

Draft BAR summary for Magobela Access Road

UMsinga Local Municipality has identified the need to upgrade the existing informal road tracks linking communities from Ngulule and kwaNtuli rural areas within uMsinga Local Municipality under uMzinyathi District Municipality. The informal road tracks will be upgraded to a 7A type gravel road and it will spread across multiple watercourses and therefore uMsinga municipality also proposes to install culverts over five (5) watercourses found along Magobela access road. Isolendalo Environmental Consulting was appointed by DLV Engineers and Project Managers on behalf of uMsinga Local Municipality to undertake a Basic Assessment for the above-mentioned project in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) and in terms of EIA Regulations 2014 (As Amended).

The proposed gravel road is going to be constructed in uMsinga between the rural areas of Ngulule and kwaNtuli and the total length of the proposed gravel road is 6.3km with a width of 5m. Currently, there are no existing culverts installed or bridges within the river streams proposed to be developed. In addition to this, the existing informal road tracks are not in a good state and pose danger to the community members that utilise the road and thus there is a need to upgrade it into a 7A type gravel road.

The main objective of the proposed development is to ensure safety to the community members and other parties using this road as well as ensuring that there is easy commuting for all road users even during heavy rains and bad weather especially for children travelling to and from school on a daily basis. The upgrade of the existing informal road tracks entails a removal of 28350 m² of vegetation and trees (this includes trees below 1m girth) and the displacement of soil along the route of the proposed road. 570 m² of soil will be removed/moved for the installation of the proposed pipelines over the 5 watercourses, as such, the proposed development triggers EIA Regulation 2014 (As Amended), and an application had to be done.

Msing Local Municipality proposes the existing route be retained; the proposed road will follow an existing informal gravel route. The road is located in an area that is already impeded by the existing informal road tracks and existing footprints. This is the only site available for the client, as such, there are no alternative routes. Also, the client has chosen this route because it is mainly utilized by the communities of KwaNtuli and Ngulule including school kids who use this route to travel to and from school.

For further details the full draft Basic Assessment Report the link is available below, please copy the link below and paste on browser.

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