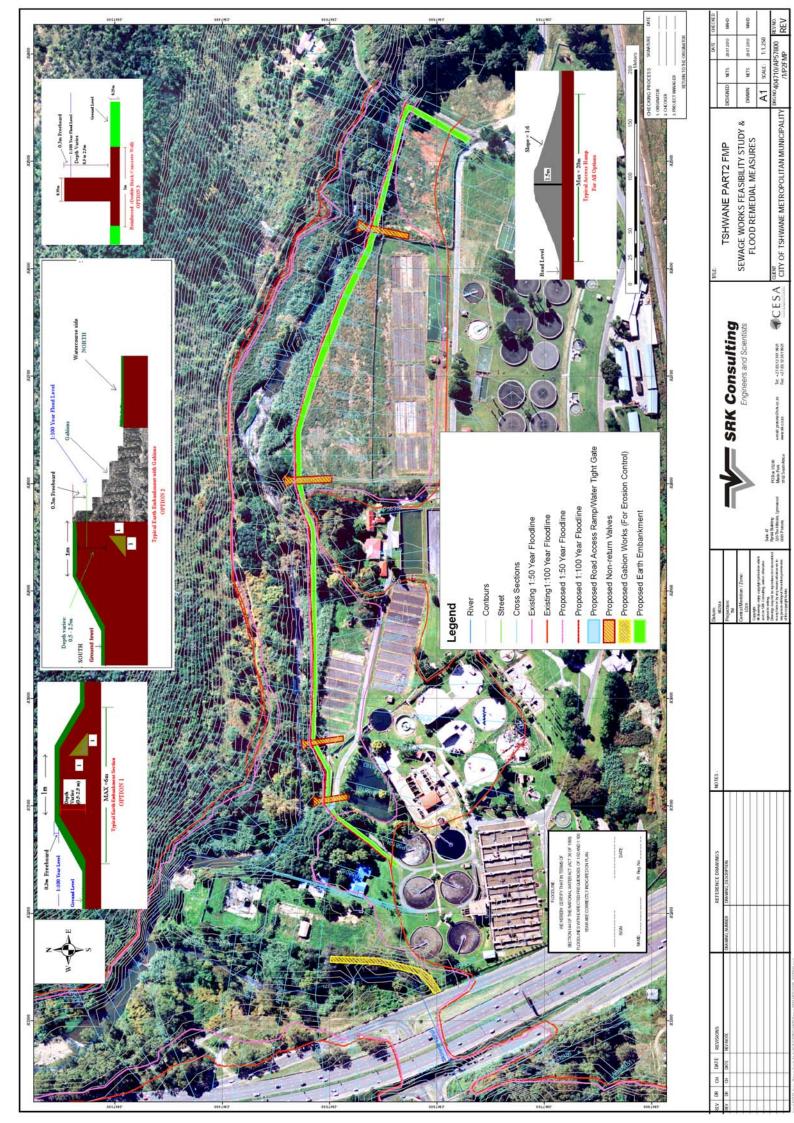
- Gabions to prevent further erosion of the river banks in the Skinnerspruit and the Apies River,
- An earth embankment,
- Non return valves,
- Desilting of the Apies River and the Skinnerspruit, and
- Reparations to the bridge that provides access to the Tshwane staff village.

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS

The construction of the proposed flood remedial works at the Daspoort WWTW requires an Environmental Authorisation from the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) and a Water Use Licence from the Department of Water Affairs (DWA).

The proposed project triggers the following listed activities in terms of the EIA Regulations 2010:

- Section 11 of Regulation 544: The construction of infrastructure covering 50 square meters or more where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32 m of a watercourse
- Section 18 of Regulation 544: The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic meters into a watercourse
- Section 16 of Regulation 546: The construction of infrastructure covering 10 square metres or more where such construction occurs within a water course or within 32 metres of a watercourse in Gauteng at sites identified as irreplaceable or important in the Gauteng Conservation Plan.



THE BASIC ASSESSMENT APPROACH

In terms of the EIA Regulations 2010, the Basic Assessment Process needs to be followed and this will include:

- Motivation for the construction of the flood remedial works,
- A draft Environmental Management Programme, and
- A Public Participation Process

A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will be drafted in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GN 543 of 2010) promulgated in terms of Section 24 (5) of NEMA and will include:

- Activity information,
- Description of the site and surrounding area,
- Public Participation, and
- Quantification of impacts associated with the activity.

THE WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION

The proposed activity also requires a Water Use Licence in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) for the following water uses:

- S 21 (c) impeding or diverting of the flow of water in a water course, and
- S 21 (i) the altering of beds, banks course or characteristics of a water course.

The technical report will address but will not be limited to the following:

- The project description
- Status of the environment
- Impact on the water environment
- Mitigation measures to prevent, minimise or rehabilitate the impact on the surrounding environment.

THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The public participation process will be conducted by ILISO Consulting in accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2010.

In order to ensure that your concerns are considered during the basic assessment process you are invited to register as an interested and affected party by completing the attached registration form and submitting it to Ms Carol Hooghiemstra (details provided below) within **14 days** of receipt of this Background Information Document.

All issues and comments received during the public participation process will be captured in an Issues and Response Report. This report will be updated as the project commences and will form an appendix to the BAR and will be submitted to GDARD for authorisation.

The Basic Assessment Report will be made available at the to all stakeholders who have registered as an IAP.

For further information please contact:

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Please complete and return to Carol Hooghiemstra at ILISO Consulting (Pty) Ltd by 30 June 2012:

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Comments: (You may use a separate sheet if necessary)

The following issues must be considered during this variation application.

Please add the following individual(s) to your mailing list.

We thank you for you participation!