

Our Ref.: 41820_DRAFT BAR
EDTEA Ref: DC24/0001/2021

18 March 2021

ATTENTION: INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY

CC: SONJA VAN DER MERWE / vandermerwes@terratest.co.za

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

Proposed Gunjana Community Water Supply Scheme: Phase 2, Msinga Local Municipality, Umzinyathi District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal

Thank you for participating in the Basic Assessment (BA) Process for the abovementioned project. Please note that the Draft BA Report has been completed and circulated to the following Key Stakeholders, including the Competent Authority, the Department Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) for their review and comment on 18 March 2021:

- | | | |
|---|---|---------------------|
| • Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife | - | Mr A. Blackmore |
| • Department of Water and Sanitation | - | Ms L. Dladla |
| • Department of Transport | - | Mrs J. Reddy |
| • Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries | - | Mr R. Baca |
| • Department of Agriculture and Rural Development | - | Mr P. Mans |
| • Msinga Local Municipality | - | Mr F.B. Sithole |
| • uMzinyathi District Municipality | - | Mr S. B Ndabandaba |
| • Amafa Heritage | - | SAHRIS |
| • COGTA | - | Mr M. de Lange |
| • EDTEA | - | Mr G. Willis-Smith. |

In addition, a copy of the report was submitted to Cllr. Langa who is both a Ward councillor of Ward 3 (in which construction is to occur), as well as a member of the Mqamu Tribal Authority. Cllr Langa was asked to please disseminate the Draft BA Report to any IAP who was interested or affected by the proposed development and to ensure that all COVID-19 hygiene protocols are observed. This was requested as the closest public library is located in Tugela Ferry which is located too far away from the residents of Gunjana to easily access.

A complete copy of the report has also been uploaded onto the Terratest (Pty) Ltd website (www.terratest.co.za) for public access and download. You and/or your Department are cordially invited to submit comments in writing, pertinent to the Draft BA Report, to Ms S. van der Merwe via post, fax or e-mail (details as per letter footer) before 26 April 2021.

You are advised that in terms of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended), GNR 326 43(2), all State Departments that administer a law relating to a matter affecting the environment, specific to the Application, must submit comments within 30 days to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (i.e. Terratest (Pty) Ltd). Should no comment be received within the 30 day commenting period, it will be assumed that the relevant State Department has no comment to provide.

Yours faithfully,

LIZ DRALLE
for: **TERRATEST (PTY) LTD**