

## C2 Site 1 Key Intersection Analysis Results

### C2.1 AM Peak

A route	B route	C route	Ref	Intersection Name	Approach	Movement	Turn				Approach					Intersection				
							Volume	Delay	V/C	Capacity	LOS	Volume	Delay	V/C	Capacity	LOS	Delay	V/C	LOS	
1382	1389	1382-1389-1386	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	Kaiser Road	Left	286	3.00	19.39	1559.85	A									
1382	1389	1382-1389-1386	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	Kaiser Road	Thru	136	3.60	9.87	1459.96	A	476	8.03	10.93	4820	A				
1382	1389	1382-1389-1386	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	Kaiser Road	Right	7	3.54	0.30	1056.42	A									
1389	1386	1389-1386-1389-1387	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	MS59	Left	21	4.49	4.82	518.80	A									
1389	1386	1389-1386-1389-1387	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	MS59	Thru	0	3.86	0.07	402.19	A	590	5.82	31.38	1896	A				
1389	1386	1389-1386-1389-1387	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	MS59	Right	374	5.66	58.85	375.41	A						2.83	10.18		A
1719	1389	1377-1719-1389-1377	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	J B Moutsh Drive	Left	0	3.00	0.01	1545.76	A									
1719	1389	1377-1719-1389-1377	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	J B Moutsh Drive	Thru	130	3.60	8.63	1688.62	A	140	8.34	3.58	4858	A				
1719	1389	1377-1719-1389-1377	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	J B Moutsh Drive	Right	10	4.90	0.33	821.44	A									
1337	1389	1382-1337-1389-1382	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	Access	Left	2	6.82	0.36	161.98	A									
1337	1389	1382-1337-1389-1382	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	Access	Thru	0	11.73	0.16	291.81	B	2	6.30	8.16	1583	A				
1337	1389	1382-1337-1389-1382	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	Access	Right	0	4.92	0.02	820.28	A									
1378	1344	1349-1378-1344-1349	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	Kaiser Road (south)	Thru	398	3.33	32.78	1242.80	A	398	5.59	22.87	1741	A				
1378	1344	1349-1378-1344-1349	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	Kaiser Road (south)	Right	0	11.81	0.21	500.72	B									
1363	1344	1349-1363-1344-1349	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	M3 westbound off-elp	Left	28	25.27	5.16	536.67	C									
1363	1344	1349-1363-1344-1349	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	M3 westbound off-elp	Right	344	29.83	64.78	536.67	C	372	29.49	34.68	1073	C	16.42	38.75		B
1349	1344	1349-1349-1344-1349	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	Kaiser Road (south)	Thru	398	13.97	85.94	904.50	B									
1349	1344	1349-1349-1344-1349	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	Kaiser Road (south)	Left	135	13.97	27.25	424.66	B	711	13.87	53.60	1329	B				
1278	1228	1242-1278-1228-1242	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	Kaiser Road (south)	Left	781	6.15	60.24	1700.00	A	1103	5.18	34.26	3278	A				
1278	1228	1242-1278-1228-1242	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	Kaiser Road (south)	Thru	319	4.17	16.66	1611.63	A									
1278	1228	1242-1278-1228-1242	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	Kaiser Road (south)	Right	734	3.35	32.96	3043.18	B									
1278	1228	1242-1278-1228-1242	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	Kaiser Road (south)	Right	206	19.29	43.82	470.87	B	340	5.27	26.71	2620	A				
1204	1228	1218-1204-1228-1218	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	M3 eastbound off-elp	Left	103	38.73	16.88	176.90	D									
1204	1228	1218-1204-1228-1218	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/MS59	M3 eastbound off-elp	Right	79	38.16	44.91	176.90	D									
1251	1254	1251-1254-1251-1254	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Cittale Road	Kaiser Road (north)	Left	69	10.89	13.87	486.29	B									
1251	1254	1251-1254-1251-1254	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Cittale Road	Kaiser Road (north)	Thru	1970	8.72	61.68	3194.07	A	2162	9.75	63.82	4818	A				
1251	1254	1251-1254-1251-1254	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Cittale Road	Kaiser Road (north)	Right	123	10.94	37.79	329.84	B									
1262	1254	1262-1254-1262-1254	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Cittale Road	Access	Left	18	30.16	8.97	198.71	C									
1262	1254	1262-1254-1262-1254	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Cittale Road	Access	Thru	0	30.12	0.18	170.83	C	83	38.81	16.21	547	D				
1262	1254	1262-1254-1262-1254	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Cittale Road	Access	Right	65	40.88	34.89	187.14	D									
1264	1264	1264-1264-1264-1264	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Cittale Road	Kaiser Road (south)	Left	9	4.37	0.16	846.51	A									
1264	1264	1264-1264-1264-1264	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Cittale Road	Kaiser Road (south)	Thru	719	7.56	31.58	3482.26	A	780	7.64	21.37	3649	A				
1264	1264	1264-1264-1264-1264	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Cittale Road	Kaiser Road (south)	Right	53	13.27	3.49	382.67	B									
1249	1254	1249-1254-1249-1254	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Cittale Road	Cittale Road	Left	169	33.38	59.78	262.86	C									
1249	1254	1249-1254-1249-1254	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Cittale Road	Cittale Road	Thru	0	29.61	0.12	196.79	C	199	32.99	16.30	1260	C				
1249	1254	1249-1254-1249-1254	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Cittale Road	Cittale Road	Right	30	30.81	3.91	744.62	C									
1248	1264	1248-1264-1248-1264	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/M13 westbound	Kaiser Road (south)	Thru	1640	4.31	18.96	2781.28	A									
1248	1264	1248-1264-1248-1264	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/M13 westbound	Kaiser Road (south)	Right	218	14.50	30.17	517.14	B	1898	5.81	66.88	3338	A				
1267	1261	1267-1261-1267-1261	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/M13 westbound	M13 westbound off-elp	Left	522	8.00	31.87	1668.00	A									
1267	1261	1267-1261-1267-1261	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/M13 westbound	M13 westbound off-elp	Right	364	13.94	66.96	640.00	C									
1261	1267	1261-1267-1261-1267	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/M13 westbound	Kaiser Road (south)	Left	134	12.43	14.17	896.87	B									
1261	1267	1261-1267-1261-1267	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/M13 westbound	Kaiser Road (south)	Thru	876	15.29	47.29	1887.78	B	893	14.98	37.26	2664	B				
1278	1242	1278-1242-1278-1242	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/M13 eastbound	Kaiser Road (south)	Left	878	11.74	78.93	653.92	A									
1278	1242	1278-1242-1278-1242	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/M13 eastbound	Kaiser Road (south)	Thru	1721	11.54	84.72	2635.95	B	2239	11.89	83.32	2887	B				
1248	1242	1248-1242-1248-1242	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/M13 eastbound	Kaiser Road (south)	Right	675	2.16	36.47	2674.17	A	1242	10.20	41.85	3027	B	13.50	61.60		B
1248	1242	1248-1242-1248-1242	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/M13 eastbound	Kaiser Road (south)	Right	267	29.66	78.76	362.64	D									
1237	1242	1237-1242-1237-1242	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/M13 eastbound	M13 eastbound off-elp	Left	214	38.88	84.29	253.33	D									
1237	1242	1237-1242-1237-1242	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/M13 eastbound	M13 eastbound off-elp	Right	157	36.43	54.76	253.33	D									
1278	1218	1278-1218-1278-1218	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road (north)	Left	96	10.49	26.79	325.09	B									
1278	1218	1278-1218-1278-1218	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road (north)	Thru	1914	10.46	77.69	2444.01	B	2036	10.31	60.51	3363	B				
1278	1218	1278-1218-1278-1218	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road (north)	Right	65	8.91	9.65	573.38	A									
1227	1218	1227-1218-1227-1218	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Hospital Access	Left	32	78.84	70.26	131.81	D									
1227	1218	1227-1218-1227-1218	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Hospital Access	Thru	2	78.84	6.72	25.13	D	111	38.87	44.87	247	D				
1227	1218	1227-1218-1227-1218	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Hospital Access	Right	17	65.64	18.99	91.58	D									
1212	1218	1212-1218-1212-1218	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road (north)	Left	0	8.89	0.88	730.91	A									
1212	1218	1212-1218-1212-1218	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road (north)	Thru	827	6.81	37.71	2454.48	A	1060	10.17	30.13	3120	B				
1212	1218	1212-1218-1212-1218	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road (north)	Right	133	14.98	40.27	330.20	C									
1264	1218	1264-1218-1264-1218	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Left	46	28.98	14.57	311.32	C									
1264	1218	1264-1218-1264-1218	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Thru	0	28.96	9.87	271.32	C	275	34.36	34.25	1136	C				
1264	1218	1264-1218-1264-1218	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Right	276	5.16	46.63	513.07	B									
1478	1478	1478-1478-1478-1478	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/R103	R103 (west)	Thru	880	9.54	39.93	2267.39	A									
1478	1478	1478-1478-1478-1478	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/R103	R103 (east)	Right	613	23.16	60.94	1203.02	C	1496	15.11	43.16	3470	B				
2048	2048	1478-2048-1478-1478	Kaiser	Kaiser Road/R103	R103 (east)	Thru	834	7.69	71.33	1298.14	A									

## C2.2 PM Peak

A route	B route	C route	E route	Intersection Name	Approach	Movement	Turn				Approach					Intersection		
							Volume	Delay	V/C	Capacity	Volume	Delay	V/C	Capacity	LOS	Delay	V/C	LOS
1382	1389	1388	1382-1389-1388	Kaiser Road/MR559	Kaiser Road	Left	621	0.80	28.48	1573.62	A							
1382	1389	1388	1382-1389-1388	Kaiser Road/MR559	Kaiser Road	Thru	122	0.90	11.42	1673.89	A	747	0.82	21.49	3477	A		
1382	1389	1388	1382-1389-1388	Kaiser Road/MR559	Kaiser Road	Right	4	3.49	0.44	628.92	A							
1388	1389	1388	1388-1389-1388	Kaiser Road/MR559	MS559	Left	1	3.47	0.52	921.95	A							
1388	1389	1388	1388-1389-1388	Kaiser Road/MR559	MS559	Thru	8	4.35	0.90	773.50	A	285	4.36	16.48	2743	A		
1388	1389	1388	1388-1389-1388	Kaiser Road/MR559	MS559	Right	280	4.36	26.76	1047.93	A							
1310	1369	1337	1310-1369-1337	Kaiser Road/MR559	J/B McIntosh Drive	Left	0	0.00	0.01	1845.77	A							
1310	1369	1337	1310-1369-1337	Kaiser Road/MR559	J/B McIntosh Drive	Thru	100	0.90	8.67	1643.52	A	116	1.16	3.57	3600	A		
1310	1369	1337	1310-1369-1337	Kaiser Road/MR559	J/B McIntosh Drive	Right	16	6.69	3.79	658.17	A							
1337	1369	1337	1337-1369-1337	Kaiser Road/MR559	Access	Left	10	4.44	1.46	711.04	A							
1337	1369	1337	1337-1369-1337	Kaiser Road/MR559	Access	Thru	1	17.76	0.53	196.56	B	12	5.66	8.72	1698	A		
1337	1369	1337	1337-1369-1337	Kaiser Road/MR559	Access	Right	0	4.54	0.82	690.62	A							
1339	1344	1349	1339-1344-1349	Kaiser Road/MS559	Kaiser Road (north)	Thru	889	25.36	79.59	845.00	C	669	20.36	48.75	1371	C		
1339	1344	1349	1339-1344-1349	Kaiser Road/MS559	Kaiser Road (north)	Right	8	23.47	0.90	531.42	B							
1339	1344	1349	1339-1344-1349	Kaiser Road/MS559	Kaiser Road (north)	Left	79	12.76	7.83	1003.33	B							
1353	1344	1339	1353-1344-1339	Kaiser Road/MS559	MS559 westbound off slip	Right	808	19.95	80.57	1003.33	B	987	19.31	44.20	2007	B	21.63	48.32
1349	1344	1339	1349-1344-1339	Kaiser Road/MS559	Kaiser Road (south)	Thru	379	29.06	74.11	499.29	C	381	29.00	82.18	843	C		
1349	1344	1339	1349-1344-1339	Kaiser Road/MS559	Kaiser Road (south)	Left	21	29.26	13.81	158.00	C							
1319	1328	1342	1319-1328-1342	Kaiser Road/MS559	Kaiser Road (north)	Left	574	21.21	73.55	780.00	C	1163	21.60	63.33	1821	C		
1319	1328	1342	1319-1328-1342	Kaiser Road/MS559	Kaiser Road (north)	Thru	581	25.79	56.47	1041.87	C							
1319	1328	1342	1319-1328-1342	Kaiser Road/MS559	Kaiser Road (north)	Right	1145	12.72	54.90	2193.41	B							
1336	1328	1342	1336-1328-1342	Kaiser Road/MS559	Kaiser Road (south)	Right	33	25.42	16.18	323.55	C	1178	13.68	48.47	2421	B	18.18	52.17
1304	1308	1319	1304-1308-1319	Kaiser Road/MS559	MS559 eastbound off slip	Left	543	23.68	73.88	680.56	C	582	22.70	43.48	1361	C		
1304	1308	1319	1304-1308-1319	Kaiser Road/MS559	MS559 eastbound off slip	Right	89	17.71	13.68	680.56	B							
1261	1264	1262	1261-1264-1262	Kaiser Road/Ciffata Road	Kaiser Road (north)	Left	9	8.77	3.34	387.43	A							
1261	1264	1262	1261-1264-1262	Kaiser Road/Ciffata Road	Kaiser Road (north)	Thru	1787	8.77	68.66	2684.61	A	2008	12.22	68.78	3383	B		
1261	1264	1262	1261-1264-1262	Kaiser Road/Ciffata Road	Kaiser Road (north)	Right	232	38.61	66.30	349.80	D							
1262	1264	1262	1262-1264-1262	Kaiser Road/Ciffata Road	Access	Left	1	32.96	0.54	544.40	C							
1262	1264	1262	1262-1264-1262	Kaiser Road/Ciffata Road	Access	Thru	8	32.94	0.83	143.66	C	14	42.60	3.15	429	D		
1262	1264	1262	1262-1264-1262	Kaiser Road/Ciffata Road	Access	Right	13	43.22	8.82	148.79	D							
1254	1259	1249	1254-1259-1249	Kaiser Road/Ciffata Road	Kaiser Road (south)	Left	32	4.87	8.89	400.11	A							
1254	1259	1249	1254-1259-1249	Kaiser Road/Ciffata Road	Kaiser Road (south)	Thru	2169	18.84	84.30	2641.11	B	2182	18.71	65.57	3343	B		
1254	1259	1249	1254-1259-1249	Kaiser Road/Ciffata Road	Kaiser Road (south)	Right	2	10.31	0.42	381.80	B							
1249	1254	1249	1249-1254-1249	Kaiser Road/Ciffata Road	Ciffata Road	Left	182	37.48	83.93	218.49	D							
1249	1254	1249	1249-1254-1249	Kaiser Road/Ciffata Road	Ciffata Road	Thru	8	32.94	0.87	125.82	C	182	37.23	19.89	1008	D		
1249	1254	1249	1249-1254-1249	Kaiser Road/Ciffata Road	Ciffata Road	Right	11	33.04	1.66	665.57	C							
1248	1249	1249	1248-1249-1249	Kaiser Road/M13 westbound	Kaiser Road (north)	Thru	1049	3.95	36.25	2987.76	A	1173	6.78	36.74	3182	A		
1248	1249	1249	1248-1249-1249	Kaiser Road/M13 westbound	Kaiser Road (north)	Right	133	38.89	41.02	1021.18	D							
1261	1261	1261	1261-1261-1261	Kaiser Road/M13 westbound	M13 westbound off slip	Left	968	0.90	18.69	1608.08	A	1364	18.19	88.64	2250	B	9.03	54.26
1261	1261	1261	1261-1261-1261	Kaiser Road/M13 westbound	M13 westbound off slip	Right	396	35.11	65.99	600.00	D							
1261	1261	1261	1261-1261-1261	Kaiser Road/M13 westbound	Kaiser Road (south)	Left	620	8.55	87.27	1081.67	A	2353	9.48	65.67	3673	A		
1261	1261	1261	1261-1261-1261	Kaiser Road/M13 westbound	Kaiser Road (south)	Thru	1734	6.82	89.60	2491.11	A							
1336	1243	1251	1336-1243-1251	Kaiser Road/M13 eastbound	Kaiser Road (north)	Left	157	18.31	28.81	648.31	B	1274	10.28	45.49	2802	B		
1336	1243	1251	1336-1243-1251	Kaiser Road/M13 eastbound	Kaiser Road (north)	Thru	1185	6.90	48.46	2615.38	A							
1336	1243	1251	1336-1243-1251	Kaiser Road/M13 eastbound	Kaiser Road (north)	Right	1841	4.81	67.56	2742.94	A							
1336	1243	1251	1336-1243-1251	Kaiser Road/M13 eastbound	Kaiser Road (south)	Right	269	29.87	62.86	427.29	C	2130	7.74	68.93	3182	A		
1237	1243	1239	1237-1243-1239	Kaiser Road/M13 eastbound	M13 eastbound off slip	Left	230	34.60	67.98	337.78	C	367	33.87	45.42	676	C		
1237	1243	1239	1237-1243-1239	Kaiser Road/M13 eastbound	M13 eastbound off slip	Right	77	31.71	22.86	337.78	C							
1239	1218	1222	1239-1218-1222	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road (north)	Left	17	6.90	2.37	721.52	A							
1218	1218	1218	1218-1218-1218	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road (north)	Thru	1028	6.90	48.46	2615.38	A	1089	7.58	30.23	3602	A		
1218	1218	1218	1218-1218-1218	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road (north)	Right	44	24.82	12.04	365.04	C							
1222	1218	1218	1222-1218-1218	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Hospital Access	Left	88	39.96	73.25	333.33	D							
1222	1218	1218	1222-1218-1218	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Hospital Access	Thru	8	39.96	0.80	0.80	D	142	39.84	58.54	342	D		
1222	1218	1218	1222-1218-1218	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Hospital Access	Right	44	39.96	49.00	198.75	D							
1212	1218	1218	1212-1218-1218	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road (south)	Left	8	20.00	0.90	361.00	C							
1212	1218	1218	1212-1218-1218	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road (south)	Thru	1817	5.44	72.31	2634.21	A	1804	9.50	57.72	3216	A		
1212	1218	1218	1212-1218-1218	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road (south)	Right	39	5.49	9.78	399.69	B							
1204	1218	1230	1204-1218-1230	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Left	22	26.48	6.98	316.43	C							
1204	1218	1230	1204-1218-1230	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Thru	1	28.84	0.41	294.64	C	181	33.75	13.93	1167	C		
1204	1218	1230	1204-1218-1230	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Kaiser Road/Aberstone Road	Right	138	34.64	26.27	648.79	C							
1479	1479	2048	1479-1479-2048	Kaiser Road/R103	R103 (west)	Thru	486	14.32	37.53	1835.81	B							
1479	1479	2048	1479-1479-2048	Kaiser Road/R103	R103 (west)	Right	230	34.27	36.79	626.77	C	726	20.61	29.76	3441	C		
2048	2048	1479	2048-2048-1479	Kaiser Road/R103	R103 (east)	Left	946	3.69	39.90	2371.52	A	1981	11.40	54.17	3657	B	18.10	61.17
2048	1479	1479	2048-1479-1479	Kaiser Road/R103	R103 (east)	Thru	1635	26.10	80.48	1285.71	C							
2048	1479	1479	2048-1479-1479	Kaiser Road/R103	Kaiser Road	Left	434	13.60	51.60	907.14	B	1639	20.29	68.41	2387	C		
2048	1479	1479	2048-1479-1479	Kaiser Road/R103	Kaiser Road	Right	1145	23.18	79.54	1439.39	C							
1623	1621	1620	1623-1621-1620	Shongweni Road/M13 Westbound	Shongweni Road (north)	Thru	87	15	33	844	B	548	29.87					

# C3 Site 2 Key Intersection Results

## C3.1 AM Peak – without Public Transport

A node	B node	C node	Ref	Intersection Name	Approach	Movement	Sum				Approach					Intersection			
							Volume	Delay	W/C	Capacity	LOS	Volume	Delay	W/C	Capacity	LOS	Delay	W/C	LOS
9904	1319	1381	9904-1319-1381	Kassier Road/MR05	Kassier Road	Left	234	36	61	448	C								
9904	1319	1319	9904-1319-1319	Kassier Road/MR05	Kassier Road	Thru	106	26	29	362	C	1430	36.27	77.96	1934	D			
9904	1319	990	9904-1319-990	Kassier Road/MR05	Kassier Road	Right	1691	42	102	1539	D								
1381	1319	1319	1381-1319-1319	Kassier Road/MR05	MR05	Left	21	3	9	227	B								
1381	1319	990	1381-1319-990	Kassier Road/MR05	MR05	Thru	263	13	38	530	B	730	54.84	48.04	1620	B			
1381	1319	9904	1381-1319-9904	Kassier Road/MR05	MR05	Right	446	16	59	762	B								
1319	1319	990	1319-1319-990	Kassier Road/MR05	J B Mntosh Drive	Left	9	38	3	6	D								
1319	1319	9904	1319-1319-9904	Kassier Road/MR05	J B Mntosh Drive	Thru	98	38	47	211	D	198	38.21	32.76	331	D			
1319	1319	1381	1319-1319-1381	Kassier Road/MR05	J B Mntosh Drive	Right	18	45	7	120	D								
9901	9904	1381	9901-9904-1381	Kassier Road/MR05	Middle Access	Left	123	9	1	190	A								
9901	1319	1381	9901-1319-1381	Kassier Road/MR05	MR05	Thru	81	9	6	972	A	191	3.28	6.92	3266	A			
9901	1319	1381	9901-1319-1381	Kassier Road/MR05	MR05	Right	9	11	2	434	B								
1339	1344	9911	1339-1344-9911	Kassier Road/N3	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	3521	4	74	4040	A	3521	4	72.57	4852	A			
1339	1344	9911	1339-1344-9911	Kassier Road/N3	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	9	3	3	270	A								
9910	9911	1344	9910-9911-1344	Kassier Road/N3	N3 eastbound off slip	Left	319	9	18	1305	A	622	16	24.71	2111	B	4.96	41.83	A
9910	1344	1339	9910-1344-1339	Kassier Road/N3	N3 westbound off slip	Right	252	46	85	311	D								
9911	1344	1339	9911-1344-1339	Kassier Road/N3	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	200	2	75	1320	A	1338	2	22.71	5080	A			
9911	1344	1339	9911-1344-1339	Kassier Road/N3	Kassier Road (north)	Left	1134	2	20	4160	A								
1319	1328	1339	1319-1328-1339	Kassier Road/N3	Kassier Road (north)	Left	226	29	53	896	C	3378	28	194.28	3631	C			
1319	1328	1339	1319-1328-1339	Kassier Road/N3	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	304	28	53	2326	C								
1319	1328	1319	1319-1328-1319	Kassier Road/N3	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	1508	3	26	4307	A	1337	11	29.01	4602	B	24.89	64.16	C
1319	1328	1342	1319-1328-1342	Kassier Road/N3	Kassier Road (south)	Right	272	43	92	295	D								
1319	1328	1319	1319-1328-1319	Kassier Road/N3	N3 eastbound off slip	Left	9	29	3	3	D	460	39	86.62	478	D			
1301	1201	1201	1301-1201-1201	Kassier Road/N2	N2 eastbound off slip	Right	468	29	99	467	D								
9901	1201	1201	9901-1201-1201	Kassier Road/Culbata Road	Kassier Road (north)	Left	63	9	31	228	A								
9901	1201	1201	9901-1201-1201	Kassier Road/Culbata Road	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	3752	8	97	4208	A	3968	7.98	79.06	5020	A			
9901	1201	1201	9901-1201-1201	Kassier Road/Culbata Road	Kassier Road (north)	Right	147	8	26	371	A								
1262	1251	1261	1262-1251-1261	Kassier Road/Culbata Road	Access	Left	18	34	29	63	C								
1262	1251	1249	1262-1251-1249	Kassier Road/Culbata Road	Access	Thru	1	34	29	11	C	83	43.31	45.24	180	D			
1262	1251	9901	1262-1251-9901	Kassier Road/Culbata Road	Access	Right	18	44	29	133	D								
1218	1251	1249	1218-1251-1249	Kassier Road/Culbata Road	Kassier Road (south)	Left	9	9	1	490	A								
1218	1251	9901	1218-1251-9901	Kassier Road/Culbata Road	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	3051	9	31	3604	A	1672	9.24	25.42	4217	A			
1218	1251	1261	1218-1251-1261	Kassier Road/Culbata Road	Kassier Road (south)	Right	13	43	18	123	D								
1249	1251	9901	1249-1251-9901	Kassier Road/Culbata Road	Culbata Road	Left	152	38	93	167	D								
1249	1251	1249	1249-1251-1249	Kassier Road/Culbata Road	Culbata Road	Thru	9	39	2	12	D	212	38.72	78.91	269	D			
1249	1251	1249	1249-1251-1249	Kassier Road/Culbata Road	Culbata Road	Right	35	45	29	58	D								
1248	1250	9901	1248-1250-9901	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	2675	9	65	4944	A	2893	7	64.72	4470	A			
1248	1250	1248	1248-1250-1248	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (south)	Right	218	20	11	416	C								
1257	9901	1261	1257-9901-1261	Kassier Road/M13	M13 eastbound off slip	Left	1293	0	72	1900	A	1637	8	78.67	2344	A			
1257	1261	1249	1257-1261-1249	Kassier Road/M13	M13 eastbound off slip	Right	354	36	67	544	B								
9901	1250	1249	9901-1250-1249	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (south)	Left	38	16	6	512	B								
9901	1250	1249	9901-1250-1249	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	1260	10	39	3249	B	1298	16	33.61	3963	B			
1239	1243	1243	1239-1243-1243	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (south)	Left	618	29	102	606	C	3153	29	102.23	3200	C			
1239	1243	1249	1239-1243-1249	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	2826	28	102	2774	C								
1248	1248	1239	1248-1248-1239	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	1108	3	41	2702	A	1824	17	49.36	3250	B	25.14	76.58	C
1248	1248	1243	1248-1248-1243	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (south)	Right	116	41	94	548	D								
1237	1243	1237	1237-1243-1237	Kassier Road/M13	M13 eastbound off slip	Left	274	36	85	239	D								
1237	1243	1248	1237-1243-1248	Kassier Road/M13	M13 eastbound off slip	Right	58	36	48	85	D								
1230	1218	1222	1230-1218-1222	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road (north)	Left	96	16	10	127	B								
1230	1218	1212	1230-1218-1212	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	2967	15	89	3719	B	3077	16.41	64.61	3629	B			
1212	1218	1212	1212-1218-1212	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Right	15	16	30	113	C								
1222	1218	1212	1222-1218-1212	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Hospital Access	Left	32	29	29	175	C								
1222	1218	1204	1222-1218-1204	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Hospital Access	Thru	2	29	2	163	C	111	29.48	16.81	660	C			
1222	1218	1222	1222-1218-1222	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Hospital Access	Right	17	30	7	238	C								
1214	1204	1261	1214-1204-1261	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Left	271	0	14	1900	A	1458	8.86	21.71	4396	A			
1212	1218	1204	1212-1218-1204	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	1853	7	63	2618	A								
1212	1218	1222	1212-1218-1222	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Right	133	42	16	338	D								
1204	1218	1222	1204-1218-1222	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Left	46	32	84	54	C								
1204	1218	1222	1204-1218-1222	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Thru	5	20	84	6	C	347	38.87	81.61	480	D			
1204	1218	1212	1204-1218-1212	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Right	297	46	96	369	D								
1475	1479	9901	1475-1479-9901	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (west)	Thru	685	9	28	2322	A	1558	11	49.83	1326	B			
1475	1479	9901	1475-1479-9901	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (west)	Right	673	14	84	694	B								
9901	9904	1475	9901-9904-1475	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (east)	Left	1757	0	96	5000	A	2435	9	87.86	2771	A	13.13	66.85	B
9901	1479	1475	9901-1479-1475	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (east)	Thru	678	26	70	871	C								
9908	1479	1475	9908-1479-1475	Kassier Road/R103	Kassier Road	Left	313	29	68	458	C	935	29	58.98	1180	C			
9908	1479	9901	9908-1479-9901	Kassier Road/R103	Kassier Road	Right	622	29	65	1122	C								
1123	1121	1129	1123-1121-1129	Shongweni Road/M13	Shongweni Road (north)	Thru	1	36	1	133	C								
1123	1121	1121	1123-1121-1121	Shongweni Road/M13	Shongweni Road (north)	Right	9	36	3	384	C	18	30	2.49	396	C		</	

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							Volume	Delay	V/C	Capacity	LOS	Volume	Delay	V/C	Capacity	LOS	Delay	V/C	LOS
9904	1319	1381	9904-1319-1381	Kassier Road/MS05	Kassier Road	Left	449	14	18	778	B								
9904	1319	1319	9904-1319-1319	Kassier Road/MS05	Kassier Road	Thru	179	14	27	178	B	2004	19.67	71.33	3092	B			
9904	1319	9904	9904-1319-9904	Kassier Road/MS05	Kassier Road	Right	1818	29	16	1747	C								
1319	1319	1319	1319-1319-1319	Kassier Road/MS05	MS05	Left	7	22	48	14	C								
1381	1319	9904	1381-1319-9904	Kassier Road/MS05	MS05	Thru	115	22	48	342	C	302	30.81	55.98	541	C			
1381	1319	9904	1381-1319-9904	Kassier Road/MS05	MS05	Right	881	26	63	287	D						15.43	53.43	B
1110	1319	9904	1110-1319-9904	Kassier Road/MS05	J B Mntosh Dme	Left	7	18	3	154	B								
1110	1319	9904	1110-1319-9904	Kassier Road/MS05	J B Mntosh Dme	Thru	74	18	11	748	B	83	28.83	8.33	1112	C			
1110	1319	9904	1110-1319-9904	Kassier Road/MS05	J B Mntosh Dme	Right	18	34	7	317	C								
9901	9904	1381	9901-9904-1381	Kassier Road/MS05	MS05	Left	1191	0	61	1800	A								
9901	1319	1381	9901-1319-1381	Kassier Road/MS05	MS05	Thru	302	23	48	631	C	1429	5.34	51.88	2798	A			
9901	1319	1381	9901-1319-1381	Kassier Road/MS05	MS05	Right	22	28	8	287	C								
1319	1344	9911	1319-1344-9911	Kassier Road/H3	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	2969	4	19	4700	A								
1319	1344	1319	1319-1344-1319	Kassier Road/H3	Kassier Road (north)	Right	4	21	3	121	D	2564	5	57.11	4893	A			
9910	9911	1344	9910-9911-1344	Kassier Road/H3	H3 westbound off slip	Left	506	0	28	1800	A								
9910	1344	1319	9910-1344-1319	Kassier Road/H3	H3 westbound off slip	Right	395	29	32	428	D								
9911	1344	1319	9911-1344-1319	Kassier Road/H3	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	776	5	63	1260	A	4876	8	86.83	5826	A			
9911	1344	1319	9911-1344-1319	Kassier Road/H3	Kassier Road (south)	Left	484	9	93	4378	A								
1319	1319	1344	1319-1319-1344	Kassier Road/H3	Kassier Road (south)	Left	138	34	16	271	C	2925	23	81.34	2490	C			
1319	1319	1319	1319-1319-1319	Kassier Road/H3	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	1996	23	84	2219	C								
1319	1319	1319	1319-1319-1319	Kassier Road/H3	Kassier Road (south)	Right	3828	13	97	3527	B	4476	22	89.43	4519	C	23.94	82.81	C
1319	1319	1344	1319-1319-1344	Kassier Road/H3	Kassier Road (south)	Right	648	27	109	133	C								
1319	1319	1344	1319-1319-1344	Kassier Road/H3	H3 westbound off slip	Left	0	36	1	16	D								
1319	1319	1344	1319-1319-1344	Kassier Road/H3	H3 westbound off slip	Right	668	26	95	790	D	688	26	93.45	718	D			
9901	1251	1262	9901-1251-1262	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Kassier Road (north)	Left	9	4	5	461	A								
9901	1251	1251	9901-1251-1251	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	2042	4	48	4296	A	2267	7.84	43.22	5233	A			
9901	1251	1262	9901-1251-1262	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Kassier Road (north)	Right	215	43	78	278	D								
1262	1251	1262	1262-1251-1262	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Access	Left	1	34	3	19	C								
1262	1251	1249	1262-1251-1249	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Access	Thru	8	34	9	18	C	14	43.27	8.88	189	D			
1262	1251	9901	1262-1251-9901	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Access	Right	13	44	9	178	D								
1249	1251	1249	1249-1251-1249	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Kassier Road (south)	Left	32	21	92	31	C								
1249	1251	9901	1249-1251-9901	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	3022	21	101	1762	C	3665	21.22	101.68	3794	C			
1249	1251	9901	1249-1251-9901	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Coffins Road	Left	154	28	88	399	D								
1249	1251	1262	1249-1251-1262	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Coffins Road	Thru	9	38	9	29	D	186	38.32	83.42	388	D			
1249	1251	1249	1249-1251-1249	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Coffins Road	Right	11	28	17	69	D								
1249	1251	9901	1249-1251-9901	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	1199	3	26	4274	A	1342	7	27.43	4512	A			
1249	1251	1249	1249-1251-1249	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (south)	Right	133	42	16	238	D								
1249	1251	1262	1249-1251-1262	Kassier Road/M13	M13 westbound off slip	Left	1158	0	84	1660	A								
1249	1251	1249	1249-1251-1249	Kassier Road/M13	M13 westbound off slip	Right	396	29	33	428	D	1684	10	89.75	2028	A	11.45	83.83	B
9901	1250	1249	9901-1250-1249	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (south)	Left	44	13	91	69	B	4418	13	108.68	3987	B			
9901	1250	1249	9901-1250-1249	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	3964	13	99	3919	B								
1276	1243	1251	1276-1243-1251	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (south)	Left	175	23	96	186	C	1388	33	95.82	1440	C			
1276	1243	1249	1276-1243-1249	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	1188	23	96	523	C								
1249	1243	1276	1249-1243-1276	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	2074	11	96	2762	B	4350	32	98.43	4420	C	32.41	97.26	C
1249	1243	1249	1249-1243-1249	Kassier Road/M13	Kassier Road (south)	Right	1676	61	108	1718	E								
1277	1243	1276	1277-1243-1276	Kassier Road/M13	M13 westbound off slip	Left	378	27	96	343	D	283	37	91.13	311	D			
1277	1243	1249	1277-1243-1249	Kassier Road/M13	M13 westbound off slip	Right	63	37	79	68	D								
1276	1276	1276	1276-1276-1276	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Left	13	9	3	468	A								
1276	1276	1276	1276-1276-1276	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	1112	9	33	3378	A	1173	10.28	28.13	4170	B			
1276	1276	1276	1276-1276-1276	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Right	44	44	16	127	D								
1277	1276	1277	1277-1276-1277	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Hospital Access	Left	98	36	52	189	D								
1277	1276	1276	1277-1276-1276	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Hospital Access	Thru	0	41	3	16	D	142	37.27	33.61	422	D			
1277	1276	1277	1277-1276-1277	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Hospital Access	Right	44	48	25	176	D								
1276	1276	1276	1276-1276-1276	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Left	263	48	15	1500	A								
1276	1276	1276	1276-1276-1276	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	2383	7	82	2801	A	2685	6.23	53.11	9885	A			
1276	1276	1276	1276-1276-1276	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Right	39	8	13	304	A								
1204	1276	1276	1204-1276-1276	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Left	22	35	63	35	D								
1204	1276	1276	1204-1276-1276	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Thru	1	35	63	2	D	170	42.42	88.54	248	D			
1204	1276	1276	1204-1276-1276	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Right	147	44	95	312	D								
1475	1479	9907	1475-1479-9907	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (west)	Thru	498	15	28	1773	B	734	16	34.71	2114	B			
1475	1479	9907	1475-1479-9907	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (west)	Right	238	20	79	341	B								
9907	9904	1475	9907-9904-1475	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (east)	Left	1062	0	148	1800	A	2037	13	83.88	3193	B	16.26	83.82	B
9907	1479	1475	9907-1479-1475	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (east)	Thru	1038	25	74	1203	C								
9904	1479	1475	9904-1479-1475	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (east)	Left	623	25	93	554	C								
9904	1479	9907	9904-1479-9907	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (east)	Right	1513	24	96	1670	C	2635	25	91.52	2234	C			
1623	1621	1620	1623-1621-1620	Shongweni Road/M13	Shongweni Road (north)	Thru	8	23	4	143	C								
1623	1621	1619	1623-1621-1619	Shongweni Road/M13	Shongweni Road (north)	Right	0	23	0	136	C								
1667	1621	1620	1667-1621-1620	Shongweni Road/M13	M13 westbound off slip	Left	1	7	1	492	A	689	3	32.64	2089	A	3.14	26.01	A
1667	1621	1619	1667-1621-1619	Shongweni Road/M13	M13 westbound off slip	Right	668	3	48	1596	A								
1620	1621	1619	1620-1621-1619	Shongweni Road/M13	Shongweni Road (south)	Left	1	34	1	118	C								



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9904	1319	1381	9904-1319-1381	Kassier Road/MS05	Kassier Road	Left	433	14	15	783	B								
9904	1319	1319	9904-1319-1319	Kassier Road/MS05	Kassier Road	Thru	333	14	25	136	B	1890	17.14	61.65	3096	B			
9904	1319	9904	9904-1319-9904	Kassier Road/MS05	Kassier Road	Right	1319	18	74	1117	B								
1319	1319	1319	1319-1319-1319	MS05	MS05	Left	5	22	13	68	C								
1381	1319	9904	1381-1319-9904	Kassier Road/MS05	MS05	Thru	105	22	48	364	C	262	29.23	45.19	625	C			
1381	1319	9904	1381-1319-9904	Kassier Road/MS05	MS05	Right	111	14	10	313	C						14.58	43.62	B
1319	1319	9904	1319-1319-9904	Kassier Road/MS05	J B Murosh Drive	Left	8	20	3	248	C								
1319	1319	9904	1319-1319-9904	Kassier Road/MS05	J B Murosh Drive	Thru	82	17	11	758	B	87	19.23	7.83	1241	B			
1319	1319	9904	1319-1319-9904	Kassier Road/MS05	J B Murosh Drive	Right	16	31	6	348	C								
9901	9904	1381	9901-9904-1381	Kassier Road/MS05	MS05	Left	623	9	48	1800	A								
9901	1319	1381	9901-1319-1381	Kassier Road/MS05	MS05	Thru	269	23	43	628	C	1124	6.22	39.89	2817	A			
9901	1319	1381	9901-1319-1381	Kassier Road/MS05	MS05	Right	21	27	8	388	C								
1319	1344	9911	1319-1344-9911	Kassier Road/MS05	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	2248	8	11	4370	A	2248	8	10.94	4891	A			
1319	1344	1319	1319-1344-1319	Kassier Road/MS05	Kassier Road (north)	Right	5	48	0	121	D								
9910	9911	1344	9910-9911-1344	Kassier Road/MS05	MS05 westbound off slip	Left	442	9	25	1800	A	836	18	37.53	2226	B	9.88	66.95	A
9910	1344	1319	9910-1344-1319	Kassier Road/MS05	MS05 westbound off slip	Right	295	29	92	428	D								
9911	1344	1319	9911-1344-1319	Kassier Road/MS05	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	679	16	36	738	A	4189	16	57.62	4291	A			
9911	1344	1319	9911-1344-1319	Kassier Road/MS05	Kassier Road (south)	Left	3026	16	36	3033	A								
1319	1328	1342	1319-1328-1342	Kassier Road/MS05	Kassier Road (south)	Left	125	22	44	296	C								
1319	1328	1319	1319-1328-1319	Kassier Road/MS05	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	1666	22	74	2262	C	1785	22	79.22	2586	C			
1319	1328	1319	1319-1328-1319	Kassier Road/MS05	Kassier Road (south)	Right	3348	11	87	3883	B	3004	15	87.80	4447	B	18.57	80.36	B
1319	1328	1342	1319-1328-1342	Kassier Road/MS05	Kassier Road (south)	Right	566	25	95	543	D								
1304	1328	1319	1304-1328-1319	Kassier Road/MS05	MS05 westbound off slip	Left	0	34	0	74	C								
1304	1328	1319	1304-1328-1319	Kassier Road/MS05	MS05 westbound off slip	Right	582	34	79	729	C	182	34	71.61	813	C			
9901	1251	1262	9901-1251-1262	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Kassier Road (north)	Left	9	4	1	78	A								
9901	1251	1251	9901-1251-1251	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	1817	4	43	4233	A	2638	8.19	38.82	5237	A			
9901	1251	1262	9901-1251-1262	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Kassier Road (north)	Right	213	41	72	296	D								
1262	1251	1262	1262-1251-1262	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Access	Left	1	33	2	51	C								
1262	1251	1249	1262-1251-1249	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Access	Thru	8	33	9	47	C	14	41.78	6.16	262	D			
1262	1251	1249	1262-1251-1249	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Access	Right	13	42	8	161	D								
1249	1251	1249	1249-1251-1249	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Kassier Road (south)	Left	32	14	29	188	B								
1249	1251	9901	1249-1251-9901	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	2349	14	92	3636	D	3379	13.99	87.81	3946	B			
1249	1251	9901	1249-1251-9901	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Coffins Road	Right	178	20	78	328	D								
1249	1251	1262	1249-1251-1262	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Coffins Road	Thru	9	27	9	58	D	189	37.19	46.08	418	D			
1249	1251	1262	1249-1251-1262	Kassier Road/Coffins Road	Coffins Road	Right	11	37	9	125	D								
1248	1250	9901	1248-1250-9901	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	999	3	24	4272	A	1132	8	26.41	4489	A			
1248	1250	1248	1248-1250-1248	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	Kassier Road (north)	Right	133	42	16	237	D								
1251	9901	1248	1251-9901-1248	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	M13 westbound off slip	Left	1828	9	16	1900	A	1435	11	83.21	2267	B	19.60	86.82	B
1251	9901	1248	1251-9901-1248	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	M13 westbound off slip	Right	266	28	95	487	D								
9901	1250	1248	9901-1250-1248	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	Kassier Road (south)	Left	47	12	38	177	B	3636	12	87.83	4225	B			
9901	1250	1248	9901-1250-1248	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	3469	13	90	3849	B								
1238	1243	1251	1238-1243-1251	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	Kassier Road (south)	Left	179	23	82	218	C	1958	32	86.48	1472	C			
1238	1243	1248	1238-1243-1248	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	1878	22	88	3264	A								
1248	1243	1238	1248-1243-1238	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	Kassier Road (south)	Right	2234	11	85	2818	B	3865	11	90.50	4271	B	21.89	96.20	C
1248	1243	1248	1248-1243-1248	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	Kassier Road (south)	Right	1631	27	99	1653	C								
1237	1241	1278	1237-1241-1278	Kassier Road/M13 eastbound	M13 eastbound off slip	Left	278	25	82	290	C	283	26	73.88	187	C			
1237	1241	1248	1237-1241-1248	Kassier Road/M13 eastbound	M13 eastbound off slip	Right	63	35	16	196	C								
1236	1238	1222	1236-1238-1222	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road (north)	Left	17	9	3	484	A								
1236	1238	1212	1236-1238-1212	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	1613	9	30	3378	A	1674	10.11	25.42	4794	B			
1236	1238	1212	1236-1238-1212	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road (north)	Right	44	41	34	131	D								
1222	1218	1212	1222-1218-1212	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Hospital Access	Left	98	37	57	171	D								
1222	1218	1204	1222-1218-1204	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Hospital Access	Thru	0	42	0	36	D	142	38.22	39.74	387	D			
1222	1218	1204	1222-1218-1204	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Hospital Access	Right	44	41	23	165	D								
1218	1204	1212	1218-1204-1212	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Left	263	9	15	1900	A								
1218	1204	1218	1218-1204-1218	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	2148	6	74	2891	A	3488	4.98	47.37	6200	A			
1212	1218	1222	1212-1218-1222	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Right	39	5	3	418	A								
1204	1218	1204	1204-1218-1204	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Left	22	36	39	57	D								
1204	1218	1222	1204-1218-1222	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Thru	1	34	39	3	D	160	43.61	62.44	256	D			
1204	1218	1212	1204-1218-1212	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Kassier Road/Aberstone Road	Right	136	44	78	180	D								
1475	1479	9907	1475-1479-9907	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (west)	Thru	496	15	29	1731	B	725	17	35.08	2067	B			
1475	1479	9907	1475-1479-9907	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (west)	Right	229	20	68	336	C								
9907	9904	1475	9907-9904-1475	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (east)	Left	936	0	12	1600	A	1671	13	62.58	3161	B	17.78	68.98	B
9907	1479	1475	9907-1479-1475	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (east)	Thru	1638	36	77	3213	C								
9904	1479	1475	9904-1479-1475	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (east)	Left	653	23	83	684	C	1871	23	79.76	2346	C			
9904	1479	9907	9904-1479-9907	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (east)	Right	1768	23	78	1723	C								
1623	1621	1620	1623-1621-1620	Shongweni Road/M13 Westbound	Shongweni Road (north)	Thru	8	22	4	143	C	8	22	2.10	278	C			
1623	1621	1615	1623-1621-1615	Shongweni Road/M13 Westbound	Shongweni Road (north)	Right	0	22	0	136	C								
1667	1621	1620	1667-1621-1620	Shongweni Road/M13 Westbound	M13 westbound off slip	Left	0	3	1	892	A	689	3	30.64	2089	A	3.13	26.01	A
1667	1621	1615	1667-1621-1615	Shongweni Road/M13 Westbound	M13 westbound off slip	Right	668	1	48	1796	A								
1620	1621	1615	1620-																

# C4 Site 3 Key Intersection Results

## C4.1 AM Peak

A code	B code	C code	Ref	Intersection Name	Approach	Movement	Turn				Approach				Intersection			
							Volume	Delay	VoC	Capacity	VoC	Capacity	LOS	Delay	VoC	LOS		
1382	1369	1380	1382-1369-1380	Kassier Road/M055	Kassier Road	Left	243	54.27	29.50	911.61	B							
1382	1369	1310	1382-1369-1310	Kassier Road/M059	Kassier Road	Thru	126	15.70	17.58	742.90	B	371	14.07	16.99	2318	B		
1382	1369	1337	1382-1369-1337	Kassier Road/M058	Kassier Road	Right	3	0.43	0.41	763.87	B							
1380	1369	1310	1380-1369-1310	Kassier Road/M059	M059	Left	26	15.77	4.20	509.71	B							
1380	1369	1337	1380-1369-1337	Kassier Road/M058	M059	Thru	9	15.55	9.85	574.20	D							
1380	1369	1382	1380-1369-1382	Kassier Road/M055	M055	Right	448	17.65	28.58	1059.11	B	472	16.96	17.58	2883	B		
1318	1369	1337	1318-1369-1337	Kassier Road/M058	J B Mouton Drive	Left	8	12.42	0.93	143.12	B					12.03	B	
1318	1369	1382	1318-1369-1382	Kassier Road/M055	J B Mouton Drive	Thru	118	12.42	14.15	922.69	B	139	13.30	7.35	1886	B		
1318	1369	1380	1318-1369-1380	Kassier Road/M059	J B Mouton Drive	Right	22	17.42	4.29	499.86	B							
1337	1369	1380	1337-1369-1380	Kassier Road/M059	Access	Left	2	16.23	0.58	298.23	B							
1337	1369	1382	1337-1369-1382	Kassier Road/M055	Access	Thru	9	16.21	0.88	387.53	B	2	16.23	0.19	1289	B		
1337	1369	1337	1337-1369-1337	Kassier Road/M058	Access	Right	9	16.21	0.93	492.32	B							
1339	1344	1340	1339-1344-1340	Kassier Road/N3 westbound	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	1459	9.70	41.24	2527.85	A	1463	9.70	38.58	3780	A		
1339	1344	1332	1339-1344-1332	Kassier Road/N3 westbound	Kassier Road (north)	Right	2	12.07	0.72	257.89	B							
135	1344	1342	135-1344-1342	Kassier Road/N3 westbound	N3 westbound off slip	Left	130	26.98	14.44	873.00	C	332	28.40	34.36	1363	C	11.48	26.49
135	1344	1338	135-1344-1338	Kassier Road/N3 westbound	N3 westbound off slip	Right	202	29.31	61.57	480.00	C							
1348	1344	1338	1348-1344-1338	Kassier Road/N3 westbound	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	142	7.50	8.88	1628.73	A	962	8.40	16.45	5321	A		
1348	1344	1339	1348-1344-1339	Kassier Road/N3 westbound	Kassier Road (south)	Left	819	8.50	23.46	3492.65	A							
1318	1329	1342	1318-1329-1342	Kassier Road/N3 eastbound	Kassier Road (north)	Left	726	6.88	64.91	1131.92	A	1871	5.49	42.68	4632	A		
1318	1329	1330	1318-1329-1330	Kassier Road/N3 eastbound	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	1245	4.78	36.49	2608.42	A							
1328	1328	1318	1328-1328-1318	Kassier Road/N3 eastbound	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	780	3.28	17.11	4048.90	A	1022	9.13	18.58	5218	A	9.95	30.94
1328	1328	1342	1328-1328-1342	Kassier Road/N3 eastbound	Kassier Road (south)	Right	202	29.31	61.57	480.00	C							
1301	1328	1318	1301-1328-1318	Kassier Road/N3 eastbound	N3 eastbound off slip	Left	9	40.10	0.90	165.00	D							
1300	1328	1330	1300-1328-1330	Kassier Road/N3 eastbound	N3 eastbound off slip	Right	314	43.14	61.26	366.00	D	214	43.14	41.83	516	D		
1250	1250	1260	1250-1250-1260	Kassier Road/Ciffate Road	Kassier Road (north)	Left	69	8.64	12.84	172.97	A							
1250	1250	1256	1250-1250-1256	Kassier Road/Ciffate Road	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	1935	4.52	52.17	3699.83	A	2127	4.83	43.70	4867	A		
1260	1250	1260	1260-1250-1260	Kassier Road/Ciffate Road	Kassier Road (south)	Right	123	1.98	28.88	184.74	A							
1260	1250	1262	1260-1250-1262	Kassier Road/Ciffate Road	Access	Left	16	36.87	10.51	111.84	C							
1260	1250	1248	1260-1250-1248	Kassier Road/Ciffate Road	Access	Thru	9	26.87	3.18	101.39	C	83	31.88	15.30	544	C		
1260	1250	1262	1260-1250-1262	Kassier Road/Ciffate Road	Access	Right	65	17.44	24.02	270.35	C							
1260	1250	1248	1260-1250-1248	Kassier Road/Ciffate Road	Kassier Road (south)	Left	8	11.42	1.24	649.02	B							
1260	1250	1262	1260-1250-1262	Kassier Road/Ciffate Road	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	345	13.26	39.43	3121.58	B	786	13.61	23.07	3405	B		
1260	1250	1262	1260-1250-1262	Kassier Road/Ciffate Road	Ciffate Road	Right	13	30.15	8.81	148.48	A							
1248	1250	1260	1248-1250-1260	Kassier Road/Ciffate Road	Ciffate Road	Left	169	39.82	11.34	330.00	C							
1248	1250	1262	1248-1250-1262	Kassier Road/Ciffate Road	Ciffate Road	Thru	9	26.82	0.89	320.67	C	188	28.27	18.06	1103	C		
1248	1250	1262	1248-1250-1262	Kassier Road/Ciffate Road	Ciffate Road	Right	30	25.85	9.81	452.39	C							
1248	1250	1261	1248-1250-1261	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	1356	18.20	46.28	2548.84	B	1675	20.48	83.47	2481	C		
1248	1250	1262	1248-1250-1262	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	Kassier Road (north)	Right	278	34.66	10.24	434.26	C							
1257	1257	1261	1257-1257-1261	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	M13 westbound off slip	Left	770	10.17	84.74	1182.95	C							
1257	1250	1248	1257-1250-1248	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	M13 westbound off slip	Right	364	27.15	28.83	1254.17	C	1134	36.69	46.55	2437	C	25.96	30.49
1260	1250	1240	1260-1250-1240	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	Kassier Road (south)	Left	37	29.28	10.46	349.66	C	969	29.21	41.68	2398	C		
1260	1250	1248	1260-1250-1248	Kassier Road/M13 westbound	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	962	20.21	46.98	2548.21	C							
1278	1243	1262	1278-1243-1262	Kassier Road/M13 eastbound	Kassier Road (south)	Left	118	20.43	40.73	852.50	C	2542	19.48	53.76	3798	B		
1278	1243	1261	1278-1243-1261	Kassier Road/M13 eastbound	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	1528	19.13	51.74	2945.90	B							
1248	1243	1238	1248-1243-1238	Kassier Road/M13 eastbound	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	305	7.00	32.80	2688.00	A							
1248	1243	1251	1248-1243-1251	Kassier Road/M13 eastbound	Kassier Road (south)	Right	458	43.40	18.28	769.24	D	1326	19.56	38.67	3429	B	21.10	46.61
1237	1243	1239	1237-1243-1239	Kassier Road/M13 eastbound	M13 eastbound off slip	Left	714	42.29	19.73	367.50	D	264	41.45	38.89	737	D		
1237	1243	1241	1237-1243-1241	Kassier Road/M13 eastbound	M13 eastbound off slip	Right	51	31.62	13.42	376.17	D							
1238	1218	1222	1238-1218-1222	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road (north)	Left	86	10.24	18.26	265.78	B							
1238	1218	1212	1238-1218-1212	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road (north)	Thru	1758	9.20	71.89	2414.61	B	1857	10.10	68.58	2261	B		
1238	1218	1264	1238-1218-1264	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Right	68	8.96	16.81	606.58	A							
1222	1218	1212	1222-1218-1212	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Hospital Access	Left	82	33.19	33.72	272.92	C							
1222	1218	1264	1222-1218-1264	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Hospital Access	Thru	2	11.93	0.85	187.64	C	111	33.17	13.86	881	C		
1222	1218	1220	1222-1218-1220	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Hospital Access	Right	17	13.72	5.21	130.18	C							
1212	1218	1204	1212-1218-1204	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Left	9	8.46	0.88	121.40	A							
1212	1218	1238	1212-1218-1238	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Thru	831	6.83	33.31	3493.11	A	964	11.14	27.74	3474	B		
1212	1218	1222	1212-1218-1222	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road (south)	Right	133	38.87	10.81	361.38	D							
1204	1218	1220	1204-1218-1220	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Left	40	32.23	18.29	347.97	C							
1204	1218	1222	1204-1218-1222	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Thru	5	32.23	18.18	29.29	C	258	39.06	44.77	573	D		
1264	1218	1238	1264-1218-1238	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Kassier Road/Averstone Road	Right	200	40.74	65.69	294.77	D							
1478	1478	1481	1478-1478-1481	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (west)	Thru	888	7.22	18.69	2412.00	A	1482	15.31	46.97	3616	B		
1478	1478	1471	1478-1478-1471	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (west)	Left	810	20.99	36.64	2296.00	C	1833	21.88	45.41	3690	C	20.08	48.81
1478	1478	1479	1478-1478-1479	Kassier Road/R103	R103 (east)	Thru	678	22.83	49.21	1434.90	C							
1478	1478	1479	1478-1478-1479	Kassier Road/R103	Kassier Road	Left	301	14.41	32.71	919.00	B	745	25.99	40.21	1854	C		
1478	1478	1481	1478-1478-1481	Kassier Road/R103	Kassier Road	Right	440	33.82	47.46	136.00	C							
1527	1527	1528	1527-1527-1528	Shongweni Road/M13 Westbound	Shongweni Road (north)	Thru	5	0	0	198.00	A							
1527	1527	1510	1527-1527-1510	Shongweni Road/M13 Westbound	Shongweni Road (north)	Right	3	0	0	1796.00	A	1	8.06	0.03	3596	A		
1527	1527	1521	1527-1527-1521	Shongweni Road/M13 Westbound	M13 westbound off slip	Left	9	3	0	1175.00	A	387						

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A code	B code	C code	Ref	Intersection Name	Approach	Movement	Turn					Approach					Intersection		
							Volume	Delay	V/C	Capacity	LOS	Volume	Delay	V/C	Capacity	LOS	Delay	V/C	LOS
1382	1389	1382	1389	Kasser Road/MR059	Kasser Road	Left	438	3.36	12.76	1330.33	A								
1382	1389	1382	1389	Kasser Road/MR059	Kasser Road	Thru	57	2.31	8.65	1009.99	A	637	3.36	14.88	3626	A			
1382	1389	1382	1389	Kasser Road/MR059	Kasser Road	Right	6	2.75	0.29	1269.02	A								
1389	1389	1389	1389	Kasser Road/MR059	MR059	Left	33	36.81	17.98	183.31	D								
1389	1389	1389	1389	Kasser Road/MR059	MR059	Thru	9	35.94	0.82	158.36	D	197	37.19	23.42	839	D			
1389	1389	1389	1389	Kasser Road/MR059	MR059	Right	164	37.43	10.26	166.68	D								
1389	1389	1389	1389	Kasser Road/MR059	J B Morkosk Drive	Left	8	2.67	0.21	1073.42	A								
1389	1389	1389	1389	Kasser Road/MR059	J B Morkosk Drive	Thru	76	2.67	5.99	1277.35	A	118	3.36	4.04	2911	A			
1389	1389	1389	1389	Kasser Road/MR059	J B Morkosk Drive	Right	40	4.89	5.29	824.44	A								
1337	1359	1382	1337	Kasser Road/MR059	Access	Left	10	35.87	0.57	121.04	D								
1337	1359	1382	1337	Kasser Road/MR059	Access	Thru	1	35.87	0.95	110.85	D	12	35.88	2.59	446	D			
1337	1359	1382	1337	Kasser Road/MR059	Access	Right	9	35.57	0.96	214.45	D								
1339	1344	1349	1339	Kasser Road/N3 eastbound	Kasser Road (north)	Thru	2238	13.93	67.98	3291.94	B	2254	14.19	64.27	3402	B			
1339	1344	1349	1339	Kasser Road/N3 eastbound	Kasser Road (north)	Right	11	48.98	16.26	110.48	D								
1339	1344	1349	1339	Kasser Road/N3 eastbound	Kasser Road (north)	Left	179	39.87	51.99	547.25	C	974	29.63	65.36	1430	C	16.72	65.65	B
1339	1344	1349	1339	Kasser Road/N3 eastbound	N3 westbound off slip	Left	791	30.74	72.80	542.65	C								
1348	1344	1349	1348	Kasser Road/N3 westbound	Kasser Road (south)	Thru	637	12.46	47.06	1362.90	B	2677	14.42	65.28	4581	B			
1348	1344	1349	1348	Kasser Road/N3 westbound	Kasser Road (south)	Left	2341	14.95	72.17	3297.63	B								
1319	1328	1342	1319	Kasser Road/N3 eastbound	Kasser Road (south)	Left	129	18.84	25.48	168.54	B	1641	22.32	57.61	2883	C			
1319	1328	1342	1319	Kasser Road/N3 eastbound	Kasser Road (south)	Right	11	48.98	16.26	110.48	D								
1319	1328	1342	1319	Kasser Road/N3 eastbound	Kasser Road (south)	Thru	2198	15.76	68.87	3192.00	B								
1319	1328	1342	1319	Kasser Road/N3 eastbound	Kasser Road (south)	Right	537	31.28	47.52	1130.32	D	2726	19.99	63.29	4322	B	21.79	67.91	C
1301	1328	1316	1301	Kasser Road/N3 eastbound	N3 eastbound off slip	Left	8	21.78	0.90	161.00	C	722	27.44	44.20	1634	C			
1301	1328	1316	1301	Kasser Road/N3 eastbound	N3 eastbound off slip	Right	722	37.44	67.57	1622.66	C								
1250	1255	1249	1250	Kasser Road/Ciltale Road	Kasser Road (north)	Left	9	4.43	2.97	636.87	A								
1250	1255	1249	1250	Kasser Road/Ciltale Road	Kasser Road (north)	Thru	5668	16.70	43.49	3619.48	A	1987	8.81	41.30	4818	A			
1250	1255	1249	1250	Kasser Road/Ciltale Road	Kasser Road (north)	Right	232	34.25	66.79	349.21	C								
1250	1255	1249	1250	Kasser Road/Ciltale Road	Access	Left	1	37.27	0.67	117.09	C								
1250	1255	1249	1250	Kasser Road/Ciltale Road	Access	Thru	9	27.27	0.84	122.29	C	14	34.19	2.96	472	C			
1250	1255	1249	1250	Kasser Road/Ciltale Road	Access	Right	13	44.83	5.47	232.16	C								
1254	1254	1246	1254	Kasser Road/Ciltale Road	Kasser Road (south)	Left	32	7.81	1.61	142.91	A								
1254	1254	1246	1254	Kasser Road/Ciltale Road	Kasser Road (south)	Thru	2179	11.63	55.55	1326.67	B	2213	10.98	54.89	4846	B			
1258	1256	1246	1258	Kasser Road/Ciltale Road	Kasser Road (south)	Right	2	18.43	1.63	167.64	B								
1248	1253	1240	1248	Kasser Road/Ciltale Road	Ciltale Road	Left	182	30.81	63.20	288.75	C								
1248	1253	1240	1248	Kasser Road/Ciltale Road	Ciltale Road	Thru	9	27.23	0.93	100.16	C	193	38.43	18.44	1948	C			
1248	1253	1240	1248	Kasser Road/Ciltale Road	Ciltale Road	Right	31	23.83	2.42	438.20	C								
1248	1253	1240	1248	Kasser Road/M13 westbound	Kasser Road (north)	Thru	887	16.49	44.78	2094.42	B								
1248	1253	1240	1248	Kasser Road/M13 westbound	Kasser Road (north)	Right	133	57.89	12.98	182.20	C	1520	21.84	46.88	2187	C			
1251	1251	1260	1251	Kasser Road/M13 westbound	M13 westbound off slip	Left	1029	30.92	63.94	1228.13	C	1418	31.83	55.73	2541	C	27.14	62.94	C
1257	1250	1248	1257	Kasser Road/M13 eastbound	M13 westbound off slip	Right	396	26.43	10.17	1312.92	C								
1261	1260	1246	1261	Kasser Road/M13 westbound	Kasser Road (south)	Left	66	26.74	29.20	176.65	C	2375	26.63	81.44	2916	C			
1261	1260	1246	1261	Kasser Road/M13 westbound	Kasser Road (south)	Thru	725	28.43	64.68	3741.41	B								
1278	1243	1246	1278	Kasser Road/M13 eastbound	Kasser Road (south)	Left	179	34.57	38.31	467.60	C								
1278	1243	1246	1278	Kasser Road/M13 eastbound	Kasser Road (south)	Thru	967	37.11	19.89	1615.90	D	1146	36.71	54.95	2883	D			
1248	1243	1246	1248	Kasser Road/M13 eastbound	Kasser Road (south)	Right	917	19.21	63.86	2928.34	B	2721	16.08	64.23	4378	B	23.81	68.68	C
1248	1243	1246	1248	Kasser Road/M13 eastbound	Kasser Road (south)	Left	1044	26.82	64.93	1667.83	C								
1227	1243	1226	1227	Kasser Road/M13 eastbound	M13 eastbound off slip	Left	230	41.96	61.95	311.25	D	283	40.98	36.94	768	D			
1219	1218	1241	1219	Kasser Road/M13 eastbound	M13 eastbound off slip	Right	53	17.56	13.66	395.15	D								
1238	1218	1222	1238	Kasser Road/Averstone Road	Kasser Road (north)	Left	17	6.19	2.34	720.27	A								
1238	1218	1222	1238	Kasser Road/Averstone Road	Kasser Road (north)	Thru	912	6.19	36.49	2655.96	A	873	6.78	37.31	3064	A			
1238	1218	1222	1238	Kasser Road/Averstone Road	Kasser Road (north)	Right	44	19.33	16.82	277.71	B								
1222	1218	1212	1222	Kasser Road/Averstone Road	Hospital Access	Left	147	36.17	62.48	235.62	D								
1222	1218	1212	1222	Kasser Road/Averstone Road	Hospital Access	Thru	8	41.89	0.90	144.63	D	191	36.87	37.34	513	D			
1222	1218	1212	1222	Kasser Road/Averstone Road	Hospital Access	Right	44	34.85	19.81	222.91	C								
1212	1218	1204	1212	Kasser Road/Averstone Road	Kasser Road (south)	Left	8	3.27	0.82	400.98	A								
1212	1218	1204	1212	Kasser Road/Averstone Road	Kasser Road (south)	Thru	1654	6.27	64.20	3575.49	A	1781	8.23	51.09	3446	A			
1212	1218	1204	1212	Kasser Road/Averstone Road	Kasser Road (south)	Right	187	7.81	22.71	489.99	A								
1204	1218	1204	1204	Kasser Road/Averstone Road	Kasser Road/Averstone Road	Left	22	13.41	0.89	227.46	C								
1204	1218	1204	1204	Kasser Road/Averstone Road	Kasser Road/Averstone Road	Thru	1	23.81	0.89	12.69	C	99	40.17	22.45	441	D			
1254	1218	1212	1254	Kasser Road/Averstone Road	Kasser Road/Averstone Road	Right	76	42.24	37.68	300.98	D								
1475	1479	1481	1475	Kasser Road/R103	R103 (west)	Thru	496	13.36	26.60	1872.98	B	716	21.81	29.76	2406	C			
1475	1479	1481	1475	Kasser Road/R103	R103 (west)	Right	220	40.25	41.17	533.73	D								
1481	1479	1471	1481	Kasser Road/R103	R103 (east)	Left	669	19.79	26.30	2784.00	B	1964	22.31	49.16	3810	C	22.83	47.98	C
1481	1479	1471	1481	Kasser Road/R103	R103 (east)	Thru	2336	24.43	78.42	1416.00	C								
1471	1479	1481	1471	Kasser Road/R103	Kasser Road	Left	488	17.84	16.34	1821.00	B								
1471	1479	1481	1471	Kasser Road/R103	Kasser Road	Right	1034	36.57	70.99	1476.00	C	1523	24.04	64.57	2358	C			
1529	1521	1520	1529	Shongweni Road/M13 Westbound	Shongweni Road (north)	Thru	6	0	0	1393	A	487	2.88	16.16	3078	A			
1529	1521	1520	1529	Shongweni Road/M13 Westbound	Shongweni Road (north)	Right	491	3	28	1774	A								
1567	1521	1520	1567	Shongweni Road/M13 Westbound	M13 westbound off slip	Left	4	3	1	245	A	648	12.10	64.33	1040	B	8.19	16.23	A
1567	1521	1520	1567	Shongweni Road/M13 Westbound	M13 westbound off slip</														



## **Appendix D**

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## Appendix E

# SATURN Model Calibration and Validation Report



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# 1 Introduction

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In 2007 Arup Pty (Ltd) were appointed Tongaat Hulett Developments to develop a SATURN Traffic Simulation Model to assess the future impact on the road network of the Shongweni development.

The outcome from the modelling was that a number of road upgrades were required in order for the road network to cope with the expected traffic volumes from the development. These road improvements were as follows:

- An additional two bridges within the development over the N3;
- The R103/Kassier Road intersection is upgraded;
- The N3 interchange is upgraded to allow two lanes per direction across the bridge, as well as right turning lanes at each ramp terminal; and
- The N3 ramp terminals are signalised.

Since the modelling was first undertaken in 2007/2008 there have been a number of changes to the scheme and the Shongweni Local Area Plan has been issued. As a result of this, Tongaat Hulett have appointed Arup Pty (Ltd) to update the model using the latest land uses from Tongaat Hulett and to test the impact on the road network of not constructing the two additional bridges over the N3. The model would also then be used in assessing individual sites for the Traffic Impact Assessment.

## 2 Traffic Model

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As stated above a SATURN model was developed in 2007 in order to assess the impact that the proposed development at Shongweni would have on the surrounding road network and the upgrades required to accommodate the development.

As part of this study the 2007 was calibrated and validated to ensure accuracy between the modelled outcomes and real life outcomes. The results of this can be seen in “Model Development and Forecasting Report” (2009).

### 2.1 Network Model Updates

As part of the work the first stage was to ensure that the model was upto date with regards to intersection layouts. It became obvious that there had been changes to some of the intersections and these would need to be updated in the model. The intersections changed were as follows:

- Intersection of Kassier Road/Alverstone Road;
- Kassier Road/M13 interchange; and
- Shongweni Road/M13 interchange.

For the intersections of Kassier Road/Alverstone Road and Kassier Road/M13 interchange these have been upgraded to signal control as in the 2007 model these were under priority control. For the Shongweni Road/M13 interchange a westbound off-ramp has been constructed since the original model was developed.

These have been the only changes to the network since the original model was developed in 2007.

### 2.2 Zonal System Updates

No updates to the zonal system have been made for the updated model.

### 2.3 Matrix Updates

The 2007 model originally modelled the AM peak only as the original purpose of the model was as a planning tool to indicate the infrastructure required.

As part of the process of updating the model counts were carried out at various intersections in the 2012 for the AM peak. The purpose of these counts was to allow the matrix to be updated to 2012. Originally the updated model was to undertaken to determine if the upgrades indicated in 2007, in particular the two additional bridges, were required with the revised land uses.

After this initial assessment the decision was taken to use the model to undertake the Traffic Impact Assessment for sites 1, 2 and 3. In light of this a PM matrix had to be developed so additional PM peak counts were undertaken to help with this process.

The outcome of this was a 2012 AM and PM base matrix for use in the model.

### 2.3.1 AM Peak Matrix Development

Development of the AM peak matrix involved four steps and these are outlined below:

- Use the traffic counts to develop the trip ends;
- Distribute these around the zones using the distribution from the eThekweni Emme2 model;
- Furness the matrix to get the distribution;
- Carry out a logic test using the traffic counts to determine that the distribution within the matrix is logical; and
- Furness the revised matrix.

The traffic counts were carried out at specific locations that would allow the trip ends for various zones to be determined. The logic tests were carried out to ensure that the distribution the furnessing process came up with is logical.

### 2.3.2 PM Peak Matrix Development

For the PM peak matrix the following process was followed:

- Use the traffic counts to develop the trip ends;
- Use the trip distribution from the AM peak matrix inverted;
- Furness the matrix;
- Use the PM peak counts to carry out logic tests; and
- Furness the revised matrix.

## 2.4 Speed Flow-Relationships

These relationships govern the relationship between the traffic demand, road speed limits and speed at capacity, road capacity and the resulting speeds and delays experienced by vehicles on the network. The relationships are typically developed through empirical observation. The curves used in the model are shown in **Table 1**.

**Table 1: Speed Flow Curves used in the SATURN Model**

Speed (kph)		Capacity (PCUs/hr)	Power	Index
Free Flow	At Capacity			
120	80	2100	6.2	111
120	80	4200	6.2	112
120	80	6300	6.2	113
120	80	8400	6.2	114
100	70	1900	5.5	121
100	70	3800	5.5	122
100	70	5700	5.5	123
80	60	1800	4.5	131
80	60	3600	4.5	132
80	60	5400	4.5	133
80	20	1800	3.0	141
80	20	3600	3.0	142
80	20	5400	3.0	143
60	30	1500	3.5	211
60	30	3000	3.5	212
60	30	4500	3.5	213
60	20	1500	2.0	221
60	20	3000	2.0	222
60	20	4500	2.0	223
40	20	600	2.1	321
40	20	1200	2.1	322
40	20	1800	2.2	323

The column marked 'index' in **Table 1** refers to the code SATURN uses to associate each link with a given curve.

Journey time validation on key routes indicated that these curves are still suitable for the model and reflected current conditions in the study area.



## 3 Model Calibration and Validation

The model calibration and validation consists of two components and these are as follows:

- Validation of the traffic count data i.e. by means of a comparison of the observed and modelled traffic counts; and
- Comparison of observed and modelled journey times over three set routes.

### 3.1 Model Calibration and Validation Criteria

When carrying out the calibration and validation of the model a number of criteria have to be met in order to accept the model. The criteria used in this project are from Great Britain's Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB)<sup>1</sup> and these can be seen in **Table 2** below.

**Table 2: Calibration and Validation Criteria from the DMRB**

Criteria and Measures	Acceptability Guidelines
<b>Assigned hourly flows compared with observed flows</b>	
Individual flows within 15% for flows 700 – 2700 vph	>85% of all cases
Individual flows within 100 vph for flows <700 vph	
Individual flows within 400vph for flows >2700 vph	
Total screenline flows (normally >5 links) to be within 5%	All (or nearly all screenlines)
GEH statistic	
Individual flows GEH <5 Screenlink totals GEH <4	>85% of all cases
<b>Modelled journey times compared with observed times</b>	
Times within 15% (or 1 minute if higher)	>85% of all cases

#### 3.1.1 Model Count Validation

As stated above one of the ways to calibrate and validate a model is to compare the observed and modelled traffic counts to ensure that the results are within a certain range. The range can be seen in **Table 2** above.

The results of the traffic count validation for the AM and PM peak models can be seen in **Table 3** and **Table 4** respectively.

<sup>1</sup> Design Manual for Roads and Bridges, Volume 12 Traffic Appraisal of Road Schemes, Section 2 Part 1; Traffic Appraisal in Urban Areas.

**Table 3: Validation Results for the AM Peak Model**

Intersection	Arm	Movement	Observed	Modelled	Difference	GEH	Validated	
M13/Kassier Road north interchange	Kassier Road (north)	Left	336	369	33	1.78	Yes	
		Straight	704	731	27	0.99	Yes	
		Straight	551	571	20	0.84	Yes	
		Right	271	238	-32	2.07	Yes	
M13 eastbound off-ramp	M13 eastbound off-ramp	Left	140	175	35	2.80	Yes	
		Right	12	37	25	5.00	Yes	
M13/Kassier Road south interchange	Kassier Road (north)	Straight	520	611	91	3.81	Yes	
		Right	172	157	-17	1.20	Yes	
	M13 westbound off-ramp	M13 westbound off-ramp	Left	200	234	34	2.33	Yes
			Right	295	299	4	0.20	Yes
	Kassier Road (south)	Kassier Road (south)	Left	28	30	2	0.37	Yes
			Straight	558	510	-47	2.06	Yes
Kassier Road/Cliffdale Road	Kassier Road (north)	Straight	703	702	0	0.04	Yes	
		Right	88	92	4	0.37	Yes	
	Kassier Road (south)	Kassier Road (south)	Left	21	7	-13	3.79	Yes
			Straight	417	348	-68	3.51	Yes
	Cliffdale Road	Cliffdale Road	Left	131	139	8	0.67	Yes
			Right	34	25	-8	1.66	Yes
N3/Kassier Road north interchange	Kassier Road (north)	Left	580	543	-36	1.56	Yes	
		Straight	253	195	-57	3.86	Yes	
		Straight	411	361	-49	2.54	Yes	

	N3 eastbound off-ramp	Right	177	169	-7	0.59	Yes
		Left	11	5	-5	2.08	Yes
		Right	38	68	26	3.70	Yes
N3/Kassier Road south interchange	Kassier Road (north)	Straight	253	258	5	0.33	Yes
		Right	18	1	-16	5.33	No
		Left	43	23	-19	3.54	Yes
		Right	114	166	52	4.40	Yes
		Left	89	95	6	0.60	Yes
		Straight	428	364	-63	3.20	Yes
Kassier Road/Mr559	Kassier Road (north)	Left	198	181	-16	1.27	Yes
		Straight	112	98	-13	1.36	Yes
		Left	10	17	7	1.93	Yes
		Right	374	366	-7	0.42	Yes
		Straight	92	92	0	0.05	Yes
		Right	6	8	2	0.88	Yes
Kassier Road/R102	R102 (east)	Left	391	421	30	1.49	Yes
		Straight	556	556	0	0	Yes
		Left	209	230	21	1.43	Yes
		Right	270	273	3	0.21	Yes
		Straight	726	726	0	0	Yes
		Right	431	456	25	1.19	Yes
M13/Shongweni Road north interchange	Shongweni Road (north)	Left	448	437	-10	0.51	Yes
		Straight	343	364	21	1.13	Yes

M13 eastbound off-ramp	Left	3	1	-1	1.49	Yes
	Right	191	192	1	0.07	Yes
	Straight	349	317	-31	1.73	Yes
	Right	7	0	-6	3.74	Yes
Shongweni Road (north)	Straight	5	1	-3	2.33	Yes
	Right	357	364	7	0.38	Yes
	Left	0	0	0	0	
	Right	358	317	-40	2.21	Yes
M13 westbound off-ramp	Left					
	Right					
Shongweni Road (south)	Left					
	Straight	358	317	-40	2.21	Yes

Table 4: Validation Results for the PM Peak Model

Intersection	Arm	Movement	Observed	Modelled	Difference	GEH	Validated
Kassier Road/Mr559	Kassier Road (north)	Left	320	349	29	1.60	Yes
		Straight	94	94	0	0.02	Yes
	Mr559	Left	6	4	-1	0.91	Yes
		Right	134	134	0	0.02	Yes
	Kassier Road (south)	Straight	71	76	5	0.6	Yes
		Right	11	13	2	0.51	Yes
Kassier Road/Alverstone Road	Kassier Road (north)	Left	14	14	0	0	Yes
		Straight	372	373	1	0.03	Yes
	Hospital Access	Right	14	14	0	0.0	Yes
		Left	80	80	0	0.01	Yes



	M13 eastbound off-ramp	Right	192	198	6	0.42	Yes
		Left	188	188	0	0.03	Yes
		Right	38	38	0	0.03	Yes
Kassier Road/M13 South Interchange	Kassier Road (north)	Straight	304	306	2	0.10	Yes
		Right	109	109	0	0.01	Yes
	M13 westbound off-ramp	Left	300	300	0	0.02	Yes
		Right	324	325	1	0.04	Yes
	Kassier Road (south)	Left	36	36	0	0.04	Yes
		Straight	572	590	18	0.75	Yes
Shongweni Road/M13 north interchange	Shongweni Road (north)	Left	173	173	0	0	Yes
		Straight	185	182	-2	0.23	Yes
	M13 eastbound off-ramp	Left	4	4	0	0.2	Yes
		Right	223	224	1	0.08	Yes
	Shongweni Road (south)	Straight	566	546	-19	0.83	Yes
		Right	5	5	0	0	Yes
Shongweni Road/M13 south interchange	Shongweni Road (north)	Straight	5	5	0	0	Yes
		Right	181	181	0	0.01	Yes
	M13 westbound off-ramp	Left	3	3	0	0	Yes
		Right	546	546	0	0	Yes
	Shongweni Road (south)	Left	1	1	0	0	Yes
		Straight	7	5	-1	0.61	Yes
Kassier Road/N3 north interchange	Left	100	106	6	0.56	Yes	
	Straight	309	327	18	1.01	Yes	

	Kassier Road (south)	497	499	2	0.08	Yes
	N3 eastbound off-ramp	27	27	0	0	Yes
		14	6	-7	2.66	Yes
		73	73	0	0	Yes
	Kassier Road (north)	359	382	23	1.18	Yes
		18	18	0	0.10	Yes
	N3 westbound off-ramp	63	64	1	0.18	Yes
		323	324	1	0.05	Yes
	Kassier Road (south)	17	17	0	0	Yes
		213	202	-10	0.77	Yes
	R102 (east)	460	462	2	0.07	Yes
		849	849	0	0	Yes
	Kassier Road	315	322	7	0.37	Yes
		440	437	-2	0.14	Yes
	R102 (west)	407	407	0	0	Yes
		146	146	0	0.03	Yes
	Mr559 (east)	7	7	0	0	Yes
		61	71	10	1.20	Yes
	Mr461	58	67	9	1.20	Yes
		6	6	0	0	Yes
	Mr559 (west)	276	284	8	0.46	Yes
		77	79	2	0.24	Yes

The results from **Table 3** show that for the AM peak the majority of the links have a GEH of less than five. If the GEH is less than five then it indicates that there is a good match between the observed and modelled traffic flows. In order to show a model is calibrated and validated it is required that 85% of more of the links have a GEH of five or less. For the AM peak it can be seen that only one of the counts has a GEH of five or more and so this model is calibrated satisfactorily.

For the PM peak, **Table 4**, there was an issue with some of the counts having GEH figures greater than five. The issue was that these counts were all in the range of 700-2700 vehicles per hour and because of this the 85% threshold was not being reached. A number of matrix revisions were undertaken in order to rectify this situation, but it was never possible to completely remove these issues. Due to this, the decision was made to use matrix estimation to finalise the matrix and remove these issues. The results of this can be seen in **Table 4** and from this it can be seen that all the counts have a GEH of less than five. The result of this is that the PM peak is calibrated.

## 3.2 Journey Time Validation

As part of the calibration and validation process three journey time surveys were undertaken in the model area to help with the process of ensuring a realistic model. The three routes chosen were as follows:

- Route 1 - North-south on Kassier Road;
- Route 2 - South from Kassier Road to M13 towards Cato Ridge;
- Route 3 - South from Kassier Road to N3 towards Cato Ridge.

Each of these routes can be seen in **Figure 1**.

For each route a number of runs were undertaken in the AM and PM peak with the time at which they reached key intersections being recorded. From this it would be possible to determine the average time taken to travel between certain points in the network.

As stated in **Table 2**, in order for the model to be calibrated for journey times the modelled time should be within one minute or 15% of the observed time.

**Table 5: Journey Time Validation Results for the AM Peak Model**

Route	Direction	Observed Time	Modelled Time	Difference		Validated
				Time	Percentage	
Route 1	North-South	9:52	9:43	-9	1.5	Yes
	South-North	9:31	8:33	-58.2	10.2	Yes
Route 2	South-West	6:46	7:07	21.4	5.3	Yes
	West-South	7:29	6:10	1.8	0.5	Yes
Route 3	South-West	6:22	6:03	-19.8	5.2	Yes
	West-South	6:08	06:14	6.5	1.8	Yes

The results from **Table 5** show that for the AM peak all of the journey time surveys they are all within the one minute or 15% of the observed times and as such the AM peak model is calibrated with regards to journey times.

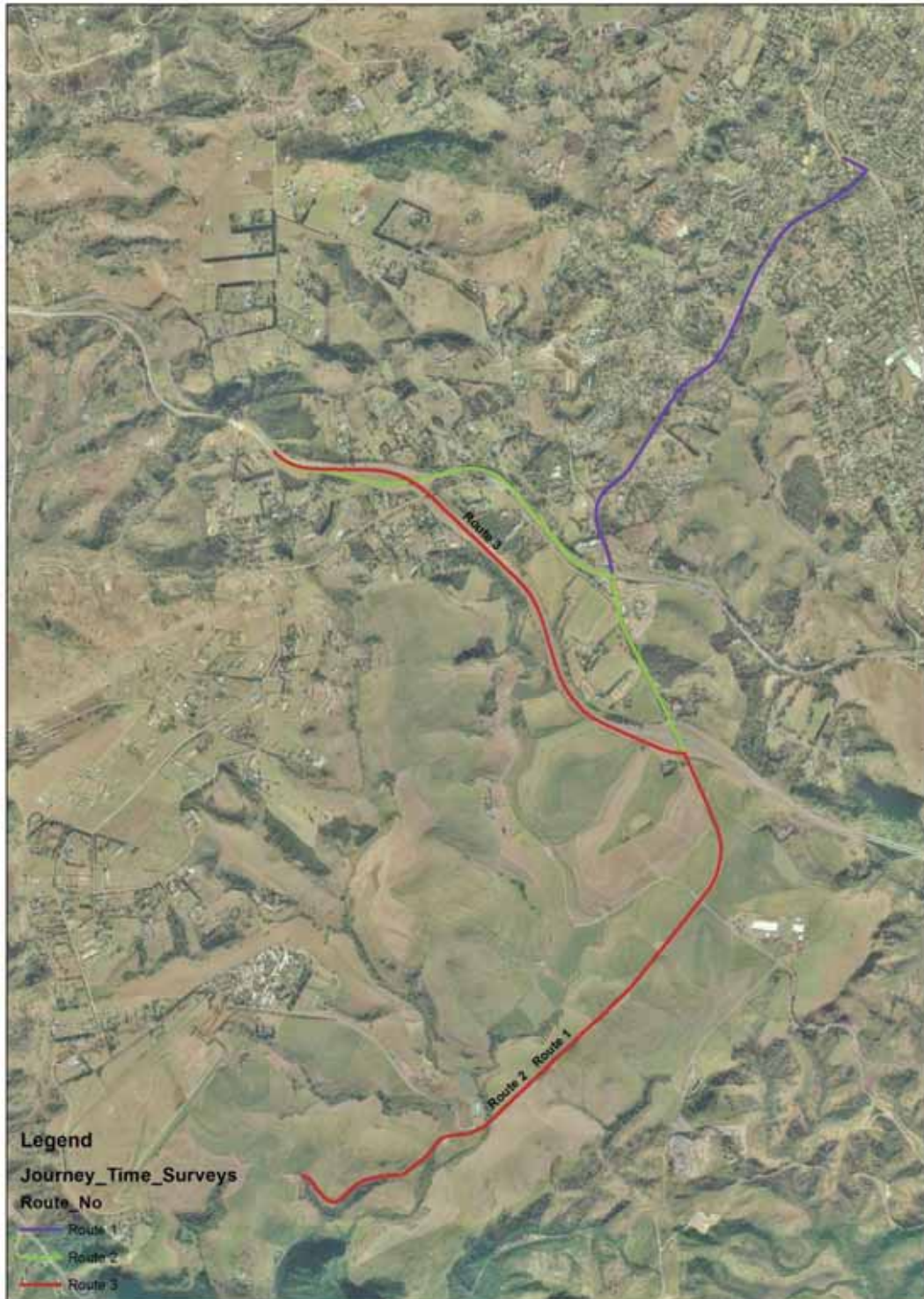


**Table 6: Journey Time Validation Results for the PM Peak Model**

Route	Direction	Observed Time	Modelled Time	Difference		Validated
				Time	Percentage	
Route 1	North-South	8:50	8:46	-4.4	0.8	Yes
	South-North	9:17	8:39	-39	7.0	Yes
Route 2	South-West	7:10	7:10	0.3	0.1	Yes
	West-South	7:03	6:09	28	8.2	Yes
Route 3	South-West	6:13	6:03	-10.6	2.8	Yes
	West-South	6:22	6:16	-6.7	1.7	Yes

For the PM peak the results of the journey time calibration can be seen in **Table 6** above. The results show that for the PM the difference between the observed and modelled journey times was less than the one minute and the 15% difference as per the criteria laid down in the DMRB. The result is that for the PM peak the journey time surveys are calibrated.

**Figure 1: Journey Time Routes**



## 4 Conclusion

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The purpose of this report was to outline the updates to the Shongweni model since it was originally developed in 2007 and to show that the model has undergone calibration and validation in regards to these upgrades.

The main upgrades to the model have been as follows:

- Upgrade of the Kassier Road/M13 interchange to signals;
- Upgrade of the Kassier Road/Alverstone Road intersection to signals;
- Construction of a westbound off-ramp at the Shongweni Road/M13 interchange;
- Update of the AM peak matrix to 2012 using traffic counts from 2012 to determine the trip ends; and
- Development of a PM peak matrix using 2012 traffic counts to determine the trip ends.

Following on from these updates, the model was calibrated and validated against traffic counts and journey time surveys.

The results from the calibration and validation of the traffic counts show that for both the AM and PM peak more than 85% of the traffic counts have a GEH of five or less. As the number of traffic counts with a GEH of less than five then it can be said that both the AM and PM peak models are calibrated in relation to the traffic counts.

For the journey time surveys three separate routes were timed during the AM and PM peak periods and from this the average journey times for these was calculated. These were then compared to the modelled journey times from the SATURN model. The results from the journey times surveys showed that for both the AM and PM peak the modelled journey times were within the one minute, or 15% criteria, as set out in the DMRB.

As the AM and PM models have satisfied the criteria for model calibration and validation, as laid down in the DMRB, it can be said that the AM and PM 2012 Shongweni models are calibrated and validated.

APPENDIX 5:

DELINEATION OF 1:100 YEAR FLOODLINE (GOBA)

**Legend**

- Manhole Points Rev0
- Pumpstation Rev2
- Heritage Site
- Route\_Options\_Rev7

**Type**

- Option 1 Gravity
- Option 1 Rising
- Option 2 Gravity
- Section A Gravity
- Section B Gravity
- Guilders\_Cadastral
- 10m Contours
- Existing Sewer
- N3
- Arthur\_Hopewell\_Highway
- rivers
- 100\_Year\_Flood\_Plains



APPENDIX 6:

SERVICES CONFIRMATION

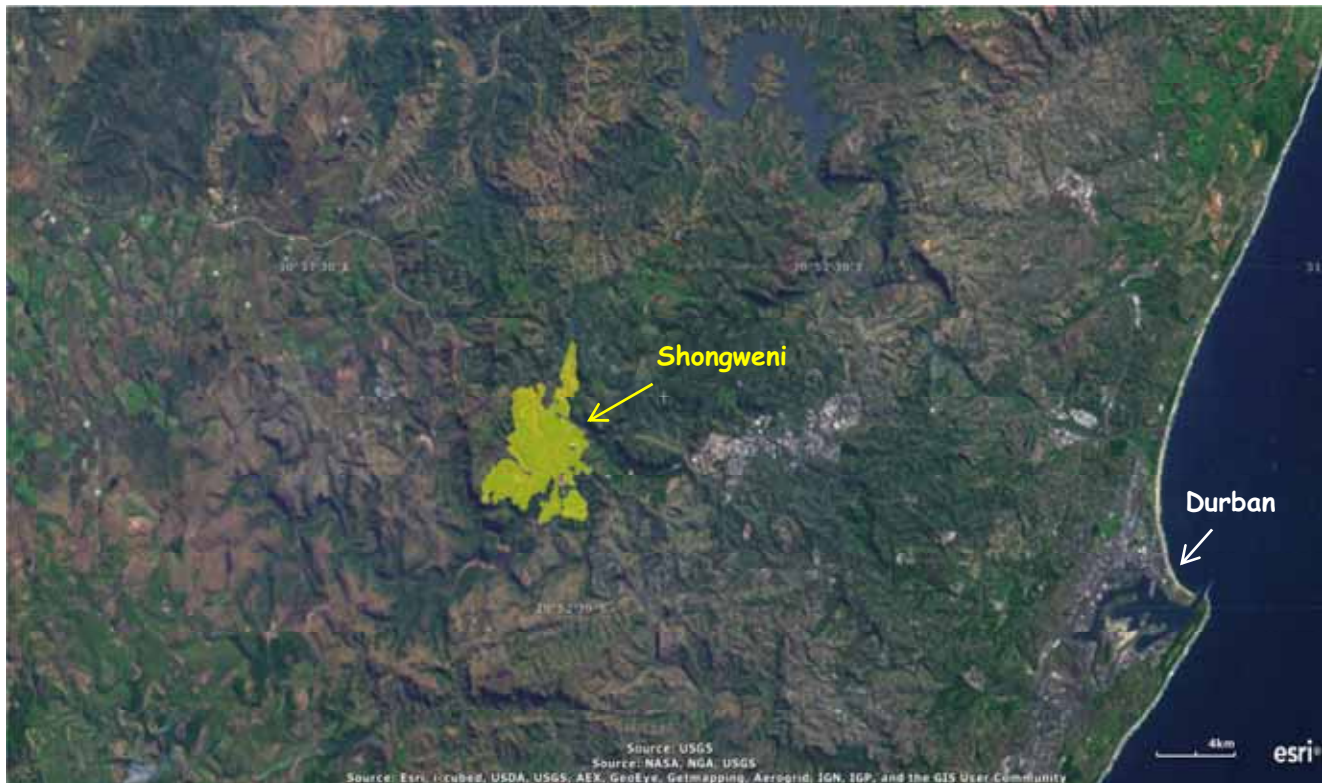
Proof of capacity is to be attached to the Final EIR.

APPENDIX 7:

AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL OF REM OF ERF 79 ASSAGAY; REM OF PTN 2 OF FARM BOTHA'S HALFWAY HOUSE NO 921, REM OF PTN 24 OF FARM SUMMERVELD NO 14226, REM OF FARM KIRKFALLS NO 14227; FARM SHONGWENI NO 15346 (REPORT 2 OF 2012; REF: CK 94/23110/10/23) (ROY MOTTRAM AND ASSOCIATES CC)

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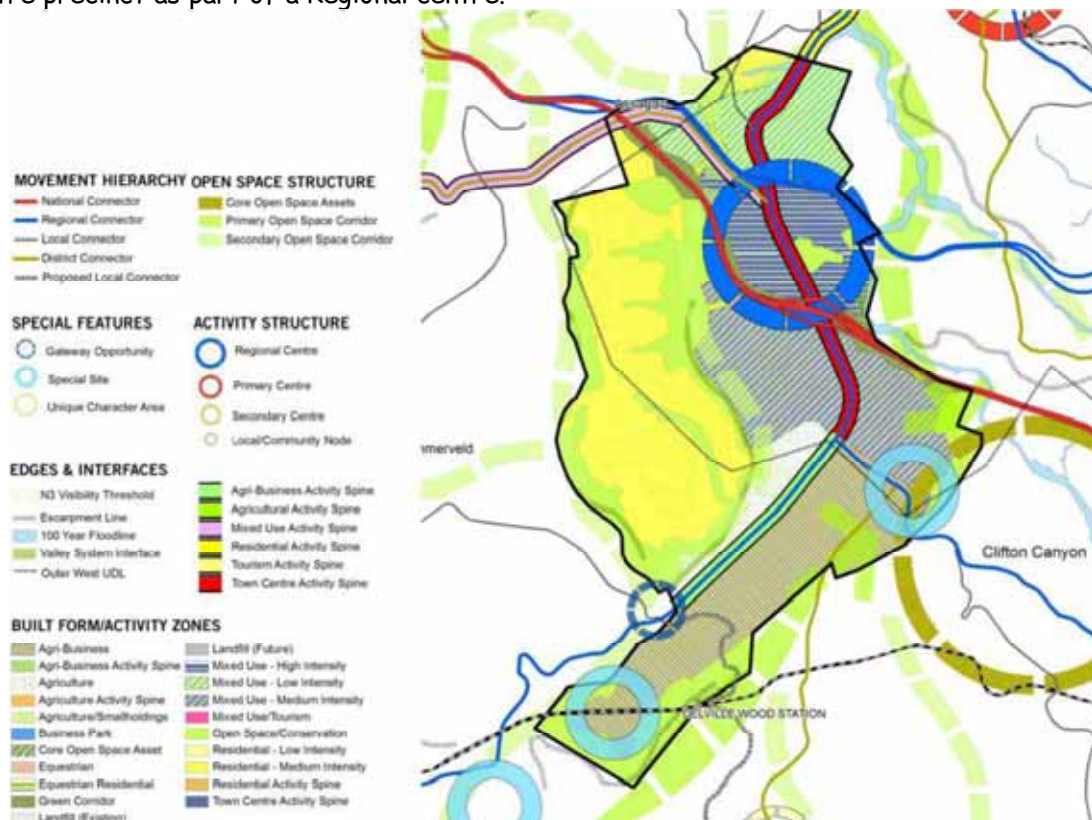
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# 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## 1.1 Planned Expansion of Outer West of eThekweni Municipality

The eThekweni Municipality is South Africa's second most important economic region. The metropolitan city contributes over 60% of KZN's GDP and over 10% of the country's GDP. The National Development Plan published in by the National Planning Commission recognises and have identified the Western (N3) and Northern (N2) corridors for future growth in alignment with both the Provincial and National Government objectives. These corridors provide good access, suitable topography and greenfield opportunities. They are close to existing and new employment and economic opportunities.

The SDF includes that this Western node seeks to exploit opportunities offered by those of eThekweni. The Shongweni properties lie in the eThekweni Municipality. The expansion programme in this node is for agri-business, office and business parks, equestrian centres, mixed use (high, medium and low density), residential (low and medium density, and a town centre precinct as part of a Regional centre.



## 1.2 Location

The properties, situated along the PC2 eThekweni - Msunduzi - Umgeni Corridor, straddle the N3 south of the M13. They are immediately south of Assagay/Hillcrest and west of Pinetown.

## 1.3 Infill Development

This outer western node is an important link between eThekweni and Msunduzi. eThekweni's expansion is moving northwards and westwards, and this leads into these properties. There is little doubt that over the next 10 years this corridor will be transformed into a well-connected, compact and intense urban conglomeration serving the greater region.

#### 1.4 Agricultural Assessment

The agricultural potential of these properties has been assessed and the Estate is deemed to have a limited agricultural potential. The sugarcane yields over last nine years have varied between 31 and 45 t ha<sup>-1</sup> annum<sup>-1</sup>. With current costs and price of sugarcane the economic break-even yield for this Estate is 45 t ha<sup>-1</sup> annum<sup>-1</sup>.

Yields predicted by Canesim show significantly higher yields, viz. 62 to 92t ha<sup>-1</sup> annum<sup>-1</sup> thus verifying the fact that production on this Estate over the past nine years is well below these simulated yields.

The soils on the Estate vary significantly and with no irrigation water available to maximise the benefits of the good soils, good management must be sustained to keep yields at or above this break-even yield. Currently *Eldana* is a problem together with low soil fertility in specific areas.

The inclusion of high value crops with the minimal water available may improve viability on these areas. Elsewhere it would entail the use of municipal water and significant Capex. The Umgeni catchment is stressed with respect to water supply and this will not change in the foreseeable future nor until all the proposed dams are built. This together with municipal rates and rising electricity costs would render such alternatives unviable.

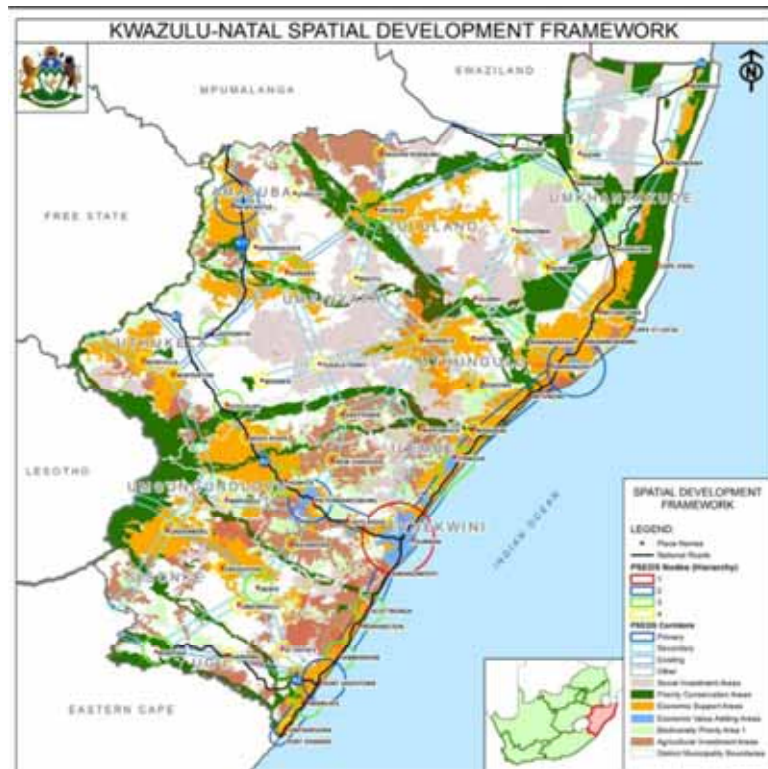
Land capability on these properties vary between Class III and IV due to the limitations that exist, and with respect to agricultural land categories these properties fall within Category C (Ref KZN Agric Report N/A/2012/11).

#### 1.5 Compliance with Provincial Strategic Planning

In terms of the KZN Provincial Spatial Economic Development Strategy (PSEDS) these properties are located in the eThekweni - Msunduzi - Umgeni Corridor (Provincial Corridor PC2). This PSEDS has been adopted by the KwaZulu Natal Cabinet.

Furthermore, the Provincial Planning Commission has recently launched its Provincial Growth and Development Strategy (PGDS) and Plan (PGDP) that provide a clear roadmap towards what is required in order to achieve the Province's key objectives. The PGDS is the primary strategy driving growth and development in the Province and the PGDP the implementation plan. Within this plan there is an explicit recognition of the importance of and the need to promote agriculture and rural development.

The map below illustrates the Provincial SDF and the hierarchy therein. The red outline, Hierarchy 1 includes the property.



The potential for industrial development in the Province is anchored in the nodes of eThekweni and Msunduzi. This will be northwest and west along the N3. This development will require corresponding support for intensive agriculture, intensive mixed use, residential, office and business parks.

Tongaat Hulett being directly involved in both rural and agricultural development as well as urban development, has an approach that is aligned with the PGDS, the PGDP and PSEDS in that it revolves around a strategic focus on agricultural and rural development. This focus is the extensive planting of new areas to sugarcane as an anchoring market guaranteed product.

### 1.6 Compliance with Municipal Strategic Planning

As part of the IDP-SDF package of plans, the eThekweni Municipality has adopted the Shongweni Local Area Plan (LAP) that deals with a portion of the western corridor. This LAP indicates the intention and desire to create a new mixed use, sub-regional centre on the N3 with some adjacent commercial development. Surrounding this commercial development there is residential and equestrian.

Given the new national Priority Infrastructure Co-ordinating Committee (PICC)'s Strategic Integrated Project 2 (SIP2) that focuses on the corridor between Durban and Gauteng there is no doubt that this corridor will come under increasing pressure, and this will be from the east moving west as the city expands.

It is therefore important that proactive provision be made to enable appropriate and timeous decision making on new land use and development. The Shongweni landholdings are situated at the centre of this identified new growth region and therefore will require conversion from agriculture when the time comes.

All municipal services such as roads, sewerage, electricity and waste disposal have been planned to accommodate the development of these properties.

### **1.7 Compliance with Local Planning**

The Municipal SDF includes these properties as does the Municipal Land Use Management System (LUMS) for high and medium density mixed use, agri-business, low and medium density residential and open space/conservation development from 2015 to 2020. This is in alignment with the above LAP.

### **1.8 Efficient and Effective Use of Infrastructure and Resources**

The properties are extremely well located with respect to existing available and future planned infrastructures as follows:

- eThekweni accommodates an efficient transportation network consisting of the N3, the R103, the M13, D705, P551 and P554 and a series of local access roads
- The main Durban - Johannesburg Rail extends through the length of the municipality
- There exist numerous other public and private transportation services, viz. buses and taxis
- The supply of water to the Municipality has and is being upgraded (Umgeni Water)
- ESKOM has identified various initiatives to upgrade its facilities as the demand unfolds

### **1.9 Impact on Adjacent Agricultural Uses**

Some of the land surrounding these properties is under urban development. In terms of the Provincial and Municipal SDF and IDP future development will be focused in the identified areas within the corridor and should not be allowed to encroach onto surrounding agricultural land, providing that land has good potential. With TH's approach to identifying more suitable land for sugarcane production, the development should not impact negatively on adjacent land. Land up the North Coast of KZN, further inland (westwards and northwards) is being considered.

### **1.10 Employment and Socio-Economic Benefits**

Since the beginning of the twentieth century the contribution of agriculture to the national GDP has decreased significantly, from 20% to below 4%. Development that includes construction and real estate has over this period increased significantly.

The development of these properties will create a large number of employment opportunities and rates' income for the Municipality.

It is reported that on existing holdings (McCarthy & Pringle, 2007), the benefit in conversion from agriculture to development is estimated:

- 50:1 job creation
- 588:1 rates
- 250:1 turnover - contribution to GDP

TH having existing holdings is able to generate economic returns without incurring holding costs. TH are in a position to either acquire other land for new agricultural development and/or structure ownership and conform meaningfully to land reform in the medium term and empowerment in the longer term.

### **1.11 Impact on Food Security**

DAEARD acknowledges TH's commitment to the agricultural sector in South Africa and KwaZulu Natal in particular together with its associated strategies to increase agricultural production whilst creating new and enhanced agricultural opportunities and a potential revenue base for emerging farmers. DAEARD is working with TH and other role players in agricultural, rural and

urban development, toward obtaining an understanding of the agricultural potential and future agricultural scenario in the Northern and Western corridors.

The importance of agriculture and food security, a key objective identified by Province in its PGDS and PGDP, has already been incorporated in Tongaat Hulett's strategies and action plans. Currently from a sugar perspective, Tongaat Hulett own 4 sugar mills along the North Coast of KZN and is committed to these operations and the employment they facilitate.

In KZN the land used for sugarcane production has increased over the last 3 years by 17 835ha, an increase of 15% and this includes land taken out for urban development. Thus the impact of urban development on sugarcane production is insignificant.

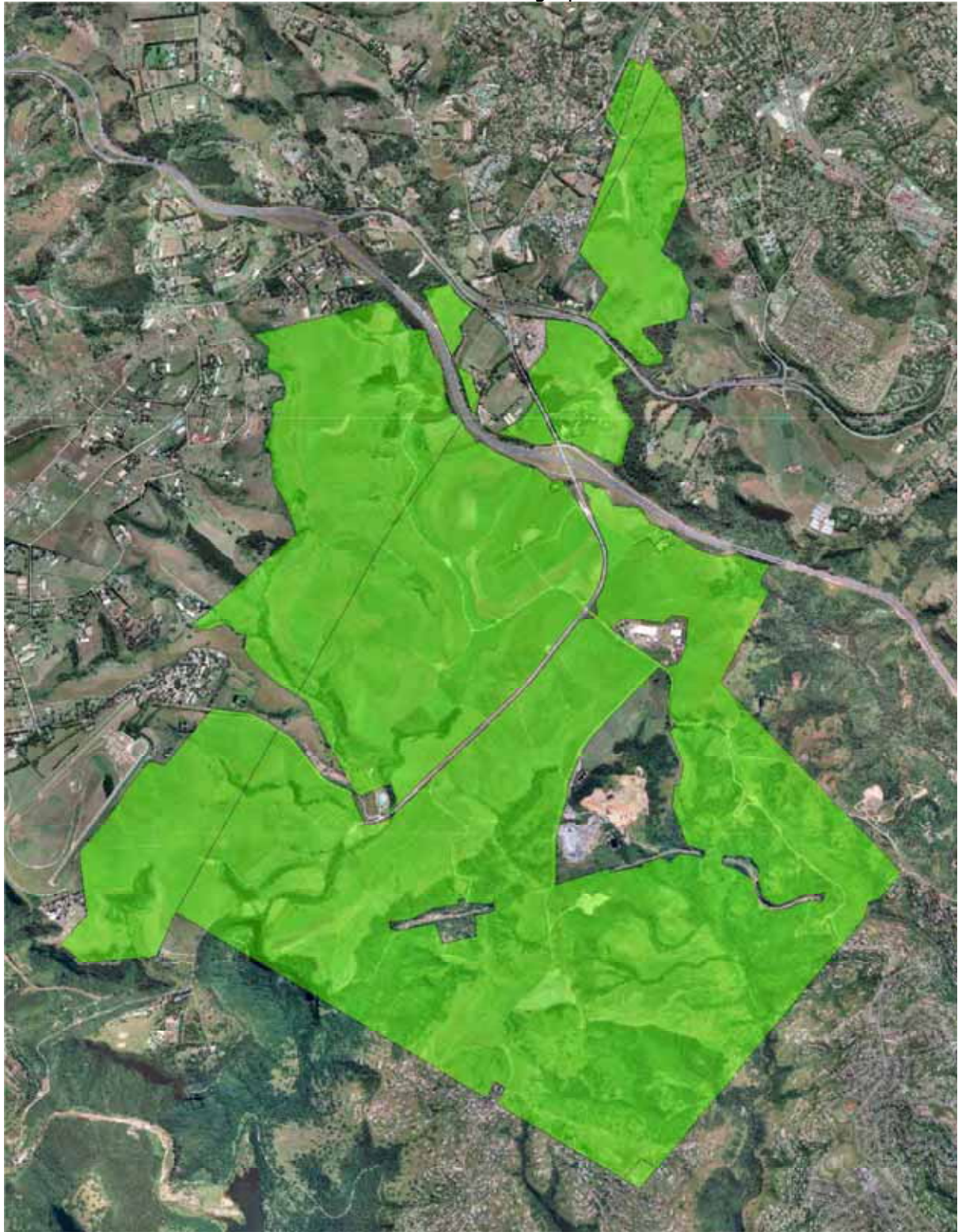
Tongaat Hulett only owns 8% of the total quantum of land that supplies cane to its mills so even a total loss of this 8% is insignificant.

What is very significant is the fact that Tongaat Hulett commenced with new sugarcane areas in 2009 and by the end of the 2012/13 season this will be 9 506ha. In 2013/14 a further 10 000ha is to be identified and developed and 7 000ha in 2014/15. Therefore at the end of 3 years Tongaat Hulett will have developed an additional 26 506ha of new sugarcane land. This together with the existing 17 835ha increment will produce a 44 341ha increase from 2009, and increase of 37%.

Apart from this fact it is noteworthy that the new areas being developed are in the rural hinterland. This combined with a rural development and food security strategy of new sugarcane development providing an anchor for services, investment, training, etc., allows for other more intensive food related crops to be grown for local consumption.

## 2 INTRODUCTION

Shongweni Estate is situated astride the N3 west of the Cities of Pinetown and Durban in KwaZulu Natal. Its boundaries are illustrated in Photographs 1 and 2 below.



Photograph 1 Shongweni Estate, Tongaat Hulett Estates





**Photograph 2 Satellite Image of Shongweni Estate and Location**

Shongweni Estate, hereinafter referred to as the Estate is situated between 700 and 451m above sea level within the following coordinates:

29°46'42.91" S	30°45'11.66" E	29°47'58.20" S	30°44'37.37" E
29°47'42.88" S	30°43'32.39" E	29°48'37.35" S	30°43'31.90" E
29°49'59.94" S	30°42'28.82" E	29°50'58.20" S	30°43'45.44" E
29°48'51.55" S	30°45'39.91" E	29°48'11.96" S	30°45'01.86" E
29°47'33.03" S	30°45'20.66" E		



**Photograph 3**                      **Production Lands on Shongweni Estate**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment Affairs and Rural Development (DAEARD) has acknowledged Tongaat Hulett's (TH) commitment to the agricultural sector in South Africa and KwaZulu Natal in particular together with its associated strategies to increase agricultural production whilst creating new and enhanced agricultural opportunities and a potential revenue base for emerging farmers.

DAEARD also recognises the need from a socio-economic perspective, for new investment and development in growth corridors and would like to ensure that this is appropriately managed. DAEARD is working with TH and other role players in agricultural, rural and urban development, toward obtaining an understanding of the agricultural potential and future agricultural scenario in the Northern and Western corridors.

With respect to the approach on land assessment, namely:

- Assessment of agricultural potential of prime development land in the corridors
- Understanding of where new TH planting is and has been undertaken - from 2009
- Assessment of agricultural potential of land where TH's new areas of planting will occur
- Identification of other land with potential for agriculture - not limited to sugar cane.
- Specific areas in the Ndwedwe area

Tongaat Hulett Developments (TDH) having identified this land for development requested an evaluation of the agricultural potential of Shongweni Estate. In compiling this report previous reports on this Estate have been studied and relevant and pertinent information extracted therefrom for inclusion.

### 3 SOIL-PLANT-ATMOSPHERE CONTINUUM (SPAC)

A basic soil survey based upon the requirements of DAEARD was carried out and a survey of all the relevant crops that could be cultivated on this land and a selection of the most viable and sustainable crops, was conducted.

A study was made of the Bio Resource Units that exist in this area with respect to climate, terrain, aspect, natural resources and water resources available.

#### 3.1 Soils



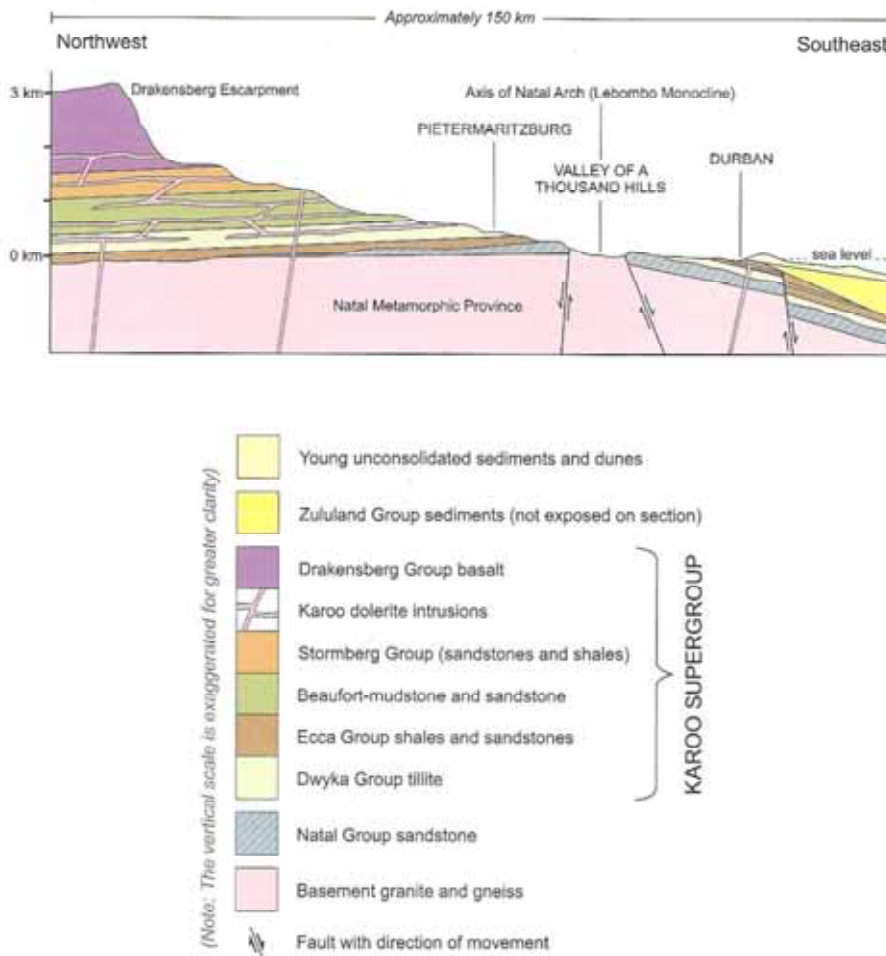
**Figure 1** The extent of the ice cover over Gondwana during the Great Ice Age

Around 400 million years ago, a glacial event in the Great Ice Age that lasted 50 million years, got underway. Across Gondwana, which then sprawled over the southern polar region, vast ice sheets ground over India, nearly all Africa south of the Equator, south eastern South America, Antarctica and Southern Australia, leaving as evidence a thick layer of glacial sediments, known in South Africa as Dwyka Tillite, as they melted?

Dwyka Tillite is defined as accumulated glacial debris that has turned into rock, comprising a jumbled mix of boulders, pebbles, gravel and sand set in a matrix of glacial flour.

The Estate lies toward the southern section of the 'Valley of a Thousand Hills'. Figure 2 (Fig 18) below provides an illustration of geological time and what happened between the Drakensberg in the West and the Sea in the East (Norman and Whitfield, 2006). This starts with the Drakensberg lava into the full sequence of underlying Karoo sandstones, shales and mudstones, invaded by ubiquitous sills of Karoo dolerite. Past Pietermaritzburg there are thick beds of flat-lying Natal sandstone of much older age, while the Valley of a Thousand Hills reveals intrusive granites and metamorphic gneisses around 1 100 million years old, but which are easily eroded.

**FIGURE 18** GEOLOGICAL CROSS-SECTION FROM THE DRAKENSBERG TO DURBAN



**Figure 2** Geology of the areas surrounding the Estate (Norman and Whitfield, 2006)

On the Estate where the N3 goes through there is a prominent hill made of upfaulted, weathered biotite gneiss, part of the granite exposed in the Valley of a Thousand Hills.

# Kranskop - Umlaas Road - Durban

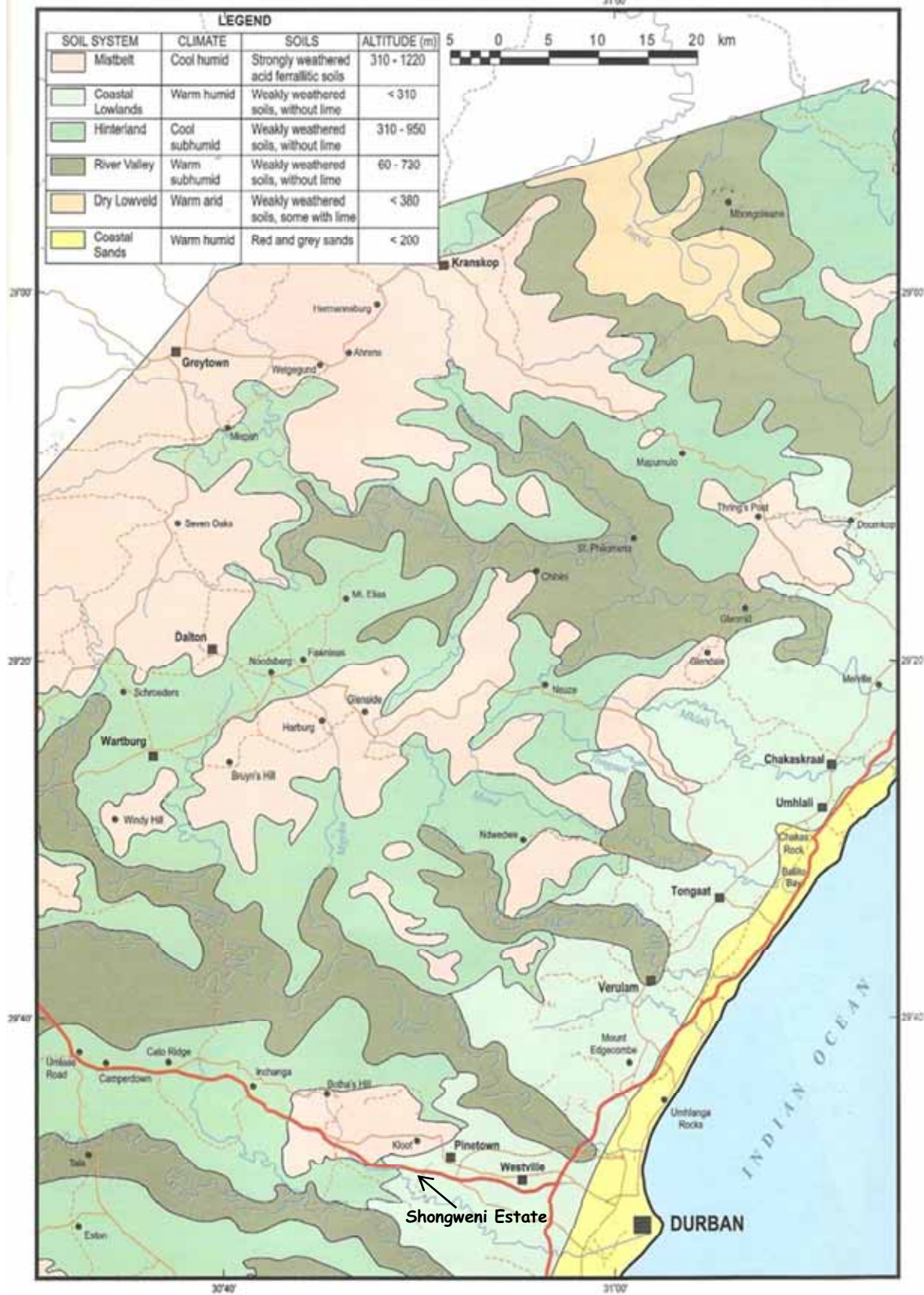


Figure 3 Soils of the South African Sugar Industry in and around the Estate

These hinterland soils on the Estate are predominantly weakly weathered. Table 1 presents the soils found on the Estate.

**Table 1 Soils and Areas thereof on Shongweni Estate**

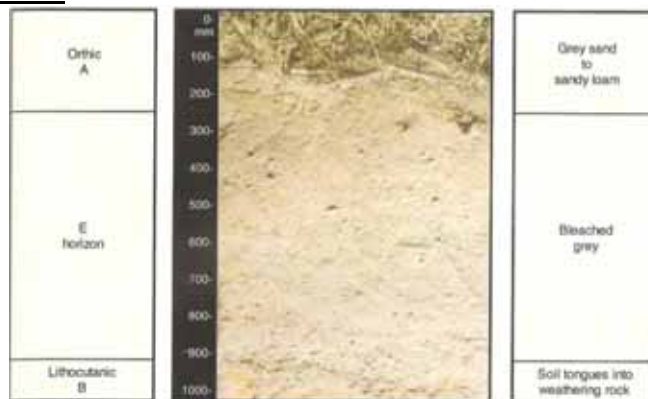
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ALBINIA	3	CARTREF	6.60	DAM ROAD	58	GLENROSA	10.50
ALBINIA	4	GLENROSA	9.1	DAM ROAD	59	GLENROSA	7.20
ALBINIA	5	CLOVELLY	14.10	TIMOTHYS	60	CARTREF	4.20
ALBINIA	6	GLENROSA	9.60	TIMOTHYS	61	GLENROSA	6.40
ALBINIA	7	GLENROSA	7.10	CATTLE KRAAL	63	CLOVELLY	15.70
ALBINIA	8	GLENROSA	6.90	BARRACKS	64	CLOVELLY	11.70
RESERVOIR	9	CLOVELLY	9.70	PLANGWENI	65	MAGWA	6.30
RESERVOIR	10	GLENROSA	6.80	PLANGWENI	66	CLOVELLY	10.50
VEG GARDEN	11	GLENROSA	7.10	PLANGWENI	67	CLOVELLY	17.60
OFFICE	12	GLENROSA	5.30	NTINGUS	68	CLOVELLY	7.00
HEADQUARTERS	13	MAGWA	3.10	DELVILLEWOOD	69	CLOVELLY	8.50
HILO ROAD	14	MAGWA	13.30	DELVILLEWOOD	70	CLOVELLY	12.40
HILO ROAD	15	NOMANCI	11.70	DELVILLEWOOD	71	CARTREF	6.00
JACKSONS DRIFT	16	MISPAH	11.50	DELVILLEWOOD	72	GLENROSA	13.40
DAM	17	GLENROSA	17.80	DELVILLEWOOD	73	CARTREF	10.10
DAM	18	GLENROSA	9.20	DELVILLEWOOD	74	CARTREF	18.70
MICHAELS	19	GLENROSA	6.20	DELVILLEWOOD	75	CARTREF	15.90
GLENDENING	20	KRANSKOP	14.50	DELVILLEWOOD	76	CARTREF	12.00
MICHAELS	21	KRANSKOP	12.50	BRAESIDE	77	CARTREF	12.30
ELLIOTS	22	FERNWOOD	21.10	BALOWAKHE	78	CLOVELLY	6.40
GLENDING	23	KRANSKOP	9.70	BALOWAKHE	79	CLOVELLY	15.80
GLENDENING	24	GLENROSA	17.50	BALOWAKHE	80	CLOVELLY	21.70
GUM TREE	25	GLENROSA	17.30	SUMMERVELD	81	CLOVELLY	14.70
GUM TREE	26	NOMANCI	15.40	SUMMERVELD	82	GLENROSA	10.20
GUM TREE	28	MAGWA	20.30	SUMMERVELD	83	GLENROSA	4.10
MICHAELS	29	MAGWA	10.30	ACADEMY	84	CARTREF	5.70
MICHAELS	30	KRANSKOP	13.40	ACADEMY	85	FERNWOOD	10.10
MICHAELS	31	KRANSKOP	12.60	ACADEMY	86	GLENROSA	10.10
MDONIS	32	MAGWA	9.40	SUMMERVELD	87	GLENROSA	12.60
MICHAELS	33	KRANSKOP	12.00	SUMMERVELD	88	NOMANCI	8.10
DIP TANK	34	GLENROSA	22.80	SUMMERVELD	89	GLENROSA	4.30
DIPPING TANK	35	GLENROSA	20.40	TURF CLUB	90	NOMANCI	14.90
JACKSONS DRIFT	36	GLENROSA	21.00	PADDOCK	91	GLENROSA	10.90
PUMOWAKHE	37	HUTTON	16.10	PADDOCK	92	CLOVELLY	8.90
BRAESIDE	40	CARTREF	15.10	FARM SCHOOL	93	GLENROSA	7.30
MICHAELS	41	MAGWA	11.40	FARM SCHOOL	94	GLENROSA	6.60
DEPOT	42	MAGWA	14.50	FARM SCHOOL	95	GLENROSA	9.30
DEPOT	43	MAGWA	12.50	FARM SCHOOL	96	GLENROSA	6.30
COMPOUND	44	MAGWA	16.70	FARM SCHOOL	101	CARTREF	8.10
COMPOUND	45	MAGWA	11.50	NDENGEZI	102	HUTTON	8.50
COMPOUND	46	MAGWA	12.90	NDENGEZI	103	HUTTON	8.10
HILO ROAD	47	MAGWA	6.90	NDENGEZI	104	HUTTON	6.80
HILO ROAD	48	MAGWA	6.00	NDENGEZI	105	HUTTON	10.60
BARRACKS	49	MAGWA	13.40	NDENGEZI	106	HUTTON	11.50
BARRACKS	50	CLOVELLY	5.90	NDENGEZI	107	HUTTON	4.10
BARRACKS	51	CLOVELLY	10.30	NDENGEZI	108	HUTTON	8.90
BARRACKS	52	CLOVELLY	12.50	NDENGEZI	109	HUTTON	4.80
BARRACKS	53	CLOVELLY	12.40				

**Table 2 Areas (ha) of Different Soil Forms on Shongweni Estate**

<b>Cartref</b>	134.7
<b>Glenrosa</b>	319.7
<b>Clovelly</b>	215.8
<b>Magwa</b>	168.5
<b>Hutton</b>	32.7
<b>Nomanci</b>	50.1
<b>Fernwood</b>	31.2
<b>Kranskop</b>	74.7
<b>Mispah</b>	11.5

1038.9

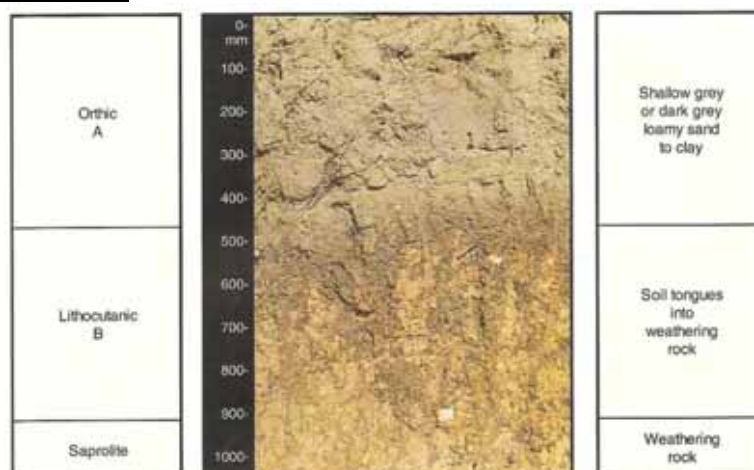
**3.1.1 Cartref Soil Form**



This soil is derived from Natal Group Sandstone and/or Dwyka Tillite. Both types occur on the Estate. These soils have a high erosion hazard, moderate to poor drainage, medium infiltration rate and, an available soil water content of 80 to 140mm m<sup>-1</sup>. Their make-up is as presented in the diagram above.

When cultivating these soils it is advisable to use minimum tillage and to ensure that good soil conservation structures are in place to control surface water and runoff. They normally have a low nutrient status especially with respect to calcium, magnesium and potassium. They have a high nitrogen requirement and applications should be split as far as possible.

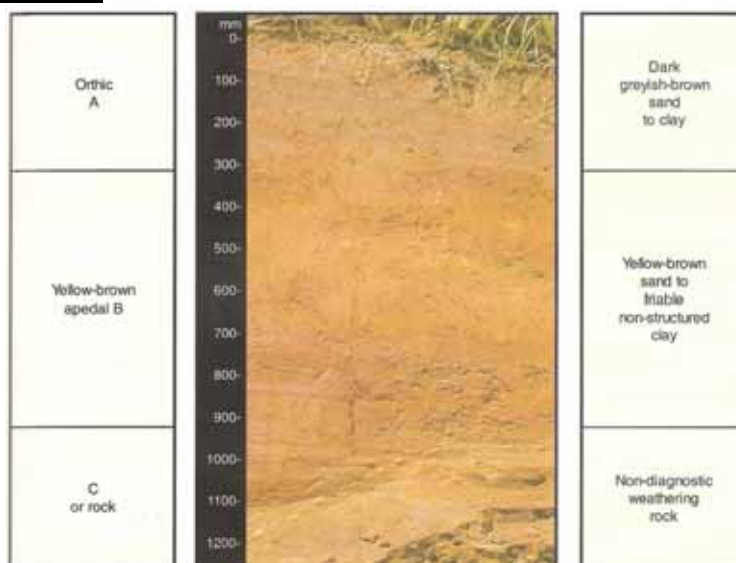
### 3.1.2 Glenrosa Soil Form



These soils are derived from numerous parent materials all occurring in this region, namely Natal Group Sandstone, Granite and Dwyka Tillite. They have a high to moderate erosion hazard, good to moderate drainage, good to medium infiltration rate and an available soil water content of 80 to 140mm m<sup>-1</sup>. Their make-up is as presented in the diagram above.

When cultivating these soils it is advisable to use minimum tillage and to ensure that good soil conservation structures are in place to control surface water and runoff. They normally have a low nutrient status especially with respect to calcium, magnesium and potassium.

### 3.1.3 Clovelly Soil Form

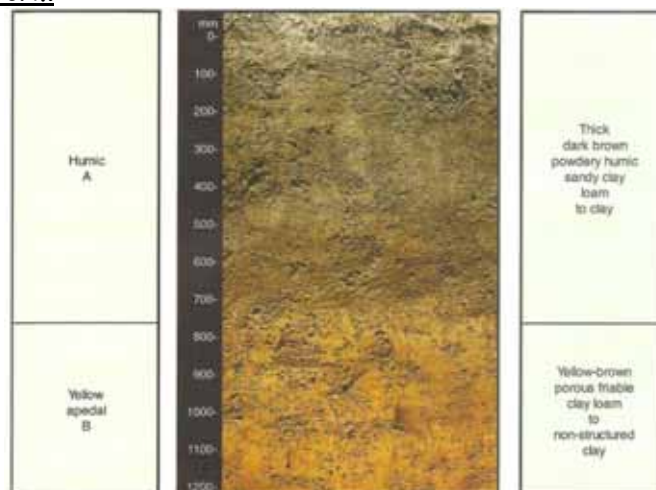


These soils are derived from Natal Group Sandstone and Dwyka Tillite. They have a moderate to low erosion hazard, excessive drainage, good infiltration rate and an available soil water content of 80 to 140mm m<sup>-1</sup>. Their make-up is as presented in the diagram above.

When cultivating these soils it is advisable to use minimum tillage although mechanical cultivation can be used with success, and to ensure that good soil conservation structures are in place to control surface water and runoff. They normally have a low nutrient status especially with respect to calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, zinc and potassium. Iron deficiency induced by manganese toxicity may occur under misty/cloudy conditions in Spring.



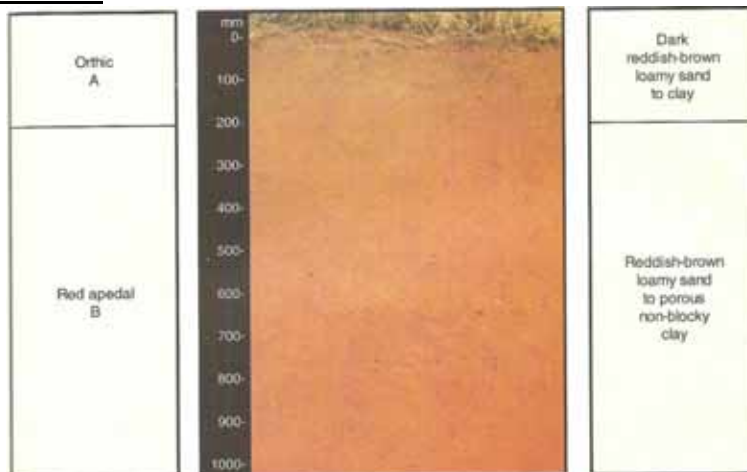
### 3.1.4 Magwa Soil Form



These soils are derived from Natal Group Sandstone. They have a low erosion hazard, good drainage, good infiltration rate and an available water content of 140 to 180 mm m<sup>-1</sup>. Their make-up is as presented in the diagram above.

As with any good farming practice it is advisable to ensure good soil conservation structures are in place albeit that these soils have good physical properties and do not erode easily. They do exhibit aluminium toxicity and need lime and/or gypsum to correct this toxicity and deficiencies of calcium and magnesium. They are normally low in potassium and zinc and moderate in phosphorus.

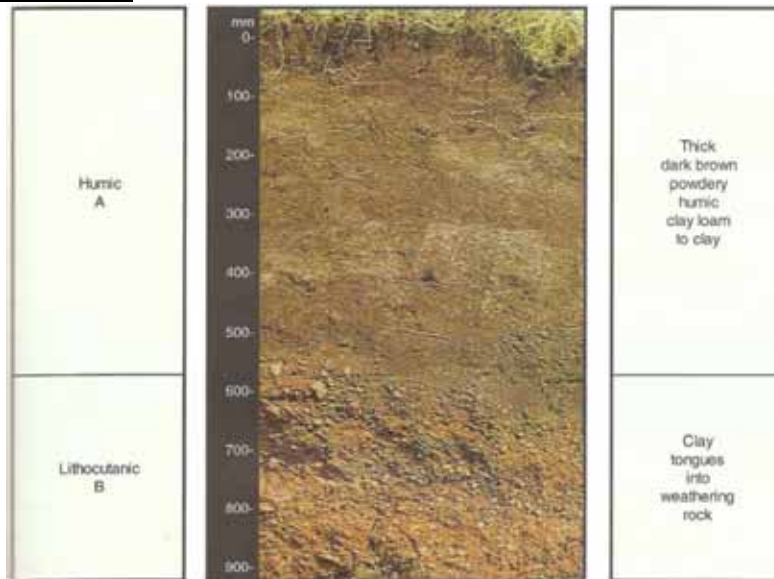
### 3.1.5 Hutton Soil Form



These soils are derived from Natal Group Sandstone and Dolerite. They have a low to very low erosion hazard, good drainage, good infiltration rate and an available soil water content of more than 180 mm m<sup>-1</sup>. Their make-up is as presented in the diagram above.

As with any good farming practice it is advisable to ensure that good soil conservation structures are in place albeit that these soils have good physical properties and do not erode easily. They do exhibit high phosphorus fixation and need lime and/or gypsum to correct this fixation.

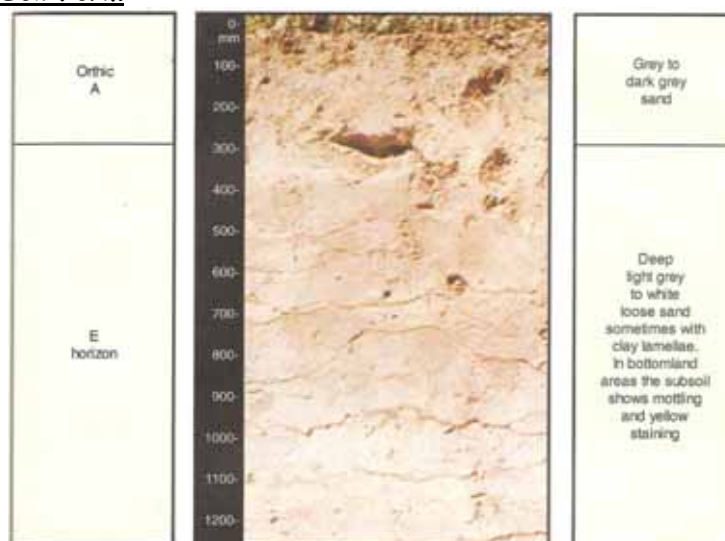
### 3.1.6 Nomanci Soil Form



These soils are derived from Natal Group Sandstone and Dwyka Tillite. They have a moderate to low erosion hazard, good drainage, good infiltration rate and an available soil water content of 120 to 180mm m<sup>-1</sup>. Their make-up is as presented in the diagram above.

As with any good farming practice it is advisable to ensure that good soil conservation structures are in place albeit that these soils have good physical properties and do not erode easily. Their nutrient status is normally low and they require lime, phosphorus, potassium and zinc.

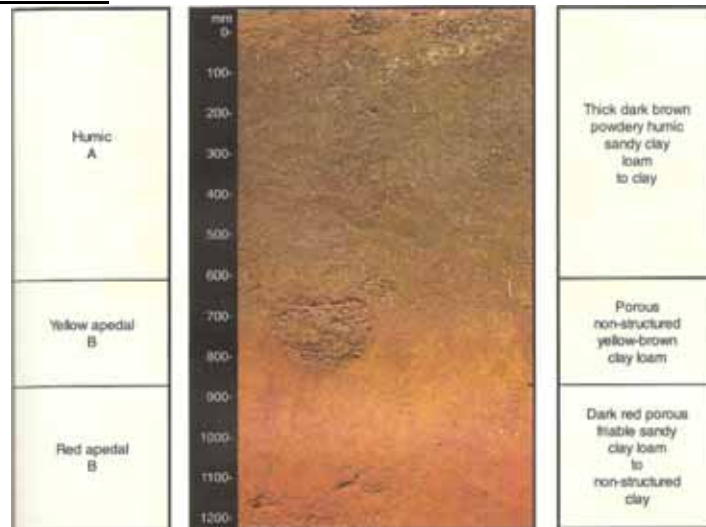
### 3.1.7 Fernwood Soil Form



These soils are derived from Coastal Recent Sands. They have a very high erosion hazard, excessive drainage, good infiltration rate and an available soil water content of < 80mm m<sup>-1</sup>. Their make-up is as presented in the diagram above.

It is essential to ensure that good soil conservation structures are in place and these include trash blankets and the practice of minimum tillage. Their nutrient status is normally low and they require lime, phosphorus, potassium and zinc.

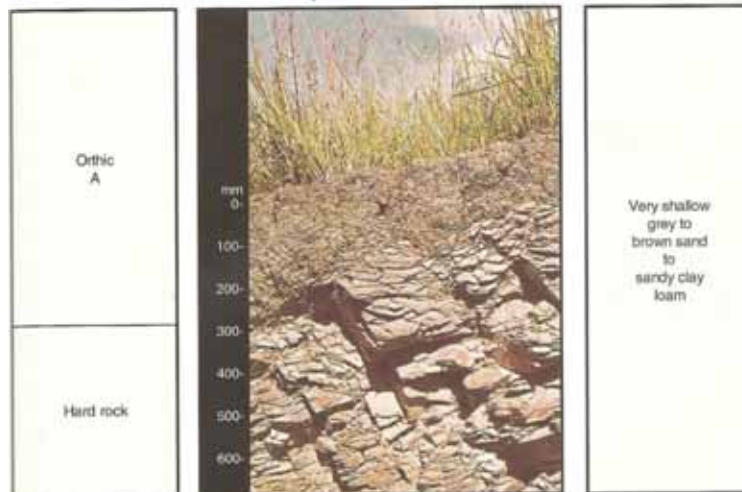
### 3.1.8 Kranskop Soil Form



These soils are derived from Natal Group Sandstone, Dwyka Tillite and Dolerite. They have low erosion hazard, good drainage, good infiltration rate and an available water content of 140 to 180 mm m<sup>-1</sup>. Their make-up is as presented in the diagram above.

As with any good farming practice it is advisable to ensure that good soil conservation structures are in place albeit that these soils have good physical properties and do not erode easily. Their nutrient status is normally low and they require lime, phosphorus, potassium and zinc.

### 3.1.9 Mispah Soil Form



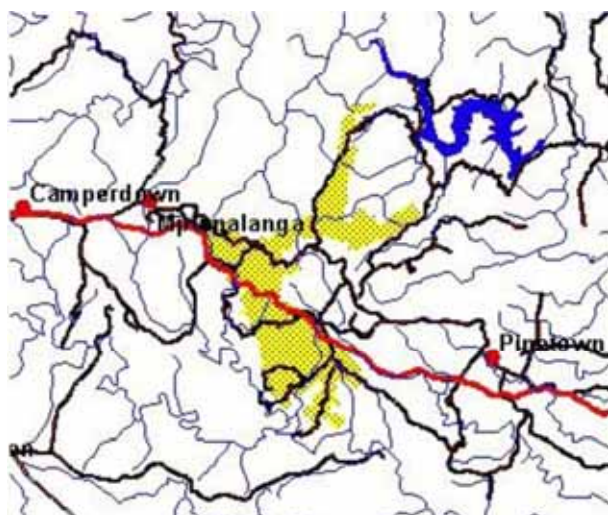
These soils are derived from Cave Sandstone and Vryheid Sediments. They have a moderate to high erosion hazard, moderate drainage, medium infiltration rate and an available soil water content of < 80mm m<sup>-1</sup>. Their make-up is as presented in the diagram above.

It is essential to ensure that good soil conservation structures are in place and these include trash blankets and the practice of minimum tillage. Their nutrient status is normally low and they require lime, phosphorus, potassium and zinc. Soil depth is the major limiting factor on these soils.

### 3.2 Plants

The Estate falls within BioResource Unit (BRU) Wb16. This Wb16 is found in BioResource Group 3 (BRG 3.6) that is defined as Moist Coast Hinterland Ngongoni Veld. The natural vegetation consists entirely of bushed grassland.

Indicator species are *Aristida junciformis* (Ngongoni Three-awn), *Lantana camara* (Lantana), *Syzygium cordatum* (Water Berry), *Solanum mauritianum* (Bugweed). Map 1 below indicates the locality of BRU Wb16 in KwaZulu Natal.



Map 1 Locality of BRU Wb16 in KwaZulu Natal

Farming in this BRU that has a good potential is semi-intensive. There are moderate limitations due to soil, slope and temperature, and good soil conservation measures must be put in place. Numerous crops can be grown in this area and are discussed later in this report.

The average grazing capacity within this BRU is 2.8AU ha<sup>-1</sup> for a 250 day grazing cycle and thus supplementary grazing will be required in the 90 day dormant season.

Game animals include Oribi on good veld, common Reedbuck, Grey Duiker, Blue Duiker, Bushbuck and Wild Pig in forest areas. The grazing capacity of these animals is about 70% of that for agricultural production - 4.1AU ha<sup>-1</sup>.

Several predictive yield models have been developed for certain of the more well-known crops that might be suitable in this BRU Wb16 and Table 3 presents some of these crops that **could** be cultivated in the area and the expected yields thereof. These yields should be considered as a 10 year average expected over the long term by a good commercial farmer. These yields will not be used in any business plan for inexperienced or resource limited farmers.

It must also be noted that these yields are not what one would currently expect but are those that may occur in a two-degree global warming scenario.

**Table 3 Modelled Crop Yields for BRU Wb16 - Drummond**

Crop	Average Yield	Maximum Yield	Minimum Yield
	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>
Cabbage - transplant	67.4	71.2	60.5
Carrot - hybrid	53	59.7	41.8
Cowpeas - For Hay	5.6	6.1	4.8
Dry Bean	1.1	1.2	0.9
Lucerne - Irrigated	7.5	7.5	7.5
Maize - Dryland	4.2	4.8	3.5
Maize - Irrigated	7.7	7.7	7.7
Sorghum - Dryland	4.2	4.6	3.4
Sorghum - Irrigated	7.4	8.2	5.9
Soyabean - Irrigated	3.5	3.7	3.1
Sugarcane - Irrigated	66.6	70.6	60
Sunflower	1.5	1.7	1.2
Tomato - transplant	77.6	84.6	67.7

There are of course other horticultural crops that do well in this BRU and these are dealt with later in the report.

### 3.3 Climate

Table 4 presents the climate that is experienced in BRU Wb16 and subsequently the Estate.

**Table 4 Climate of BioResource Unit Wb16 - Drummond**

	Annual	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rainfall (mm)	823	104	102	110	54	39	22	21	30	57	81	102	101
Effective Rain (mm)	658	83	82	88	43	31	18	17	24	46	65	82	81
Mean Temp (deg C)	18.1	21.2	21.5	20.9	19	16.6	14.2	14.1	15.3	17	18	19	20.7
Max Temp (deg C)	23.4	25.9	26.1	25.5	24.1	22.5	20.6	20.7	21.7	22.3	22.9	23.6	25.4
Min Temp (deg C)	12.7	16.8	17	16	13.5	10.6	7.9	7.7	9.2	11.4	12.8	14.1	15.9
Mean Daily Relative Humidity (%)	71	75	75	74	71	67	65	65	66	70	72	74	74
Mean Daily Solar Radiation (MJ/sq m/d)		24.8	23.8	21.5	18.6	15.7	14.0	14.8	17.6	20.6	23.2	24.5	25.9
Heat Units Base 10		347.0	322.0	338.0	270.0	205.0	126.0	127.0	164.0	210.0	248.0	270.0	332.0
Heat Units Base 12		285.0	266.0	276.0	210.0	143.0	66.0	65.0	102.0	150.0	186.0	210.0	270.0
Pan Evap (mm)	1607	169	147	145	117	104	92	99	122	135	150	153	174

The mean annual sunshine is 6.6h d<sup>-1</sup> and there is no frost severity. Between October and March, the main growing season, mean daily sunshine is 6.1h.

For sugarcane production the base temperature for heat units is 12 degrees the total must not be less than 1750 HU annum<sup>-1</sup>. This BRU experiences an average of 2229 HU annum<sup>-1</sup>.

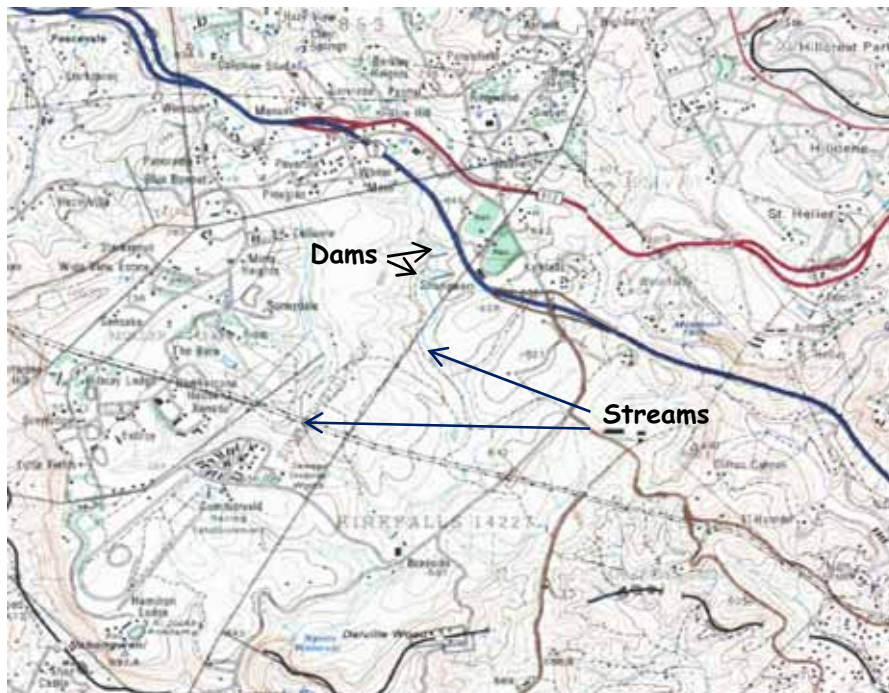
Although predominantly a summer rainfall area, the climate experienced can sustain crops throughout the year especially if supplemented with irrigation. Effective rainfall is estimated at

80% of total rainfall. Humidity is relatively high and thus crop evaporation will be correspondingly low.

The Estate has a climate capability classification of C2 and this indicates that the climate will support a wide range of adapted crops and a year round growing season. Moisture stress and lower temperatures increase risk and decrease yields relative to C1.

### 3.4 Water Resources

There are two small dams on the Estate and numerous small streams as can be seen in Map 2 below.



Map 2 Location of Shongweni Estate

The Estate although forming part of the catchment area for the Shongweni Dam does not fall in a Controlled Area with respect to irrigation and water storage. These water resources however are not sufficient for irrigation of sugarcane currently being produced on the Estate.

### 3.5 Terrain

The Estate comprises of flat, gentle and steep slopes as can be seen in Map 2 above and Photograph 4 below.



**Photograph 4 Varying Terrain on the Shongweni Estate**

Drainage lines on the Estate run in a various directions, being predominantly south and south-east. There is a need for contours on these fields and minimum tillage practices are carried out when possible.

## 4 CURRENT SITUATION

Shongweni Estate cultivates some 1085ha of dryland sugarcane. Currently the aim is to harvest on a 14 to 16 month cycle. The varieties being cultivated are N12, N16, N29 and N35. The *modus operandii* for operations is:

### Plant Cane

- Spray with chemical weed killer - Glyphosate (Roundup)
- Plough out and then Disc with a heavy offset disc harrow
- Spot spray with glyphosate
- Disc with offset disc harrow
- Ridge and plant with 'double stick' seed cane (double stick improves germination percentage and minimises gapping)
- Apply Bandit(1l ha<sup>-1</sup>) and Zinatex(2l ha<sup>-1</sup>) in the row

### Ratoon Cane (October to February)

- Hand harvest - in field loading onto trailers
- Hand hoeing for weeds
- Depending upon time of year, chemical spray applied (type according to weed spectrum)
- Fertiliser and Lime applied on the row by hand
- Post emergent herbicide application - winter spray followed by long term spray
- Hand hoe after long term spray
- If canopy not closed carry out short term spray (1l Gramoxone and 1l Amatrine)

Despite records having been kept by TH prior to the changes in management there are minimal historical records on the Estate. Yield data was extrapolated through Field Operations Office on Tongaat Estate using their data and data obtained from the mill.

The field layout is illustrated in Photograph 3 above. Not all of the lands have been under production over the last ten years, hence the gaps in yield data presented in Table 5 below.



**Table 5 Sugarcane Yield Data for Shongweni Estate 2003 to 2011**

Block No	Dryland Area ha	2003			2004			2005			2006			2007			2008			2009			2010			2011		
		Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat
			t ha <sup>-1</sup>		t ha <sup>-1</sup>		t ha <sup>-1</sup>		t ha <sup>-1</sup>		t ha <sup>-1</sup>		t ha <sup>-1</sup>		t ha <sup>-1</sup>		t ha <sup>-1</sup>		t ha <sup>-1</sup>		t ha <sup>-1</sup>		t ha <sup>-1</sup>		t ha <sup>-1</sup>		t ha <sup>-1</sup>	
1	8.00	N12	49.2	3	N12	60.2	4	N12	40.8	4	N12	0.0	5	N12	18.5	5	N12		6	N12	20.57	6	N12	0	7	N12	14.3	7
2	7.6	N12		5	N12	29.7	5	N12		6	N12	0.0	6	N12		7	N12	13.13	7	N12		8	N12	22.5	8	N12		9
3	6.60	N12		0	N12	38.7	0	N12		1	N12		1	N12		2	N12	0	2	N12		3	N12	24.4	3	N12		4
4	9.1	N12	49.4	1	N12		2	N12	0.0	2	N12		3	N12	23.7	3	N12		4	N12		5	N12	45.6	5	N12		6
5	14.10	MIX	39.9	0	MIX		1	MIX	43.5	1	MIX		2	MIX	26.9	2	MIX	26.95	3	MIX	20.23	4	MIX	25.1	4	MIX	12.8	5
6	9.60	N12	51.3	1	N12		2	N12	43.5	2	N12		3	N12	37.6	3	N12	31.75	4	N12	34	5	MIX		5	MIX		P
7	7.10	N12		6	N12	42.5	6	N12	42.6	7	N12		8	N12	46.9	8	N12	24.78	9	N12	31.84	10	N12	28.4	5	N12	21.2	6
8	6.90	N12	51.0	1	N12		2	N12	43.7	2	N12		3	N12	33.7	3	N12	25.36	4	N12	93	5	N12		6	N12		6
9	9.70	N12	51.8	0	N12		1	N12	42.2	1	N12		2	N12	41.4	2	N12		3	N12	30.66	3	N12	48.5	11	N12	36.4	11
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13	3.10	N12	70.5	0	N12	33.2	1	N12		0	N12		0	N12	97.4	1	N12		1	N12	102.8	1	N12		P	N12	25.4	P
14	13.30	N12	44.2	2	N12		3	N12	36.9	3	N12		4	N12	43.1	4	N12		5	N12	25	5	N12	40.3	4	N12		P
15	11.70	N12	43.1	1	N12		2	N12	39.6	2	N12		3	N12	23.5	3	N12		4	N12	34.06	4	N12	59.4	2	MIX		3
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18	9.20	N12		1	N12		1	N12	48.5	1	N12		2	N12	18.4	2	N12		3	N12	7.88	3	N12		3	N12	19.6	3
19	6.20	N12		0	N12	33.5	0	N12		1	N12		2	N12	37.1	3	N12		4	N12	44.52	4	N29	7.72	3	N29	12.7	4
20	14.50	N12		4	N12	44.8	4	N12	28.2	5	N12		6	N12	87.4	P	N12	48.5	0	N12		1	N29		4	N12		P
21	12.50	N12	55.3	6	MIX		0	N12	0.0	0	N12	29.7	1	N12	26.0	1	N12		2	N12	21.25	2	N12		4	N37		P
22	21.10	N12		7	N12	39.1	7	N12		0	N12	46.9	0	N12		1	N12	43.48	1	N12	18.6	2	N12		5	N12	25.4	5
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24	17.50	N12		4	N12	62.5	4	N12		5	N12	28.4	5			P	N12	36.52	0	N12		1	N12		3	N12	15.7	3
25	17.30	N12		4	N12	39.7	4	N12		5	N12	9.9	5	N12		6	N12	30.87	6	MIX		P	N12	0	3	N12	18.6	3
26	15.40	N12		6	N12	40.6	6	N12		0	N12		0	N12		1	N12	46.91	1	N12	0	2	MIX	38.3	2	MIX		3
28	20.30	N12	47.6	7	N12		0	N12	33.5	0	N12	28.3	1	N12	29.9	1	N12		1	N12	29	1	N12	23.4	1	N12	24.8	2
29	10.30	N12		2	N12	40.6	2	N12		3	N12	29.7	3	N12	26.5	4	N12	59.73	4	N12	57.88	5	MIX		P	MIX	44.2	1
30	13.40	N12		2	N12	39.5	2	N12		3	N12	25.4	3	N12		4	N12	38.98	4	N12	21.38	5	N12	50.4	2	N12		3
31	12.60	N12	52.0	2	N12	54.0	3	N12		4	N12	40.3	4	N12		5	N12	34.76	5	N12		6	N12	0	2	N12	26.3	2
32	9.40	N12	47.4	3	N12		4	N12		5	N12	0.0	5	N12		6	N12	31.61	6	N12		P	N12	46.4	6	N12	28.2	6
33	12.00	N12	49.9	2	N12		3	N12	85.3	4	N12	28.7	5	N12		6	N12	37.27	6	N12		7	N12	0	6	N12	21.2	6
34	22.80	N12		1	N12	44.3	1	N12		2	N12	40.3	2	N12		3	N12	27.89	3	N12	38.15	4	N12	17.6	6	N37		P
35	20.40	N12		0	N12	44.3	0	N12		1	N12	0.0	1	N12		2	N12	51.23	2	N12	33.05	3	N12	29.4	P	N12		1
36	21.00	N16	65.0	4	N16	42.5	5	N16	56.6	5	N16	0.0	6	N16		LUP	N16		7	N16	58.53	P	N12	26.9	7	N12		8
37	16.10	N12	39.9	1	N12	28.1	2	N12	124.7	3	N12	0.0	4	N12		5	N12	25.99	5	N12		P	N12	33.2	4	N12	49.5	5
40	15.10	N12	59.2	6	N29		0	N29	45.6	0	N29		1	N29	40.6	1	N29	29.92	3	N29		4	N12		5	N12	36.7	5
41	11.40	N12	49.1	5	N12		6	N12	53.2	6	MIX		0	MIX	40.3	P	MIX		0	MIX	30.79	P	N12		4	N12	31.5	4
42	14.50	N12	65.7	7	N12		8	N12	43.7	8	MIX	0.0	0	MIX	43.4	P	MIX		1	MIX	47.53	1	N16	55.3	1	MIX	48.2	2
43	12.50	N12	56.2	2	N12		3	N12	58.0	3	N12	46.3	4	N12		5	N12	44.55	5	N12		6	N12	19	P	N12	32.9	1
44	16.70	N12	63.9	2	N12	44.5	3	N12		4	N12	46.7	4	N12		5	N12	46.15	5	N12	20.97	6	N29	21.9	4	MIX		P
45	11.50	N12		0	N12	49.9	0	N12		1	N12		1	N12		2	N12	45.77	2	N12	32.93	3	MIX		1	MIX	29.4	1
46	12.90	N12	63.8	0	N12	50.4	1	N12		2	N12	38.9	2	N12	36.3	2	N12	116.5	3	N12	43.32	3	MIX	21.1	2	N12	33.4	3
47	6.90	N12	63.8	4	N12	54.0	5	N12		6	N12	51.1	6	N12		7	N12	33.5	7	N12		P	N12	34.7	6	MIX		P
48	6.00	N12	63.9	2	N12	50.0	3	N12		4	N12		4	N12		5	N12	34.82	5	N12	10.12	6	N12		P	N12	34.8	7
49	13.40	N12	51.8	1	N12	64.6	2	N12	40.5	2	N12		3	N12	30.4	3	N12		4	N12	32.61	4	N12		4	N12	46.8	P
50	5.90	N12	43.1	7	N12		7	N12	24.5	7	N12	52.0	0	N12	32.0	P	N12		1	N12		1	N12	26.9	4	N12	41.7	4
51	10.30	N12		6	MIX	46.9	6	MIX		0	MIX	44.1	0	MIX		1	MIX	24.33	1	MIX	44.06	2	N12	27.6	P	N12		5
52	12.50	N12	60.8	0	N12		1	N12		2	N12	0.0	2	N12	54.1	3	N12		4	N12	43.45	4	N12		P	N12		1
53	12.40	N12		0	N12	56.7	0	N12	43.5	1	N12		2	N12	53.8	3	N12	48.26	3	N12		4	N12	0	P	N12		P
54	12.00	N12		5	N12	42.5	5	N12	29.5	6	N12		7	N12	30.7	7	N12		0	N12	33.48	P	N12	27	2	MIX	35.9	P
57	8.80	N12	0.0	5	N12		6	N12	23.6	6	N12	0.0	0	N12	26.7	P	N12		1	N12	11.28	1	MIX	33.8	3	N12		3
58	10.50	N12		5	N12	51.8	5	N12	28.5	6	N12		7			P	N35	40	0	N35	98.36	1	N12	32.7	5	MIX		4
59	7.20	N12		5	N12	39.1	5	N12	24.8	6	N12		7			P	N12		0	N12	60	1	N12	36.6	4	N12		6
60	4.20	N12	26.8	3	N12		4	N12	19.9	4	N12		5	N12	22.2	5	N12		0	N12	37.61	P	N12	43.1	1	N12		5

Block No	Dryland Area ha	2003			2004			2005			2006			2007			2008			2009			2010			2011		
		Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat	Var	Yield	Rat
		† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>	† ha <sup>-1</sup>
61	6.40	N12		5	N12	15.5	5	N12		6	N12		6	N12	18.3	6	N12		8	N12	43.43	8	N12		2	N12	46.1	2
63	15.70	N12		4	N12	49.1	4	N12	34.1	5	N12		6	N12	37.1	6	N12		0	N12	21.33	P	N35	18.1	2	N12	13.7	2
64	11.70	N12	65.2	6	N12	62.5	7	N12	34.3	0	N12		1	N12	41.5	1	N12	39.53	2	N12	24.54	3	N12	30.1	2	N35		3
65	6.30	N12	54.9	4	N12	66.9	5	N12	34.3	6	N12	36.8	7	N12	32.6	7	N12	39.16	5	N12	37.19	6	N12	28.2	1	N12		3
66	10.50	N12		0	N12	46.6	0	N12		1	N12	34.9	1	N12		2	N12		0	N12	40.29	P	N12	55.7	P	N12	53.9	2
67	17.60	N12		4	N12		4	N12		5	N12		5	N12		P	N12	38.12	4	N12	24.98	5	N12		1	N37	63.1	P
68	7.00	N12	42.4	3	N12		4	N12	42.0	4	N12	28.3	5	N12	23.3	5	N12	35.81	4	N12	10.42	5	N12		4	N37	86	1
69	8.50	N12	54.3	1	N12	45.2	2	N12		3	N12	0.0	3	N12		4	N12	47.41	4	N12	29.76	5	N12		7	N12	24.4	1
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72	13.40	N12	44.8	3	N12		4	N12	56.8	4	N12	0.0	5	N12		6	N12	27.24	5	N12	15.99	6	N12	0	6	N12		2
73	10.10	N12	36.0	4	N12		5	N12	49.2	5	N12	0.0	6	N12	30.7	6	N12	33.45	3	N12	26.86	4	N12		6	N12	14.6	6
74	18.70	N12	49.0	2	N12		3	N12	40.4	3	N12	0.0	4	N12		5	N12	29.14	1	N12	1.24	1	N12	33.4	P	N12	32.5	6
75	15.90	N12	46.9	0	N12		1	N12	47.3	1	N12		2	N12		3	N12	23.35	5	N12		P	N12	73.9	1	N12	23.4	6
76	12.00	N12		5	N12		5	N12	33.7	5	N12		0	N12	30.8	P	N12	42.32	1	N12	23.38	2	N12		7	N12	37.8	1
77	12.30	N12	44.7	2	N12		3	N12	25.3	3	N12	0.0	4	N12		5	N12	27.21	6	N12		P	N12		5	N12	33.3	2
78	6.40	N12		7	N12	48.2	7	N12		0	N12		0	N12		1	N29	21.66	7	N29		8	N12	0	2	N12	78.9	8
79	15.80	N12	44.2	3	N12		4	N12	26.4	4	N12		5	N12		6	N12		2	N12		3	N12		P	N12		5
80	21.70	N12	47.6	5	N12		0	N29	26.7	0	N29	0.0	1	N29	30.3	1	N12	43.96	3	N12		4	N12		3	N12		LUF
81	14.70	N12		5	N12	44.9	5	N12		0	N12	27.5	0	N12	51.8	1	N12		4	N12	25.78	4	N12	18	P	MIX	26	P
82	10.20	N12		0	N12	39.1	0	N12		1	N12	33.5	1	N12	36.9	2	N12		2	N12	25.55	2	N29	36.9	8	N12	26.8	3
83	4.10	N12	53.3	0	N12	33.6	1	N12		2	N12	14.1	2	N12	35.3	3	N12	49.96	1	N12	28.07	2	N12	21.3	3	N12		P
84	5.70	N12	39.1	6	N12	21.1	7	N12		0	N12	41.3	0	N12	44.9	1	N12	35.48	3	N12	18.94	4	N12	31.4	4	N12		9
85	10.10	N12		7	N12	42.0	7	N12		0	N12	35.8	0	N12		1	MIX	43.81	1	MIX		2	N12		P	N12	26.1	4
86	10.10	N12	56.3	0	N12	35.8	1	N12		2	N12		2	N12		3	N12	43.49	3	N12		4	N12		3	N12		5
87	12.60	N12	56.0	4	N12		5	N12	50.0	5	MIX		0	MIX	41.2	P	N12	30.21	1	N12		2	n37		P	N12	15.5	P
88	8.10	N12	37.4	0	N12		1	N12	45.0	1	N12	0.0	2	N12	33.5	2	N12		3	N12	27.85	3	N12		3	N12	14.1	3
89	4.30	N12		7	N12	30.6	7	N12		0	N12		0	N12		1	N12	33.94	0	N12	114.5	1	N12		5	N37		P
90	14.90	N12		6	N12	26.4	0	N12	35.6	1	N12		2	N12	30.7	2	N12		1	N12	37.32	1	MIX	39.6	2	N12	36.2	3
91	10.90	N12	43.8	3	N12		4	N12	34.4	4	N12		5	N12		P	N12	29.48	2	N12	23.01	3	N12	39.4	4	N12	30.5	5
92	8.90	N12		4	N12	32.4	4	N12		5	N12	0.0	0	N12	27.5	P	N12	33.75	1	N12		2	N12	18.6	2	MIX	36.3	3
93	7.30	N12	35.2	5	N12		6	N12		0	N12		0	N12	39.5	1	N12	49.92	2	N12	41.94	3	N12	0	4	N12		5
94	6.60	N12	34.8	4	N12	24.3	5	N12	25.6	6	N12	21.2	0	N12	46.4	P	N12	27.26	0	N12		1	N12	24	2	N12		3
95	9.30	N12		7	N12	31.5	7	N12		0	N12		0	N12	35.4	1	N12	52.31	9	N12	18.55	P	N12	20.9	2	N12	23.4	4
96	6.30	N12		6	N12	28.6	6	N12	1.8	7	N12		0	N12	54.3	P	N21	48	0	N21	156.6	1	N12	22.8	4	N12	29	3
101	8.10	N12		6	N12	28.5	6	N12		7	N12		8	N12	31.0	9	N12		7	N12		P	N12	22	2	N12		2
102	8.50	376		6	376		6			0	N21		0	N21		P	N21		0	N21	56	P	N12	0	4	N12		5
103	8.10	N12		5	N12	33.1	5	N12		7	N12		7	N12		LUP	N21		0	N21	14.57	P	N12	29.6	1	N12	25.8	3
104	6.80	N12	37.9	5	N12	36.0	6	N12		7	N21		0	N21		LUP	N12		0	N12	5.568	P	N12		1	N12	21.7	4
105	10.60	N12	14.4	6	N12	33.2	6	N12		7	N21		0	N21		LUP						N21	12.9	2	N12		2	
106	11.50	N12	14.5	6	N12	33.2	6	N12		7	N12		7	N12		LUP	N12		7	N12	140.4	P	N12		P	N12	80.7	1
107	4.10	N12	14.4	6	N12		6	N12			N12											N21	6.48	1	N21		3	
108	8.90	N12	14.5	6	N12	33.2	6	N12		7	N12		7	N12		LUP						N21		1	N12		P	
109	4.80	N12	15.2	6	N12		6	N12			N12											N12		1	N21		2	
			45.42			41.44			40.92			34.15			37.09			38.1			37.88			31.16			32.9	

The mean yield per hectare per annum is expressed in the last row of Table 5. This mean annual yield ranged from 31.16 to 45.42 t ha<sup>-1</sup> annum<sup>-1</sup>. This is deemed a reasonable yield for dryland sugarcane in this area. Apart from the relatively low seasonal rainfall over this period there is evidence of lack of nutrition and presence of *Eldana*. These issues need to be rectified to improve yields.

## 5 AGRONOMIC AND HORTICULTURAL CROP SUITABILITY

The following crops could be grown in the area and each are discussed with respect to the conditions on the Estate and their advantages and disadvantages:

- Sugarcane
- Bananas
- Grasses for instant lawn
- Vegetable crops
- Cut flowers, potted plants and medicinal plants

### 5.1 Sugarcane

Sugarcane is being produced on the Estate with some success. The main soils on the Estate are Cartref(135ha), Glenrosa(319ha), Clovelly(216ha) and Magwa(169ha). These soils as recorded above have various soil water characteristic and nutrient status. Yields to-date have varied and are on average over the last 8 years, deemed poor yields.

Canesim, a sugarcane crop growth simulation model adopted by SASRI for crop yield estimation, was used to predict potential yields that might be obtained on Shongweni. The yields predicted for Shongweni varies from 62 to 92 t ha<sup>-1</sup> annum<sup>-1</sup>. Due to the restrictions that exist on the Estate it is doubtful that such yields could be obtained let alone sustained.

With improved management, especially control of *Eldana*, yields of 50 t ha<sup>-1</sup> annum<sup>-1</sup> can be sustained.

The current RV price per tonne (August) for sugarcane is R 3 157.

Assuming a potential yield of 50 t ha<sup>-1</sup> annum<sup>-1</sup> and a potential RV of 12% the Estate comprising of 1 085ha could produce 6 510 tonnes RV sugarcane with a value of R 20 552 070.

With the current costs of production being R 25 541 ha<sup>-1</sup> for plant cane and R 15 959 ha<sup>-1</sup> for ratoon cane and assuming 12.5% plant cane each year (8 year rotation) the annual production costs for the Estate are R 18 609 085 (COMBUD and Cane Growers, 2012).

Thus in normal rain seasons with an average annual yield per hectare of 50 tonnes, an expected profit before Capex, tax, interest, etc. could be R 1 942 985 or R 1 791 ha<sup>-1</sup>. The break-even yield potential is 45 t ha<sup>-1</sup> annum<sup>-1</sup>.

### 5.2 Bananas

Bananas required a well-drained soil with good soil water retention characteristics. They have a high water requirement throughout the year and on this Estate supplementary irrigation is essential. As there is no water for irrigation of this crop this option is not an option.

### 5.3 Grasses

Most grass species will do well in this climate and on these aspects. Instant lawn is considered as with all the development in the area there is a market in the short and medium term.

Instant lawn could be cultivated on some of the flatter lands that are deeper and with no drainage problems. Sufficient water might be able to be obtained from either or both of the dams to cultivate say 10ha.

Current production cost of 'instant lawn' grass is R 150 000 ha<sup>-1</sup>, and the selling price is between R 240 000 and R 270 000 ha<sup>-1</sup> laid. Thus excluding capital costs to purchase equipment, and two crops per year, one could expect R 900 000 from 10ha of land.

Without irrigation this is not a possibility and it is a short to medium term enterprise.

#### **5.4 Vegetable Crops**

Certain vegetable crops, especially in winter months, could be grown on the Estate providing there was irrigation, secure fencing, and wind breaks.

These crops are reasonably labour intensive and would provide employment to the local populace. It is estimated that 2 labourers would be required for each hectare planted.

Again selection of suitable lands, rotation practices and growing season would significantly affect this enterprise.

With high value crops and use of Municipal and/or borehole water vegetables could be grown especially under controlled environment conditions. There is a good market for perishable crops but water is the limiting factor.

#### **5.5 Medicinal Plants and Trees**

The Durban Metropolitan Area is the main regional trading area in addition to a possible small local market. The current demand for the numerous species used in indigenous medicines exceeds supply and as a result several species, e.g. wild ginger and pepper-bark tree have become extinct outside KZN. Little cultivation is carried out due mainly to lack of knowledge of indigenous plant cultivation and the economics of associated markets.

From current experience, it will be necessary to have irrigation to establish a small nursery of the selected medicinal plants and to ensure that transplants survive in the ground. Many medicinal plants grow in afforested areas, thus the choice on this Estate is minimal. The growing areas and handling facilities would also have to be secure.

Experience has shown to-date that a grower needs to involve at least a herbalist in the operation, to ensure a market. The presentation and marketing of traditional medicine has its own culture and *modus operandi*.

This industry of cultivated medicinal plants is still in relative infancy and one would need to build up a stock in a nursery. This facet will be dealt with in the following paragraph.

#### **5.6 Cut flowers and potted plants, including indigenous trees**

If one has access to land and finance, then the option of growth houses can be utilised on land that is not necessarily suited for open-air cultivation.

As this Estate is not situated in lower lying areas, sturdy structures would have to be erected to contend with wind conditions. This area also experiences misty conditions and high humidity, conditions that favour disease.

A high level of management will be required for production, sanitation, harvesting, packing and marketing. There is potential competition in this market locally, however if selected niche products were chosen and produced, and finance was not limiting, this could be an option. If a licence for irrigation is not possible then use of Municipal, dam or borehole water would have to be made to guarantee availability year round.

## 6 SUMMARY

The Estate falls within BioResource Unit (BRU) Wb16. This Wb16 is found in BioResource Group 3(BRG 3.6) that is defined as Moist Coast Hinterland Ngongoni Veld. The natural vegetation consists entirely of bushed grassland.

Indicator species are *Aristida junciformis* (Ngongoni Three-awn), *Lantana camara* (Lantana), *Syzygium cordatum* (Water Berry), *Solanum mauritianum* (Bugweed). Map 1 below indicates the locality of BRU Wb16 in KwaZulu Natal.

The Estate lies toward the southern section of the 'Valley of a Thousand Hills'. The Valley of a Thousand Hills reveals intrusive granites and metamorphic gneisses around 1 100 million years old, but which are easily eroded. The soils are part of the Hinterland Soil Systems comprising of weakly weathered soils without lime. Of the 1 085ha cultivated on the Estate the main soils are Cartref(135ha), Glenrosa(319ha), Clovelly(216ha) and Magwa(169ha).

Although predominantly a summer rainfall area, the climate experienced can sustain crops throughout the year especially if supplemented with irrigation.

The Estate has a climate capability classification of C2 and this indicates that the climate will support a wide range of adapted crops and a year round growing season. Moisture stress and lower temperatures increase risk and decrease yields relative to C1.

There are no water resources apart from two small dams on the Estate. These water resources however are not sufficient for irrigation of sugarcane currently being produced on the Estate. The Estate although forming part of the catchment area for the Shongweni Dam does not fall in a Controlled Area with respect to irrigation and water storage.

Over the past 8 years poor average sugarcane yields have been obtained, ranging from 31.16 to 45.42 t ha<sup>-1</sup> annum<sup>-1</sup> under dryland production. With the current costs of re-establishment (8 year rotation) and production costs the break even yield assuming a 12% RV, is 45 t ha<sup>-1</sup> annum<sup>-1</sup>. Unless disease is eradicated and yields improved this Estate could incur loss.

Canesim predicts yields of 62 to 92 t ha<sup>-1</sup> annum<sup>-1</sup> provided all growth conditions are met but due to the lack of water resources and poor soils for crop production such yields will not be attained.

There is electricity on the Estate and the road infrastructure to and from the Estate is excellent. The in-field road network is very good.

There is existing agricultural infrastructure (sheds, workshops, offices, dwellings for staff, etc.) on the Estate but need to be maintained and in some cases refurbished.

The Estate is close to good markets and having the N3 highway running through and the rail close by is beneficial. However transport to the sugar mill is a significant cost and can be considered a limitation.

## 7 CONCLUSIONS

Having considered the cropping and land use options on this Estate together with the inherent costs and restrictions, and the need for development in the growth corridor that has been identified by Province and the eThekweni Municipality, the development of this Estate for high and medium density mixed use, agri-business, low and medium density residential and open space/conservation will:

- Fulfil the planned expansion of the Outer West node of eThekweni Municipality
- Provide infill development in this node
- Comply with Provincial and Municipal strategic planning
- Comply with local planning
- Make effective and efficient use of existing infrastructure and resources
- Create positive employment and socio-economic benefits

DAEARD recognise the need for development in growth corridors and would like to ensure that it is appropriately managed. Together with TH they are working toward understanding the agricultural potential in the Western and Northern corridors.

In KZN the land used for sugarcane production has increased over the last 3 years by 17 835ha, an increase of 15% and this includes land taken out for urban development. Thus the impact of urban development on sugarcane production is insignificant.

Tongaat Hulett only owns 8% of the total quantum of land that supplies cane to its mills so even a total loss of this 8% is insignificant.

What is very significant is the fact that Tongaat Hulett commenced with new sugarcane areas in 2009 and by the end of the 2012/13 season this will be 9 506ha. In 2013/14 a further 10 000ha is to be identified and developed and 7 000ha in 2014/15. Therefore at the end of 3 years Tongaat Hulett will have developed an additional 26 506ha of new sugarcane land. This together with the existing 17 835ha increment will produce a 44 341ha increase from 2009, and increase of 37%.

Apart from this fact it is noteworthy that the new areas being developed are in the rural hinterland. This combined with a rural development and food security strategy of new sugarcane development providing an anchor for services, investment, training, etc., allows for other more intensive food related crops to be grown for local consumption.

Thus removing the property from agricultural production will have little or no impact on Food Security in the region.

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## 8 APPENDICES

### 8.1 Appendix I - Sugar Cane Establishment Gross Margins - Mechanical Land Preparation

SUGAR CANE ESTABLISHMENT COSTS				Mechanical Land Preparation		2012 - 2013		
References: COMBUD, CaneGrowers								
				Unit	Price Per Unit	Qty	Per Ha	Value Per Yield Unit
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>							<b>18942.00</b>	<b>378.84</b>
Product Income (Crops)								
Sugar Cane RV =		12%		ton RV	3157.00	50.00	18942.00	378.84
<b>MARKETING COSTS</b>							<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>GROSS INCOME minus MARKETING COSTS</b>							<b>18942.00</b>	<b>378.84</b>
<b>ALLOCATABLE VARIABLE COSTS</b>							<b>25541.21</b>	<b>510.82</b>
<b>Directly Allocatable Variable Costs</b>							<b>14752.71</b>	<b>472.42</b>
<b>PRE HARVEST COST</b>							<b>14752.71</b>	<b>295.05</b>
Seedbed Preparation								
		Ploughing		hours	246.88	3.27	807.30	16.15
		Harrowing (2X)		hours	240.57	2.56	615.86	12.32
		Ridging		hours	224.11	2.06	461.67	9.23
		Contour structures		hours	246.88	2.00	493.76	9.88
Plant Material		Seed cane		ton	513.87	10.00	5138.70	102.77
Fertilizer		DAP (38)+ 0.5%Zn		ton	6020.00	0.20	1204.00	24.08
		1.0.1 (48)		ton	5230.00	0.40	2092.00	41.84
		Labour (Split in furrow and topdress)		days	84.06	2.00	168.12	3.36
Herbicides		Pre-emergent						
		Acetachlor		litres	40.89	2.00	81.78	1.64
		Diuron		litres	66.74	2.50	166.85	3.34
		Paraquat		litres	60.16	1.00	60.16	1.20
		Post-emergent						
		Ametryn		litres	38.31	4.00	153.24	3.06
		MCPA		litres	40.42	3.50	141.47	2.83
		Wetting agent		litres	65.80	0.50	32.90	0.66
		Spot Spray						
		Ametryn	5%	litres	38.31	0.20	7.66	0.15
		MCPA	5%	litres	40.42	0.18	7.07	0.14
		Wetting agent	5%	litres	65.80	0.03	1.65	0.03
		Tractor and Boom Spray		hours	147.02	1.20	176.42	3.53
Casual Labour		Planting		days	84.06	25.00	2101.50	42.03
		Hoeing/Spraying		days	84.06	10.00	840.60	16.81
Irrigation				hectares	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
<b>MARGIN ABOVE DIRECTLY ALLOCATABLE VARIABLE COSTS</b>							<b>4189.29</b>	<b>-93.58</b>
<b>Indirectly Allocatable Variable Costs</b>							<b>1920.00</b>	<b>38.40</b>
<b>PRE HARVEST COST</b>							<b>1920.00</b>	<b>38.40</b>
		Energy		litres	10.00	120.00	1200.00	24.00
		Repairs and Maintenance					720.00	14.40
<b>TOTAL PRE HARVEST COSTS</b>							<b>16672.71</b>	<b>333.45</b>
<b>TOTAL HARVEST COSTS</b>							<b>8868.50</b>	<b>177.37</b>
		Labour (cut and stack on ground)		tons	35.16	50.00	1758.00	35.16
		Bell Loader		tons	10.36	50.00	518.00	10.36
		Transport (40kms)		tons	131.85	50.00	6592.50	131.85
<b>GROSS MARGIN ABOVE TOTAL ALLOCATABLE VARIABLE COSTS</b>							<b>-6599.21</b>	<b>-131.98</b>

## 8.2 Appendix II - Sugarcane Establishment Gross Margins - Minimum Tillage

SUGAR CANE ESTABLISHMENT COSTS				Minimum Tillage	2012 - 2013			
References: COMBUD, CaneGrowers								
				Unit	Price Per Unit	Qty	Per Ha	Value Per Yield Unit
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>							<b>18942.00</b>	<b>378.84</b>
Product Income (Crops)								
Sugar Cane RV =	12%			ton RV	3157.00	50.00	18942.00	378.84
<b>MARKETING COSTS</b>							<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>GROSS INCOME minus MARKETING COSTS</b>							<b>18942.00</b>	<b>378.84</b>
<b>ALLOCATABLE VARIABLE COSTS</b>							<b>24719.40</b>	<b>494.39</b>
<b>Directly Allocatable Variable Costs</b>							<b>22799.40</b>	<b>455.99</b>
<b>PRE HARVEST COST</b>							<b>13930.90</b>	<b>278.62</b>
Seedbed Preparation	Full cover spray with Glyphosate							
	Min Till with disc ridger in interrow							
				litres	30.08	8.00	240.64	4.81
				hours	415.34	2.00	830.68	16.61
				hours	246.88	2.00	493.76	9.88
Plant Material	Seed cane			ton	513.87	10.00	5138.70	102.77
Fertilizer	DAP (38)+ 0.5%Zn			ton	6020.00	0.20	1204.00	24.08
	1.0.1 (48)			ton	5230.00	0.40	2092.00	41.84
	Labour (Split in furrow and topdress)			days	84.06	2.00	168.12	3.36
Herbicides	Pre-emergent							
				litres	40.89	2.00	81.78	1.64
				litres	66.74	2.50	166.85	3.34
				litres	60.16	1.00	60.16	1.20
	Post-emergent							
				litres	38.31	4.00	153.24	3.06
				litres	40.42	3.50	141.47	2.83
				litres	65.80	0.50	32.90	0.66
	Spot Spray							
			5%	litres	38.31	0.20	7.66	0.15
			5%	litres	40.42	0.18	7.07	0.14
			5%	litres	65.80	0.03	1.65	0.03
Casual Labour	Planting			days	84.06	25.00	2101.50	42.03
	Hoeing/Spraying			days	84.06	12.00	1008.72	20.17
Irrigation				hectares		3.00	0.00	0.00
<b>MARGIN ABOVE DIRECTLY ALLOCATABLE VARIABLE COSTS</b>							<b>-3857.40</b>	<b>-77.15</b>
<b>Indirectly Allocatable Variable Costs</b>							<b>1920.00</b>	<b>38.40</b>
<b>PRE HARVEST COST</b>							<b>1920.00</b>	<b>38.40</b>
	Energy			litres	10.00	120.00	1200.00	24.00
	Repairs and Maintenance						720.00	14.40
<b>TOTAL PRE HARVEST COSTS</b>							<b>15850.90</b>	<b>317.02</b>
<b>TOTAL HARVEST COSTS</b>							<b>8868.50</b>	<b>177.37</b>
	Labour			tons	35.16	50.00	1758.00	35.16
	Bell Loader			tons	10.36	50.00	518.00	10.36
	Transport (40kms)			tons	131.85	50.00	6592.50	131.85
<b>GROSS MARGIN ABOVE TOTAL ALLOCATABLE VARIABLE COSTS</b>							<b>-5777.40</b>	<b>-115.55</b>



### 8.3 Appendix III - Sugarcane Ratoon Gross Margins - Dryland - Burnt Early Harvest

SUGAR CANE RATOON COSTS				Dryland - Burnt Early Harvest		2012 - 2013	
References: COMBUD, CaneGrowers							
			Unit	Price Per Unit	Qty	Per Ha	Value Per Yield Unit
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>						<b>18942.00</b>	<b>378.84</b>
Product Income (Crops)							
Sugar Cane RV =	12%		ton RV	3157.00	50.00	18942.00	378.84
<b>MARKETING COSTS</b>						<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>GROSS INCOME minus MARKETING COSTS</b>						<b>18942.00</b>	<b>378.84</b>
<b>ALLOCATABLE VARIABLE COSTS</b>						<b>15959.23</b>	<b>319.18</b>
<b>Directly Allocatable Variable Costs</b>						<b>14039.23</b>	<b>280.78</b>
<b>PRE HARVEST COST</b>						<b>5170.73</b>	<b>103.41</b>
Trash							
	Spread Tops and clean up		days	84.06	2.00	168.12	3.36
Verge							
	Tractor and Slasher (4X)		hours	194.87	1.00	194.87	3.90
Fertilizer							
	1.0.1 (48)		ton	5230.00	0.57	2954.95	59.10
	Topdress		hours	231.25	0.60	138.75	2.78
	Labour (Conductor)		days	84.06	1.00	84.06	1.68
Herbicides							
Pre-Emergent							
	Acetochlor 960g/l		litres	38.44	2.80	107.63	2.15
	Ametryn 500g/l		litres	36.01	3.00	108.03	2.16
	Tractor and Boom Sprayer		hours	191.48	0.62	118.72	2.37
	Labour (Conductor)		days	84.06	1.00	84.06	1.68
Post-emergent							
	Ametryn 500g/l		litres	38.31	4.50	172.40	3.45
	MCPA		litres	37.99	3.50	132.97	2.66
	Volcano Blend (Adjuvant)		litres	61.85	0.50	30.93	0.62
	Tractor and Boom Sprayer		hours	191.48	0.62	118.72	2.37
	Labour (Conductor)		days	84.06	1.00	84.06	1.68
Casual Labour							
	Hoeing		days	84.06	8.00	672.48	13.45
Irrigation							
			hectares	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
<b>MARGIN ABOVE DIRECTLY ALLOCATABLE VARIABLE COSTS</b>						<b>4902.77</b>	<b>98.06</b>
<b>Indirectly Allocatable Variable Costs</b>						<b>1920.00</b>	<b>38.40</b>
<b>PRE HARVEST COST</b>						<b>1920.00</b>	<b>38.40</b>
	Energy		litres	10.00	120.00	1200.00	24.00
	Repairs and Maintenance					720.00	14.40
<b>TOTAL PRE HARVEST COSTS</b>						<b>7090.73</b>	<b>141.81</b>
<b>TOTAL HARVEST COSTS</b>						<b>8868.50</b>	<b>177.37</b>
	Labour		tons	35.16	50.00	1758.00	35.16
	Bell Loader		tons	10.36	50.00	518.00	10.36
	Transport (40kms)		tons	131.85	50.00	6592.50	131.85
<b>GROSS MARGIN ABOVE TOTAL ALLOCATABLE VARIABLE COSTS</b>						<b>2982.77</b>	<b>59.66</b>

#### 8.4 Appendix IV - Sugarcane Ratoon Gross Margins - Dryland Burnt Late Harvest

SUGAR CANE RATOON COSTS				Dryland - Burnt Late Harvest		2012 - 2013		
References: COMBUD, CaneGrowers								
				Unit	Price Per Unit	Qty	Per Ha	Value Per Yield Unit
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>							<b>19012.98</b>	<b>380.26</b>
Product Income (Crops)								
Sugar Cane RV =	12%			ton RV	3168.83	50.00	19012.98	380.26
<b>MARKETING COSTS</b>							<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>GROSS INCOME minus MARKETING COSTS</b>							<b>19012.98</b>	<b>380.26</b>
<b>ALLOCATABLE VARIABLE COSTS</b>							<b>15083.93</b>	<b>301.68</b>
<b>Directly Allocatable Variable Costs</b>							<b>13163.93</b>	<b>263.28</b>
<b>PRE HARVEST COST</b>							<b>4295.43</b>	<b>85.91</b>
Trash								
		Spread Tops and clean up		days	84.06	2.00	168.12	3.36
Verge								
		Tractor and Slasher (4X)		hours	194.87	1.00	194.87	3.90
Fertilizer								
		1.0.1 (48)		ton	5230.00	0.57	2954.95	59.10
		Topdress		hours	231.25	0.60	138.75	2.78
		Labour (Conductor)		days	84.06	1.00	84.06	1.68
Herbicides								
Pre-Emergent								
		Acetochlor 960g/l		litres	38.44	2.80	107.63	2.15
		Ametryn 500g/l		litres	36.01	3.00	108.03	2.16
		Tractor and Boom Sprayer		hours	191.48	0.62	118.72	2.37
		Labour (Conductor)		days	84.06	1.00	84.06	1.68
Casual Labour								
		Hoeing		days	84.06	4.00	336.24	6.72
Irrigation								
				hectares	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
<b>MARGIN ABOVE DIRECTLY ALLOCATABLE VARIABLE COSTS</b>							<b>5849.05</b>	<b>116.98</b>
<b>Indirectly Allocatable Variable Costs</b>							<b>1920.00</b>	<b>38.40</b>
<b>PRE HARVEST COST</b>							<b>1920.00</b>	<b>38.40</b>
		Energy		litres	10.00	120.00	1200.00	24.00
		Repairs and Maintenance					720.00	14.40
<b>TOTAL PRE HARVEST COSTS</b>							<b>6215.43</b>	<b>124.31</b>
<b>TOTAL HARVEST COSTS</b>							<b>8868.50</b>	<b>177.37</b>
		Labour		tons	35.16	50.00	1758.00	35.16
		Bell Loader		tons	10.36	50.00	518.00	10.36
		Transport (40kms)		tons	131.85	50.00	6592.50	131.85
<b>GROSS MARGIN ABOVE TOTAL ALLOCATABLE VARIABLE COSTS</b>							<b>3929.05</b>	<b>78.58</b>

## 8.5 Appendix V Sugarcane Ratoon Gross Margin - Dryland - Trashed

SUGAR CANE RATOON COSTS				Dryland - Trashed		2012 - 2013	
References: COMBUD, CaneGrowers							
			Unit	Price Per Unit	Qty	Per Ha	Value Per Yield Unit
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>						<b>18942.00</b>	<b>378.84</b>
Product Income (Crops)							
Sugar Cane RV =	12%		ton RV	3157.00	50.00	18942.00	378.84
<b>MARKETING COSTS</b>						<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>GROSS INCOME minus MARKETING COSTS</b>						<b>18942.00</b>	<b>378.84</b>
<b>ALLOCATABLE VARIABLE COSTS</b>						<b>14922.36</b>	<b>298.45</b>
<b>Directly Allocatable Variable Costs</b>						<b>13002.36</b>	<b>260.05</b>
<b>PRE HARVEST COST</b>						<b>4133.86</b>	<b>82.68</b>
Trash							
	Spread Tops and clean up		days	84.06	4.00	336.24	6.72
Verge							
	Tractor and Slasher (4X)		hours	194.87	1.00	194.87	3.90
Fertilizer							
	1.0.1 (48)		ton	5230.00	0.57	2954.95	59.10
	Topdress		hours	231.25	0.60	138.75	2.78
	Labour (Conductor)		days	84.06	1.00	84.06	1.68
Herbicides							
	Post-emergent - Spot Spray						
	Ametryn 500g/l (2X)		litres	38.31	1.00	38.31	0.77
Casual Labour							
	Hoeing/Spraying		days	84.06	4.60	386.68	7.73
Irrigation							
			hectares		3.00	0.00	0.00
<b>MARGIN ABOVE DIRECTLY ALLOCATABLE VARIABLE COSTS</b>						<b>5939.64</b>	<b>118.79</b>
<b>Indirectly Allocatable Variable Costs</b>						<b>1920.00</b>	<b>38.40</b>
<b>PRE HARVEST COST</b>						<b>1920.00</b>	<b>38.40</b>
	Energy		litres	10.00	120.00	1200.00	24.00
	Repairs and Maintenance					720.00	14.40
<b>TOTAL PRE HARVEST COSTS</b>						<b>6053.86</b>	<b>121.08</b>
<b>TOTAL HARVEST COSTS</b>						<b>8868.50</b>	<b>177.37</b>
	Labour		tons	35.16	50.00	1758.00	35.16
	Bell Loader		tons	10.36	50.00	518.00	10.36
	Transport (40kms)		tons	131.85	50.00	6592.50	131.85
<b>GROSS MARGIN ABOVE TOTAL ALLOCATABLE VARIABLE COSTS</b>						<b>4019.64</b>	<b>80.39</b>

APPENDIX 8:

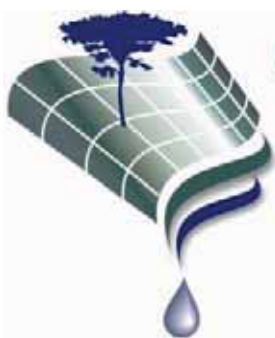
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APPENDIX 9:

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## List of acronyms

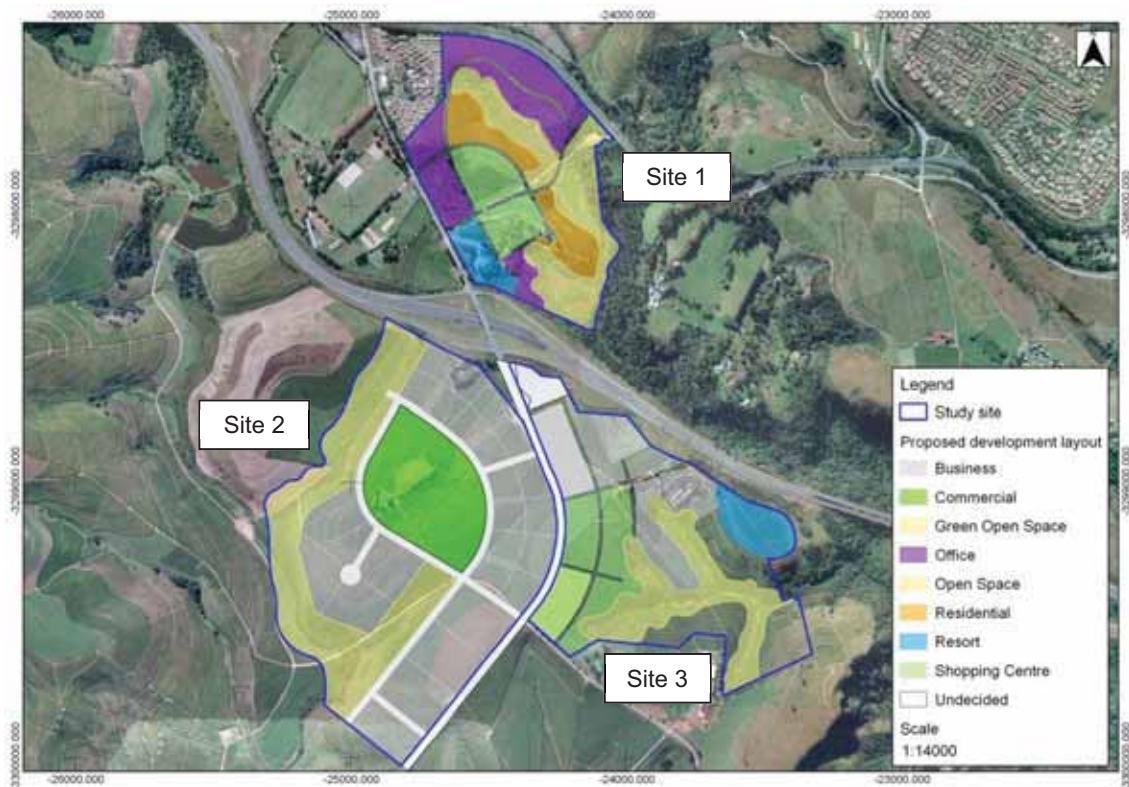
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<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
CARA	Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (No. 43 of 1983)
DAEA	Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs
DWA	Department of Water Affairs
Ha equiv.	Hectare Equivalents
HGM	Hydrogeomorphic unit
KZN	KwaZulu-Natal
LRI	Land Resources International
MAP	Mean Annual Precipitation
NFEPA	National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas
PES	Present Ecological State
PET	Potential Evapotranspiration
PGS	Present Geomorphic State
PHS	Present Hydrological State
PVS	Present Vegetation State
THD	Tongaat Hulett Development

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Tongaat Hulett Developments (THD) appointed GroundTruth Water, Wetlands and Environmental Engineering (GroundTruth) to provide input into three proposed Shongweni development sites (**Figure 1-1**), with regards to the potential impacts of the proposed developments. The development of the proposed facilities will comprise a retail and/or commercial developments (**Figure 1-1**), near Shongweni, KwaZulu-Natal (**Figure 1-2**). In accordance with national legislation, proposed developments should identify the extent of freshwater ecosystems onsite and avoid these systems as far as possible. However, should the destruction of freshwater ecosystems be unavoidable, appropriate impact mitigation measures must be implemented. This report includes details regarding the previous study undertaken by Land Resources International (LRI) in 2007 (LRI, 2007) that delineated the extent of the wetland habitat onsite. In addition, the riparian assessment report undertaken by GroundTruth (2013) detailing the Wekeweke Stream system has been used to inform this study. This study includes an assessment of the wetland systems for the current scenario.



**Figure 1-1 Proposed layouts for the three sites of the Shongweni development**  
(Supplied by Tongaat Hulett Developments)

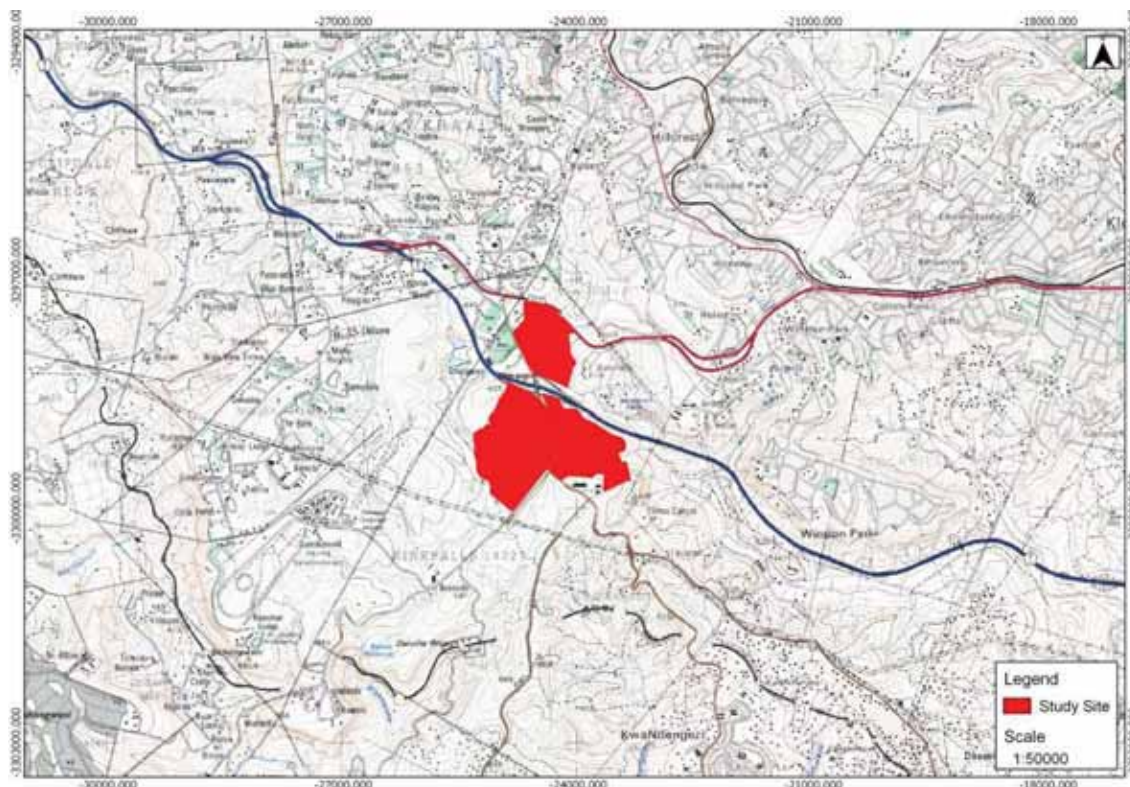


Figure 1-2 Locality of the study site

Considering the loss of wetland habitat at a national level, accepted best practice has been to adopt a ‘no-net-loss’ policy, with no further loss in wetland functioning and integrity. In many instances, if wetland habitat is impacted upon, the ‘no-net-loss’ approach may be achieved through onsite mitigation measures. However, should a residual impact be incurred, the loss may be addressed by the protection and rehabilitation of onsite and offsite candidate wetlands, based on either the KZN Norms and Standards for Biodiversity Offsetting (Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, 2009) or the Draft SANBI Wetland Offset Framework (Macfarlane *et al.*, 2012b).

## 2. STUDY SITE

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The following section provides an overview of the greater study site, focusing on the regional context, climate, geology and wetland types.

### 2.1. Regional/landscape context

South Africa is a semi-arid country, and thus wetlands are important features within the landscape as they provide ecosystem services directly related to water quantity and quality. Approximately 300,000 ha of wetlands or 2.4% of South Africa's surface area remain. It is estimated that over 50% of South Africa's wetlands have been lost (Kotze *et al.*, 1995), and of the remaining systems, 48% are classified as critically endangered (Nel & Driver, 2012).

Within the KwaZulu-Natal region, wetlands have been subjected to high levels of modification and destruction (Kotze *et al.*, 1995; Macfarlane *et al.*, 2012). The factors contributing towards the degradation of the systems vary greatly, but the predominant impacts include urbanisation, abstraction, dams, cultivation, drainage and over-grazing (Macfarlane *et al.*, 2012). The loss of wetland habitat within KwaZulu-Natal is considered to be of concern due to the value of wetlands in terms of contributions to water quantity and quality, supporting unique biological diversity and other ecosystem services (Kotze *et al.*, 2007). Taking into consideration the above-mentioned degradation of freshwater ecosystems, it is important that the proposed development attempt to maintain the current levels of ecosystem service delivery, and where possible, enhance the systems' ability to supply these benefits and services. Enhancement through rehabilitation, specifically by the Working for Wetlands programme, has proven to be successful with regards to improving wetland systems' integrity and functionality (Macfarlane *et al.*, 2012), highlighting the potential value of wetland rehabilitation within a regional context.

The study area falls within two quaternary catchments, as defined by Midgley *et al.* (1994). Sites 1 and 3 fall within the U60F quaternary catchment, whilst Site 2 falls within the U60C quaternary catchment. These quaternary catchments both form part of the greater Mgeni catchment, which is a regionally important water resource.

### 2.2. Climate

The mean annual precipitation (MAP) for the U60F catchment is 967.8mm and Potential Evapo-transpiration (PET) is 224.2mm (Schulze, 2007), which suggests that the wetlands within the catchment would have **Low** sensitivity to hydrological impacts within the catchment (Macfarlane *et al.*, 2007). The MAP for U60C is 772.1mm and PET is 1622.5mm (Schulze, 2007), which suggests that the wetland within the catchment would have a **Moderate** sensitivity to hydrological impacts within the catchment (Macfarlane *et al.*, 2007).

### 2.3. Geology

Mucina and Rutherford (2006) describe the geology for the greater region to be underlain by Ordovician Natal Group sandstone, which is dominated by shallow, nutrient-poor sandy soils (Mucina & Rutherford, 2006). The geology of the study site as classified by eThekweni Municipality’s geological spatial coverage is shown in **Figure 2-1**. It is evident that the Natal Group sandstone dominates the study site.



**Figure 2-1 The geology of the study site**  
(eThekweni Municipality, n.d.)

### 2.4. Vegetation types

Under natural conditions the surrounding landscape and study site would have been characterised by particular vegetation types. The historical dominant vegetation type present would have been the KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld (SVs5) followed by the Nongongi Veld (SVs4), which fall under the Sub-Escarpment Savanna (SVs) bioregion (Nel *et al.*, 2011; Mucina and Rutherford, 2006).

The KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld (SVs5) has been classified as having an ‘endangered’ conservation status, due to the lack of protection it receives. Of the remaining 32% only a small percentage (0.2%) is statutorily protected in reserves including Krantzkloof and Vernon Crookes Nature Reserves. This vegetation type extends from Mapumula to Port Shepstone, and commonly occurs at altitudes of 500-1 100m above sea level. The greatest threat to this vegetation type has been agriculture, forestry, and urbanization (Mucina and Rutherford, 2006).

The Ngongoni Veld (SVs4) has been classified as 'vulnerable', with less than 1% receiving formal protection. Approximately 61% remains, whilst the other 39% has been transformed by similar impacts as KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld. Unlike the afore-mentioned vegetation type, this type stretches across KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape and generally occurs at altitudes of 400-900m above sea level.

## 2.5. Wetland classification

The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI, 2009) has developed a wetland classification system for all wetlands in South Africa, allowing for the differentiation between the systems and the prioritisation of these systems either for conservation or management purposes. Various classification systems existed, however; South Africa lacked a broad classification system. The SANBI (2009) classification system categorises the wetland systems according to their abiotic features (main biophysical drivers) of these systems, which influences the functionality of the wetlands.

The definition of a wetland, particularly relating to this classification system has to be understood. The definitions informing the classification system included:

- *"Areas of marsh, fen, peatland or water, whether natural or artificial, permanent or temporary, with water that is static or flowing, fresh, brackish or salt, including areas of marine water the depth of which at low tide does not exceed six metres"*<sup>2</sup>
- *"Land which is transitional between terrestrial and aquatic systems, where the water table is usually at, or near the surface, or the land is periodically covered with shallow water and which land in normal circumstances supports, or would support, vegetation adapted to life in saturated soil."*<sup>3</sup>

The result was SANBI's adapted version for the definition of a wetland (SANBI, 2009):

- *"An area of marsh, peatland or water, whether natural or artificial, permanent or temporary, with water that is static or flowing, fresh, brackish or salt, including areas of marine water the depth of which at low tide does not exceed ten metres."*

The SANBI classification system uses a hierarchical system based on six levels to differentiate between the various wetland types, with the first level dividing wetlands according to their system (e.g. marine, estuarine or inland systems) and the sixth level grouping the wetlands according to their wetland characteristics, namely geology, natural vs. artificial, vegetation cover type, substratum, salinity and acidity/alkalinity.

<sup>2</sup> Ramsar Convention (Davis, 1994)

<sup>3</sup> National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998)

In terms of the assessment of ecosystem functioning and health, the fourth level classifies wetland systems based on the principles of the hydrogeomorphic (HGM) approach (Ewart-Smith *et al.*, 2006) with eight primary HGM unit types:

- Channel (river, including the banks);
- Channelled valley-bottom wetland;
- Unchannelled valley-bottom wetland;
- Floodplain wetland;
- Depression;
- Flat;
- Hillslope seep; and
- Valleyhead seep (SANBI, 2009).

For the purpose of this study the HGM unit classification in Kotze *et al.* (2007) was used to classify the wetland systems into six different HGM units (**Appendix 1**) and assess the systems. The HGM unit types defined by Kotze *et al.* (2007) differ from the SANBI (2009) types, with the river classification being excluded and flat wetlands being grouped with the depression wetlands. According to LRI (2007), unchannelled valley-bottom wetlands are present within the study sites (**Table 2-1**).

**Table 2-1 A description of the wetlands based on the SANBI classification to Level 4**

System (Level 1)	Bioregion (Level 2)	Landscape Unit (Level 3)	HGM Unit (Level 4)	Description of HGM Units (Kotze <i>et al.</i> , 2007)
Inland systems	Sub-Escarpment Savanna Bioregion	Valley Floor landscape units	Unchannelled	<b>Valley-bottom</b> Valley-bottom areas with no clearly defined stream channel usually gently sloped and characterised by alluvial sediment deposition, generally leading to a net accumulation of sediment. Water inputs mainly from channel entering the wetland and also from adjacent slopes.

## 2.6. Threat status of the wetlands

The wetland type, as described in **Section 2.5**, falls within the Sub-Escarpment Savanna bioregion. Based on the wetland and vegetation types, and the level of protection these systems receive, the ecosystem threat status can be assessed (Nel *et al.*, 2011). **Table 2-2** depicts the HGM units found within the study site and the corresponding threat status.

**Table 2-2 HGM units classified according to their threat status and level of protection**  
(adapted from Nel *et al.*, 2011 and Macfarlane *et al.*, 2012)

Wetland Type (WT) / HGM Unit	Ecosystem Threat Status (ETS) per WT	Level of Protection (WT)	ETS per Wetland Vegetation Group
Unchannelled valley-bottom wetland	Critically Endangered (CR)	Not Protected (NP)	CR



For the wetland type the ecosystem threat status is considered to be ‘critically endangered’. This is mostly related to minimal protection this vegetation unit receives and the level of transformation that has occurred historically, as is evident within the study site. It should be noted that Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (2009) makes reference to the fact that transformed systems, such as the systems within the study site, would need to be assessed taking into consideration the level of degradation. The rehabilitation of transformed wetland systems allows for the provisioning of wetland habitat that previously was non-existent.

## 2.7. National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas

The National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas (NFEPA) is a tool that has recently been developed to assist in the conservation and sustainable use of South Africa’s freshwater ecosystems, including rivers, wetlands and estuaries. The maps and supporting documentation offer a comprehensive suite of information promoting suitable water resource planning. In addition, they provide a spatial overview of these systems, assisting in the implementation of the National Water Act, the Biodiversity Act and the Protected Areas Act (Nel *et al.*, 2011).

The freshwater ecosystems have been classified according to their Present Ecological State (A-F & Z categories). Wetlands are classified as ‘AB’, ‘C’, and ‘DEF’ or ‘Z’ (**Table 2-3**); dependent on whether the systems are considered to be in good, moderately modified or heavily modified condition, respectively (Nel *et al.*, 2011). These categories have not been based on field data, as there is a lack of such data at a national scale. Thus, the process modelled the ecological categories to serve as a guideline to inform the selection of NFEPA wetlands.

**Table 2-3 Description of NFEPA wetland condition categories**  
(Nel *et al.*, 2011)

PES equivalent	NFEPA condition	Description	% of total wetland area*
Natural or Good	AB	Percentage natural land cover $\geq$ 75%	47
Moderately modified	C	Percentage natural land cover 25-75%	18
Heavily to critically modified	DEF	Riverine wetland associated with a D, E, F or Z ecological category river	2
	Z1	Wetland overlaps with a 1:50 000 ‘artificial’ inland water body from the Department of Land Affairs: Chief Directorate of Surveys and Mapping (2005-2007)	7
	Z2	Majority of the wetland unit is classified as ‘artificial’ in the wetland locality GIS layer	4
	Z3	Percentage natural land cover $\leq$ 25%	20

\*this percentage excludes unmapped wetlands, including those that have been irreversibly lost at a national level

According to the available NFEPA wetlands coverage, none of the wetland HGM units onsite were classified as NFEPA wetlands, most likely due to their altered nature. However; the HGM unit within Site 2 drains into a NFEPA river, the Wekeweke Stream (**Figure 2-2**). The condition of this system is considered to be ‘AB’, and therefore should be maintained at this

level. The natural vegetation recorded within portions of the river system is most likely the reason for this classification. To provide more detailed information on the Wekeweke Stream, a riparian assessment has been undertaken on the system (GroundTruth, 2013) assessing the present ecological state of the system and the ecological importance and sensitivity. The results of the assessment informed the recommendations relating to the potential development of Site 2 and its associated buffers, stormwater management and site specific rehabilitation.



Figure 2-2 View of NFEPA systems and their classification

### 3. STUDY TEAM

The project team consisted of two team members, with experience in the assessment of wetland habitats within KwaZulu-Natal (Table 3-1).

**Table 3-1 Team members, roles, experience levels and qualifications**

Wetland Practitioner	Role in the Study	Experience Levels	Qualifications
Craig Cowden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducting the infield wetland assessments</li> <li>Review of the wetland assessments</li> <li>Compilation of the project report</li> </ul>	14 years' experience, with input into various wetland studies, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delineation,</li> <li>Assessments,</li> <li>Rehabilitation planning and</li> <li>Mitigation &amp; offset requirements</li> </ul>	B.Sc. (Agric) Pr.Sci.Nat - Ecology
Fiona Eggers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducting the infield wetland assessments</li> <li>GIS mapping</li> <li>Conducting the wetland assessments</li> <li>Compilation of the project report</li> </ul>	3 years' experience with input into various wetland studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delineation,</li> <li>Assessments, and</li> <li>Mitigation &amp; offset requirements</li> </ul>	M.Sc (Botany)

## 4. STUDY METHODOLOGY

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The following methodology was adopted to inform the assessment of the wetland habitat potentially impacted upon by the proposed development.

### 4.1. Site visit

A site visit was conducted on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012, informed by the LRI (2007) wetland mapping. The site visit served to verify the current level of ecological integrity and ecosystem services provided by the wetland habitat potentially impacted upon by the proposed development.

### 4.2. Assessment of wetland functioning and condition

The assessment of the potential impacts of the proposed development was derived by evaluating the level of ecosystem functioning and ecological integrity/condition of the identified wetlands within each of the proposed development site boundaries, as outlined in the following sections.

#### 4.2.1. Assessment of wetland functioning

At the outset of the assessment, the wetland systems identified during the original delineation study were classified as specific hydrogeomorphic (HGM) units. To quantify the level of functioning of the wetland systems, and to highlight their relative importance in providing ecosystem benefits and services at a landscape level, a WET-EcoServices (Kotze *et al.*, 2007) assessment was performed for each HGM unit. The WET-EcoServices assessment technique focuses on assessing the extent to which a benefit is being supplied by the wetland habitat, based on both:

- The opportunity for the wetland to provide the benefits; and
- The effectiveness of the particular wetland in providing the benefit.

Ecosystem services, which include direct and indirect benefits to society and the surrounding landscape, were assessed by rating various characteristics of the wetland and its surrounding catchment, based on the following scale:

- Low (0);
- Moderately Low (1);
- Intermediate (2);
- Moderately High (3); and
- High (4)

The scores obtained from these ratings for the wetland HGM units were then incorporated into WET-EcoServices scores for each of the fifteen ecosystem services (**Table 4-1**):

**Table 4-1. Ecosystem services supplied by wetlands**

(Kotze *et al.*, 2007, p14)

Ecosystem services supplied by wetlands		Indirect benefits	
		Regulating and supporting benefits	
Direct benefits	Water quality enhancement benefits	Flood attenuation	The spreading out and slowing down of floodwaters in the wetland, thereby reducing the severity of floods downstream
		Stream flow regulation	Sustaining stream flow during low flow periods
		Sediment trapping	The trapping and retention in the wetland of sediment carried by runoff waters
		Phosphate assimilation	Removal by the wetland of phosphates carried by runoff waters
		Nitrate assimilation	Removal by the wetland of nitrates carried by runoff waters
		Toxicant assimilation	Removal by the wetland of toxicants (e.g. metals, biocides and salts) carried by runoff waters
		Erosion control	Controlling of erosion at the wetland site, principally through the protection provided by vegetation
	Carbon storage	The trapping of carbon by the wetland, principally as soil organic matter	
	<b>Biodiversity maintenance</b>		Through the provision of habitat and maintenance of natural process by the wetland, a contribution is made to maintaining biodiversity
	Provisioning benefits	Provision of water for human use	The provision of water extracted directly from the wetland for domestic, agricultural or other purposes
		Provision of harvestable resources	The provision of natural resources from the wetland, including livestock grazing, craft plants, fish, etc.
		Provision of cultivated foods	The provision of areas in the wetland favourable for the cultivation of foods
	Cultural benefits	Cultural heritage	Places of special cultural significance in the wetland, e.g. for baptism or gathering of culturally significant plants
Tourism and recreation		Sites of value for tourism and recreation in the wetland, often associated with scenic beauty and abundant birdlife	
Education and research		Sites of value in the wetland for education or research	

While Wet-EcoServices assists in identifying the importance and sensitivity of specific wetlands, it is recognised as having limitations in terms of:

- Quantifying specific impacts linked to development or changes within the landscape; and
- Accounting for the size of the wetland and ecosystem services strongly associated with the size of the systems.

#### 4.2.2. Assessment of wetland condition/integrity

To determine the level of ecological integrity, a WET-Health (MacFarlane *et al.*, 2007) assessment was performed for each HGM unit within each of the sites. The WET-Health assessment technique gives an indication of the deviation of the systems from the wetlands' natural reference condition for the following biophysical drivers:

- Hydrology - defined as the distribution and movement of water through a wetland and its soils;
- Geomorphology - defined as the distribution and retention patterns of sediment within the wetland; and
- Vegetation - defined as the vegetation structural and compositional state.

The impacts on the wetlands, determined by features of the wetlands and their catchment, were scored based on the impact scores and then represented as Present State Categories as outlined in WET-Health (**Table 4-2**).

**Table 4-2 Impact scores and present state categories for describing the integrity of wetlands** (MacFarlane *et al.*, 2009)

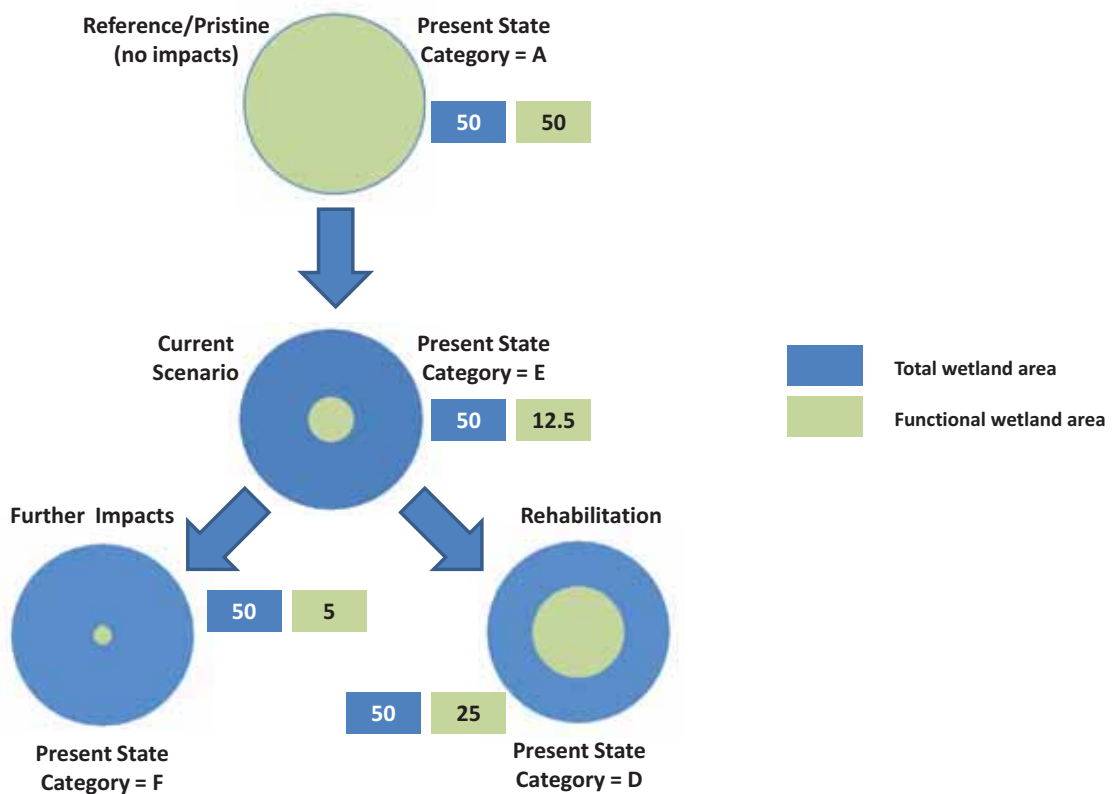
Impact Category	Description	Impact Score Range (0-10)	Present State Category
None	Unmodified, natural.	0-0.9	A
Small	Largely natural with few modifications. A slight change in ecosystem processes is discernible and a small loss of natural habitats and biota may have taken place.	1-1.9	B
Moderate	Moderately modified. A moderate change in ecosystem processes and loss of natural habitats has taken place but the natural habitat remains predominantly intact.	2-3.9	C
Large	Largely modified. A large change in ecosystem processes and loss of natural habitat and biota has occurred.	4-5.9	D
Serious	The change in ecosystem processes and loss of natural habitat and biota is great but some remaining natural habitat features are still recognizable.	6-7.9	E
Critical	Modifications have reached a critical level and the ecosystem processes have been modified completely with an almost complete loss of natural habitat and biota.	8-10	F

The scores for hydrology, geomorphology and vegetation were simplified into a composite impact score, using the predetermined ratio of 3:2:2 (MacFarlane *et al.*, 2007), respectively for the three components. The composite impact score was used to derive a health score that then provided the basis for the calculation of hectare equivalents (also referred to as functional area), which can be described as the health of a wetland expressed as an area. Cowden & Kotze (2007) make use of a simple example to explain the concept of hectare equivalents conceptually illustrated in **Box 4-1**.

**Box 4-1. Example of the use of hectare equivalents to represent changes in wetland health.**

The assessment of wetland health is based on comparisons to a reference state *i.e.* where the wetland's health is unmodified and the functional area of wetland is equivalent to the full extent of the system. For example, if the health of a 50ha wetland is 100% (*Present State Category=A*) this equates to 50 hectare equivalents. In many instances the current scenario for a particular system reflects some form of historical degradation. If the abovementioned wetland was *seriously* degraded, the health would be reduced from the reference state to 25% (*reflecting a wetland health score of 2.5*); a drop in hectare equivalents from 50 to 12.5 (50ha x 0.25) hectare equivalents would be recorded. The following would therefore be expected if the wetland in the above scenario was subject to the following two future options:

- a) Further degradation of the wetland linked to development, with the system's health being further reduced to 10% would result in a drop in hectare equivalents to 5 hectare equivalents; and
- b) Rehabilitation of the wetland habitat, with the system's health being increased to 50% would result in a gain in hectare equivalents to 25 hectare equivalents.



**NOTE:**

The sizes of the circles are directly related to the extent of wetland habitat and functional wetland area in the landscape

## 5. ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

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Studies that focus on the potential impacts of a proposed development rely on various assumptions, with the following assumptions being made during the assessment of these particular wetland systems:

- The reference benchmark vegetation of the wetlands on site is considered to be predominantly Sandstone Sourveld (SVs5) followed by the Ngongoni Veld (SVs 4) (Mucina and Rutherford, 2006), and sedge meadow.
- The bioregion is considered to be Sub-Escarpment Savanna (SVs) (Nel *et al.*, 2011), which has been classified as being critically endangered.
- For the purpose of this study, it is considered that the proposed development layouts as supplied by THD (**Figure 1-1**) were the final development plans. However; should the development layouts be altered, the assessment of the potential impacts on the wetland habitat will have to be revisited to incorporate these changes.
- The extent of wetlands as determined in the delineation undertaken by LRI in 2007 was used for the assessment of wetlands within the potential development sites.
- The hectare equivalent calculations relating to functional wetland area in the development sites accounts for the entire extent of the HGM units in the landscape (*i.e.* including wetland areas that extend beyond the study site).
- It is assumed that the wetland/riparian habitat within the development sites will be appropriately rehabilitated.
- The retained wetland habitat would be appropriately re-vegetated to include a suitable mix of wetland plant species to promote functioning and biodiversity.
- An alien plant control programme would be implemented and maintained within the development site.
- Monitoring of the wetland rehabilitation and management will be undertaken.

The following limitations apply to the studies undertaken for this report:

- It should be noted that this report describes the mitigation of impacts associated with the development using hectare equivalents. Whilst mitigation may be best practice within an international context, the implementation of such activities in South Africa is limited and various approaches and techniques may be considered appropriate to validate that “no-net-loss” is evident within the region.
- The wetland assessment techniques used in this study were developed relatively recently and in some instances, such as highly modified/transformed systems, they may have shortfalls. These techniques, however, have been compiled based on international best practice to apply to South African conditions, undergoing a peer-review process during their development. These assessment techniques should therefore, be seen as the most appropriate tools for wetland assessments at this time.
- For the purpose of this study only the HGM units within the study site boundaries were assessed.
- The assessment of the wetland systems’ ecological integrity includes catchment conditions and it should be noted that changes in the HGM units catchments, beyond those linked to the development, would have an adverse effect on the systems’ integrity.



## 6. STUDY RESULTS

The results of the assessment of the wetland ecosystems within the study area are outlined in the following sections.

### 6.1. Characteristics of the freshwater ecosystems

The freshwater ecosystems associated with the study area, comprise unchannelled valley-bottom wetlands. The wetlands within Sites 1 and 3 drain into the uMhlatuzana River, whilst Site 2 drains into the Wekeweke Stream (**Figure 6-1**).



**Figure 6-1 View of the study sites and the wetland habitat identified by LRI**

Site 1 is positioned between the M13 regional road to the north and N3 National Highway in the south. This site is characterised by a steep catchment and four unchannelled valley-bottom wetland systems. The four HGM units cover an area of approximately 12ha within the study site that is approximately 53 ha in extent. All of the HGM units drain into the uMhlatuzana River, which is generally in a poor condition. The river and the adjacent wetland habitat are heavily infested with alien vegetation, including *Eucalyptus sp*, *Acacia mearnsii* (black wattle), *Melia azedarach* (syringa), *Populus sp etc*. These wetlands are fed by surface and sub-surface water inputs. Other than the alien invasive plant species, the wetlands are impacted by the infrastructure within the catchment, the sugarcane in the catchment and the wetlands, and its associated waterways and road network.

Site 2 is on the southern side of the N3 national highway, and to the west of Kassier Road. The unchannelled-valley bottom wetlands are approximately 6.7 ha in extent, whilst the study site is approximately 160 ha, including the development layout and portions of the

buffer zone. The catchment has been extensively modified through the cultivation of sugarcane, which extends into portions of the HGM units. The extensive road network associated with the agricultural practices, which transect the wetlands, contributes towards additional water inputs into the systems and the impoundment of flows upstream of the roads. Although these systems have not been classified as being nationally important, they nevertheless, drain into a National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area (NFEPA) river, namely the Wekeweke stream (see **Section 2.5**). Development within Site 2 would therefore require appropriate mitigation measures to reduce the impacts on this adjacent wetland system.

Site 3 is also located on the southern side of the N3 national highway, to the east of Kassier Road, and is characterised by five unchannelled valley-bottom wetlands of approximately 9.5 ha in size and draining into the uMhlatuzana River. The study site is approximately 81 ha in extent. As with the other sites, sugarcane cultivation has taken place within portions of the wetland habitat and the catchment area. These wetlands are also fed by surface and sub-surface water inputs, with additional water entering the site from the adjacent Denny Mushrooms infrastructure. These additional water inputs have resulted in the artificial expansion of the wetland habitat onsite. Since the delineation of the site in 2007, it appears as though the wetland habitat in this area has expanded, although this was not verified infield.

## 6.2. Wetland ecological functioning

The general features of the HGM units were assessed in terms of the ecosystem functioning at a landscape level for the current scenario. Due to the similar characteristics of the catchments and systems, the HGM units within each site were assessed as a single wetland complex. This was repeated for each of the sites. The score for each ecosystem service represents the likely extent to which that benefit is being supplied by the specific wetland and was interpreted based on the following rating outlined by Kotze *et al.* (2007):

- <0.5            Low
- 0.5-1.2        Moderately low
- 1.3-2.0        Intermediate
- 2.1-2.8        Moderately high
- >2.8           High

Generally the HGM Units within Site 1 are supplying ecosystem services at an **Intermediate** level (**Figure 6-2** and **Table 6-1**). The HGM units are considered to be important in terms of enhancing water quality within the landscape and contributing towards flood attenuation. The importance of these wetlands in terms of enhancing water quality is linked to the high opportunity that exists as a result of the potential for elevated levels of pollutants to be introduced to the systems, rather than as a result of the effectiveness of the wetlands at providing these services. The effectiveness of the wetlands, in terms of enhancing water quality, has been greatly reduced by the transformation of the systems for agriculture and the encroachment of alien invasive plant species. The modified nature of the wetlands limits their integrity in terms of biodiversity and therefore limits the systems' ability to provide undisturbed wetland habitat within the landscape. The systems' provision of direct benefits

and services, such as harvestable natural resources and use for education, is limited due to the wetlands' location on privately-owned property.

Generally, the wetlands within Site 2 are supplying ecosystem services at **Moderately High** levels (**Figure 6-2** and **Table 6-1**). The HGM units are considered to be important in terms of enhancing water quality within the landscape, and contributing towards flood attenuation. The importance of these systems in terms of enhancing water quality is linked to the high opportunity that exists as a result of the potentially elevated level of pollutants that could be introduced to the system, rather than as a result of the effectiveness of the wetlands providing this service. The effectiveness of the wetlands, in terms of enhancing water quality, has been greatly reduced by the transformed nature of the systems particularly relating to the agricultural activities within the systems and their catchments and the encroachment of alien invasive plant species. Biodiversity maintenance was recorded as **High**, primarily due to the presence of proportionally more natural vegetation and the NFEPA classification of the downstream system. The modified nature of these systems would usually limit their ability to provide undisturbed wetland habitat within the landscape, but this is offset by the noteworthiness linked to the NFEPA classification of the Wekeweke stream. For phosphate trapping, nitrate and toxicant removal, **Intermediate** levels of service delivery were recorded. As for Site 1, the systems provision of direct benefits and services is limited due to the wetlands location on privately-owned property.

Generally, the HGM units within Site 3 are supplying ecosystem services at an **Intermediate** level (**Figure 6-2** and **Table 6-1**). The HGM units are considered to be important in terms of enhancing water quality within the landscape. The importance of these wetlands in terms of enhancing water quality is linked to the high opportunity that exists as a result of elevated levels of pollutants being introduced to the systems through the agricultural practices, the septic tank soak-away from the staff quarters, and the neighbouring Denny Mushroom facilities, rather than as a result of the effectiveness of the wetlands at providing these services. The effectiveness of the wetlands, in terms of enhancing water quality, has been greatly reduced by the transformation of the systems. The modified nature of the wetland systems limits their integrity in terms of biodiversity and therefore limits the systems' ability to provide undisturbed wetland habitat within the landscape. As for the other sites, the systems' provision of direct benefits and services is limited.

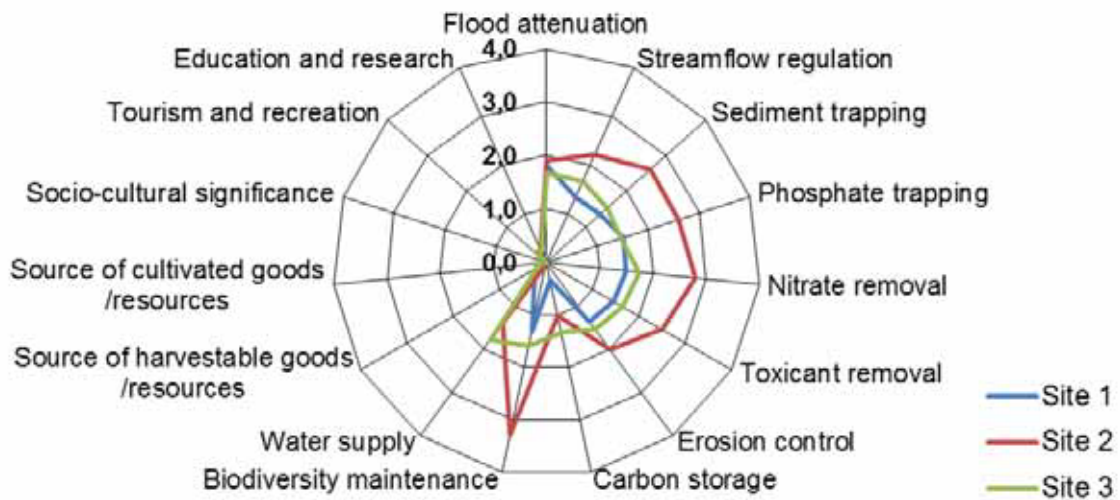


Figure 6-2 Graphic representation of the wetland ecosystem services for each of the sites

Table 6-1 Summary of Ecosystem Services Scores<sup>4</sup> for each of the sites

Ecosystem Services	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3
<b>Flood attenuation</b>	1.8	1.9	1.7
Score for effectiveness:	1.4	1.7	1.7
Score for opportunity:	2.2	2.0	1.5
<b>Stream flow regulation</b>	1.3	2.2	1.5
<b>Sediment trapping</b>	1.4	2.6	1.8
Score for effectiveness:	0.7	1.9	1.6
Score for opportunity:	2.0	3.3	1.5
<b>Phosphate trapping</b>	1.5	2.6	1.3
Score for effectiveness:	1.7	2.5	1.6
Score for opportunity:	1.3	2.7	1.8
<b>Nitrate removal</b>	1.5	2.8	0.2
Score for effectiveness:	2.0	2.6	0.2
Score for opportunity:	1.0	3.0	0.0
<b>Toxicant removal</b>	1.4	2.5	0.3
Score for effectiveness:	1.5	2.4	0.3
Score for opportunity:	1.3	2.7	1.7
<b>Erosion control</b>	1.4	2.0	1.7
Score for effectiveness:	1.3	2.0	1.5
Score for opportunity:	1.5	2.1	1.5
<b>Carbon storage</b>	0.3	1.0	1.8
<b>Biodiversity maintenance</b>	1.3	3.3	1.6
Score for noteworthiness:	2.0	3.3	1.5
Score for integrity:	0.6	2.0	1.3
<b>Water supply</b>	0.4	1.4	1.6
<b>Source of harvestable goods /resources</b>	0.0	0.0	1.8
<b>Source of cultivated goods /resources</b>	0.2	0.0	0.2
<b>Socio-cultural significance</b>	0.0	0.0	0.2
<b>Tourism and recreation</b>	0.0	0.1	0.0
<b>Education and research</b>	0.3	0.3	0.3

<sup>4</sup> Where applicable the scores for opportunity and effectiveness have been presented to ensure understanding of effectiveness of the system due to its modified state.

### 6.3. Wetland ecological condition/integrity assessment results

The ecological integrity or Present Ecological State (PES) of the HGM units associated with the development sites was assessed for the hydrology, geomorphology and vegetation components. The integrity of the biophysical components of the wetlands was assessed for the current scenario to guide the selection of the preferred site for the proposed development. The results for the three components for each of the sites and a summary are outlined in the following sections. The results for all sites are summarized in **Table 6-2** (detailed scores are included in **Appendix 1**).

**Table 6-2 Summary of the overall area weighted ecological integrity scores of the wetlands per site for the current scenario**

		Hydrology	Geomorphology	Vegetation
Site 1	Impact Score	7.5	3.4	9.6
	PES Category	E	C	F
Site 2	Impact Score	7.0	2.5	8.0
	PES Category	E	C	F
Site 3	Impact Score	6.4	2.2	9.0
	PES Category	E	C	F

Description	Impact score	Present state category
Unmodified, natural.	0 – 0.9	A
Largely natural with few modifications. A slight change in ecosystem processes is discernible and a small loss of natural habitats and biota may have taken place.	1 – 1.9	B
Moderately modified. A moderate change in ecosystem processes and loss of natural habitats has taken place but the natural habitat remains predominantly intact	2 – 3.9	C
Largely modified. A large change in ecosystem processes and loss of natural habitat and biota has occurred.	4 – 5.9	D
The change in ecosystem processes and loss of natural habitat and biota is great but some remaining natural habitat features are still recognizable.	6 – 7.9	E
Modifications have reached a critical level and the ecosystem processes have been modified completely with an almost complete loss of natural habitat and biota.	8 – 10	F

### 6.3.1. Assessment of impacts on hydrology

The impact scores recorded for the hydrological component for all of the sites was generally greater than **6**, translating into a Present Hydrological State (PHS) category of **E** – “The change in ecosystem processes and the loss of natural habitat and biota is great but some remaining natural habitat features are still recognisable”. The modifications to the wetlands’ PHS are linked primarily to the following factors:

- Site 1:
  - Canalized flows through portions of the wetland, linked to the waterways which are currently eroding with two headcut erosional features recorded within the systems;
  - Extensive sugarcane cultivation within the wetland habitat;
  - Alien invasive vegetation within the wetland habitat, increasing the direct uptake of water; and
  - Altered water flows into the wetlands linked to catchment changes.
- Site 2:
  - Canalised flows through the wetlands, linked to the channels that extend through the majority of the HGM Units;
  - The infilling of a portion of the wetlands due to roads that cross or are directly adjacent to the HGM units; and
  - Altered water flows into the wetlands linked to catchment changes.
- Site 3:
  - Canalised flows through the wetland, linked to the channel that extends through the length of the main HGM Unit.
  - The infilling of a portion of the wetland linked to access roads through the HGM Unit;
  - Alien invasive vegetation within the wetland habitat, increasing the direct uptake of water;
  - Additional water inputs into the wetlands, from the septic tank soak-away at the staff accommodation, and water discharged into the HGM units from Denny Mushrooms facilities; and
  - Altered water flows into the wetlands linked to catchment changes.

### 6.3.2. Assessment of impacts on geomorphology

The impact score recorded for the geomorphic component for all of the sites was generally greater than **2**, translating into a Present Geomorphic State (PGS) category of **C** – “Moderately modified. A moderate change in geomorphic processes has taken place but the system remains predominantly intact.” In this instance the modifications to the wetlands’ PGS were evident due to impacts linked primarily to the following factors within all three sites:

- The extent of the identified erosional features or channel incision within specific HGM units;
- Infilling of portions of the wetland habitat resulting in the deactivation of downstream areas; and
- Altered water flows into the wetlands linked to catchment changes.

### 6.3.3. Assessment of impacts on vegetation

The impact score recorded for the vegetation component for all of the sites was greater than **8**, translating into a Present Vegetation State (PVS) category of **F** – “Vegetation composition has been totally or almost altered, and if any characteristic species still remain, their extent is very low.” The modifications to the wetlands’ PVS are linked primarily to the following factors:

- Site 1:
  - Complete removal of wetland vegetation through the cultivation of sugarcane;
  - Encroachment of alien invasive vegetation into portions of the wetland habitat; and
  - Erosion through a portion of the wetland habitat.
- Site 2:
  - Removal of areas of wetland vegetation through the cultivation of sugarcane; and
  - Infilling of a portions of the wetland habitats, thus removing the wetland vegetation entirely;
- Site 3:
  - Almost complete removal of wetland vegetation through the cultivation of sugarcane;
  - Encroachment of alien invasive vegetation into portions of the wetland habitat and catchment; and
  - Infilling of a portion of the wetland habitat, thus removing the wetland vegetation entirely.

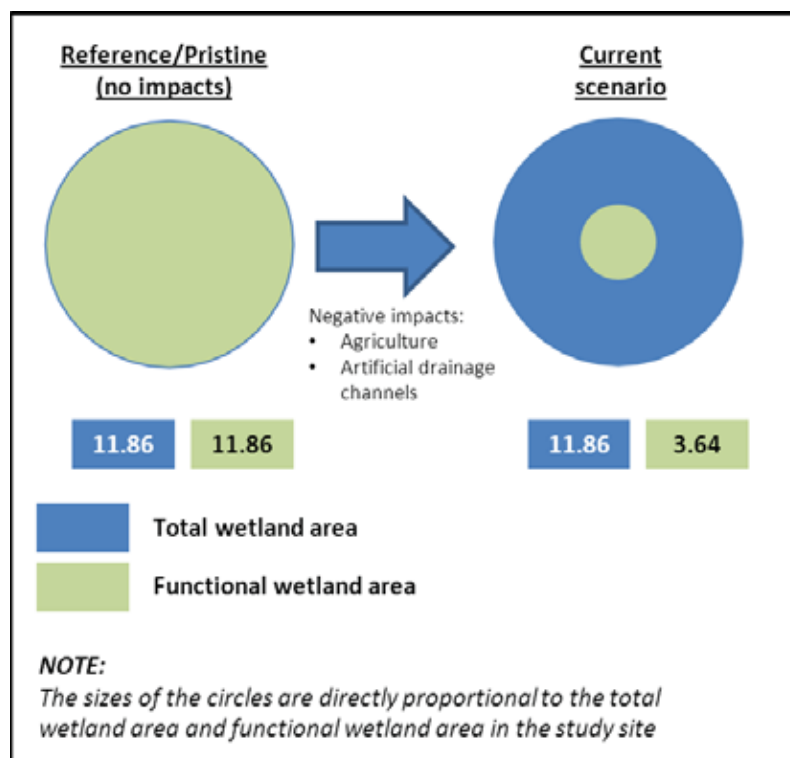
### 6.3.4. Overall ecosystem integrity

The historical activities at each of the sites have resulted in modifications to the systems’ ecological integrity. For ease of interpretation the scores for hydrology, geomorphology and vegetation are able to be simplified into a composite score for the entire wetland complex by area-weighting the scores obtained for the individual HGM units, as outlined in Macfarlane *et al.* (2007). These scores were then used to derive hectare equivalents, which were used as the ‘currency’ for assessing the loss and gains in wetland integrity (Cowden & Kotze, 2009; Kotze & Ellery, 2009).

Based on the current PES score for Site 1, the approximately 12 ha of wetland habitat, is considered to be the equivalent to 3.64 ha of intact wetland habitat (**Table 6-3** and **Figure 6-3**). The graphical representation of the functional wetland area versus the total extent of the wetland habitat onsite, clearly illustrates that the wetland habitat within Site 1 is only functioning at approximately 31% (**Figure 6-3**).

**Table 6-3. Site 1: Ecological integrity and hectare equivalents**

Site 1			
	Hydrology	Geomorphology	Vegetation
Area weighted impact scores	7.5	3.4	9.6
PES Categories	E	C	F
Overall Impact Score	6.93		
Overall PES Category	E		
Hectares of Wetland	11.86		
Hectare Equivalents	3.64		



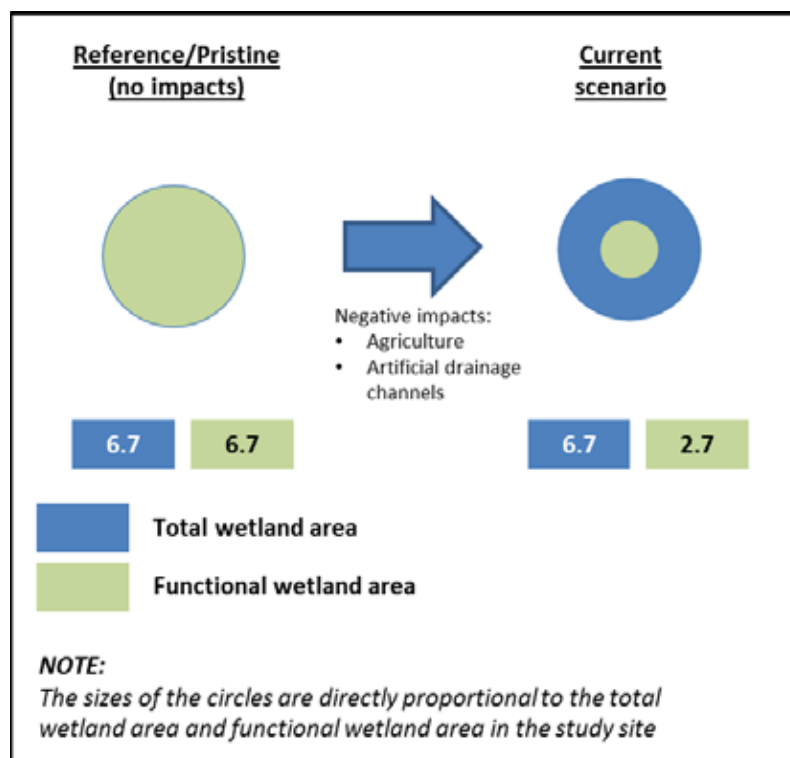
**Figure 6-3** A graphic representation of the wetland habitat within Site 1, in terms of both spatial extent and functional area, comparing the reference conditions to the current scenario.

Based on the current PES scores for Site 2, the approximately 6.7 ha of wetland habitat, is considered to be the equivalent to 2.7 ha of intact wetland habitat (**Table 6-4** and **Figure 6-4**). The graphical representation of the functional wetland area versus the total extent of the wetland habitat onsite, clearly illustrates that the wetland habitat within Site 2 is only functioning at approximately 40% (**Figure 6-4**).



**Table 6-4. Site 2: Ecological Integrity and Hectare Equivalents**

Site 2			
	Hydrology	Geomorphology	Vegetation
Area weighted impact scores	7.0	2.5	8.0
PES Categories	E	C	F
Overall Impact Score	6.0		
Overall PES Category	E		
Hectares of Wetland	4.0		
Hectare Equivalents	2.7		



**Figure 6-4** A graphic representation of the wetland habitat within Site 2, in terms of both spatial extent and functional area, comparing the reference conditions to current scenario.

Based on the current PES score for Site 3, the approximately 9.5 ha of wetland habitat, is considered to be the equivalent to 3.92 ha of intact wetland habitat (**Table 6-5** and **Figure 6-5**). The graphical representation of the functional wetland area versus the total extent of the wetland habitat onsite, clearly illustrates that the wetland habitat within Site 3 is only functioning at approximately 41% (**Figure 6-5**).

Table 6-5. Site 3: Ecological integrity and hectare equivalents

Site 3			
	Hydrology	Geomorphology	Vegetation
Area weighted impact scores	6.4	2.2	9.0
PES Categories	E	C	F
Overall Impact Score	5.94		
Overall PES Category	D		
Hectares of Wetland	9.67		
Hectare Equivalents	3.92		

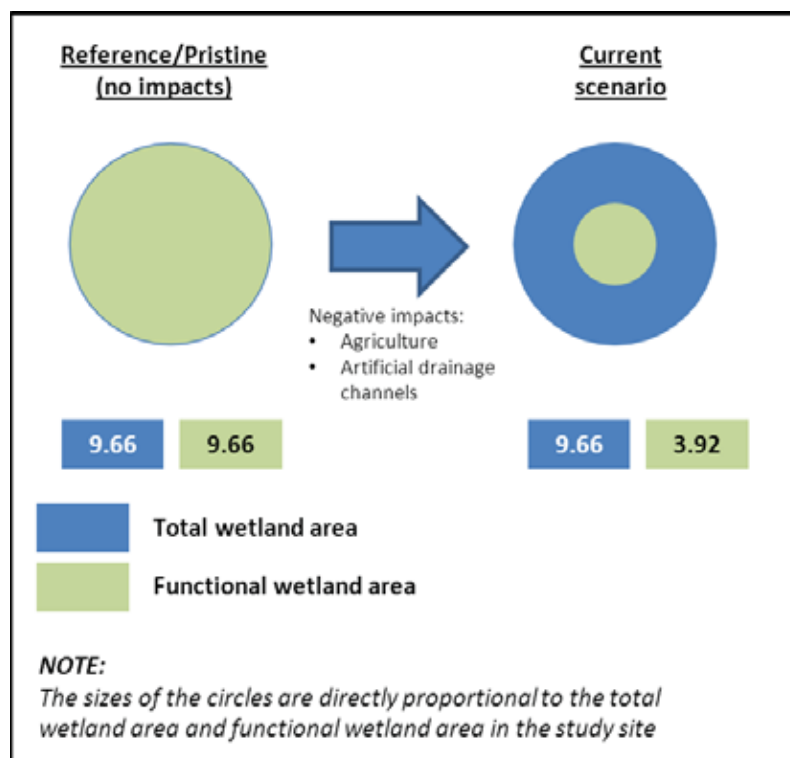


Figure 6-5 A graphic representation of the wetland habitat within Site 3, in terms of both spatial extent and functional area, comparing the reference conditions to current scenario.

## 7. DEVELOPMENT SITES & RECOMMENDATIONS

It is evident from each of the development layouts that each of the layouts aims at retaining portions of the identified wetland habitat as open space (**Figure 7-1**). However, each layout includes encroachment into the wetland habitat in order to accommodate the proposed developments. Site 1 currently has 11.85 ha of wetland onsite, whilst the proposed open space of the development layout is 16.14 ha, including a buffer zone around the wetlands, and the direct loss of an entire HGM unit. Site 2 has approximately 6.7 ha of wetland within the study site boundaries, whilst the open space is approximately 28.66 ha in extent, incorporating the Wekeweke Stream and the buffer around portions of the wetland and riparian habitat. However, approximately 1.4ha of wetland habitat will be lost as a result of the proposed development, which is generally undesirable, if unmitigated, considering the wetlands onsite drain into a NFEPA stream. Site 3 has approximately 9.5 ha of wetland onsite, with the proposed development layout accommodating an area of 15.1 ha of open space. This area again includes a buffer around the wetlands, and the destruction of the small wetland in the northern portion of the site. For each of these sites, especially Site 2, the impacts on the wetland systems and downstream riparian habitat would have to be appropriately managed to ensure the integrity of the wetland and riparian habitats are not impaired.

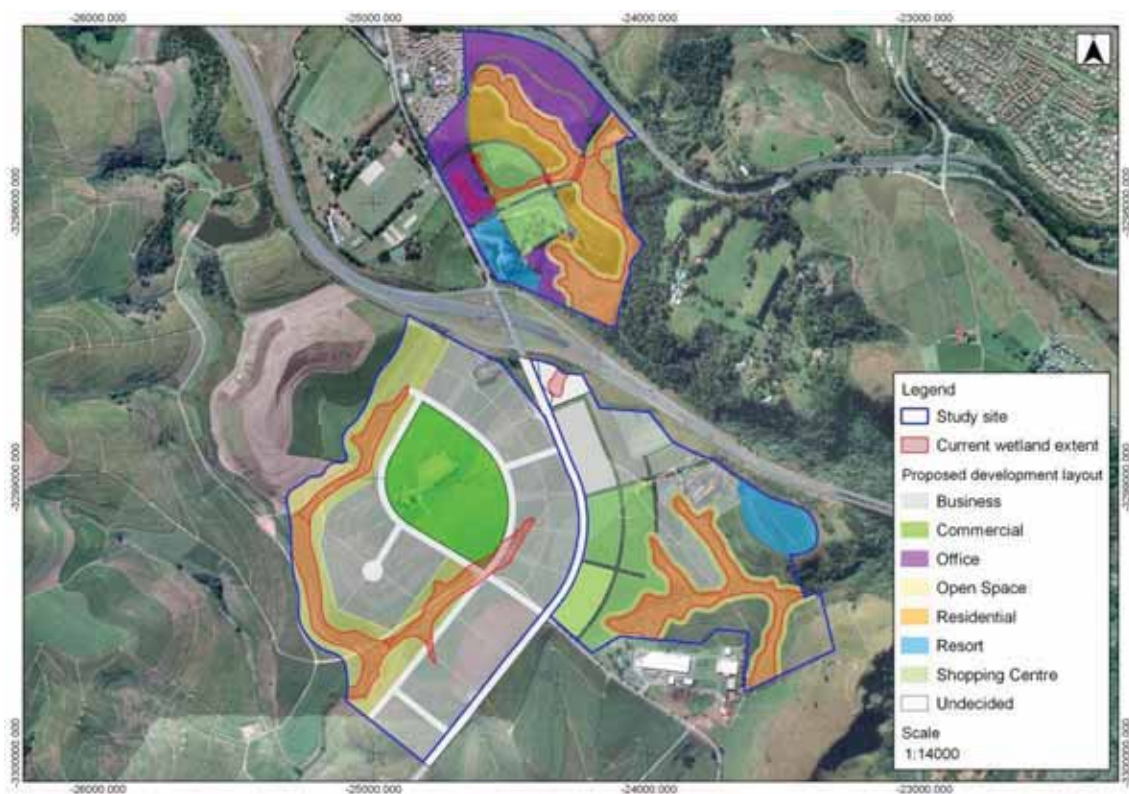


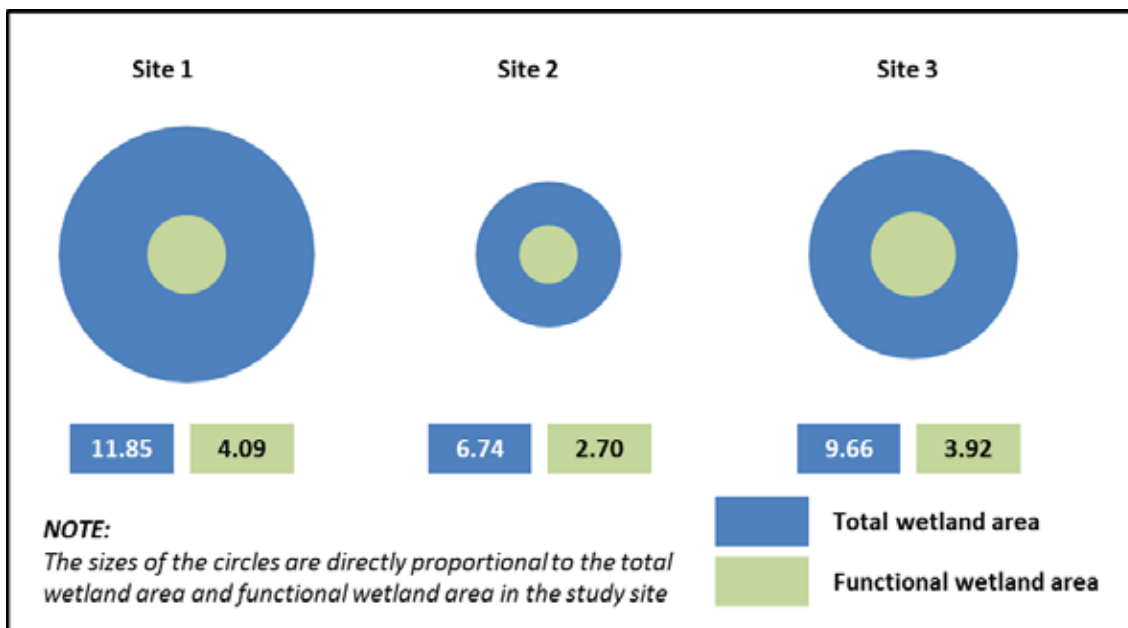
Figure 7-1 View of the current wetland habitat onsite and the proposed development layouts for each of the sites

### 7.1. Development sites overview

The landscape context and the actual functional area of the wetlands versus the extent of the wetland habitat are important to consider when finalising the layout of the proposed developments. **Table 7-1** and **Figure 7-2** provide an overview of each of the sites.

**Table 7-1 Comparison of the wetland habitat extents versus functional area for each site**

	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3
Actual wetland area (ha)	11.85	6.74	9.66
Functional area (ha)	3.64	2.70	3.92
Functional area (%)	31%	40%	41%



**Figure 7-2 A graphic representation of the wetland habitats per site, in terms of both spatial extent and functional area for the current scenario**

It is noted that in the future all three sites will be developed with similar land uses but that the current focus is the proposed retail development, with Site 2 being the preferred site. This wetland assessment is therefore assesses the wetland impacts of development layouts proposed for each site, but focuses more on Site 2 in terms of mitigation of impacts

Despite the limited area of functional wetland habitat within the site, the unmitigated development of Site 2 is unfavourable due the NFEPA classification of the Wekeweke stream. However, development within this system’s catchment could be appropriately managed to ensure the impacts on the Wekeweke stream are negligible and there are no adverse effects downstream of the development site. The detailed assessment of the riparian habitat and the fauna and flora within the Wekeweke Stream (GroundTruth, 2013a), highlights the importance of both an appropriate buffer, in this instance a minimum of 32m<sup>5</sup>,

<sup>5</sup> It should be noted that this is subject to confirmation that specific buffer requirements are not required for the protection of Red Data frog species, which requires additional frog surveys, as highlighted in GroundTruth (2013a).

from the riparian habitat, and retaining functional wetland habitat between the development and the stream, to mitigate potential impacts from the development within Site 2.

Therefore, in order for the development (as currently proposed in accordance with the layout) to be considered within Site 2, the following is a prerequisite:

- 1) Adoption and rehabilitation of a minimum 32m buffer from the boundary of the riparian habitat of the Wekeweke Stream adjacent to the site;
- 2) Rehabilitation of the riparian habitat adjacent and downstream of Site 2 as discussed by GroundTruth (2013a);
- 3) Implementation, rehabilitation and management of the variable buffer zones adjacent to the wetland habitat reflected in the supplied layout; and
- 4) Rehabilitation of the remaining areas of wetland habitat within and directly adjacent to the site (GroundTruth, 2013b).

It is anticipated that impacts on the wetland habitat within Site 1 and 3 could be balanced with the appropriate rehabilitation and enhancement of the remaining wetland areas *i.e.* onsite mitigation. Of concern for Site 1 and 3 is the loss of effective wetland area within the landscape, eliminating the possibility of future rehabilitation and the reversal of historical degradation. The development within either of these sites must be carefully managed to ensure the impacts on the remaining wetland habitat are minimised. However; the adoption of the above-mentioned mitigation measures for Site 2 should be taken into consideration for the other two sites, even though the wetland habitats do not drain into a NFEPA stream.

## 7.2.Recommendations

Considering the loss of wetland habitat within KwaZulu-Natal, it is recommended that the planning and implementation of the proposed development should adopt a 'no-net-loss' approach, without any further loss in functioning and integrity of the natural freshwater ecosystems. This would require the appropriate rehabilitation of the wetland and/or riparian habitat on the selected site, the adoption of appropriate buffer zones and management practices to protect the systems and enhance their functioning where possible.

### 7.2.1. Wetland rehabilitation<sup>6</sup>

In order to mitigate the impacts of the proposed development layout on the identified wetland ecosystems, rehabilitation of the remaining areas of wetland habitat within and directly adjacent to the development site would be required. The rehabilitation of the wetland habitat would include the following activities:

- Rehabilitating the remaining areas of the valley-bottom wetlands adjacent and within the development site, promoting the effectiveness and opportunity for the system to provide benefits and services, including:
  - Deactivation of any drainage channels and the incised channel, promoting more frequent overtopping of the channel across the wetland habitat and where appropriate diffuse flow;

<sup>6</sup> Refer to GroundTruth (2013b), a detailed wetland rehabilitation plan for Site 2.

- Maximising the extent of the seasonal and permanent wetness zones within the wetland habitat; and
- Eradication of alien invasive plant species within the wetland.
- Active re-vegetation of the wetland habitat with appropriate wetland species, promoting biodiversity, emergent vegetation and nutrient uptake.

### 7.2.2. Buffer zones

To reduce impacts on the receiving ecosystems, the developments should incorporate an appropriate buffer zone from the edge of the freshwater ecosystems to protect the systems from further degradation. For Site 2, a recommended buffer distance of at least 32m surrounding the riparian habitat is required, but is subject to confirmation that specific buffers are not required for Red Data frog species (GroundTruth, 2013a). In addition, the remaining areas of wetland habitat within and adjacent to Site 2 should also be buffered in accordance with the variable buffer reflected in the development layout. A minimum buffer distance of 20m is recommended for the other two development sites (Sites 1 and 3). The assessment of the wetland habitats and their associated buffer zones must be reviewed prior to the development of these sites.

The above-mentioned buffers would generally only be considered appropriate if the following best management practices for buffer zones were adopted to further promote the protection of the wetland systems:

- Rehabilitation of the buffer zone, with the removal of alien invasive vegetation species; and the active replanting of indigenous plants, to ensure a **DENSE**, undisturbed vegetative community;
- Ideally, the establishment of indigenous vegetative cover within the buffer should take place prior to the implementation of construction activities to filter runoff before it enters the wetland habitat (Valparaiso City, 2004). However, if practical limitations exist to achieve this, the existing vegetation should be maintained to fulfil the buffer role during the construction phases. This would require a commitment from the developer to undertake the rehabilitation of the buffer zone upon completion of the construction activities;
- Enforcement and management of the buffer zone to ensure that there is no encroachment that would reduce the efficacy of the buffer zone; and
- On-going maintenance of the buffer zone including the wetland and riparian habitats.

### 7.2.3. Storm water runoff

To limit the impacts of storm water runoff on the freshwater ecosystems the discharge of storm water runoff into the identified systems should be managed by means of:

- Multiple discharge points that are reasonably spread out across the development adjoining the wetland habitat;
- The erosional features within the wetland habitat would need to be appropriately stabilised to ensure that no further erosion of the systems occurs, especially from water entering the erosion features from the adjacent slopes;

- Flow through the buffer zone should be via diffuse flow and concentrated flow should be avoided (Cornelius-Carolina, 2004; Valparaiso City, 2004). This would assist in reducing the concentration of flows and hence the risks of erosion and further degradation of the receiving environments;
- Accompanying each discharge point should be suitable baffle structures (e.g. gabion mattresses) that will dissipate the energy of storm flow and encourage infiltration thus reducing the likelihood of erosion;
- The runoff entering the buffer zone should not exceed 1.5m/sec as this is considered to reduce the pollutant removal performance of the buffer area (Valparaiso City, 2004);
- Stormwater may not be discharged directly into the Wekeweke Stream, but should be directed into the rehabilitated tributary wetlands; and
- It is also recommended that these outflow points incorporate a best management practice approach to trap excess suspended solids and other pollutants originating from the proposed development before entering the buffer zones. These will need to be regularly serviced and maintained to ensure adequate functioning and efficacy.

In this instance, the identified wetland systems are considered to be largely dominated by groundwater inputs, and thus the infiltration of storm water is essential in maintaining these systems. This may be achieved through appropriate stormwater management including but not limited to porous pavements, grassed swales, and infiltration trenches and basins within the wetlands catchments.

## **8. WETLAND MAINTENANCE**

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The management of the surrounding landscape would need to be modified to promote the functioning and integrity of the remaining wetland habitat. The management would also need to incorporate the maintenance of the rehabilitation interventions within the wetland area. A significant component of the maintenance would be to monitor the effectiveness of the interventions, potentially including weir, chute, and/or earthen berms. The management recommendations within the following section have been derived from Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife's Biodiversity Stewardship programme guideline documents (Kotze & Cowden, 2009; Camp & McCulloch, 2009).

### **8.1. Management**

The above-mentioned guidelines include recommendations for burning and grazing, within wetland habitat. Wetlands rely on the removal of excess plant material at regular intervals to promote plant productivity and maintain habitat value for wetland dependent species (Kotze & Cowden, 2009). Generally, the removal of plant material is achieved using fire. Kotze & Cowden (2009) recommend the following approach to the regular defoliation of the wetland area, either by burning or brush-cutting in this instance:

- The defoliation of the wetland areas would need to be integrated into the overall plan, including the adjacent buffer zones;
- The interval for defoliation of the wetland areas should be every 2 to 3 years;
- The wetland area should be divided into two blocks, with each half being cleared alternately, leaving remnant habitat in the area for wetland dependant species;
- The implementation of burns should:
  - Promote cool, patchy burns by burning when relative humidity is high and air temperatures are low;
  - Promote head fires (with the wind) rather than back burns (against the wind); and
  - Be delayed to the following year if the conditions are not favourable in terms of achieving the abovementioned criteria.

### **8.2. Control of emerging alien invasive plant species**

Emerging alien invasive plant species clearing will have to take place with the initial rehabilitation of the systems, after which follow-up activities are required to eradicate emerging seedlings or coppicing stumps. The implementation of follow-up operations is essential in order to reach ***maintenance levels*** in terms of controlling alien invasive plants within the development site.

It is recommended that the follow-up alien plant clearing activities adopt the following approach:

- Manual activities, including hand-pulling of seedlings, to reduce the risk of the translocation of herbicide;
- Frequent follow-up operations, with four operations being undertaken per year,
- The control of alien vegetation should take place indefinitely; and
- Where necessary foliar application of herbicide to emerging coppice.



## 9. CONCLUSION

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Freshwater ecosystems, dominated by wetland characteristics, were identified within the development sites. The wetlands have been largely modified, with the alteration of the systems' integrity associated with historical disturbance linked to extensive agriculture, the construction of roads, and the encroachment of alien invasive vegetation. As discussed, all three sites will ultimately be developed with similar land uses in the future, but the current focus is the proposed retail development, with Site 2 being the preferred site. The site characteristics and the integrity of the wetlands onsite were taken into consideration during the assessment of the wetland habitats within each site.

Within Site 2, the wetland habitat drains directly into the Wekeweke Stream, a NFEPA system. However, development within this system's catchment could be appropriately mitigated by:

- Avoiding the riparian habitat associated with the Wekeweke stream;
- Retaining functional wetland habitat within the tributaries to provide natural buffering between the development and the stream, to mitigate potential impacts from the development;
- Incorporating appropriate buffer zones; and
- Rehabilitating the wetland and riparian habitat in accordance with a formalised plan.

Impacts on the wetland habitat within Site 1 and 3 could potentially be balanced with the appropriate rehabilitation and enhancement of the remaining wetland areas *i.e.* onsite mitigation. Of the two sites, Site 1 results in a greater loss of wetland habitat in the post-development landscape in comparison to Site 3. However, the adoption of the above-mentioned Site 2 mitigation measures for Sites 1 and 3, would not only serve to mitigate the potential impacts on uMhlatuzana River, but also contribute towards improved wetland habitat within the greater landscape. This is particularly desirable for Site 1, which will result in the greatest loss of wetland habitat.

To prevent further impacts on the wetland systems, linked to additional flows and to promote the assimilation of nutrients, specific planning and mitigation activities should be adopted to reduce the impacts associated with the proposed developments to ensure a "no-net-loss" in functioning and integrity of the freshwater ecosystems, including:

- Wetland rehabilitation and stabilisation of erosional features within the wetland habitat;
- Rehabilitation of the riparian habitat associated with all three sites;
- Implementation of the recommendations for Site 2, as described in the riparian assessment report (GroundTruth, 2013a);
- Adoption, rehabilitation and management of appropriate buffer zones;
- Appropriate storm water management; and
- Wetland and riparian habitat management, including alien invasive plant removal.

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## 11. APPENDICES

### Appendix 1 - WET-Health Scores

Table A2-1 Ecological integrity of the wetland systems reflected as impact scores for Site 1

Site 1				
HGM Unit	Ha	Hydrology	Geomorphology	Vegetation
1	2.39	6.5	3.0	9.2
2	1.48	8.0	2.4	10
3	5.57	8.0	4.8	10
4	2.42	7.0	1.4	9.1
Area Weighted Impact Scores		7.5	3.4	9.6
PES Category		E	C	F

Table A2-2 Ecological integrity of the wetland systems reflected as impact scores for Site 2

Site 2				
HGM Unit	Ha	Hydrology	Geomorphology	Vegetation
1	4.09	7.0	3.3	7.4
2	2.65	7.0	1.3	9.0
Impact Scores		7.0	2.5	8.0
PES Category		E	C	F

**Table A2-3 Ecological integrity of the wetland systems reflected as impact scores for Site 3**

Site 3				
HGM Unit	Ha	Hydrology	Geomorphology	Vegetation
1	0.42	7.0	1.2	9.0
2	0.89	7.0	1.1	9.5
3	1.59	7.0	3.2	10
4	4.87	6.0	2.5	8.5
5	1.9	6.5	1.2	9.2
<b>Area Weighted Impact Scores</b>		<b>6.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>9.0</b>
<b>PES Category</b>		<b>E</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>



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Dear Rory

### Re: Shongweni Bulk Water Supply Line

Further to your request to provide comments and recommendations regarding the proposed bulk water supply pipeline to serve Shongweni, the following comments and recommendations were based on a desktop review of available information. Available information included the extent of wetland habitat<sup>1</sup>, the alignment of the proposed bulk water supply line<sup>2</sup>, a previous study undertaken by GroundTruth (2013)<sup>3</sup>, and experience in the area.

The following limitations apply to the review of the supplied information:

- This study was subject to the use of existing information to inform the discussions and recommendations. No site visit was undertaken as a component of the review;
- The extent of the identified wetland/riparian habitat was not verified and it assumed that the extent as supplied is representative of the current conditions onsite; and
- Recommended mitigation activities would be adopted in accordance with best practice to manage impacts on the identified freshwater ecosystems.

The wetland/riparian habitat along the proposed pipeline route (**Appendix 1**) has been altered through historical anthropogenic disturbances including *inter alia*, housing, sugarcane, infrastructure development, dams, *etc.* and have also been invaded by alien invasive vegetation. However, considering the loss of freshwater ecosystems within KwaZulu-Natal, it is recommended that the planning and implementation of the proposed pipeline adopt a 'no-net-loss' approach as far as possible, ensuring no further loss in functioning and integrity of the systems. This may be achieved through appropriate mitigation activities (described below), removal of alien vegetation and rehabilitation of the freshwater ecosystems.

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<sup>1</sup> Undertaken by Land Resources International and supplied by Tongaat Hulett Developments.

<sup>2</sup> Supplied by Tongaat Hulett Developments.

<sup>3</sup> GroundTruth, 2013. Tongaat Hulett Developments: Shongweni Development Sites. Wetland study. Report No. GTW252-160813-01. GroundTruth, Pietermaritzburg.

## State of the freshwater ecosystems

A desktop review of the freshwater ecosystems, potentially impacted upon by the proposed bulk water supply pipeline, was undertaken to establish the condition of the systems taking the following into consideration:

- The level of catchment modifications; and
- The level of change within the system based on:
  - Visible erosion;
  - Agricultural activities;
  - Damming of the systems;
  - Infrastructure development; and
  - Alien vegetation infestation.

The desktop review of the freshwater ecosystems highlighted that all of the systems have been highly transformed through agricultural practices and infrastructure development. Generally, the wetlands systems would be considered as '**Seriously**' modified and classed as '**E**' category systems in terms of the WET-Health (Macfarlane *et al.*, 2007) integrity classes *i.e.* "The change in ecosystem processes and loss of natural habitat and biota is great but some remaining natural habitat features are still recognizable". The identified riparian habitat, specifically the uMhlatuzana River, is also considered to be modified in the vicinity of the pipeline alignment, which coincides with an existing road crossing.

## Potential impacts

The impacts of the proposed bulk water supply pipeline are predominantly related to the construction phase of the pipeline. Therefore, the adoption of appropriate mitigation measures to limit the impacts on the freshwater ecosystems during the construction phase is essential. The likely impacts include the following:

- Direct impacts causing riparian and wetland habitat destruction,
  - Riparian bank and bed modification; and
  - Wetland hydrological impacts and alterations to flow patterns
- Impacts on water quality linked to construction activities and soil disturbance; and
- Impacts on water quality linked to the operational phase due to leaks and/or damage to the infrastructure.

Given that the majority of the systems are currently highly modified, these impacts can be largely controlled, mitigated and rehabilitated through appropriate and comprehensive mitigation measures and an environmental management plan (EMP), followed by prompt and appropriate rehabilitation of the crossings.

## Construction phase impacts

Issues related specifically to construction within the wetland and riparian areas are as follows:

- The introduction of foreign materials to the system, such as fuel, cement and other building materials;
- Compaction of the wetland soils from heavy vehicles;
- Modifications to the wetlands, river banks and beds from the trenching process;
- Trench erosion and the diversion of subsurface flow as a result of preferential flow paths having been created;
- Risk of erosion forming upstream of the trench if infilling is not adequately compacted or the longitudinal slope of the wetland system is not maintained;
- Disturbance of vegetation and the encroachment on alien invasive or ruderal wetland plant species;

- The impoundment of flows upstream of the trenches and desiccation of the systems downstream of the trenching. These conditions could continue post-development depending on how effectively the area has been rehabilitated; and
- Direct loss of portions of the wetland and riparian habitat.

The crossing of the uMhlatuzana River may be problematic for machinery working in the systems as the flow of the river will need to be diverted while trenching across the river, and seepage from the upstream damming may enter the trench during construction. The EMP should therefore focus on defining a rapid approach to be adopted when trenching across this system to avoid potential impacts. Many of the riparian and wetland habitats are dominated by alien plants, with construction activities unlikely to impact on indigenous species and providing opportunity for localised removal of alien invasive vegetation and rehabilitation with indigenous plant species. Riparian plant species of conservation significance which may be located within the pipeline route would need to be taken into account by the Environmental Control Officer during implementation.

### **Operational phase impacts**

Previous experience in these settings has highlighted the need to consider potential impacts on the freshwater ecosystems and the water resource associated with possible damage to the infrastructure during the operational phase. Based on the integrity of the identified freshwater ecosystems and the risks associated with the potential substantial water inputs associated with a burst pipe, additional or specific mitigation activities are recommended. These mitigation activities would aim to reduce the residual impacts on the wetland/riparian ecosystems.

### **Recommendations**

The freshwater ecosystems identified along the length of the proposed bulk water pipeline have already been modified and the proposed construction activities are considered to pose a relatively low risk to the freshwater ecosystems' current integrity and functioning. However, damage and lack of maintenance of the infrastructure is of concern in terms of freshwater ecosystems and the water resource during the operational phase. Therefore, in some instances additional mitigatory measures may need to be implemented to further reduce the likelihood of residual and future impacts. These additional mitigation activities include the re-design and/or re-alignment of the infrastructure and in some instances adopting additional measures during the construction process. The details regarding these additional mitigation activities are described in the following sections from a best-case to worst-case scenario depending on the local circumstances and practical limitations onsite.

### **Buffer zones**

To protect the freshwater ecosystems from impacts linked to the construction phase and potential leaks during the operational phase appropriate buffer zones should be adopted. Buffer zones are often determined as 'blanket' recommendations for all watercourses surrounded by a particular land use. Generally, buffers are adopted to protect ecosystems from physical disturbance and to protect the water resource from pollution within an altered landscape.



For example, the following buffer zones have been advocated for the following land uses:

- In an urban setting : 15m to 30m (KZN Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs, KZN Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, & Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife);
- In an agricultural setting : 10m from edge of the river (CARA, Act 84 of 1983)
- In an urban landscape : 30m (Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment)
- In a rural landscape : 50m (Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment)

For this project, the adoption of buffer zones may be difficult, considering the existing infrastructure restricting the alignment of the pipeline. It is however recommended that the infrastructure be planned beyond a 20m buffer where possible (**Appendix 1**). Where challenges are foreseen in this regard, it is recommended that the infrastructure be aligned adjacent to existing services, such as roads, within the freshwater ecosystems. This would be preferable to installing infrastructure in open or undeveloped portions of the systems.

### **Re-alignment of infrastructure**

The alignment of the infrastructure within the freshwater ecosystems needs to be implemented taking into account the following recommendations:

- Where the proposed alignment of the infrastructure would be parallel to flow direction, the infrastructure should be realigned outside of the identified wetland or riparian habitat
- Where the proposed infrastructure crosses the wetland or riparian habitat, the following needs to be considered
  - Crossings should be aligned with existing infrastructure, such as roads or bridges,
  - Infrastructure should be positioned on the downstream side of a road crossing/dams to negate potential impacts linked to headward erosion and sub-surface impoundment of flow;
  - Where the infrastructure is unable to be aligned with existing services, the crossing should be planned at a narrow section and be perpendicular to the flow direction, minimising the amount of disturbance to the freshwater ecosystem and the risks of headward erosion

### **Prevention of sub-surface flow channel and erosion**

In those instances where the alignment of the infrastructure would be unable to avoid the freshwater ecosystems, there would be a risk of erosion or the trench serving as a sub-surface flow channel, especially where a valley-bottom has a lateral slope draining towards the main channel. It is recommended that following additional mitigation measures be adopted:

- “Trench-breakers”, which are in-trench barriers, should be installed along the length of the trench within the wetland to deactivate the flow of water along the trench;
- These barriers would be placed at head-to-toe intervals, where the top of downstream barrier “floods” to the base of next barrier upstream. The intervals of barriers are therefore determined by the slope of the wetland down the length of the trench;
- Traditionally, these barriers are constructed using a mix of cement, sand and in situ soil, but in this instance, where work will be within the wetland, it is recommended that the barriers be constructed using 20% bentonite and in situ soil mix or impermeable geotextile liners; and
- Small-scale diversion berms should be constructed on the surface of the trench, directly downstream of the “trench-breaker” to reduce the risk of the trench becoming a preferred surface flow path.

### **Specific mitigation during construction activities**

The following mitigation measures specific to freshwater ecosystems should be added to any general recommendations made within the EMP:

- Excavate the crossings in the winter months as this is the driest period for this region;
- The crossings of the freshwater ecosystems should be perpendicular to the direction of flow;
- The crossings should be designed to ensure that flow patterns along the freshwater ecosystems are not altered or diverted potentially resulting in erosion;
- The crossings should be rehabilitated to ensure that no barriers exist within the stream and that in-stream habitat is similar to the natural situation;
- On steep slopes draining towards the identified freshwater ecosystems, small-scale diversion berms should be constructed on the surface of the pipeline alignment to reduce the risk of the pipeline becoming a preferred surface flow path leading to erosion;
- “Trench-breakers”, which are in-trench barriers, should be installed along the length of the pipeline to minimise the interception and accumulation of water from the adjacent hillslope within the infilled trench;
- Remove the top 50cm of the wetland/riparian topsoil and stockpile this material during the construction period, to be replaced once activities have been completed. This is to maintain the existing seed bed and soil profiles as best as possible;
- During installation, the excavated soil from the trench should be placed on the upslope side of the trench, minimizing the risk of excess sediment entering the downstream areas of the freshwater ecosystems;
- The pipeline alignment should be rehabilitated, with the wetland and riparian habitat at the crossing points being restored to near-natural conditions. In addition, areas where disturbance adjacent to these ecosystems has occurred should also be rehabilitated. This should be done as soon as possible after the pipeline construction activities have ceased.
- The working servitude across the systems must be as narrow as practically possible. *i.e.* machinery must utilise the same route through the systems at all times so as to avoid unnecessary disturbance;
- In riparian areas, backfilling should occur as soon as possible, compact if possible and reshape river to original levels; and
- For the wetland crossings, it would be preferable if the alignment was within road reserves or downstream of the road crossings where possible, to
  - Minimise the risks of headward erosion and
  - Align the impacts of the pipeline with portions of the wetland habitat deactivated by road crossings.

### **Wetland rehabilitation and management**

A number of opportunities exist for the rehabilitation of the wetland habitat due to the degree of modifications that have taken place. In order to further mitigate the potential impacts of the proposed line on the identified wetland ecosystems, rehabilitation of those areas of wetland habitat within the servitude would be required. The rehabilitation of the wetland habitat would include the following activities:

- Rehabilitating/enhance the wetland, promoting the effectiveness and opportunity for the system to provide benefits and services, including:
  - Eradication of alien invasive plant species within the wetland and study site.
  - Active re-vegetation of the wetland habitat with appropriate wetland species, promoting biodiversity, emergent vegetation and nutrient uptake.
  - The removal of excess vegetative material within the wetland at regular intervals (every 2-3 years depending on growth) to promote new growth and prevent the further encroachment of ruderal or weedy species.

### **Riparian rehabilitation and management**

In order to mitigate the potential impacts of the proposed line on the identified riparian ecosystems, rehabilitation of those areas of riparian habitat associated with the uMhlatuzana River would be required. The rehabilitation of the riparian habitat would include the following activities:

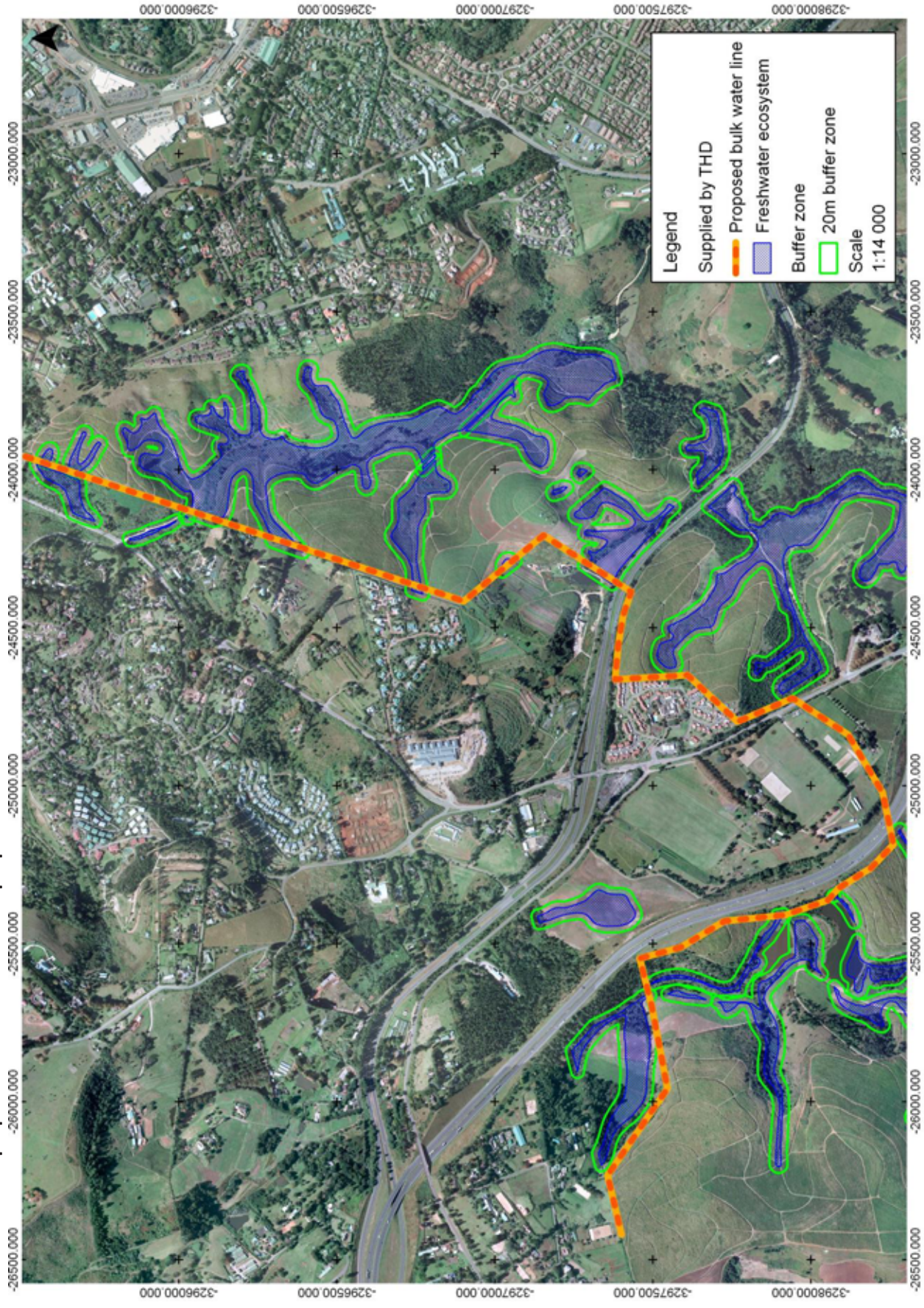
- The eradication and control of alien invasive plant species;
- Active re-vegetation of the riparian habitat with appropriate riparian species, promoting biodiversity;
- The re-vegetation of the of the channel banks with appropriate indigenous woody vegetation is required.

Please contact us should you have any further queries.

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Appendix 1: Overview of proposed bulk water line and proposed buffer zones



APPENDIX 10:

RIPARIAN ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR TONGAAT HULETT DEVELOPMENTS: ASSESSMENT OF RIPARIAN ECOSYSTEMS AND SENSITIVE FAUNA AND FLORA ASSOCIATED WITH THE WEKEWEKE RIVER SYSTEM FOR THE PROPOSED SHONGWENI REGIONAL RETAIL/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT (GROUNDTRUTH)

# Riparian Assessment Report

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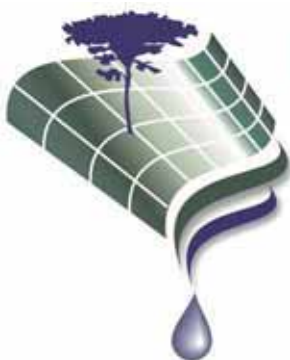
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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### 1.1 Project description and background

GroundTruth Water, Wetlands and Environmental Engineering (GroundTruth) was appointed by Tongaat Hulett Developments (THD) to carry out a specialist riparian ecosystem assessment along the Wekeweke River system, adjacent to the proposed Shongweni Regional Retail/Commercial Development Site in Shongweni, KwaZulu-Natal (Figure 1-1). The development site is predominately under sugarcane, but may affect the Wekeweke River to the south and west of the proposed development.

### 1.2 Objectives

The primary aim of this study is to assess the present status of the riparian ecosystems and habitats in the Wekeweke River system as well as to establish whether the system supports Red Data species flagged by the NFEPA and DWA PES/EIS databases. The following objectives were considered for achieving the overall aim:

- Determine the present ecological state (PES) of the Wekeweke River system.
- Determine the ecological importance and sensitivity (EIS) of the Wekeweke River system, including field surveys of Red Data plants and frogs that potentially occur in the system.
- Provide recommendations in terms of development constraints and opportunities; particularly to ensure impacts on ecological assets are limited and avoided where possible.
- Define appropriate buffer zones<sup>2</sup> around sensitive and important features so as to adequately protect natural assets within the study area.

### 1.3 Methodology

The abovementioned objectives were achieved by collecting desktop and on-site biotic data. This data was used to determine the presence of ecological assets (e.g. aquatic ecosystems, other important habitats, ecological corridors, etc.) within the study area, establish the presence of conservation important plant and frog species (e.g. rare, Red Data, protected, and other notable species), and highlight which areas are particularly important in terms of supporting such biota.

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<sup>2</sup> Buffer zones are vegetated areas positioned between natural habitats, such as wetlands, and adjacent areas of various land use and serve to filter impacts, e.g. excessive runoff, sedimentation, contamination, nutrient loading, etc., arising from upslope land use activities (Graham and de Winnaar, *In Press*).

### 1.3.1 Desktop assessments

Data and literature relating to the freshwater aquatic ecosystems within the study area was sourced and used to identify and describe the study area. This was achieved using data from, *inter alia*, the Department of Water Affairs' most recent assessment of the Present Ecological State, Ecological Importance and Ecological Sensitivity (PES EI ES) of South African rivers, the vegetation types of South Africa classification system and map (Mucina and Rutherford, 2006) and National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area (NFEPA) information (Nel *et al.*, 2011).

### 1.3.2 Field-based assessments

Site visits were conducted in March 2013 to provide site-specific details in order to establish the actual status of the study area in terms of supporting Red Data species identified during the desktop assessment process, as well as to establish the present condition of the Wekeweke River system. Information obtained included the presence of ecological indicators (including alien invasive species) and conservation important plant and frog species, as well as any additional detail that may facilitate the overall study. Various study components assessed during the field-based investigations are outlined as follows:

- **Vegetation survey:** Vegetation was assessed on the 6 March 2013 by examining the various habitat types, identifying dominant plant species within these areas, and establishing the presence of *Gladiolus cruentus* (Critically Endangered) and *Hydrostachys polymorpha* (Vulnerable), which according to NFEPA and DWA PES/EIS, potentially occur along the Wekeweke River. Any additional flora features were also identified whilst investigating the aforementioned species.
- **Frog surveys:** Frog surveys were done over two days (20 and 21 March 2013) in key riparian and wetland sites within the system, primarily to determine the presence of *Afraxalus spinifrons* (Vulnerable) and *Hemisus guttatus* (Vulnerable), but also any other frogs that may be of importance. These surveys included active searching, net sampling and call identification techniques.
- **Aquatic biomonitoring:** Aquatic biomonitoring techniques were employed at a single site (-29.820249°S; 30.738160°E), downstream of the proposed development, to assess the present health and condition of the Wekeweke River system. Riparian Vegetation Assessment Response Index (VEGRAI), benthic diatoms and macro-invertebrates were sampled using the protocols prescribed by Kleynhans *et al.* (2007), Taylor *et al.* (2005) and Dickens and Graham (2002) respectively. These methods are used to determine the ecological condition of the Wekeweke River downstream of the proposed development and can be used to set post-development targets. Results from the benthic diatom and macro-invertebrate assessments were interpreted using Table 1-1 below.

**Table 1-1: River Condition Classes for SASS version 5 for the Upper North Eastern Coastal Belt (Dallas, 2007) and SPI (Prygiel and Coste, 2000; Harding and Taylor, 2011)**

Health Category	SASS Score <sup>1</sup>	SASS ASPT <sup>2</sup>	SPI <sup>3</sup>
Pristine	>180	>7.3	>17.0
Near Natural	>158	>6.8	>13.0
Moderately Modified	>118	>6.3	> 9.0
Significantly Modified	> 95	>5.6	> 5.0
Severely Modified	< 95	<5.6	< 5.0

<sup>1</sup> SASS Score – South African Scoring System (SASS) Score for macro-invertebrates

<sup>2</sup> SASS ASPT – South African Scoring System (SASS) Average Score Per Taxon for macro-invertebrates

<sup>3</sup> SPI – Species Pollution sensitivity Index for benthic diatoms

## 1.4 Study area

The study area is defined roughly by the Wekeweke River system between the N3 near Hillcrest and the waterfall where the Wekeweke River drops into the Shongweni Valley (-29.834235°S, 30.723304°E; Figure 1-1). The catchment is dominated by sugarcane and has distinct riparian and wetland zones present along the Wekeweke River.

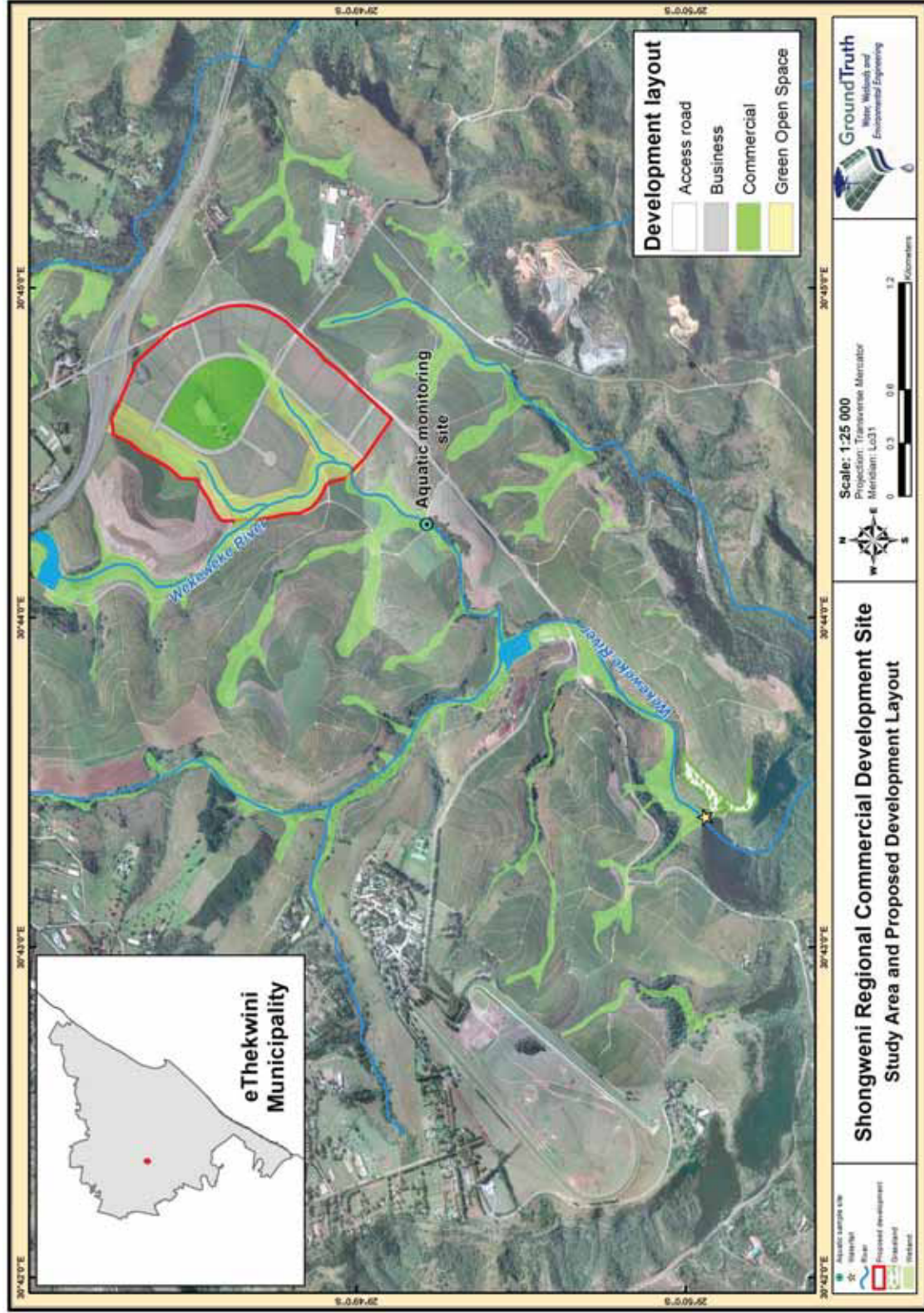


Figure 1-1: Overview of the study area and proposed development site

## 2. BACKGROUND REVIEW AND CONTEXT

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### 2.1 Riparian system

The study area is located within the Wekeweke River catchment in water management area (WMA) 11, secondary catchment U6. This system has been classified in the latest Department of Water Affairs commissioned Present Ecological State, Ecological Importance and Ecological Sensitivity assessment as being in a “B category”, that is, “Largely natural with few modifications. A small change in natural habitats and biota may have taken place but the ecosystem functions are essentially unchanged.” (Kleynhans and Louw, 2008). This said, it was noted that sections of the system had instream dams and sections of the riparian zone that had been modified by the surrounding landuse and alien vegetation infestation. The Wekeweke system is also a National Freshwater Priority Area (NFEPA) river and is classified as a Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Area (Nel *et al.*, 2011).

### 2.2 Riparian vegetation

*Gladiolus cruentus* (Critically Endangered) and *Hydrostachys polymorpha* (Vulnerable) could potentially occur in the Wekeweke River system (Nel *et al.*, 2011). *Gladiolus cruentus* is a specialist plant that occurs on steep slopes and cliffs on seasonally wet sandstone associated with the Table Mountain series, similar to the habitat found at the tip of the escarpment where the river drops into the Shongweni valley. Similarly, *Hydrostachys polymorpha* is also likely to occur in the system where clean, turbulent water with high oxygen content.

### 2.3 Terrestrial vegetation

The study is located within the KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld vegetation type within the Sub-Escarpment savannah Bioregion (Mucina and Rutherford, 2006). This vegetation is defined by short, species-rich grassland with scattered low shrubs and suffrutices and is classified as Endangered (Mucina and Rutherford, 2006). Although the area in and around the study area has been highly transformed through sugarcane cultivation, a remnant patch of KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld exists downstream of the study area, close to the escarpment to the Shongweni Valley.

### 2.4 Fish

A desktop assessment of the area indicated that the following fish species could be present within the Wekeweke system: *Awaous aeneofuscus*, *Anguilla mossambica*, *Amphilius natalensis*, *Barbus gurneyi*, *Barbus viviparus*, *Clarias gariepinus*, *Oreochromis mossambicus*, *Pseudocrenilabrus philander*, *Tilapia rendalli* and *Tilapia sparrmanii*. A number of these species, may however, not be in streams adjacent to the study as a result of the downstream waterfall forming a natural barrier as well as the farm dams upstream of the waterfall.

## 2.5 Frogs

The frogs *Afrivalus spinifrons* (Near Threatened) and *Hemismus guttatus* (Vulnerable), could potentially be present in the Wekeweke River system (Nel *et al.*, 2011). These species both occur in riparian/wetland habitats similar to those found in the valley bottoms around the site. It is likely that the study area supports a number of other, less sensitive frog species.

Table 2-1, provides a full list of frog species that potentially occur within the study area based on known distribution ranges and habitat preferences.

**Table 2-1: List of frogs that potentially occur within the study area**

Scientific Name	Common Name	Habitat (after du Preeze and Carruthers, 2009)
<i>Afrana angolensis</i>	Common River Frog	Banks of slow-flowing streams, other permanent water bodies.
<i>Afrivalus fornasinii</i>	Greater Leaf-folding Frog	Wide variety of densely vegetated habitats in coastal swamps, streams and dams.
<i>Afrivalus spinifrons</i>	Natal Leaf-folding Frog	Wide variety of habitats in coastal bushveld grassland and moist upland grassland.
<i>Arthroleptis wahlbergi</i>	Bush Squeaker	Leaf litter in forests and adjacent thickets, and occasionally grassland
<i>Breviceps mossambicus</i>	Mozambique Rain Frog	Savanna and grassland with shallow, well-drained, humus-rich, rocky soils.
<i>Amietophrynus gutturalis</i>	Guttural Toad	Around open pools, dams, vleis and other permanent/semi- permanent water bodies.
<i>Cacosternum nanum nanum</i>	Bronze Caco	Wide variety of vegetation types from grassland to forest.
<i>Hemismus guttatus</i>	Spotted Shovel-nosed Frog	Pans and marshy ground in coastal bush and grassland, foraging over large distances in wide range of habitats.
<i>Hyperolius acuticeps</i>	Sharp-nosed Reed Frog	Coastal bushveld and grassland.
<i>Hyperolius argus</i>	Argus Reed Frog	Coastal bushveld grassland.
<i>Hyperolius marmoratus</i>	Painted Reed Frog	Reeds and other vegetation around a wide variety of water bodies.
<i>Hyperolius pusillus</i>	Water Lily Frog	Open, grassy pans, ponds, vleis and dams in savanna and grassland.
<i>Hyperolius tuberilinguis</i>	Tinker Reed Frog	Dense vegetation along rivers or in pans, pools and dams.
<i>Kassina senegalensis</i>	Bubbling Kassina	Grassland around vleis and pans.
<i>Leptopelis natalensis</i>	Natal Tree Frog	Coastal forest and bushveld, and occasionally grassland.
<i>Phrynobatrachus natalensis</i>	Snoring Puddle Frog	Edges of permanent and temporary water bodies, including marshes, lakes, rivers, streams and pools.
<i>Ptychadena oxyrhynchus</i>	Sharp-nosed Grass Frog	Moist, open savanna and woodland, close to water, but can forage some

Scientific Name	Common Name	Habitat (after du Preeze and Carruthers, 2009)
		distance from water.
<i>Schismaderma carens</i>	Red Toad	Widespread in savanna and grassland, and adapts to human habitation.
<i>Strongylopus fasciatus</i>	Striped Stream Frog	Open grassy areas near dams, ponds or streams in forest, thicket, savannah and grassland.
<i>Strongylopus grayii</i>	Clicking Stream Frog	Wide variety of vegetation from grassland to forest.
<i>Tomopterna natalensis</i>	Natal Sand Frog	Variety of habitats in grassland and savannah.
<i>Xenopus laevis</i>	Common Platanna	Aquatic habitats in any form of freshwater aquatic ecosystems (natural and artificial).



### 3. RESULTS

#### 3.1 Flora

The vegetation along the Wekeweke River system comprises scarp forest, riverine forest, cliff face communities, grasslands and wetlands. These vegetation communities are described in more detail as follows:

##### 3.1.1 Scarp forest

Scarp forest occurs along the edges of the sandstone plateau, at the beginning of steep cliffs approximately 3.5km downstream of the proposed development site. The Scarp Forest was moist in areas close to the waterfall and where there was seepage. However, most of the Scarp Forest is dry, grading into mesic Eastern Valley Bushveld as it extends further into the valley.



Figure 3-1: Scarp forest around the waterfall downstream of the proposed development site

A comprehensive species inventory of Scarp Forest species in the area was not possible because of topography on which it occurred.

Some more common species are *Ficus burkei* (Common Wild Fig), *Protorhus longifolia* (Red Beech) and *Rapanea melanophloeos* (Cape Beech). Unusual species found in these communities included the rare *Eugenia sp. nov.* B. (Krantz Myrtle) and the more common *Tarchonanthus trilobus subsp. trilobus* (Trident Camphor Tree). Both species are confined almost exclusively to sandstone rock faces. Herbaceous species in moist areas included *Impatiens hochstetteri* and *Plectranthus ciliatus*.

##### 3.1.2 Riverine forest

Upstream of the waterfall the forest appears to comprise mainly more common and pioneer species. This forest is either younger or has been subjected to repeated disturbance, compared to the old-growth forest in stable, protected habitat along the krantz edges. Typical species of this more seral, upstream forest include: *Albizia adianthifolia* (Flatcrown), *Bridelia micrantha* (Mitzeerie), *Celtis africana* (White Stinkwood), *Dalbergia obovata* (Climbing Flat-bean), *D. armata* (Hluhluwe Creeper), *Cryptocarya woodii* (Cape Wild-quince), *Ficus burkei* (Common Wild Fig), *Ficus sur* (Broom Cluster Fig), *Halleria lucida* (Tree Fuschia), *Macaranga capensis* (Wild Poplar), *Maesa lanceolata* (False Assegai),



Figure 3-2: Seral forest downstream of the proposed development site

*Protorhus longifolia* (Red Beech), *Psychotria capensis* (Black Bird-berry), *Syzygium cordatum* (Umdoni), *Rapanea melanophloeos* (Cape Beech) and *Searsia chirindensis* (Red Currant). Some of these more common trees are typical of forests along watercourses. *Cassipourea gummiflua* is also likely to be present, as it was seen in moist forest beneath the krantzes and is found on many forested watercourses. *Isoglossa woodii* is a dominant herb. There was extensive alien plant invasion around and into the forest. Particular problem species were *Acacia mearnsii* (Black Wattle), *Chromolaena odorata* (Chromolaena), *Lantana camara* (Lantana), *Melia azedarach* (Syringa), the hybrid origin *Populus x canescens* (Grey Poplar), *Rubus sp.* (Bramble) and *Solanum mauritianum* (Bugweed), but there are many others.

### 3.1.3 Cliff faces

A significant population of the Critically Endangered *Gladiolus cruentus* occurs on south-facing rock faces alongside the Wekeweke waterfall. These species are confined to damp areas within spray drift range. Abundance estimates were difficult to calculate as populations were inaccessible and hard to see. However, it is likely that more than 100 plants occur on these cliffs.



**Figure 3-3: *Gladiolus cruentus* on the cliff face downstream of the proposed development site**

The cliffs also host one of the largest populations of *Gasteria croucheri* (Red Data Vulnerable) in KwaZulu-Natal. There are currently three recognized subspecies – *Gasteria croucheri* subsp. *croucheri*, subsp. *pendulifolia* (confined to the Umgeni River system to the north) and the recently described subsp. *pondoensis* (so far known from the Msikaba and Mtentu Rivers in Pondoland). Plants on these cliffs can be referred to subsp. *croucheri*, but are a distinct form, differing from typical subsp. *croucheri* in less squat appearance and are possibly worthy of recognition as a distinct subspecies. *Delosperma velutinum* is another rare, range-restricted species that occurs on these cliffs.

Typical cremnoophytes<sup>3</sup> on these rock faces are *Agapanthus sp.*, *Aloe arborescens*, *Bulbine natalensis*, *Cinerara cf. albicans* (flowering material needed to confirm), *Crassula perfoliata*, *Crassula perforata* var. *heterotricha*, *Cyrtanthus sanguineus* and *Talbotia elegans*. *Euphorbia evansii*, usually not seen this far south in KwaZulu-Natal is a small succulent tree that was seen on these rock faces.

<sup>3</sup> Plants adapted to growing on vertical habitats such as cliffs.

### 3.1.4 Grassland

Because of rocky topography in certain areas, some grassland on slopes above the forest along the Wekeweke River has survived sugar cane cultivation. This grassland (see Figure 1-1) is the Endangered KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld vegetation type (Mucina & Rutherford 2006; *c.f.* Section 2.3). Although, not the focus of this study, it appeared to retain good plant species diversity. Some rare or range-restricted species were present including *Aloe parviflora* and *Phymaspermum pinnatifidum*. It is possible that if surveyed under more favourable conditions (the grassland was in a moribund state at the time of the survey), other rare or range-restricted species could be found. The establishment of certain weedy and ruderal indigenous species, indicative of lack of burning, suggest this area has not been actively managed.



Figure 3-4: Remnant of KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld to the south of the proposed development site

### 3.1.5 Wetland

Wetlands were present in the open areas along the Wekeweke River. Agriculture and alien invasive species have disturbed the wetland vegetation. *Pteridium aquilinum* (Bracken Fern), an indigenous displacer, has become dominant in certain areas. Nonetheless, large areas of wetland still contain a typical suite of wetland species including the following:

- *Cyperus dives*
- *Dissotis canescens*
- *Ischaemum fasciculatum*
- *Kniphofia cf. linearifolia* (flowering material needed to confirm)
- *Lobelia erinus*
- *Miscanthus capensis*
- *Persicaria sp.*
- *Pavonia columella*
- *Phyllanthus meyerianus*
- *Tephrosia shiluanensis*
- *Typha capensis*
- A number of smaller Cyperaceae species are present.



Figure 3-5: Example of wetland vegetation within the study area.

Woody plants within the wetland areas include scattered occurrences of *Cyathea dregei* (Grassland Tree Fern), *Phoenix reclinata* (Wild Date Palm) and the common pioneer *Maesa lanceolata* (False Assegai). Notable alien plants include Bramble (*Rubus sp.*) and *Schinus terebinthifolius* (Brazilian Pepper).



The wetland zone could be divided into vegetation types. The wetland delineation report by the LRI (2007) noted the presence of swamp forest, reed beds, bulrush meadows, mixed meadows, sedge meadows and *Hygrophilous* grassland in the study area.

### 3.2 Aquatic ecosystems

#### 3.2.1 Riparian Vegetation Assessment Response Index (VEGRAI)

The following table provides a summary of the present ecological state of the riparian vegetation along the Wekeweke River.

**Table 3-1: Description of the riparian vegetation along the Wekeweke River, downstream of the proposed Shongweni Regional Retail/Commercial Development Site**

<b>River:</b>	<b>Wekeweke</b>		
<b>Latitude:</b>	29.820249°S	<b>Date:</b>	6 March 2013
<b>Longitude:</b>	30.738160°E	<b>Time:</b>	12:00
	<b>Upstream</b>		<b>Downstream</b>
			
	<b>VEGRAI Ecological Condition</b>		<b>Moderately modified</b>
<b>Reference:</b>	<p>The marginal zone would have been a grass-dominated system with a high proportion of sedges and reeds with the occasional presence of Tree Ferns.</p> <p>The non-marginal zone would have been characterised by a variety of herbaceous plant species. There would have been a significant contribution of lateral flow from a natural catchment maintaining the high proportion of herbaceous species and exclusion of woody components.</p>		
<b>Drivers:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alien plant infestation</li> <li>• Removal of vegetation</li> <li>• Road crossing</li> <li>• Sugarcane cultivation</li> <li>• Dumping</li> </ul>		
<b>Present:</b>	<p>The marginal zone is characterised by a dominance of herbaceous plant species with dense cover of <i>Ischaemum fasciculatum</i>. A relatively deep channel incision defines the upstream edge of the marginal zone resulting in reduced cover in parts. Localised removal of vegetation along the marginal</p>		

zone and river channel incision due to construction of a road crossing.

The non-marginal zone is also characterised by a dominance of herbaceous plant species comprising a mix of grasses, sedges and herbs. A few woody plants scattered across the non-marginal zone. Upper bank is bounded by sugarcane with cleared gum trees on the downstream bank and there is localised removal of vegetation due to construction of a road crossing. A few alien plant species, such as *Lantana camara* and *Rubus* sp., are noted for the non-marginal zone, especially downstream of the road crossing.

### 3.2.2 Benthic diatoms

The benthic diatom community in the Wekeweke River was sampled at the aquatic biomonitoring site (29°49'12.84"S; 30°44'17.08"E) on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2013. Results from the benthic diatom analyses, including the number of species, the Specific Pollution sensitivity Index (SPI<sup>4</sup>), the percentage of Pollution Tolerant Valves (% PTV<sup>5</sup>), and the percentage of deformed cells for this site are presented in Table 3-2. Appendix 2 provides a full list of all species recorded from the site.

**Table 3-2: Benthic diatom from the sample taken on 6 March 2013 in the Wekeweke system**

Number of Species	Specific Pollution sensitivity Index (SPI)	% Pollution Tolerant Valves (% PTV)	% Deformed Cells	River Health Category
14	3.7	96.3	0.0	Severely Modified

The Specific Pollution Index assessed the benthic diatom community health to be “severely modified” (Table 3-2). Almost all (96.3%) of the 400 cells analysed comprised Pollution Tolerant Valves (PTV), highlighting that the benthic community has become significantly altered in response to water quality impacts from the upstream catchment.

### 3.2.3 Aquatic macroinvertebrates

The macroinvertebrate community in the Wekeweke system was assessed on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2013 using SASS version 5 (Dickens and Graham, 2002). Results for the macroinvertebrate analyses, based on the SASS5<sup>6</sup> protocol, are presented in Table 3-3. Appendix 3 provides the data sampling sheet from the SASS5 sampling, showing the diversity and abundance of macroinvertebrate taxa collected.

With reference to the SASS5 ASPT, the Wekeweke River, downstream of the development site was found to be “significantly modified” (Table 3-3).

<sup>4</sup> SPI is a measure of river health/condition where a higher index value indicates a better river health

<sup>5</sup> PTV is a measure of the proportion of sampled diatoms that are tolerant to reasonable amounts of pollution

<sup>6</sup> SASS5 is a biotic index designed for assessing the condition of South African rivers using aquatic macroinvertebrate assemblages, but has useful potential for application in DRC rivers due to its practicality of adopting family-level identifications to define SASS indices.

**Table 3-3: SASS5 results from the assessment on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2013 in the Wekeweke system**

Number of Taxa	SASS5 Score	SASS5 ASPT	River Health Category
20	113	5.7	Significantly Modified

Families present in the sample included Oligochaeta, Amphipoda, Potamonautidae, Atyidae, Baetidae, Coenagrionidae, Aeshnidae, Gomphidae, Libellulidae, Belostomatidae, Hydrophyschidae, Leptoceridae, Pisuliidae, Elmidae, Gyrinidae, Hydrophilidae, Chironomidae, Culicidae, Simuliidae and Tipulidae. The majority of these taxa were relatively pollution tolerant and together are indicative of moderate to high levels of water pollution.

### 3.2.4 Fish

Fish sampling was not undertaken at sites on the Wekeweke River due to a malfunctioning electro-shocker apparatus. Nevertheless, shoals of small fish (probably *Oreochromis mossambicus*) were observed in the farm dam, upstream of the development site, as well as in the Wekeweke River, just upstream of the waterfall.

The Wekeweke River is not likely to be an important system in terms of supporting fish. This is the consequence of various natural and artificial factors, notably the waterfall barrier downstream and the presence of farm dams. The latter is also likely to result in the introduction of alien fish species, such as *Micropterus* species (Bass species).

### 3.3 Frogs

The frog survey conducted on 19 and 21 March 2013 determined the presence of two, common and widespread species of frog, namely *Amietia angolensis* (Common River Frog) and *Phrynobatrachus natalensis* (Snoring Puddle Frog). However, it should be noted that the site was visited late into the season and breeding activity had ceased. As a result, this study was unable to establish the true diversity of frogs for the site. A high richness of 35 frog species has been recorded for the quarter degree grid for the site (i.e. 2930CD) and 2930DD, immediately adjacent. Thus, it is anticipated that up to 20 species (see Table 2-1, Section 2.5) may utilise portions of the study area. The other 15 species of frog are unlikely to occur in the study area given the lack of optimal habitat or expected absence from that portion of the quarter degree grid.

## 4. DISCUSSION

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### 4.1 Assumptions and limitations

The following assumptions and limitations need to be taken into consideration:

- This report was produced based on a single site visit and not all plant species present would have been flowering at the time of the visit. It is therefore possible that some rare and significant plant species were overlooked.
- It was not possible to sample fish diversity within the Wekeweke River due to a malfunctioning electro-shocker apparatus. In-field observations confirmed that the system is not significant in terms of supporting fish.
- Frog assessments were limited due to the time of year in which they were undertaken. The appropriate time for frog assessments in the Wekeweke system is between October and February.

### 4.2 Important habitats and ecosystems

The following three important habitat types occur within the study area:

- **Riverine vegetation** – The riparian areas along the Wekeweke River are currently affected by dams, sugarcane cultivation and infestations by alien plant species, which contribute to the generally “modified” ecological status (*c.f.* Section 3.2). Nevertheless, these areas are characterised as freshwater aquatic ecosystems and therefore protected under the auspices of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998). It is thus important that these areas remain unaffected to maintain their aquatic habitat functionality and continued supply of valuable ecological and hydrological services in the landscape, such as improving water quality (reductions in suspended sediments, excess plant nutrients and other pollutants), streamflow regulation (flood attenuation, water storage and sustaining streamflow), groundwater recharge, erosion control, and the maintenance of biodiversity for wetland-dependant fauna and flora (Kotze and Breen, 1994). Small reach of the Wekeweke, immediately upstream of the waterfall, comprises riparian vegetation that is in good condition.
- **Wetlands** – The wetland habitats are relatively intact. Similar to the riparian zone, wetland areas are impacted by agriculture, dams, abstraction points and surface drainage (LRI, 2007) and alien invasive vegetation. These areas are important ecological assets that purify water, act as refugia for biodiversity and assist in floodwater attenuation. As such, it is important that these areas are managed correctly and that appropriate buffer zones are properly demarcated and maintained.
- **KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld** – The patch of KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld vegetation above and adjacent to the waterfall (see Figure 1-1) is significant on the basis that it is an endangered vegetation type (Mucina and Rutherford, 2006). This area is a remnant of the natural vegetation of the site and should be used as a reference when designing and revegetating the proposed development area.

### 4.3 Conservation important species

A population of *Gladiolus cruentus* (Critically Endangered) occurs downstream of the proposed development site at the waterfall (see Figure 1-1, Section 1.1). *G. cruentus* is dependent on spray mist from the waterfall, thus it is important that normal flow volumes from the upstream catchment be maintained. Although, it is unlikely that the proposed development will reduce flows, instead flow volumes are more likely to increase as a result of change in land use from sugarcane to mixed development. This could potentially improve habitat availability for *G. cruentus*.

*Hydrostachys polymorpha* (Vulnerable) was not observed during the field surveys and is unlikely to occur along the Wekeweke River on the basis that it requires, clean, turbulent water. The Wekeweke River appears to be impacted on by relatively high levels of sedimentation resulting from disturbances and increased surface erosion from a predominantly, unnatural catchment land cover. The result is a well-defined sandy substrate, with only a few riffle sections, which is characteristic of the Wekeweke River.

Potential Red Data frogs, i.e. *Afrivalus spinifrons* (Near Threatened) and *Hemisus guttatus* (Vulnerable) were not recorded within the study area. *A. spinifrons* has been recorded from the Marianhill region, approximately 5km away, as well as further inland from the study area. *H. guttatus* has been recorded from Winston Park, about 2.5km from the study area. Thus, there is a very good chance that both species occur within the study area. Another frog, *Hyperolius acuticeps*, may also occur in the area. At present, *H. acuticeps* is not listed as Red Data, but is rare and its conservation status is currently being re-evaluated.

### 4.4 Current impacts affecting the study area

The study area is affected by a number of impacts, these include:

- **Alien invasive plants** – Areas along the Wekeweke River are invaded by alien plants to some degree, particularly forest ecotones and to a lesser extent wetland areas. This has no doubt resulted in decreased ecological functionality and integrity of vegetation within these areas, which in turn reduces the capability of the area to support biodiversity, particularly conservation important species.
- **Altered hydrology** – The hydrology of the Wekeweke River system, adjacent to the proposed development site, has been altered by instream dams, water abstraction and drainage of wetland areas. These hydrological issues have no doubt impacted the riparian and wetland habitats within the study area and is of particular importance when considering the downstream population of the threatened *Gladiolus cruentus*.
- **Catchment transformation** – Majority of the terrestrial catchment areas have been transformed by sugarcane cultivation. This transformation not only alters the natural hydrological regime of the Wekeweke River, but is also likely to contribute significantly in terms of water pollution (e.g. sedimentation, herbicide/pesticide application, etc.).



- **Solid waste dumping** – Certain areas are affected by localised dumping of solid waste. These areas of disturbance encourage growth of ruderal and alien invasive plant species.
- **Lack of formal veld management** – Areas of grassland, such as adjacent to the Wekeweke River waterfall (see Figure 1-1), show signs of transition to scrub and all parts contain ruderal species indicative of lack of burning. Intervention is therefore needed in the form of an active fire management plan.

#### 4.5 Impacts from the proposed Shongweni Regional Retail/Commercial Development

The following impacts, typical of mixed land use developments, may potentially occur as a consequence of the proposed Shongweni Regional Retail/Commercial Development:

- **Habitat loss and transformation** – poorly planned and constructed developments may result in unnecessary degradation and loss of habitat supporting biodiversity, potentially including frog species of conservation important
- **Increased stormwater runoff** – Introduction of hardened, impervious surfaces (e.g. roofs, driveways, parking areas, roads, etc.) to the catchment areas with construction of a shopping centre and office, business, and residential areas will increase stormwater runoff.
- **Pollution from runoff** – Stormwater runoff may incorporate a wide variety of pollutants such as the plant nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus), oxygen demanding organic compounds, toxic heavy metals, hydrocarbons and pesticides. These pollutants can adversely affect aquatic biota and ecosystems downstream.

#### 4.6 Recommendations

The untransformed areas along the Wekeweke River system contain a diversity of habitats and vegetation types. These are important harbours of fauna and flora biodiversity, in which unusual, rare and Red Listed species are present. It is important that all these habitats and vegetation types remain connected and are protected as far as possible within the context of the proposed development. The following recommendations referring to the study area therefore require consideration to avoid and/or mitigate impacts that may arise from the proposed Shongweni regional retail/commercial development:

- Ensure, where possible, that the development footprint avoids riparian and wetland habitat areas, including the aquatic habitats associated with all watercourses draining into the Wekeweke River. The aquatic habitat provided by the watercourses are also considered important in terms of filtering impacts before entering the Wekeweke River system. With reference to the development's layout plan, **approximately 1.7ha of wetland habitat will be removed**. Detailed wetland assessment and rehabilitation studies have been undertaken to provide specific wetland management recommendations for the Shongweni Regional Retail/Commercial Development.

- A **buffer zone of at least 32m should be adopted** to preserve and protect the riparian areas of the Wekeweke River and any associated wetland habitat from the proposed development (Figure 4-1). Generally, buffers are adopted to protect ecosystems from physical disturbance and to protect the water resource from diffuse pollution sources within an altered landscape. In the case of the Shongweni Regional Retail/Commercial Development, the 32m buffer would only be required on the eastern bank of the Wekeweke River system, including the two watercourses draining the development site. Approximately 1.7ha of wetland habitat will need to be removed for the proposed development footprint with some of the developed area also intruding into the 32m buffer zone. Majority of the remaining 32m buffer can be accounted for by the allocated Green Open Space. This area has the ability to buffer the Wekeweke River, and functional frog habitat, from physical disturbances such as surface runoff, sedimentation, pollution/contamination, alien weed control, etc. However, these areas would need to be rehabilitated, with the removal sugarcane and any other alien vegetation. Rehabilitation should also include active replanting of KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld plant species, ensuring a multi-layered, undisturbed vegetative community develops. The buffer zone would need to be maintained and managed indefinitely with integration into other local/regional ecological corridors.
- An area, referred to as the **extended management area** in Figure 4-1, is proposed downstream of the Green Open Space to account for the losses of wetland habitat (1.7ha) and potential wetland buffer (3.6ha) as noted above. This loss of functioning habitat will reduce the integrity and functioning of aquatic habitat downstream. The purpose of the extended management area is to enhance the functional area of wetland habitat downstream of the development to safeguard the downstream aquatic environment. A 10m buffer is recommended to limit disturbances to the extended management area due to rehabilitation activities.
- A small sewer pumpstation (26m by 26m) will need to be constructed, just south of the study site within the extended management area. Although the footprint area, and associated loss of potential terrestrial buffer, is negligible (about 0.1ha), it will be important that appropriate mitigation measures are in place in case of power failures and/or operational failures to the pumpstation. The following recommendations should therefore be implemented to protect the freshwater ecosystems:
  - the location of the sewer pumpstation must be constructed on contour;
  - a designated bund area must be constructed below or directly adjacent to the sewer pumpstation to capture accidental spills/leaks;
  - the pumpstation should include a backup generator; and
  - emergency procedures should to in place to manage pumpstation failures and spills/leaks with immediate effect.
- In addition to the 32m buffer, and in the absence of frog surveys during the period of peak activity (i.e. October to February), a conservative approach should be adopted. Generally, a more substantial buffer should be considered to conserve

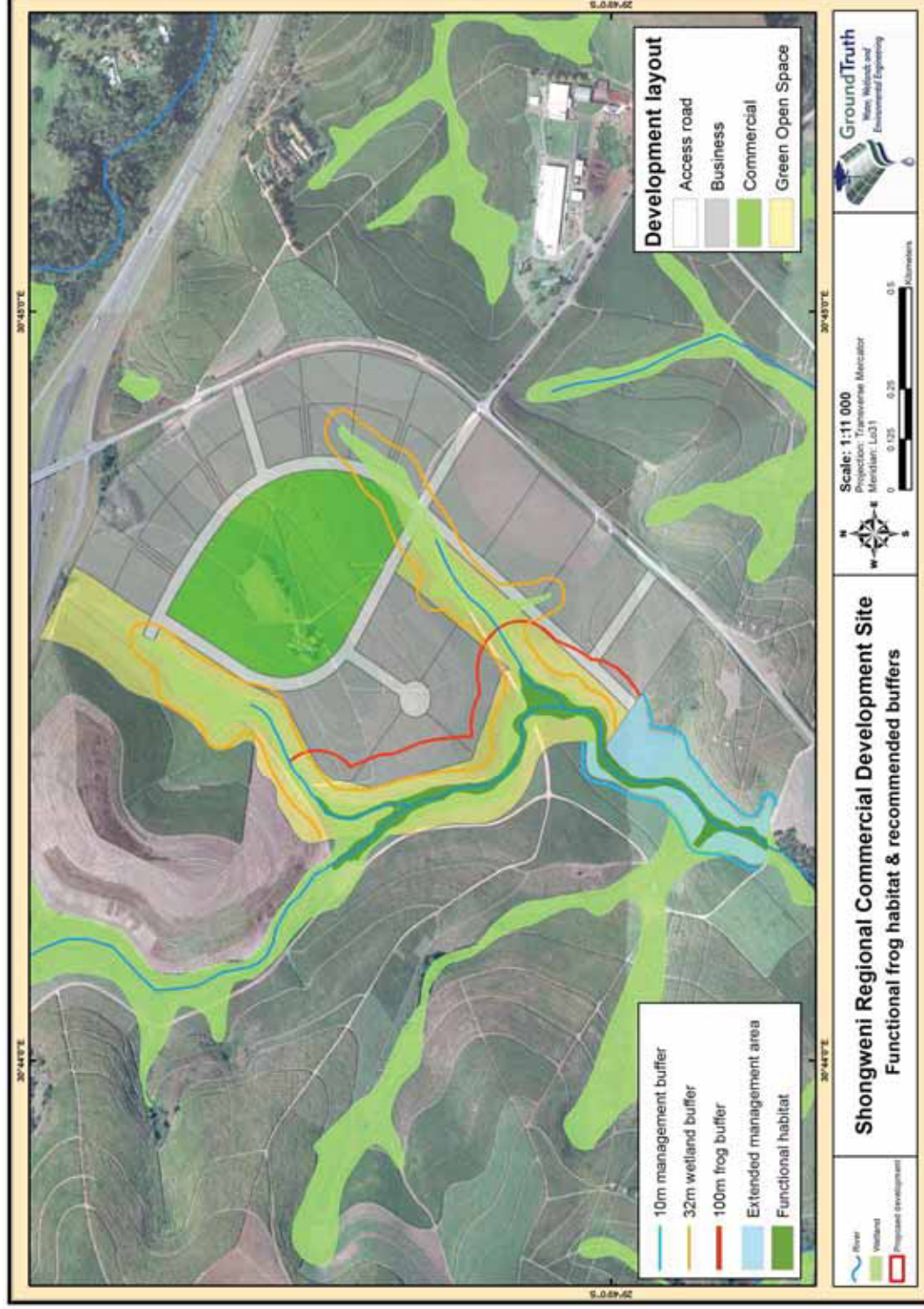


Figure 4-1: Map showing the present frog habitat availability with reference to various options for creating additional habitat and buffers for conservation important frog species

Red Data frogs that potentially occur in the area (*c.f.* Section 4.3). In the case of sensitive aquatic biota, such as frogs, buffers are important for providing sufficient terrestrial habitat for frogs to forage away from breeding sites, rather than solely being adopted to protect the aquatic habitats from physical disturbance or pollution within an altered landscape. Buffers of 60 to 185m are recommended for *Afrivalus spinifrons* and *Hemisis guttatus* (Graham and de Winnaar, *In Press*), although a **100m buffer**, with natural vegetation cover, would be considered sufficient. A portion of the development footprint, however, occurs within the recommended frog habitat buffer of 100m (Figure 4-1). Thus, in the context of the proposed development, a variable buffer (or habitat corridor) is recommended that provides for protection of conservation important biota, through enhanced terrestrial and aquatic habitat availability, functionality, and connectivity.

Figure 4-1 below provides a conceptual design to incorporate such a variable habitat buffer and which accommodates the footprint of the proposed Shongweni Regional Retail/Commercial Development. This management approach is based on the following concepts:

- The recommended 100m buffer for conservation of sensitive frog species is primarily for provision of terrestrial habitat for adult frogs to forage and hibernate, rather than a “blanket setback distance” *per se*. Approximately 3.9ha of the “hardened” development footprint (*i.e.* excluding the green open spaces) occurs within the 100m frog habitat buffer (Figure 4-1).
- The development’s proposed Green Open Space is considered adequate to offset the loss of 3.9ha from the initially recommended 100m frog buffer. Furthermore, the Green Open Space has the potential to provide additional terrestrial and aquatic habitat (about 12.2ha) for frogs thereby forming a variable-width buffer or ecological corridor. Environmental benefits provided by the Green Open Space would extend further downstream into the extended management area (Figure 4-1).
- Revegetation and management of the Green Open Space (currently dominated by sugarcane) will be required with aquatic and terrestrial areas managed as natural wetland and KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld grassland respectively.
- Ensure minimal or no disturbance outside of the development footprint area during construction. Buffer areas should preferably be revegetated with indigenous vegetation prior to construction to reduced impacts on wetland/riparian systems during the construction phase.
- Rehabilitate areas containing solid waste and remove all refuse/waste which has accumulated on the property, and thereafter maintaining the property in a refuse/litter-free state.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive alien weed control programme to eradicate and control problematic plant species and prevent further spread. Allowance should be made for follow-up work so that by the end of construction there is either no presence or a negligible presence of these plants. The

developer's obligation to continue with such control work should continue indefinitely. All alien plant control work should only be undertaken by a competent contractor.

- Ensuring that landscaping within the development comprises indigenous species appropriate to the regional vegetation.
- Ensure that the stormwater management plan for the development minimises flow-related impacts to the aquatic environment and associated buffers. This should include:
  - Detention/attenuation structures incorporated into the overall design layout. Open swales<sup>7</sup>, properly sized to accommodate excess stormwater, could also be considered to receive stormwater from road/driveway drainage. Permeable pavers, which are effective for reducing stormwater runoff and encouraging infiltration of surface water, should be incorporated as much as possible in terms of design and construction of roads, driveways, parking areas, etc.
  - Multiple discharge points that are reasonably spread out across the development adjoining the riparian habitat to allow a diffuse spread of surface runoff, maximising the amount of infiltration.
  - Concentrated flows through buffer zones should be avoided through diffuse flow discharges and runoff entering the buffer zone should not exceed 1.5m/sec to enhance the pollutant removal performance of the buffer area (Cornelius-Carolina, 2004).
  - Accompanying each discharge point should be suitable baffle structures (e.g. gabion mattresses) to dissipate the energy of stormwater runoff and encourage infiltration.

The latest design of the development contains multiple attenuation structures, allowing for controlled, diffuse flow releases, which will minimise flow-related impacts to the downstream aquatic environment. This will result in improved habitat integrity and functionality of wetland and riparian habitats within the Wekeweke River system.

- Pollutants, potentially carried in surface water runoff, should be limited through the use of best management practises and designs (e.g. first-flush pollutant traps and filters, permeable paving in driveways and parking areas, etc.).
- Incorporate the aforementioned recommendations into the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) and include monitoring of riparian habitats, natural corridors and other open spaces to be implemented during both construction and operation phases.

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<sup>7</sup> Open swales are vegetated, shallow depressions that are often used along roadsides to capture surface runoff. The increased surface roughness helps to reduce velocities of surface runoff thereby increasing infiltration of water into the soil layers.

- Implement a biennial or triennial fire burning regime in both grassland and wetland areas to increase grassland vigour. A fire management plan will therefore need to be compiled for the system.
- Considering the importance of flow for downstream systems and for the survival of *Gladiolus cruentus* population, no further reduction in the hydrology for the catchment should occur without further investigation of the system and its ecological water reserve.
- The use of chemical control is recommended in areas where *Pteridium aquilinum* has become locally dominant. Once plants form dense monotypic stands they are difficult to eradicate, as they are resistant to burning and secrete allelochemicals (biochemicals) into the soil that inhibit and suppress growth of other plants.

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## 7. Appendices

**Appendix 1:** List of plants recorded from the study area, 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2013

Scientific Name	Common Name	Growth Form	Habitat
<i>Abrus laevigatus</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Acacia mearnsii</i> *	Black Wattle	Tree	Wetland/Forest/Grassland
<i>Aeollanthus parvifolius</i>	Pink Spur Bush	Herb	Rock face
<i>Aeschynomene micrantha</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Agapanthus</i> sp.	-	Herb	Rock face
<i>Agathisanthemum chlorophyllum</i> var. <i>chlorophyllum</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Ageratum houstonianum</i> *	Blue Weed	Herb	Grassland
<i>Albizia adianthifolia</i>	Flatcrown	Tree	Forest
<i>Aloe arborescens</i>	Krantz Aloe	Shrub	Rock face
<i>Aloe parviflora</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Aneilema aequinoctiale</i>	Clinging Aneilema	Herb	Forest
<i>Anthospermum rigidum</i> subsp. <i>pumilum</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Asparagus virgatus</i>	Broom Asparagus	Herb	Forest
<i>Asystasia gangetica</i>	Asystasia	Herb	Wetland/Forest/Grassland
<i>Bidens</i> sp. *		Herb	Grassland
<i>Bridelia micrantha</i>	Mitzeerie	Tree	Forest
<i>Bulbine natalensis</i>	Broad-leaved Bulbine	Herb	Rock face
<i>Cassipourea gummiflora</i>	Large-leaved Onionwood	Tree	Forest
<i>Celtis africana</i>	White Stinkwood	Tree	Forest
<i>Chaetacanthus burchellii</i>	Fairy Stars	Herb	Grassland
<i>Chamaecrista mimosoides</i>	Fishbone Dwarf Cassia	Herb	Grassland
<i>Chromolaena odorata</i>	Triffid Weed	Herb	Wetland/Forest/Grassland
<i>Cineraria</i> cf. <i>albicans</i>	-	Herb	Rock face
<i>Coccinia</i> sp.	-	Climber	Forest
<i>Combretum molle</i>	Velvet Bushwillow	Tree	Forest/Grassland
<i>Commelina africana</i>	Yellow Commelina	Herb	Grassland
<i>Commelina eckloniana</i>	Ecklon's Blue Commelina	Herb	Forest/Grassland
<i>Conzya canadiensis</i> *	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Crassula perfoliata</i>	-	Herb	Rock face
<i>Crassula perforata</i> var. <i>heterotricha</i>	Pointed-leaved Crassula	Herb	Rock face
<i>Crocasmia aurea</i>	Falling Stars	Herb	Forest
<i>Crotalaria globifera</i>	Round Pod Rattle Bush	Herb	Grassland
<i>Cryptocarya woodii</i>	Cape Wild-quince	Tree	Forest
<i>Cryptolepis oblongifolia</i>	Red-stemmed Cryptolepis	Suffrutex	Grassland
<i>Cyanotis robusta</i>	-	Herb	Rock face
<i>Cyanotis speciosa</i>	Doll's Powderpuff	Herb	Grassland
<i>Cyathea dregei</i>	Grassland Tree Fern	Tree	Grassland/Wetland
<i>Cyperus dives</i>	Giant Sedge	Sedge	Wetland
<i>Cyrtanthussanguineus</i>	Large Red Cyrtanthus	Herb	Rock face

Scientific Name	Common Name	Growth Form	Habitat
<i>Dalbergia armata</i>	Hluhluwe Creeper	Tree	Forest
<i>Dalbergia obovata</i>	Climbing Flat-bean	Tree	Wetland/Forest
<i>Delosperma velutinum</i>	-	Herb	Rock face
<i>Dietes grandiflora</i>	Large Wild Iris	Herb	Forest
<i>Dioscorea cotinifolia</i>	Wild Yam	Climber	Forest
<i>Dissotis canescens</i>	Pink Marsh Dissotis	Shrub	Wetland
<i>Eriosema salignum</i>	Narrow-leaved Eriosema	Herb	Grassland
<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> *	Saligna Gum	Tree	Wetland/Forest/Grassland
<i>Eugenia</i> sp. nov. B.	Krantz Myrtle	Tree	Forest
<i>Euphorbia evansii</i>	Small-tooth Euphorbia	Tree	Rock face
<i>Ficus burkei</i>	Common Wild Fig	Tree	Forest
<i>Ficus burkei</i>	Common Wild Fig	Tree	Forest
<i>Ficus burtt-dayvii</i>	Veld Fig	Tree	Rock face
<i>Ficus glumosa</i>	Mountain Rock Fig	Tree	Rock face
<i>Ficus ingens</i>	Red-leaved Rock Fig	Tree	Rock face
<i>Ficus sur</i>	Broom Cluster Fig	Tree	Forest
<i>Gasteria croucheri</i> subsp. <i>croucheri</i>	Gasteria	Herb	Rock face
<i>Gerbera kraussii</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Gomphocarpus physocarpus</i>	Milkweed	Herb	Grassland/Wetland
<i>Halleria lucida</i>	Tree Fuschia	Tree	Forest
<i>Helichrysum auriceps</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Helichrysum nudifolium</i>	Hottentot's Tea	Herb	Grassland
<i>Helichrysum panduratum</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Helichrysum ruderale</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Hypoxis hemerocallidea</i>	Star-flower	Herb	Grassland
<i>Impatiens hochstetteri</i>	Common Wild Impatiens	Herb	Forest
<i>Indigofera crebra</i> subsp. <i>multijuga</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Indigofera williamsonii</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Ipomoea ficifolia</i>	Fig-leaved Ipomoea	Climber	Forest
<i>Ischaemum fasciculatum</i>	Hippo Grass	Grass	Wetland
<i>Isoglossa woodii</i>	Buchweed	Herb	Forest
<i>Justicia protracta</i>	Veld Justicia	Herb	Grassland
<i>Kniphofia</i> cf. <i>linearifolia</i>	Common Marsh Poker	Herb	Wetland
<i>Kohautia virgata</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Laggera alata</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Lantana camara</i> *	Lantana	Shrub	Wetland/Forest/Grassland
<i>Leucas martinicensis</i>	Tumble Weed	Herb	Wetland/Grassland
<i>Lobelia erinus</i>	Edging Lobelia	Herb	Wetland
<i>Lobelia pteropoda</i>	-	Herb	Forest
<i>Macaranga capensis</i>	Wild Poplar	Tree	Forest
<i>Maesa lanceolata</i> *	False Assegai	Tree	Wetland/Forest/Grassland
<i>Melia azedarach</i> *	Syringa	Tree	Wetland/Forest/Grassland
<i>Microglossa mespilifolia</i>	Trailing Daisy	Climber	Forest
<i>Mikania natalensis</i>	Natal Mikania	Climber	Forest
<i>Miscanthus capensis</i>	Daba Grass	Grass	Wetland

Scientific Name	Common Name	Growth Form	Habitat
<i>Pachystigma venosum</i>	Dwarf Medlar	Suffrutex	Grassland
<i>Pavonia columella</i>	Pink Pavonia	Herb	Wetland/Forest/Grassland
<i>Persicaria</i> sp.	-	Herb	Wetland
<i>Petopentia natalensis</i>	Propeller Vine	Climber	Rock face
<i>Phaulopsis imbricata</i>	-	Herb	Forest
<i>Phoenix reclinata</i>	Wild Date Palm	Tree	Forest/Wetland
<i>Phyllanthus meyerianus</i>	-	Herb	Wetland
<i>Phymaspermum pinnatifidum</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Plectranthus ciliatus</i>	Speckled Spur-flower	Herb	Forest
<i>Plectyranthus laxiflorus</i>	Citronella Spur-flower	Herb	Wetland/Forest/Grassland
<i>Populus x canescens</i> *	Grey Poplar	Tree	Wetland/Forest
<i>Protorhus longifolia</i>	Red Beech	Tree	Forest
<i>Psychotria capensis</i>	Black Bird-berry	Tree	Forest
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	Herb	Grassland/Wetland
<i>Rapanea melanophloeos</i>	Cape Beech	Tree	Forest
<i>Rhinacanthus gracilis</i>	Dainty Spurs	Herb	Forest/Grassland
<i>Rhus pallens</i>	Ribbed Currant	Shrub	Forest/Grassland
<i>Rubus</i> sp.	Bramble	Shrub	Grassland/Wetland
<i>Rumex saggitatus</i>	Climbing Rumex	Herb	Grassland
<i>Scadoxus puniceus</i>	Snake Lily	Herb	Forest/Grassland
<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i> *	Brazilian Pepper	Tree	Wetland/Forest/Grassland
<i>Schistostephium heptalobum</i>	-	Herb	Forest/Grassland
<i>Searsia chirindensis</i>	Red Currant	Tree	Forest
<i>Senecio chrysocoma</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Senecio coronatus</i>	Woody Grassland Senecio	Herb	Grassland
<i>Senecio madagascariensis</i> *	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Sida cordifolia</i> *	Flannel Weed	Herb	Grassland
<i>Smilax anceps</i>	Wild Sarsaparilla	Climber	Forest/Grassland
<i>Solanum mauritianum</i> *	Bugweed	Tree	Forest/Grassland
<i>Striga bilabiata</i>	Small Witchweed	Herb	Grassland
<i>Sutera floribunda</i>	-	Herb	Grassland
<i>Syzygium cordatum</i>	Umdoni	Tree	Forest/Wetland
<i>Talbotia elegans</i>	-	Herb	Rock face
<i>Tarchonanthus trilobus</i> subsp. <i>trilobus</i>	Trident Camphor Tree	Tree	Forest
<i>Tephrosia macropoda</i> subsp. <i>macropoda</i>	Creeping Tephrosia	Herb	Grassland
<i>Tephrosia shiluanensis</i>	-	Herb	Grassland/Wetland
<i>Tetradenia riparia</i>	-	Herb	Rock face/Forest
<i>Tetraselgo natalensis</i>	Misty Plume Bush	Herb	Grassland
<i>Thunbergia alata</i>	Black-eyed Susan	Climber	Forest/Wetland
<i>Thunbergia atriplicifolia</i>	Natal Primrose	Herb	Grassland
<i>Typha capensis</i>	Bulrush	Sedge	Wetland

**Appendix 2:** Benthic diatom presence and abundances in the Wekeweke system as sampled on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2013

Species Name	Count
<i>Achnantheidium exiguum</i> (Grunow) Czarnecki	2
<i>Eolimna minima</i> (Grunow) Lange-Bertalot	2
<i>Eolimna subminuscula</i> (Manguin) Moser Lange-Bertalot & Metzeltin	158
<i>Fistulifera saprophila</i> (Lange-Bertalot & Bonik) Lange-Bertalot	18
<i>Lemnicola hungarica</i> (Grunow) Round & Basson	1
<i>Mayamaea atomus</i> var. <i>permitis</i> (Hustedt) Lange-Bertalot	11
<i>Nitzschia amphibia</i> Grunow f.amphibia	1
<i>Navicula gregaria</i> Donkin	1
<i>Nitzschia frustulum</i> (Kützing)Grunow var.frustulum	99
<i>Nitzschia palea</i> (Kützing) W.Smith	89
<i>Navicula rostellata</i> Kützing	2
<i>Navicula symmetrica</i> Patrick	5
<i>Navicula veneta</i> Kützing	4
<i>Sellaphora seminulum</i> (Grunow) D.G. Mann	7



## Summary sheet with calculated scores

Wetland name/reference number	HGM 1 Score	HGM 2 Score
<b>Flood attenuation</b>		
<i><b>Effectiveness of the wetland</b></i>		
Size of wetland relative to catchment	3,0	3,0
Slope of wetland	1,0	2,0
Surface roughness of wetland	1,0	1,0
Depressions	0,0	0,0
Frequency with which stormflows spread across the wetland	3,0	3,0
Sinuosity of the stream channel	1,0	1,0
Representation of different hydrological zones	1,0	2,0
<b>Score for effectiveness:</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>1,7</b>
<i><b>Opportunity for attenuating floods</b></i>		
Average slope of the wetland's catchment	2,0	3,0
Inherent runoff potential of soils in catchment	1,0	1,0
Contribution of catchment land-uses to changing runoff intensity from the natural co	2,0	2,0
Rainfall intensity	3,0	3,0
Extent of floodable property downstream	1,0	1,0
<b>Score for opportunity:</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>2,0</b>
<b>Overall score/rating for flood attenuation</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>1,9</b>
<b>Stream flow regulation</b>		
Link to the stream network	4,0	4,0
Representation of different hydrological zones	3,0	2,0
Presence of fibrous peat or unconsolidated sediments below floating marsh	0,0	0,0
Reduction in evapotranspiration through frosting back of the wetland vegetation	0,0	0,0
HGM unit occurs on underlying geology with strong surface-groundwater linkages	3,0	3,0
Presence of any important wetlands or aquatic systems downstream	4,0	4,0
<b>Overall score/rating for stream flow augmentation</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>2,2</b>
<b>Sediment trapping</b>		
<i><b>Effectiveness of the wetland</b></i>		
Effectiveness in attenuating floods	1,4	1,7
Direct evidence of sediment deposition	2,0	2,0
<b>Score for effectiveness:</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>1,9</b>
<i><b>Opportunity</b></i>		
Extent to which dams are reducing the input of sediment	4,0	4,0
Extent of sediment sources delivering sediment to the HGM unit	2,0	2,0
Presence of any important wetlands or aquatic systems downstream	4,0	4,0
<b>Score for opportunity:</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>3,3</b>
<b>Overall score/rating for sediment trapping</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>2,6</b>
<b>Phosphate trapping</b>		
<i><b>Effectiveness of the wetland</b></i>		
Effectiveness of trapping sediment	1,7	1,9
Pattern of low flows within the wetland	3,0	3,0
Extent of vegetation cover	3,0	3,0
Application of fertilizer/biocides directly in the HGM unit	2,0	2,0
<b>Score for effectiveness:</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>2,5</b>
<i><b>Opportunity</b></i>		
Extent of sediment sources	2,0	2,0
Extent of other potential sources - point source	2,0	2,0
Presence of any important wetlands or aquatic systems downstream	4,0	4,0
<b>Score for opportunity:</b>	<b>2,7</b>	<b>2,7</b>
<b>Overall score/rating for phosphate trapping</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>2,6</b>

## Nitrate removal

### Effectiveness

Hydrological zonation	3,0	2,0
Pattern of low flows	3,0	3,0
Extent of vegetation cover	3,0	3,0
Contribution of sub-surface water inputs relative to surface water inputs	3,0	3,0
Application of fertilizer/biocides directly in the HGM unit	2,0	2,0

**Score for effectiveness: 2,8 2,6**

### Opportunity

Extent of nitrate sources in the HGM unit's catchment	2,0	2,0
Presence of any important wetlands or aquatic systems downstream	4,0	4,0

**Score for opportunity: 3,0 3,0**

**Overall score/rating for nitrate removal 2,9 2,8**

## Toxicant removal

### Effectiveness

Hydrological zonation	3,0	2,0
Pattern of low flows	3,0	3,0
Extent of vegetation cover	3,0	3,0
Effectiveness in trapping sediment	1,7	1,9
Application of fertilizer/biocides directly in the HGM unit	2,0	2,0

**Score for effectiveness: 2,5 2,4**

### Opportunity

Extent of sediment sources	2,0	2,0
Extent of toxicant sources	2,0	2,0
Presence of any important wetlands or aquatic systems downstream	4,0	4,0

**Score for opportunity: 2,7 2,7**

**Overall score/rating for toxicant removal 2,6 2,5**

## Erosion control

### Effectiveness

Direct evidence of erosion	3,0	3,0
Extent of vegetation cover	3,0	3,0
Surface roughness	1,0	1,0
Level of soil disturbance in wetland	1,0	1,0

**Score for effectiveness: 2,0 2,0**

### Opportunity

Slope of wetland	1,0	2,0
Erodibility of the soil	2,0	2,0
Runoff intensity from the wetland's catchment	2,0	2,3

**Score for opportunity: 1,7 2,1**

**Overall score/rating for erosion control 1,8 2,0**

## Carbon storage

Hydrological zones	3,0	2,0
Abundance of peat	0,0	0,0
Level of soil disturbance in wetland	1,0	1,0

**Overall score/rating for carbon storage 1,3 1,0**

## Biodiversity maintenance

### Noteworthiness

HGM unit is of a rare type or is of a wetland type or vegetation type subjected to a h	4,0	4,0
Level of cumulative loss of wetlands in the overall catchment	4,0	4,0
Red Data species or suitable habitat for Red Data species	4,0	4,0
Level of significance of other special natural features	1,0	1,0

**Score for noteworthiness: 3,3 3,3**

Extent of buffer around wetland	0,0	0,0
Connectivity of wetland in landscape	4,0	4,0
Alteration of hydrological regime	3,0	2,0
Alteration of sediment regime	1,0	1,0
Alteration of nutrient/toxicant regime	2,0	2,0
Complete removal of indigenous vegetation	1,0	2,0
Invasive and pioneers species encroachment	2,0	2,0
Presence of hazardous/restrictive barriers	2,0	3,0
	<b>Score for integrity:</b>	<b>1,9</b>
	<b>Overall score/rating for maintenance of biodiversity</b>	<b>3,3</b>

3,3

#### Water supply

Hydrological zones	3,0	2,0
Importance for stream flow augmentation	2,3	2,2
Current use for agricultural purposes	1,0	0,0
Current use for domestic purposes	0,0	0,0
Number of households	0,0	0,0
Substitutability of wetland water source	4,0	4,0
	<b>Overall score/rating for water supply</b>	<b>1,7</b>

1,4

#### Provision of harvestable natural resources

Total number of resources	0,0	0,0
Location in rural communal area	0,0	0,0
Level of poverty	0,0	0,0
Number of households depending on wetland	0,0	0,0
Substitutability of the wetland resources	0,0	0,0
	<b>Overall score/rating for source of goods /resources</b>	<b>0,0</b>

#### Provision of cultivated foods

Total number of different crops cultivated in the HGM unit	1,0	0,0
Location in rural communal area	0,0	0,0
Level of poverty	0,0	0,0
Number of households who depend on the crops cultivated in the HGM unit	0,0	0,0
Substitutability of the crops cultivated in the wetland	0,0	0,0
	<b>Overall score/rating for source of goods /resources</b>	<b>0,2</b>

#### Cultural significance

Registered SAHRA site	0,0	0,0
Location in a communal rural area	0,0	0,0
Known cultural practices	0,0	0,0
Known taboos/beliefs	0,0	0,0
	<b>Overall score/rating for socio-cultural significance</b>	<b>0,0</b>

#### Tourism and recreation

Scenic beauty of the HGM unit	2,0	1,0
Presence of "charismatic" species	0,0	0,0
Currently used	0,0	0,0
Suitable locations for facilities	0,0	0,0
Location within a tourism route	0,0	0,0
Recreational hunting and fishing and birding opportunities	0,0	0,0
Extent of open water	0,0	0,0
	<b>Overall score/rating for tourism and recreation</b>	<b>0,3</b>

0,1

#### Education and research

Currently used	0,0	0,0
Reference site suitability	2,0	1,0
Existing long term research & data collected	0,0	0,0
Accessibility	0,0	0,0
	<b>Overall score/rating for education and research</b>	<b>0,5</b>

0,3



## Summary sheet with calculated scores

Wetland name/reference number

Score

### Flood attenuation

#### *Effectiveness of the wetland*

Size of wetland relative to catchment	4.0
Slope of wetland	0.0
Surface roughness of wetland	1.0
Depressions	0.0
Frequency with which stormflows spread across the wetland	1.0
Sinuosity of the stream channel	1.0
Representation of different hydrological zones	3.0

**Score for effectiveness: 1.4**

#### *Opportunity for attenuating floods*

Average slope of the wetland's catchment	4.0
Inherent runoff potential of soils in catchment	1.0
Contribution of catchment land-uses to changing runoff intensity from the natural co	2.0
Rainfall intensity	3.0
Extent of floodable property downstream	1.0

**Score for opportunity: 2.2**

**Overall score/rating for flood attenuation 1.8**

### Stream flow regulation

Link to the stream network	4.0
Representation of different hydrological zones	1.0
Presence of fibrous peat or unconsolidated sediments below floating marsh	0.0
Reduction in evapotranspiration through frosting back of the wetland vegetation	0.0
HGM unit occurs on underlying geology with strong surface-groundwater linkages	3.0
Presence of any important wetlands or aquatic systems downstream	0.0

**Overall score/rating for stream flow augmentation 1.3**

### Sediment trapping

#### *Effectiveness of the wetland*

Effectiveness in attenuating floods	1.4
Direct evidence of sediment deposition	0.0

**Score for effectiveness: 0.7**

#### *Opportunity*

Extent to which dams are reducing the input of sediment	4.0
Extent of sediment sources delivering sediment to the HGM unit	2.0
Presence of any important wetlands or aquatic systems downstream	0.0

**Score for opportunity: 2.0**

**Overall score/rating for sediment trapping 1.4**

### Phosphate trapping

#### *Effectiveness of the wetland*

Effectiveness of trapping sediment	0.7
Pattern of low flows within the wetland	2.0
Extent of vegetation cover	2.0
Application of fertilizer/biocides directly in the HGM unit	2.0

**Score for effectiveness: 1.7**

#### *Opportunity*

Extent of sediment sources	2.0
Extent of other potential sources - point source	2.0
Presence of any important wetlands or aquatic systems downstream	0.0

**Score for opportunity: 1.3**

**Overall score/rating for phosphate trapping 1.5**

**Nitrate removal****Effectiveness**

Hydrological zonation	1.0
Pattern of low flows	2.0
Extent of vegetation cover	2.0
Contribution of sub-surface water inputs relative to surface water inputs	3.0
Application of fertilizer/biocides directly in the HGM unit	2.0

**Score for effectiveness: 2.0**

**Opportunity**

Extent of nitrate sources in the HGM unit's catchment	2.0
Presence of any important wetlands or aquatic systems downstream	0.0

**Score for opportunity: 1.0**

**Overall score/rating for nitrate removal 1.5**

**Toxicant removal****Effectiveness**

Hydrological zonation	1.0
Pattern of low flows	2.0
Extent of vegetation cover	2.0
Effectiveness in trapping sediment	0.7
Application of fertilizer/biocides directly in the HGM unit	2.0

**Score for effectiveness: 1.5**

**Opportunity**

Extent of sediment sources	2.0
Extent of toxicant sources	2.0
Presence of any important wetlands or aquatic systems downstream	0.0

**Score for opportunity: 1.3**

**Overall score/rating for toxicant removal 1.4**

**Erosion control****Effectiveness**

Direct evidence of erosion	2.0
Extent of vegetation cover	2.0
Surface roughness	1.0
Level of soil disturbance in wetland	0.0

**Score for effectiveness: 1.3**

**Opportunity**

Slope of wetland	0.0
Erodibility of the soil	2.0
Runoff intensity from the wetland's catchment	2.5

**Score for opportunity: 1.5**

**Overall score/rating for erosion control 1.4**

**Carbon storage**

Hydrological zones	1.0
Abundance of peat	0.0
Level of soil disturbance in wetland	0.0

**Overall score/rating for carbon storage 0.3**

**Biodiversity maintenance****Noteworthiness**

HGM unit is of a rare type or is of a wetland type or vegetation type subjected to a h	4.0
Level of cumulative loss of wetlands in the overall catchment	4.0
Red Data species or suitable habitat for Red Data species	0.0
Level of significance of other special natural features	0.0

**Score for noteworthiness: 2.0**

Extent of buffer around wetland	0.0
Connectivity of wetland in landscape	2.0
Alteration of hydrological regime	0.0
Alteration of sediment regime	0.0
Alteration of nutrient/toxicant regime	2.0
Complete removal of indigenous vegetation	0.0
Invasive and pioneers species encroachment	0.0
Presence of hazardous/restrictive barriers	1.0
<b>Score for integrity:</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Overall score/rating for maintenance of biodiversity</b>	<b>1.3</b>

#### **Water supply**

Hydrological zones	1.0
Importance for stream flow augmentation	1.3
Current use for agricultural purposes	0.0
Current use for domestic purposes	0.0
Number of households	0.0
Substitutability of wetland water source	0.0
<b>Overall score/rating for water supply</b>	<b>0.4</b>

#### **Provision of harvestable natural resources**

Total number of resources	0.0
Location in rural communal area	0.0
Level of poverty	0.0
Number of households depending on wetland	0.0
Substitutability of the wetland resources	0.0
<b>Overall score/rating for source of goods /resources</b>	<b>0.0</b>

#### **Provision of cultivated foods**

Total number of different crops cultivated in the HGM unit	1.0
Location in rural communal area	0.0
Level of poverty	0.0
Number of households who depend on the crops cultivated in the HGM unit	0.0
Substitutability of the crops cultivated in the wetland	0.0
<b>Overall score/rating for source of goods /resources</b>	<b>0.2</b>

#### **Cultural significance**

Registered SAHRA site	0.0
Location in a communal rural area	0.0
Known cultural practices	0.0
Known taboos/beliefs	0.0
<b>Overall score/rating for socio-cultural significance</b>	<b>0.0</b>

#### **Tourism and recreation**

Scenic beauty of the HGM unit	0.0
Presence of "charismatic" species	0.0
Currently used	0.0
Suitable locations for facilities	0.0
Location within a tourism route	0.0
Recreational hunting and fishing and birding opportunities	0.0
Extent of open water	0.0
<b>Overall score/rating for tourism and recreation</b>	<b>0.0</b>

#### **Education and research**

Currently used	0.0
Reference site suitability	0.0
Existing long term research & data collected	0.0
Accessibility	1.0
<b>Overall score/rating for education and research</b>	<b>0.3</b>

## Summary sheet with calculated scores

Wetland name/reference number	Score
<b>Flood attenuation</b>	
<i>Effectiveness of the wetland</i>	
Size of wetland relative to catchment	4.0
Slope of wetland	0.0
Surface roughness of wetland	1.0
Depressions	0.0
Frequency with which stormflows spread across the wetland	1.0
Sinuosity of the stream channel	1.0
Representation of different hydrological zones	1.0
<b>Score for effectiveness:</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<i>Opportunity for attenuating floods</i>	
Average slope of the wetland's catchment	4.0
Inherent runoff potential of soils in catchment	1.0
Contribution of catchment land-uses to changing runoff intensity from the natural cor	3.0
Rainfall intensity	3.0
Extent of floodable property downstream	0.0
<b>Score for opportunity:</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Overall score/rating for flood attenuation</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Stream flow regulation</b>	
Link to the stream network	4.0
Representation of different hydrological zones	3.0
Presence of fibrous peat or unconsolidated sediments below floating marsh	0.0
Reduction in evapotranspiration through frosting back of the wetland vegetation	0.0
HGM unit occurs on underlying geology with strong surface-groundwater linkages	3.0
Presence of any important wetlands or aquatic systems downstream	0.0
<b>Overall score/rating for stream flow augmentation</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Sediment trapping</b>	
<i>Effectiveness of the wetland</i>	
Effectiveness in attenuating floods	1.1
Direct evidence of sediment deposition	1.0
<b>Score for effectiveness:</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<i>Opportunity</i>	
Extent to which dams are reducing the input of sediment	4.0
Extent of sediment sources delivering sediment to the HGM unit	2.0
Presence of any important wetlands or aquatic systems downstream	0.0
<b>Score for opportunity:</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Overall score/rating for sediment trapping</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Phosphate trapping</b>	
<i>Effectiveness of the wetland</i>	
Effectiveness of trapping sediment	1.1
Pattern of low flows within the wetland	2.0
Extent of vegetation cover	1.0
Application of fertilizer/biocides directly in the HGM unit	1.0
<b>Score for effectiveness:</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<i>Opportunity</i>	
Extent of sediment sources	2.0
Extent of other potential sources - point source	3.0
Presence of any important wetlands or aquatic systems downstream	0.0
<b>Score for opportunity:</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Overall score/rating for phosphate trapping</b>	<b>1.5</b>

**Nitrate removal****Effectiveness**

Hydrological zonation	3.0
Pattern of low flows	2.0
Extent of vegetation cover	1.0
Contribution of sub-surface water inputs relative to surface water inputs	3.0
Application of fertilizer/biocides directly in the HGM unit	1.0

**Score for effectiveness: 2.0****Opportunity**

Extent of nitrate sources in the HGM unit's catchment	3.0
Presence of any important wetlands or aquatic systems downstream	0.0

**Score for opportunity: 1.5****Overall score/rating for nitrate removal 1.8****Toxicant removal****Effectiveness**

Hydrological zonation	3.0
Pattern of low flows	2.0
Extent of vegetation cover	1.0
Effectiveness in trapping sediment	1.1
Application of fertilizer/biocides directly in the HGM unit	1.0

**Score for effectiveness: 1.6****Opportunity**

Extent of sediment sources	2.0
Extent of toxicant sources	3.0
Presence of any important wetlands or aquatic systems downstream	0.0

**Score for opportunity: 1.7****Overall score/rating for toxicant removal 1.6****Erosion control****Effectiveness**

Direct evidence of erosion	3.0
Extent of vegetation cover	1.0
Surface roughness	1.0
Level of soil disturbance in wetland	1.0

**Score for effectiveness: 1.5****Opportunity**

Slope of wetland	0.0
Erodibility of the soil	2.0
Runoff intensity from the wetland's catchment	2.8

**Score for opportunity: 1.6****Overall score/rating for erosion control 1.5****Carbon storage**

Hydrological zones	3.0
Abundance of peat	0.0
Level of soil disturbance in wetland	1.0

**Overall score/rating for carbon storage 1.3****Biodiversity maintenance****Noteworthiness**

HGM unit is of a rare type or is of a wetland type or vegetation type subjected to a high level of disturbance	4.0
Level of cumulative loss of wetlands in the overall catchment	4.0
Red Data species or suitable habitat for Red Data species	0.0
Level of significance of other special natural features	1.0

**Score for noteworthiness: 2.3**

Extent of buffer around wetland	0.0
Connectivity of wetland in landscape	1.0
Alteration of hydrological regime	1.0
Alteration of sediment regime	1.0
Alteration of nutrient/toxicant regime	1.0
Complete removal of indigenous vegetation	0.0
Invasive and pioneers species encroachment	1.0
Presence of hazardous/restrictive barriers	3.0
<b>Score for integrity:</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Overall score/rating for maintenance of biodiversity</b>	<b>1.6</b>

#### **Water supply**

Hydrological zones	3.0
Importance for stream flow augmentation	1.7
Current use for agricultural purposes	2.0
Current use for domestic purposes	0.0
Number of households	0.0
Substitutability of wetland water source	4.0
<b>Overall score/rating for water supply</b>	<b>1.8</b>

#### **Provision of harvestable natural resources**

Total number of resources	1.0
Location in rural communal area	0.0
Level of poverty	0.0
Number of households depending on wetland	0.0
Substitutability of the wetland resources	0.0
<b>Overall score/rating for source of goods /resources</b>	<b>0.2</b>

#### **Provision of cultivated foods**

Total number of different crops cultivated in the HGM unit	1.0
Location in rural communal area	0.0
Level of poverty	0.0
Number of households who depend on the crops cultivated in the HGM unit	0.0
Substitutability of the crops cultivated in the wetland	0.0
<b>Overall score/rating for source of goods /resources</b>	<b>0.2</b>

#### **Cultural significance**

Registered SAHRA site	0.0
Location in a communal rural area	0.0
Known cultural practices	0.0
Known taboos/beliefs	0.0
<b>Overall score/rating for socio-cultural significance</b>	<b>0.0</b>

#### **Tourism and recreation**

Scenic beauty of the HGM unit	1.0
Presence of "charismatic" species	0.0
Currently used	0.0
Suitable locations for facilities	1.0
Location within a tourism route	0.0
Recreational hunting and fishing and birding opportunities	0.0
Extent of open water	0.0
<b>Overall score/rating for tourism and recreation</b>	<b>0.3</b>

#### **Education and research**

Currently used	0.0
Reference site suitability	0.0
Existing long term research & data collected	0.0
Accessibility	1.0
<b>Overall score/rating for education and research</b>	<b>0.3</b>

APPENDIX 11:

PROPOSED SHONGWENI MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT: VEGETATION ASSESSMENT & RAPID ASSESSMENT OF THE VEGETATION ASSOCIATED WITH A PROPOSED 500MM BULK WATER LINE (SIVEST)



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# **Proposed Shongweni Mixed Use Development: Vegetation Assessment**

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I, Dr. Richard Grant Kinvig, **declare that I –**

- act as an independent specialist consultant in the field of Ecology and Botany and have undertaken the **Vegetation Assessment** for the sites identified for assessment for the proposed development known as **Shongweni Mixed Use**, in the **Ethekwini Municipality**;
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- have and will not have any vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding;
- have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- undertake to disclose, to the competent authority, any material information that have or may have the potential to influence the decision of the competent authority or the objectivity of any report, plan or document required in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006; and
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# PROPOSED SHONGWENI MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT: VEGETATION ASSESSMENT DRAFT VEGETATION ASSESSMENT

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# PROPOSED SHONGWENI MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT: VEGETATION ASSESSMENT DRAFT VEGETATION ASSESSMENT

## 1. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

SiVEST Environmental Division was requested by Kerry Seppings Environmental Management Services (KSEMS) to undertake a detailed vegetation and faunal assessment of the three (3) sites which have been proposed for investigation. From the above mentioned assessments, inferences can be made regarding the overarching ecological value of the three (3) sites which have been identified to potentially accept the proposed Shongweni Mixed Use Development. The three sites are all currently owned by Tongaat Hulett Developments (THD). This report forms the vegetation component of the assessment.

## 2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The following Terms of Reference were provided by KSEMS regarding the requirements for the assessments.

- *Undertake a vegetation assessment of the three alternative sites proposed for the Shongweni Mixed Use Development.*

Further to the Terms of Reference supplied by KSEMS, the following protocol is extracted from the National Environmental Management Act, Act 108 of 1998. The relevant Section is Section 32 and is included below for your ease of reference.

### **Specialist reports and reports on specialised processes**

32.

- (1) *An applicant or the EAP managing an application may appoint a person who is independent to carry out a specialist study or specialised process.*
- (2) *the Person referred to in sub-regulation (1) must comply with the requirements of Regulation 17.*
- (3) *A specialist report or a report on a specialised process prepared in terms of these Regulations must contain –*
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    - (i) *the person who prepared the report; and*
    - (ii) *the expertise of that person to carry out the specialist study or specialised process;*
  - (b) *a declaration that the person is independent in a form as may be specified by the competent authority;*
  - (c) *an indication of the scope of, and the purpose for which, the report was prepared;*
  - (d) *a description of the methodology adopted in preparing the report or carrying out the specialised process;*
  - (e) *a description of any assumptions made and any uncertainties or gaps in knowledge;*
  - (f) *a description of the findings and potential implications of such findings on the impact of the proposed activity, including identified alternatives, on the environment;*
  - (g) *recommendations in respect of any mitigation measures that should be considered by the applicant and the competent authority;*
  - (h) *a description of any consultation process that was undertaken during the course of carrying out the study;*
  - (i) *a summary and copies of any comments that were received during any consultation process; and*
  - (j) *any other information requested by the competent authority.*

### 3. LOCAL SETTING

Various relatively coarse spatial datasets have been interrogated to inform the local setting of the three sites. All three sites are located in close proximity to one another, i.e. they fall within a five kilometre radius of one another. Therefore, the GIS information relating to the environmental features of the site overlap and as such the description of the local setting applied to all three sites, except where there may be some slight variations, which will be discussed individually.

#### 3.1. Database Interrogation / desktop analysis

One of the major advantages that current technology provides is the access to a substantial amount of information. As a result of this and the ongoing pursuance of environmental knowledge, databases which can be interrogated to provide general information regarding the site have been developed.

Various national, provincial and municipal spatial datasets are available for the sites and provide information on what may occur on the site and the sites value from a regional / provincial perspective in terms of the conservation and biodiversity. The caveat here is that the majority of these databases are created at the landscape level (i.e. they are coarse scale). In addition, the factors which are often utilized to determine many of the outputs are related to abiotic characteristics, such as rainfall, temperature, soil types, underlying geology, elevation and aspect. The result therefore is the development of a database that provides a high level assessment of the area, but which requires substantial ground-truthing to illustrate the various components that comprise the landscape. The field survey will highlight areas of conservation significance and biodiversity richness as well as provide information regarding the *status quo* and what will be required in terms of management to ensure improvement in the *status quo* and ensure the long term viability and sustainability of the proposed development nodes.

A number of databases have been interrogated in the process of undertaking the Desktop Analysis. A summary of the methodology utilised for the generation of each of the databases, as well as the pertinent results for each are included below under the various titled sub-sections.

##### 3.1.1. Ezemvelo KZN wildlife C-Plan & SEA Database

The C-Plan is a GIS based systematic conservation-planning package that analyses biodiversity features and landscape units. C-Plan is used to identify a national reserve system that will satisfy specified conservation targets for biodiversity features (**Lombard et al. 2003**). Biodiversity features can be land classes or species, and targets are set in area units either for land classes, or as numbers of occurrences of species for species locality data sets (**Lombard et al. 2003**). These units or measurements are used as surrogates for un-sampled data. The C-Plan is an effective conservation tool when determining priority areas at a regional level and is being used in South Africa to identify areas of high conservation value.

##### 3.1.2. Irreplaceability Analysis

The following is referenced from **Goodman (2004)**: “The first product of the conservation planning analysis in C-Plan is an irreplaceability map of the planning area, in this case the province of KwaZulu-Natal. This map is divided into 1 by 1 km grid cells called ‘planning units’.

Each cell has associated with it an ‘Irreplaceability Value’, which is a reflection of the cells’ importance with respect to the conservation of biodiversity. Irreplaceability reflects the planning unit’s ability to meet set ‘targets’ for selected biodiversity ‘features’. The irreplaceability value is scaled between 0 and 1.

**Irreplaceability value – 0.** Where a planning unit has an irreplaceability value of 0, all biodiversity features recorded here are conserved to the target amount, and there is unlikely to be a biodiversity concern with the development of the site.

**Irreplaceability value – 1.** These planning units are referred to as totally irreplaceable and the conservation of the features within them is critical to meet conservation targets. (EIA very definitely required and depending on the nature of the proposal unlikely to be granted).

**Irreplaceability value > 0 but < 1.** Some of these planning units are required to meet biodiversity conservation targets. If the value is high (e.g. 0.9) then most units are required (few options available for alternative choices). If the value is low, then many options are available for meeting the biodiversity targets. (EIA required and depending on the nature of the proposed development, permission could be granted)."

### 3.1.3. C-Plan Biodiversity Features / Species within Project Area

In terms of the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife C-Plan, the southern portion of Site 1, the northern portion of Site 2 and the northern and eastern portions of Site 3 are classified as **1**, i.e. **Totally Irreplaceable**. The other portions of the three sites are considered as already transformed. The Minset analysis mirrors the C-Plan data with the irreplaceable areas being deemed a **Mandatory Reserve**.

There are potentially five features present on site which are considered to be of environmental significance and conservation importance. The five features are as follows:

- Vegetation Type – KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Plateau Sourveld
- Vegetation Type – Eastern Scarp Forest
- Vegetation Type – Moist Ngongoni Veld
- Fauna – *Doratogonus rubipodus* (Millipede)
- Flora – *Helichrysum woodii*

### 3.1.4. KZN Wildlife Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

#### 3.1.4.1. Site 1

In terms of the SEA data generated, through the physical characteristics that are present on site, a number of groups have been identified as potentially present on Site 1, and these groups are wholly significant in terms of conservation significance or parts thereof. **Table 1** below identifies which groups are significant.

**Table 1. SEA Data taken from Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife for Site 1**

YES	NO
Protected Plants	Vegetation - Wetlands
Invertebrates	Mammals
Aquatic Fauna	Vegetation - Forests
	Avi-faunal
	Vegetation - Grasslands
	Medicinal Plants
	Frogs
	Reptiles

### 3.1.4.2. Site 2

In terms of the SEA, no groups have been identified as potentially present on Site 2.

### 3.1.4.3. Site 3

In terms of the SEA, a number of groups have been identified as potentially present on site 3, and these groups are wholly significant in terms of conservation significance or parts thereof. **Table 2** below identifies which groups are significant.

**Table 2. SEA Data taken from Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife for Site 3**

YES	NO
Medicinal Plants	Vegetation - Wetlands
Protected Plants	Mammals
Vegetation - Grasslands	Vegetation - Forests
Invertebrates	Frogs
Aquatic Fauna	Reptiles
Avi-faunal	

### 3.1.5. Bio Resource Units

In terms of Camp, 1998, there are two Bio Resource Units for the sites.

Site 2, and the southern portion of Site 3, falls within Bio Resource Unit Yb15. The general characteristics of this unit are as follows:

<b>Bioresource Group</b>	<b>3 - Moist Coast Hinterland Ngongoni Veld</b>
➤ <b>BRG Subgroup</b>	3.6
➤ <b>Vegetation pattern</b>	Bushed Grassland
➤ <b>Indicator Species</b>	<i>Acacia karroo, Acacia mearnsii, Acacia nilotica, Acacia sieberiana, Albizia adianthifolia, Aristida junciformis, Combretum spp., Digitaria eriantha, Halleria lucida, Lantana camara, Phoenix reclinata, Pteridium aquilinum, Rubus cuneifolia, Solanum mauritianum, Sporobolus pyramidalis, Strelitzia nicolai, Syzygium cordatum</i>

The rainfall average is 920 mm of rainfall. The mean temperature is 18.7 °C and the climate rating is C2, which has a slight limitation on crop growing. There is no frost hazard and the erosion rating for the site is 5.4, which translates to a moderate risk of erosion.

There are some wetlands, 1 perennial, and 1 annual rivers identified for the BRU. Please note there are a number of drainage lines, non-perennial streams and wetlands that are not captured at the coarse level at which this data has been defined.

Site 1, and the northern portion of Site 3, falls within Bio Resource Unit Wb16. The general characteristics of this unit are as follows:

<b>Bioresource Group</b>	<b>3 - Moist Coast Hinterland Ngongoni Veld</b>
➤ <b>BRG Subgroup</b>	3.6
➤ <b>Vegetation pattern</b>	Bushed Grassland
➤ <b>Indicator Species</b>	<i>Acacia karroo, Acacia mearnsii, Acacia nilotica, Acacia sieberiana, Albizia adianthifolia, Aristida junciformis, Combretum spp., Digitaria eriantha, Halleria lucida, Lantana camara, Phoenix reclinata, Pteridium aquilinum, Rubus cuneifolia, Solanum mauritianum, Sporobolus pyramidalis, Strelitzia nicolai, Syzygium cordatum</i>

The rainfall average is 823 mm of rainfall. The mean temperature is 18.6 °C and the climate rating is C2, which has a slight limitation on crop growing. There is no frost hazard and the erosion rating for the site is 4.4, which translates to a high risk of erosion.

There are water resources identified for the BRU. Please note there are a number of drainage lines, non-perennial streams and wetlands that are not captured at the coarse level at which this data has been defined.

### 3.1.6. *Environmental Potential Atlas (ENPAT)*

The following is referenced from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (2007): The Environmental Potential Atlas (ENPAT) developed from a single map of Gauteng to a complete spatial data set of the entire South Africa.

ENPAT was updated in July 2001 and is used by the National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism and various provincial environmental management departments as a decision-making tool in the process of environmental impact assessments. ENPAT includes the decision-making parameters such as: high-risk development category indications and potential impacts are linked to the 1:250 000 spatial databases on national and provincial level.

The main purpose of ENPAT is to proactively indicate potential conflicts between development proposals and critical or sensitive environments. ENPAT can also be used for development planning since it indicates the environment's potential for development.

ENPAT consists of two distinct, parallel sets of information: natural or environmental characteristics, and social-economic factors. The environmental character maps depict geology, land types, soils, vegetation, and hydrology. The socio-economic factors consist of land cover, cadastral aspects and infrastructure, land use and culture.

These two sets of information are combined and assessed in terms of their potential or latent environmental sensitivity. Sensitivity is assigned based on the ability of a resource to absorb change or impact. A value of **0** indicates a **low sensitivity** - thus a high ability to accept change, and a value of **1** indicates a **high sensitivity**, or a low ability to accept change. Areas of low sensitivity are thus available or suitable for development.

The ENPAT data provides the following information about the site:

#### 3.1.6.1. Soils and Geology

The geology of the site is comprised of Sandstone of the Natal Group. The soils on the site are dominated by Red-yellow apedal, freely drained soils with a humic horizon. These soils have a low sensitivity to disturbance and can accept development well.

### 3.1.7. *Mucina and Rutherford's Vegetation Assessment*

For both of the vegetation units predicted to occur across the three sites, **Mucina & Rutherford, 2006** compiled an inventory of species which includes the species which are most commonly occurring within these classifications, as well as the numerous rare and / or endemic species, likely to occur.



### 3.1.7.1. SVs 5 KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld

KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld is distributed in KwaZulu-Natal along elevated coastal inland sandstone plateaus from Mapumulo near Kranskop in the north to St Faiths near Port Shepstone in the south (including Noodsberg, Hillcrest, Kloof, Table Mountain, Inanda, Stony Hill, Umbumbulu, Mid-Illovo, Dumisa, Highflats). Altitude ranges from about 500–1100 m.

It is considered endangered, with a conservation target of 25%. Only 0.2% statutorily conserved in the Krantzkloof and Vernon Crookes Nature Reserves. Some 68% transformed for cultivation, plantations, urban development or road building. This highly transformed vegetation type is a prime agricultural area with mainly sugar cane and timber plantations.

The urban sprawl of the Ethekwini (Durban) Metropolitan Area and densely populated subsistence farming areas account for most of the remainder. Apart from the critically little conserved areas (only several hundred hectares), most remaining areas are subjected to high levels of grazing and frequent fire not conducive to the recruitment of seedlings of many of the shrubs and herbs. Erosion is low to very low.

#### SVs5 – KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld Diagnostic Species

**Important Taxa: Small Trees:** *Protea caffra* (d), *Protea roupelliae* subsp. *roupelliae* (d). **Tall Shrubs:** *Aspalathus chortophila*, *Gnidia kraussiana*, *Pachystigma macrocalyx*. **Low Shrubs:** *Acalypha glandulifolia*, *Agathisanthemum bojeri*, *Erica cubica* var. *cubica*, *Erica natalitia*, *Protea simplex*, *Protea welwitschii* subsp. *welwitschii*, *Searsia grandidens*, *Senecio medley-woodii*, *Tetraselago natalensis*, *Thunbergia atriplicifolia*, *Turraea pulchella*. **Graminoids:** *Aristida junciformis* subsp. *junciformis* (d), *Heteropogon contortus* (d), *Themeda triandra* (d), *Trachypogon spicatus* (d), *Tristachya leucothrix* (d), *Andropogon schirensis*, *Cymbopogon nardus*, *Digitaria diagonalis*, *Digitaria natalensis*, *Diheteropogon amplexans*, *Elionurus muticus*, *Eragrostis plana*, *Eragrostis racemosa*, *Eulalia villosa*, *Hyparrhenia hirta*, *Monocymbium ceresiiforme*. **Herbs:** *Aster bakerianus*, *Cyanotis speciosa*, *Dianthus zeyheri*, *Helichrysum allioides*, *Selago tarachodes*, *Senecio dregeanus*, *Zaluzianskya pilosa*. **Geophytic Herbs:** *Aspidoglossum ovalifolium*, *Brachystelma perditum*, *Brachystelma pygmaeum* subsp. *flavidum*, *Brachystelma tenellum*, *Eriospermum mackenii*, *Watsonia densiflora*. **Succulent Herbs:** *Aloe minima*, *Senecio oxyriifolius*.

**Biogeographically Important Taxa:** (<sup>M</sup> - Midlands endemic, <sup>P</sup> - Link to Pondoland, <sup>F</sup> - Fynbos generic element, <sup>S</sup> - Southern distribution limit) **Low Shrubs:** *Agathosma ovata*<sup>F</sup>, *Erica aspalanthifolia*<sup>P</sup>, *Eriosemopsis subanisophylla*<sup>P</sup>, *Gnidia woodii*<sup>P</sup>, *Leucospermum gerrardii*<sup>F</sup>, *Muraltia lancifolia*<sup>P,F</sup>, *Stangeria eriopus*<sup>P</sup>, *Syncolostemon parviflorus*<sup>P</sup>. **Herbs:** *Agathisanthemum chlorophyllum*<sup>P</sup>, *Callilepis leptophylla*<sup>S</sup>, *Helichrysum acutatum*<sup>P</sup>, *Helichrysum griseum*<sup>P</sup>, *Helichrysum pannosum*<sup>P</sup>. **Geophytic Herbs:** *Dierama pallidum*<sup>M</sup>, *Dierama pumilum*<sup>M</sup>, *Disperis woodii*<sup>P</sup>, *Gladiolus inandensis*<sup>P</sup>. **Succulent Herbs:** *Bulbine inflata*<sup>S</sup>, *Crassula multicava* subsp. *floribunda*<sup>P</sup>. **Geoxylic Suffrutex:** *Searsia rudatisii*<sup>P</sup>. **Endemic Taxa: Low Shrubs:** *Helichrysum woodii*, *Tephrosia inandensis*. **Succulent Herbaceous Climber:** *Crassula inandensis*. **Herbs:** *Eriosema populifolium* subsp. *populifolium*, *Eriosema rossii*, *Phymaspermum pinnatifidum*. **Geophytic Herbs:** *Brachystelma modestum*, *Brachystelma natalense*, *Brachystelma pulchellum*, *Cynorkis compacta*, *Gladiolus cruentus*, *Hesperantha gracilis*.

### 3.1.7.2. SVs 4 Ngongoni Veld

Ngongoni Veld is distributed in KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape, from near Melmoth in the north, to near Libode in the former Transkei (including Eshowe, New Hanover, Camperdown, Eston, Richmond, Dumisa, Harding, Lusikisiki and the Libode area). Altitude ranges from about 400–900 m.

It is considered vulnerable, with a conservation target of 25%. Only less than 1% of the unit is statutorily conserved in the Ophathe and Vernon Crookes Nature Reserves.

Some 39% has been transformed for cultivation, plantations and urban development.

**Small Trees:** *Acacia natalitia*, *Acacia nilotica*, *Acacia sieberiana* var. *woodii* **Low Shrubs:** *Agathisanthemum bojeri*, *Euryops laxus*, *Gnidia anthylloides* **Graminoids:** *Aristida junciformis* subsp. *junciformis* (d), *Bothriochloa insculpta*, *Eragrostis curvula*, *Hyparrhenia hirta*, *Panicum maximum*, *Paspalum scrobiculatum*, *Sporobolus africanus*, *Sporobolus pyramidalis*, *Themeda triandra* **Herbs:** *Chamaecrista mimosoides*, *Conostomium natalense*, *Gerbera ambigua*, *Helichrysum allioides*, *Hermannia grandistipula*, *Pentanisia prunelloides*, *Selago tarachodes*, *Senecio exuberans*, *Vernonia galpinii*, **Geophytic Herbs:** *Hypoxis argentea*, *Watsonia densiflora*. **Succulent Herb:** *Aloe minima*

## 4. METHODOLOGY

### 4.1. Vegetation Sampling

A random vegetation sampling technique was employed. A site walkover was conducted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2012, during which random areas were sampled. At each sample point/area, individual plant species observed were recorded to give an indication of species diversity and assemblage. Please note that the intensity of the sampling procedure is prescribed by budgetary constraints. The sampling procedure proposed for this study is satisfactory for providing a general overview and rapid assessment of the plant diversity and assemblages that occur onsite. The vegetation community units identified onsite were mapped using a hand-held GPS and ArcView 10 GIS software.

Please note that the majority of all three alternative sites are dominated by cultivation (sugar cane), with only small remnant patches of indigenous vegetation persisting in isolated fragments. One area, on the Shongweni Mixed Use Development Site 1, was historically planted to a *Eucalyptus* sp. compartment. All three sites are represented in the Map series attached at **Appendix 1**.

### 4.2. Conservation Importance Assessment

Within the context of this vegetation assessment, conservation importance is broadly defined as the importance of the onsite vegetation communities (vegetation fragment) as a whole in terms of the sites role in the preservation and maintenance of biodiversity in the local area. Biodiversity maintenance / importance is a function of the specific biodiversity attributes and noteworthiness of the vegetation communities in question and the biotic integrity and future viability of these features.

The biodiversity noteworthiness of the system is a function of the following:

- species richness/diversity;
- rarity of the system;
- conservation status of the system;
- habitat (real or potential) for Red Data Species; and
- presence of unique and/or special features,

The integrity and future viability of the system is a function of the following:

- Extent of buffer around the system;
- Connectivity of system to other natural areas in the landscape;
- Level of alteration to indigenous vegetation communities within the system;
- Level of invasive and pioneer species encroachment system; and
- Presence of hazardous and/or obstructive boundaries to fauna.

The scores for each function of biodiversity maintenance were determined according to the scoring system shown in **Table 3** below. The scores were totaled and averaged to determine the biodiversity

maintenance services score. Thereafter, the overall scores were rated according to the rating scale in **Table 4** below.

**Table 3. Biodiversity maintenance services score sheet (Template and Description)**

Biodiversity Noteworthiness	Scores				
	0	1	2	3	4
Diversity	Low	Med-Low	Medium	Med-High	High
Rarity	Low	Med-Low	Medium	Med-High	High
Conservation Status	Least Concern	Near-Threatened	Vulnerable	Endangered	Critically Endangered
Red Data	No	-	-	-	Yes
Uniqueness / Special features	None	Med-Low	Medium	Med-High	High
Integrity & Future Viability	0	1	2	3	4
Buffer	Low	Med-Low	Medium	Med-High	High
Connectivity	Low	Med-Low	Medium	Med-High	High
Alteration	>50%	25-50%	5-25%	1-5%	<1%
Invasive/pioneers	>50%	25-50%	5-25%	1-5%	<1%
Size	<1 ha	1 – 2 ha	3 - 10 ha	10 – 15 ha	>15 ha

**Table 4. Ranking Scale for Biodiversity Maintenance services based on Assessment scores**

Score:	0-0.8	0.9-1.6	1.7-2.4	2.5-3.2	3.3-4.0
Rating of the likely extent to which a service is being performed	Low	Moderately Low	Intermediate	Moderately High	High

## 5. RESULTS & DISCUSSION

Given the fact that three sites were assessed in terms of their vegetation status and characteristics, it is pertinent that the three sites are discussed individually, based on the findings of the sites. Further, this approach will allow us to provide a comparative assessment of the three sites as well as determine the value of sites in terms of conservation significance.

### 5.1. Status Quo Assessment - Vegetation Communities Onsite

#### 5.1.1. Shongweni Mixed Use Development Site 1

The first site assessed is positioned on the northern side of the N3, and is bounded by Kassier Road and a high density housing development to the west. The M13 forms the boundary on the north and north eastern side. On the eastern boundary a large alien infested drainage line separates this site from other agricultural practices. On the southern boundary the site is bounded by sugarcane cultivation which extends from the N3 to the property boundary. A locality plan is provided in **Appendix 1**.

Given that the majority of the site is currently under sugar cane cultivation, the sampling effort was focussed on areas where woody vegetation had been established around the last vestiges of remnant indigenous vegetation, i.e. the *Eucalyptus* wood lot, drainage line on the eastern boundary, woody vegetation dominated area along the M13, and wetland areas.

#### 5.1.1.1. Eucalyptus species wood lot

The majority of the residual indigenous woody vegetation was located within the boundaries of the wood lot. Within the woodlot two significant drainage areas / wetlands existed. Given that these areas are relatively difficult to transform for agricultural purposes, some remnant indigenous vegetation existed. The most prevalent woody species were; *Halleria lucida*, *Psychotria capensis*, *Monanthotaxis cafra* and *Bridelia micrantha*. A number of other indigenous woody species were encountered, however their abundances were low and considered of very limited significance. The following woody species were recorded as singletons, or in very low abundances: *Ficus sur*, *Syzygium cordatum*, *Zanthoxylum capense*, *Peddiea africana*, *Ochna serrulata* and *Sclerocroton integerrimum*.

In terms of the under-storey of the woodlot, it was dominated by alien species. Limited indigenous species were encountered within the under-storey, with the majority being creeper species. The indigenous species that were encountered were: *Smilax anceps*, *Dioscorea cotinifolia*, *Peponium mackenii*, *Pupalia lappacea*, *Plectranthus fruticosus*, *Senecio chrysocoma*, *Senecio polyanthemoides* and *Conostomium natalense*.

The majority of the under-storey, particularly in the moister areas associated with the drainage lines, were completely dominated by an alien plant species assemblage, with the most prevalent aliens being *Hedygium coccineum* and *Ardisia crenata*. Along the lower reaches of the drainage line, once the two individual drainage lines have converged, and in close proximity to a major access road, a large stand of Bamboo has been planted. It is the author's opinion that this was planted to stabilise the drainage line above the road cut in order to protect the drainage line crossing. As the distance is increased from the drainage line so the alien species assemblage changes. On the drier more elevated slopes, species such as *Lantana camara*, *Rubus cuneifolius*, *Triumfetta rhomboidea* and *Solanum mauritianum* dominate the under-storey.

During the early part of 2011 the *Eucalyptus* trees were harvested. Attached as **Appendix 2** are a series of Google Earth Images which illustrate the harvested area and how the alien woody vegetation has encroached into "waste areas" below the major access road. The harvesting, and thus subsequent disturbance, will have impacted significantly on the establishment and proliferation of alien vegetation, most notably within the under-storey. Traditionally, under older and well managed *Eucalyptus* stands, the under-storey is poorly developed with very limited amounts of alien vegetation. It is postulated that the current under-storey is well vegetated as a result of the recent perturbations imparted as a result of harvesting. In addition, the light conditions (light intensity) would favour the development of an under-storey which over time would be reduced as the light intensity was limited by over-shadowing resulting from the *Eucalyptus* species having grown taller. The conditions therefore in the under-storey would exhibit less than optimum conditions for the growth and development of the under-storey, and the majority of the vegetation would therefore senesce over time, falling out of the system. The current situation is therefore of a temporary nature. The seed bank will persist and therefore, after the next harvesting event, the cycle will repeat itself. The scenario as it currently plays out is not ideal, however, the presence of vegetation does have a positive impact in preventing significantly higher levels of erosion which would be experienced if this under-storey, even though dominated by aliens, was not present.

#### 5.1.1.2. Non-woody Wetlands

Only three wetland / drainage lines exist on Site 1 which are not under woody vegetation. These areas, for the most part, have been exposed to regular disturbance and cultivation, either historically or currently. The current impacts being imparted on the wetlands currently comprise; cultivation, central artificial drains and access roads crossings. All of these practices are having a significant impact on the vegetation which would traditionally be associated with Open Valley Bottom Wetlands. In terms of the indigenous vegetation which is currently growing in the wetlands, it is mono-specific, i.e. shows limited diversity (Please note that wetlands, particularly permanent wetlands, are by nature mono-specific due to the high level of clonality evident in the way plant communities assemble in wetlands. Thus, mono-specificity does not necessarily indicate degradation/disturbance in wetlands.

Disturbance in wetlands is reflected more in the percentage occurrence of pioneer species, alien encroachment or observed direct and indirect disturbances). The most prevalent species are *Cyperus prolifer*, *Cyperus sphaerospermus* and *Cyperus textilis*. Limited abundances of *Typha capensis*, *Eleocharis limosa* and *Ischaemum fasciculatum* currently occupy the wetland areas. In one of the drainage lines, identified on **Map 1 of Appendix 3**, two individuals of the protected tree fern species, *Cyathea dregeana* occur. The current state of the wetlands is therefore considered highly transformed from a vegetation perspective; however, it is anticipated by the Author that a specific wetland assessment will speak to these features and their current status and value.

#### 5.1.1.3. Umhlatuzana River on Eastern Boundary and Giba Gorge Beyond

The Umhlatuzana River on the eastern boundary is dominated by alien plant species, the most commonly species were *Eucalyptus* sp. 1, *Eucalyptus* sp. 2, *Populus canescens*, *Solanum mauritianum*, *Lantana camara*, *Tithonia diversifolia* and *Montanoa hibiscifolia*. As this site formed the boundary to the study area, only the periphery of the drainage line was assessed. The River system though extremely transformed and not represented strongly by indigenous vegetation components is an extremely important landscape feature due to the ecological linkage that it creates between the Upper and Lower Umhlatuzana River catchments. Above the Proposed Site 1 the Umhlatuzana River is characterised by large Open Valley Bottom Wetlands, which currently show limited transformation and are essential in providing attenuation for storm water during high or peak rainfall events. Below the site is the protected environment of the Giba Gorge, which has a significant number of rare and threatened plant species, and is a registered Protected Area within the eThekweni Municipality.

#### 5.1.1.4. Road Verges / Homesteads / Labour Housing Areas

These areas for the most part exhibit high levels of alien vegetation, with most of the alien vegetation being woody in nature and of limited ornamental value. The most common species were; *Platanus x acerifolia*, *Schinus terebinthifolius*, *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, *Melia azedarach*, *Eucalyptus* sp., *Spathodea campanulata*, *Persea* sp. *Prunus persica*, *Eriobotrya japonica* and *Musa* sp. In terms of herbaceous species the most common species were *Nicandra physalodes*, *Wedelia triloba*, *Centella asiatica*, *Hedychium coccineum* and *Canna indica*. These areas also had limited indigenous vegetation, the most notable being *Ficus burkei* and *Albizia adianthifolia*. These areas do not have any significant indigenous species assemblage and would therefore not contribute significantly to the conservation of biodiversity.

The area close to the M13, where significant woody vegetation was identified, extends along the periphery of the site in the road reserve of the M13, and contains limited indigenous vegetation. The majority of the vegetation is alien in nature, with a high localised abundance of *Caesalpinia decapetala* in the vicinity of the cane road M13 underpass. Further, in areas where the vegetation was less dense, *Vernonia angulifolia* dominated along the ecotone between the cane roads and the woody vegetation. Other species that were identified in these areas, in varying degrees of abundance, and as a direct result of the microclimatic conditions available were; *Setaria megaphylla*, *Lantana camara*, *Chromolaena odorata*, *Solanum mauritianum*, *Rubus cuneifolius*, *Ageratum conyzoides*, *Canna indica*, *Senecio polyanthemoides* and *Senecio deltoideus*.

#### 5.1.2. *Shongweni Mixed Use Development Site 2*

The second alternative site that was identified for sampling and assessment is on the southern side of the N3. It is bounded on the east by the J.B. McIntosh Drive (extension of Kassier Road). On the North it is bounded by the N3 road reserve. To the south and west the property is bounded by sugar cane lands.

##### 5.1.2.1. Wetland Area & Drainage Lines

The only remaining natural vegetation that occurs on this particular parcel of land occurs within the wetland / drainage line area. The wetland runs in a north east - south west orientation. This system merges with another system to the west of the site, just off the boundary of the proposed development

site. This system combines to form a large system which extends away from the site in a southerly direction, and a significant number of *Cyathea dregea* occur within the centralised drainage channel. This wetland system appeared to be in a relatively intact state.

The vegetation is relatively transformed within the wetland areas on the site as a result of the disturbances which are taking place during the cultivation on either side of the drainage line. The most notable vegetation was large stands of *Ischaemum fasciculatum* and *Christella dentata*. In addition three *Cyathea dregea* individuals were identified and marked on Map 2 attached at **Appendix 3**. Other species that were encountered at low abundances were *Typha capensis*, *Halleria lucida*, *Laggera alata*, *Isolepis prolifer*, *Persicaria senegalensis* forma *albotomentosa*, *Senecio madagascarensis*, *Commelina* sp., *Gomphocarpus physocarpus*, *Juncus lomatophyllus*, *Pycnopus nitidus*, *Paspalum urvillei* and *Ranunculus multifidus*. A number of alien species were also encountered, but the majority of these currently occur in low abundances. The following species were recorded: *Amaranthus* cf. *hybridus*, *Bidens pilosa*, *Galinsoga parviflora*, *Gamochaeta pensylvanica*, *Plantago major*, *Verbena officinalis*, *Taraxacum officinale*, *Rubus cuneifolius*, *Solanum mauritianum* and *Coronopus didymus*.

#### 5.1.2.2. Soccer Field & Labour Housing

The soccer field and Labour Housing areas are dominated by alien invasive species. In terms of woody species, numerous *Acacia mearnsii* individuals are located around the sports field. Only four individual indigenous species were growing in the surrounds of the sports field namely: *Halleria lucida*, *Bridelia micrantha*, *Trichilia emetica* and *Ficus burkei*. It is assumed that these species were either planted or grew as a result of the presence of an *A. mearnsii* stand. The presence of *A. mearnsii* resulted in the area being unmanaged, and this provided an undisturbed sheltered microhabitat for their germination and establishment. In terms of herbaceous species, the majority were alien in nature and comprised, *Canna indica*, *Lantana camara*, *Solanum mauritianum* and *Ageratum conyzoides*. One indigenous creeper species present was identified as *Senecio deltoideus*. In terms of the area around the labour housing, the most dominant species was *Ceiba pentandra* (Kapok Tree). An alien *Ficus benjamina*, a species most commonly associated with the indoor pot plant industry, has been planted, having outgrown its office space. *Pyrostegia venusta* was growing in abundance on the old wire fence that separates the labour housing from the sugar cane cultivation. Some indigenous species were present, though most of these were restricted to species utilised in horticulture. The most prevalent was *Agapanthus praecox*, however, it was not very abundant.

#### 5.1.2.3. Land form and utilisation

Currently the majority of the site is utilised for sugarcane production. The Open Space Areas are limited with the only single land form feature being the wetland area which traverses the site in close proximity to Kassier Road. *Shongweni Mixed Use Development Site 3*

This alternative lies to the east of Kassier Road and is bounded on the north by the N3, to the south by the MR 559 RTE and Denny Mushrooms. The eastern boundary has limited sugar cane and then opens onto grassland which abuts the site. Further, in close proximity to the N3, woody vegetation extends up the drainage line from the Open Space System known as Giba Gorge.

#### 5.1.3.1. Grassland Area abutting Site 3

The grassland area that was identified and sampled had been burnt in the recent past and therefore, many of the flowering species, which would be expected to occur in the assemblage only in spring or the onset of summer, were available to be sampled and recorded. The grassland occurs on soils derived from sandstone, and had a significant number of sandstone boulders and sandstone rock which day-lighted on the areas sampled. This grassland area extends off the site, with only an extremely small portion thereof falling within the site, approximately 10 metres off the current sugar cane access road. The grassland had a high herbaceous content; however, most of the species recorded are species renowned for responding and appearing in the species assemblage immediately after fire.

It is therefore difficult to assess the true species richness and diversity of the grassland at such a period of the year. However, given the relative isolation, the author would postulate that a visit later in the season, November / December would see a significantly higher species return, with some of the endemic and rare species having the potential to be reflected within the assemblage. Further, the species of grass identified were predominantly described as Decreaser<sup>1</sup> species, which in the presence of poor management, under / over-grazing, regular burning, tend to fall out of the system and are replaced by Increaser I or II species, in this instance species such as *Aristida junciformis*. The dominance of this categorisation of species alludes to the good health and functionality of the grassland at present. Limited alien invasive species were identified, with the only significant concern identified currently is the presence of *Pteridium aquilinum* an indigenous invader species, which has the potential to colonise and destroy grassland.

Currently, a relatively diverse herbaceous species assemblage was recorded, with the most common species being: *Aster bakerianus*, *Athrixia phylloides*, *Acalypha glandulifolia*, *Berkheya speciosa*, *Cyanotis speciosa*, *Eriosema kraussianum*, *Gerbera ambigua*, *Gnidia kraussiana*, *Indigofera crebra*, *Helichrysum pilosellum*, *Helichrysum nudifolium*, *Psammotropha myriantha*, *Senecio variabilis*, *Schistostephium heptalobum*, *Vernonia capensis*, *Vernonia natalensis* and *Vernonia oligocephala*. In terms of the graminoid species assemblage, the most common species recorded were; *Allotroopsis semialata*, *Themeda triandra*, *Heteropogon contortus*, *Trachypogon spicatus*, *Diheteropogon amplectens*, *Tristachya leucothrix* and *Urelytrum agropyroides*.

The grassland areas that are off the proposed alternative site have relatively steep slopes, and in areas where rocky outcrops are present, woody vegetation has established itself. The most common tree species identified were *Sclerocroton integerrimum*, *Canthium inerme*, *Syzygium cordatum* and *Halleria lucida*.

#### 5.1.3.2. Alien infested Fallow Areas

These areas adjoin the drainage line which flows into the Giba Gorge. These areas are currently dominated by *Lantana camara*, *Chromolaena odorata*, *Solanum mauritianum* and *Acacia mearnsii*. In terms of the indigenous vegetation, it was limited with the majority of the species being of a ruderal nature. The most common species were *Helichrysum ruderale* and *Senecio polyanthemoides*.

#### 5.1.3.3. Wetland Area & Drainage Line

The portion of the drainage line closest to the steep scarp is dominated by alien woody vegetation. The most common species are *Acacia mearnsii*, *Psidium guajava*, *Solanum mauritianum*, *Lantana camara*, *Canna indica* and *Ageratum conyzoides*. Limited indigenous woody vegetation exists, with only a few randomly placed indigenous tree species present. The tree species that were recorded are considered to be precursor woody species, namely, *Albizia adianthifolia*, *Ficus sur*, *Protorus longifolia*, *Trema orientalis* and *Syzygium cordatum*. Two other species, one a tree species, *Vangueria infausta*, and the other a woody shrub *Tetradenia riparia*, were recorded only as singletons.

Once the valley bottom shallows out, as the topography allows for a more open channel, the woody vegetation is replaced with herbaceous and graminoid based species. The open nature, and limited woody vegetation, may be as a result of the fact that the areas on both sides of the wetland are currently cultivated.

The most common species that were encountered along the wetland were; *Cyperus prolifer*, *Cyperus sphaerospermus*, *Cyperus textilis*, *Eleocharis limosa*, *Ischaemum fasciculatum*, *Persicaria serrulata*,

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<sup>1</sup> Decreaser species – palatable and productive grass species that decrease when rangeland is under- or over-grazed; Increaser I species – less palatable and productive grass species that dominate when rangeland is under- or selectively grazed; Increaser II species – less palatable and productive pioneer grass species that increase when rangeland is over-grazed.

*Setaria sphacelata* var. *sericea*, *Typha capensis* and *Zantedeschia aethiopica*. Less common species included two woody species, namely *Harpephyllum caffrum* and *Rauvolfia caffra*, both of which are assumed to have been planted. A protected plant species namely, *Cyathea dregea* was also recorded and a GPS point taken (see **Map 3** of **Appendix 3**). An individual of *Kniphofia* sp. (probably *K. linearifolia*) was also recorded. This species is provincially protected under the KZN Ordinance of 1976 as amended.

#### 5.1.3.4. Garden Areas and Tree Avenues

These areas are almost completely dominated by alien vegetation, with some of the most common species being *Platanus x acerifolia* and numerous species of fruiting trees, such as, *Persea americana*, *Musa* sp. and *Prunus persica*. These areas hold very limited indigenous vegetation and what vegetation may be present is a result of landscaping, or species such as *Ficus burkei* establishing itself, having been vectored into the area through birds and / or bats.

### **5.2 Status Quo Assessment - Neighbouring Areas of Conservation Value**

Currently there are three significant landscape features or ecosystems, which fall on the periphery of the alternative sites and may potentially be impacted upon by the proposed development of one of the alternatives.

#### **5.2.1 Site 1**

Site 1 is bounded by the Umhlatuzana River on the eastern boundary. This system has been identified in D'MOSS as Scarp Forest. In terms of our findings it was extremely degraded and transformed with the majority of the tree species present being classed as alien invasive. In addition, the Umhlatuzana River has a flood plain associated with it that has been transformed and drained in order to facilitate the planting of Sugar cane. Having inspected the area it appeared that a River bed does exist, however, the stream has incised and eroded as a result of increased flood peaks. The flood peaks are a result of the change in catchment land use above the proposed development site, where urban storm water has not been effectively controlled and attenuated. Once the River leaves the site the River steepens abruptly through the Giba Gorge and becomes a steep bedrock channel. It is therefore concluded that this system would potentially be more resilient to a change in the hydrology, as opposed to the two other sites.

However, as alluded to in **Section 5.1.1.3** the Giba Gorge is a significant biodiversity hotspot within the eThekweni Municipality, and all opportunities to ensure its protection and linkage to other systems must be strongly considered and where possible taken.

In **Table 5** below are the rare and threatened plant species that have been identified within the Giba Gorge Complex.



**Table 5. Rare and Threatened Plant Species recorded within the Giba Gorge complex.**

<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Red Data Category</b>
iMfingo	<i>Stangeria eriopus</i>	Vulnerable
Wild Maple	<i>Seemannaralia gerrardii</i>	Least concern
-	<i>Helichrysum woodii</i>	Least concern
-	<i>Senecio medley-woodii</i>	Least concern*
-	<i>Senecio rhyncholaenus</i>	Least concern
Wild Begonia	<i>Begonia dregei</i>	Endangered
-	<i>Maytenus cordata</i>	Least concern
-	<i>Crassula inandensis</i>	Least concern
Mountain Peach	<i>Aphloia theiformis</i>	Least concern
Beautiful Brachystelma	<i>Brachystelma pulchellum</i>	Near threatened
-	<i>Streptocarpus prolixus</i>	Least concern
Pondo Bride's Bush	<i>Pavetta bowkeri</i>	Least concern
-	<i>Aloe linearifolia</i>	Near threatened
Natal Lily	<i>Crinum moorei</i>	Vulnerable
-	<i>Merwillia plumbea</i>	Near threatened
-	<i>Stenoglottis</i> sp. nov.	?
Common Tree Fern	<i>Cyathea dregei</i>	Least concern
Gerrard's Brachystelma	<i>Brachystelma gerrardii</i>	Endangered
-	<i>Plectranthus purpuratus</i> ssp. <i>purpuratus</i>	Least concern
-	<i>Streptocarpus molweniensis</i> ssp. <i>molweniensis</i>	Vulnerable
-	<i>Cynorkis compacta</i>	Vulnerable
Blood-red Gladiolus	<i>Gladiolus cruentus</i> *	Critically Endangered
-	<i>Geranium ornithopodioides</i>	Endangered
Forest Elephant's Foot	<i>Dioscorea sylvatica</i>	Vulnerable
Large-leaf Onionwood	<i>Cassipourea gummiflua</i>	Vulnerable

#### *Land Legal relating to Giba Gorge*

The Giba Gorge is classified as a Special Rating Area under Section 22 of the Municipal Property Rates Act [No. 6 of 2004] and is bound by Section 8 of the eThekweni Municipal Rates Policy, 2009/2010.

#### *DMOSS relating to Giba Gorge*

The conservation areas in the GGEP form part of the Durban Metropolitan Open Space System (DMOSS). DMOSS is a regulatory spatial layer of the EM which identifies areas of significance for biodiversity conservation and ecosystem goods and services and regulates development activities in these areas.

#### *Non-user Conservation Servitudes (NUCS) relating to Giba Gorge*

NUCS are registered against the title deeds of a property and limit the use of that portion (or the entire property if registered over this extent) to that of conservation-related activities.

### 5.2.2 Site 2

Site 2 hosts a valley bottom wetland system which feeds into a larger valley bottom system that extends beyond the site. This system eventually feeds into the Wekeweke River, and thereafter the Shongweni Dam. The wetland on site may be deemed to be relatively transformed, however, once it has converged with another wetland system and leaves the site, the wetland, from a vegetative perspective, improves significantly and appears to be less transformed and degraded than the wetland arm occurring on the site. The wetland offsite is dominated by species such as *Cyathea dregea* as well as numerous other indigenous wetland species, all of which are representative of a healthy and well functioning system, which will deliver considerable Ecological Goods & Services. It appears as if the hydrological regime is functioning well as wetland areas adjoining the centralised channel have well established and typical wetland vegetation. The low abundance and presence of alien invasive species also alludes to the fact that the other functions of nutrient removal, toxicant removal and attenuation of hydrograph spikes are functioning at a high level.

### 5.2.3 Site 3

Site 3 is bounded on the eastern side by a Sandstone Sourveld Grassland, which has relatively high species richness, given that the assessment was undertaken in winter. Further, this grassland type is extremely rare and considered to be Endangered in terms of the categorisation provided by **Mucina & Rutherford, (2006)**. The current species composition, most notably the graminoid component, alludes to strong functionality and a healthy system.

## 5.3 Conservation Value Assessment

The majority of all three of the alternative sites were assessed as being of **low** conservation and biodiversity value from a floral perspective as they are all currently under cane cultivation and/or *Eucalypts* sp. woodlots (steeper slopes of Site 1). However, small portions of conservation worthy vegetation communities were identified along the edges, bordering and within the vicinity of the three sites. The conservation value of these communities is discussed below.

However, although the vegetation communities on site are limited it is imperative that the Author looks beyond the sites to identify whether development on any of the sites will result in a potentially higher impact at various levels relating to current land uses around the sites, as well as at the landscape level, as opposed to a site specific level. Please note that the considerations and viewpoints taken below speak at an ecological connectivity, ecological value scale, and the vegetation level as it currently presents itself.

### 5.3.1 Site 1

The only conservation worthy vegetation community identified on and within the vicinity of the site was the disturbed scarp forest associated with the Umhlatuzana River that runs along the eastern boundary of the site. In its current state, the scarp forest unit assessed as providing an **intermediate** level of biodiversity maintenance services as shown in **Table 6** below. Therefore, in terms of the vegetation which is currently present on site, the vegetation is of **intermediate** importance from a biodiversity conservation perspective.

**Table 6. Biodiversity maintenance services score sheet for the disturbed scarp forest along the edge of the site.**

<b>Biodiversity Features</b>	<b>Score</b>
species richness/diversity	2
rarity of the system	3
conservation status of the system	4
habitat (real or potential) for Red Data Species	1
presence of unique and/or special features	1
<b>Biodiversity noteworthiness</b>	<b>2.2</b>
extent of buffer around the system	0
connectivity of system to other natural areas in the landscape	3
level of alteration to indigenous vegetation community	1
level of invasive and pioneer species encroachment system	1
size	2
<b>Integrity &amp; Viability</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>Overall Score for Biodiversity Maintenance</b>	<b>1.8</b>

### 5.3.2 Site 2

No conservation worthy vegetation communities were identified onsite. However, a conservation worthy vegetation community was identified within the vicinity of the western boundary of the site. In its current state, the wetland unit is assessed as providing an **intermediate** level of biodiversity maintenance services as shown in **Table 7** below. Therefore, in terms of the vegetation which is currently present on site, the vegetation is of **intermediate** importance from a biodiversity conservation perspective.

**Table 7. Biodiversity maintenance services score sheet for the wetland plant community west of the site.**

<b>Biodiversity Features</b>	<b>Score</b>
species richness/diversity	0
rarity of the system	3
conservation status of the system	4
habitat (real or potential) for Red Data Species	4
presence of unique and/or special features	2
<b>Biodiversity noteworthiness</b>	<b>2.6</b>
extent of buffer around the system	0
connectivity of system to other natural areas in the landscape	2
level of alteration to indigenous vegetation community	2
level of invasive and pioneer species encroachment system	3
size	2
<b>Integrity &amp; Viability</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>Overall Score for Biodiversity Maintenance</b>	<b>2.2</b>

### 5.3.3 Site 3

The only conservation worthy vegetation communities identified on and within the vicinity of the site was the KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld grassland areas and scarp forest areas located along the eastern boundary of the site. In its current state, the KZN Sandstone Sourveld was assessed as providing a **high** level of biodiversity maintenance services as shown in **Table 8** below. Therefore, in terms of the vegetation which is currently present on site, the vegetation is of **high** importance from a biodiversity conservation perspective.

**Table 8. Biodiversity maintenance services score sheet for the KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld.**

<b>Biodiversity Features</b>	<b>Score</b>
species richness/diversity	4
rarity of the system	4
conservation status of the system	4
habitat (real or potential) for Red Data Species	4
presence of unique and/or special features	4
<b>Biodiversity noteworthiness</b>	<b>4.0</b>
extent of buffer around the system	2
connectivity of system to other natural areas in the landscape	2
level of alteration to indigenous vegetation community	3
level of invasive and pioneer species encroachment system	3
size	2
<b>Integrity &amp; Viability</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Overall Score for Biodiversity Maintenance</b>	<b>3.1</b>

#### **5.4 Impacts on Floral Biodiversity**

As all three sites are generally of a low conservation value when the floral diversity of sites is assessed, at a site specific level, no impacts will be imparted should development be undertaken. However, the exceptions to this are the two small areas of valuable vegetation communities adjacent to sites 1 & 3. It is important therefore to consider what impacts the development of either the three sites will have on the neighbouring vegetation communities as described in **Section 5.2** and/or ecological linkages, which currently exist.

##### **5.4.1 Disturbed D'MOSS Scarp Forest and Giba Gorge System**

Considering the above described agreements and the special nature of the Giba Gorge which is in extremely close proximity to Site 1, an argument exists for this Site not to be developed. The following reasons add weight to Site 1 not being the preferred development Option:

- The steep valley slopes above the Umhlatuzana River and associated erosion risks during development;
- Secondary impacts to the Umhlatuzana River and downstream Giba Gorge riparian areas in terms of increased storm water runoff, erosion and sedimentation rates;
- The current *status quo* appears not to be resulting in significant storm water generation and damage to the Umhlatuzana River.
- Very limited residual vegetation in pockets surrounded by transformed land uses;
- The continuous open space linkage between the Upper and Lower portions of the Umhlatuzana River, with no development along it will result in the *status quo* remaining, with opportunities for utilisation of the cultivated and non cultivated areas to provide limited refuge and habitat for faunal species.
- The *status quo* remaining with D'MOSS areas identified off site not being impacted upon by development.

However, there is a single negative impact associated with the no-development option on Site 1. The current high levels of alien invasive species, which exist on Site 1 will remain intact, and continue to provide propagules into the system below. As identified in the in the **Giba Gorge Environmental Precinct (GGEP): Conservation Management Plan Version 3 June 2011**, one of the most significant threats and impacts is alien invasive species and the continued re-introduction of these species as a result of surrounding infestations. Below is an extract from the GGEP Conservation

Management Plan, which speaks directly to this issue and the proposed plans and by-laws that may potentially be instituted in the near future.

*“The surrounding suburbs of Giba have high levels of alien invasive plant infestations that will continue to be a source of re-infestation in the GGEP..... The EPCPD has recently produced an Alien Invasive Species Strategy and Action Plan for the city which, once implemented, will see coordinated efforts formed to combat these species on a large scale. The EPCPD is also in the process of developing a Green By-law which will give the municipality more legislative powers with regards to enforcement in this regard. Once these two processes come into action and if they are successful, this threat should become more manageable.”*

#### 5.4.2 D'MOSS Wetland System

The development of Site 2 will likely result in the substantial hardening of a portion of the wetland unit's catchment which will result in increased floodpeaks and decreased subsurface water inputs if storm water generated by the proposed development is not allowed to infiltrate back into the developed area and/or the storm water is not adequately controlled and attenuated. Therefore it is important that the hydrology of the wetland systems onsite be maintained post-development by incorporating storm water infiltration and attenuation into the design of the development.

#### 5.4.3 KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld grassland

The potential for the balance to be altered with the advent of development does exist as the land use proposed may not be conducive to regular burning, i.e. the proposed land uses may be incompatible.

Additionally, the establishment of a development may curtail the grazing of the grassland, altering the current scenario, which may also result in a species assemblage shift. This grassland is currently a D'MOSS site and the wetland system which it adjoins in the valley bottom extends through the site. It is crucial to note that the sustainability of individual systems is linked inextricably to their landscape context, i.e. whether the system that you are trying to conserve has high connectivity to other ecosystems, and their functionality and the size of the landscape mosaic into which the system in question fits are extremely important factors to consider.

A summary of the above discussions, and relative development impact risks to the valuable features neighbouring the three alternative sites are provided below. From **Table 9** we are able to provide a comparative analysis of the sites at a broad scale, and the potential for each to accept change, based on the vegetation and wetlands that were encountered on the site.

Table 9. Biodiversity Features occurring on the sites and on the periphery of the sites, with an associated rating in terms of their importance.

Biodiversity Features	Umhlatuzana River	D'MOSS wetland system	Disturbed wetlands	KZN Sandstone Sourveld	Umhlatuzana Scarp Forest	Giba Gorge Precinct
<b>Location</b>	Eastern boundary of Site 1	Western boundary of Site 2	Occur within Sites 1, 2 & 3	Eastern boundary of Site 3	Eastern boundary of Site 1	Below Site 1&3
<b>Current State</b>	Moderately modified	Slightly modified	Highly modified	Slightly modified	Highly modified	Slightly Modified
<b>Impact Risks</b>	Increased flood peaks & erosion ( <b>High</b> )	Increased flood peaks & erosion ( <b>Medium</b> )	Increased flood peaks & erosion ( <b>Medium</b> )	Erosion & sedimentation ( <b>High</b> )	Erosion & sedimentation ( <b>Medium</b> )	Erosion sedimentation impacts on riparian areas ( <b>Medium</b> )
	Sedimentation ( <b>High</b> )	Reduced base/subsurface flow ( <b>Medium-High</b> )	Reduced base/subsurface flow ( <b>Medium</b> )	Edge disturbances ( <b>High</b> )	Edge disturbances ( <b>Medium</b> )	
		Sedimentation ( <b>High</b> )	Sedimentation ( <b>Medium-Low</b> )			

#### 5.4.4 Open Space Systems

The opportunity for the incorporation of all or any parts of the three sites into the current Open Space System are limited, with the majority of the land cover being sugar cane. However, as with any development, areas of ecological or biodiversity sensitivity should be incorporated into development proposals to promote sustainability and landscape connectivity. Numerous wetland areas exist on the three alternative sites, and these should be incorporated into any development proposal. Further wetland systems, and thus their associated wetland vegetation, are protected by current Legislation, most notably the National Water Act and the National Environmental Management Act.

## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is the author's opinion that all three sites could accept development; however, Site 2 is the preferred option from an ecological and vegetation impact perspective provided the following mitigation measures are adhered to:

- The control and management of alien invasive plant species is legislated by the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, Act 43 of 1983. It is therefore imperative that an alien management plan be implemented on Site 1 to control the alien species, most notably the *Ardisia crenata* and *Hedychium coccineum*. This will provide alien plant control benefits to the D'MOSS areas downstream, particularly the Giba Gorge Environmental Precinct.
- Similarly, all the alien vegetation that currently exists on Sites 2 and 3 should be removed and controlled.
- The wetlands on and neighbouring the site must be afforded a suitable buffer as determined by a wetland specialist.
- The wetlands within Site 2 should be rehabilitated.
- Storm water generated by the proposed development must be allowed to infiltrate back into the groundwater across the site to ensure that the wetland system downstream is not negatively impacted.
- Similarly, storm water generated by the proposed development must be effectively controlled and attenuated to ensure that the erosion and sedimentation risks associated with increased floodpeaks is mitigated and/or avoided.

## 7. ASSUMPTIONS, UNCERTAINTIES & LIMITATIONS

The following limitations require noting;

- The vegetation assessment was undertaken in winter and therefore the species assemblage that has been recorded is not comprehensive, most notably for the grassland and wetland components that were assessed.
- The vegetation in certain areas was extremely dense and infested with alien species and certain smaller species may have been overlooked.
- The assessment of the vegetation was undertaken over two days and therefore some species may not have been detected as a simple function of time spent on site.
- Certain species that were present in the assemblage (grassland areas) were not flowering and were only emerging (vegetative parts only) and therefore identification to species level was not possible.
- Geophytic species were absent from the species assemblage, due to the season in which the assessment was undertaken.

The following assumptions were made;

- Wetland areas and the associated vegetation would potentially be afforded the relevant legislated protection and therefore were not as intensively sampled as the areas which fall

outside of these specific landscape features, however, the protected species were GPS referenced.

- An assumption as to when the woodlot area was clear-felled was made. This assumption has bearing on the species composition and assemblage that was recorded.

The following uncertainties require noting;

- The type and extent of the development that is proposed,
- The timeframes in which the development will proceed should development be authorised.

## 8. CONCLUSION

Having undertaken the assessment of the three alternative sites proposed to receive a Mixed Use Development, the Author has drawn the following conclusions.

Looked at in isolation, all three sites are of low biodiversity value from a floral perspective with the majority of the vegetation communities that once existed on the sites having all been transformed by cultivation.

Nevertheless, the development of either of the three sites may result in substantial impacts to neighbouring vegetation communities of conservation value. In this regard, it is concluded that the development of Site 1 and/or Site 3 stand to have the most severe impacts on biodiversity and related conservation worthy systems for the following reasons:

- Site 2 is gently to moderately sloping and will require the least amount of earthworks to create developable areas. Site 1 and 3 are characterised by moderately to steep slopes and will require the most amount of earthworks. As a result, the development of Sites 1 and 3 poses the most severe erosion and sedimentation risks.
- Sites 1 and 3 are bounded by sensitive environments that may potentially be negatively impacted upon should development proceed whereas Site 2 is not bounded by any such features. The only natural vegetation present within Site 2 is limited wetland vegetation communities that occur within the narrow wetland corridor. However, this area will, through legislation, be afforded protection.
- Site 1 forms an important linkage between the Upper and Lower Umhlatuzana River, which feeds directly into the Giba Gorge Environmental Precinct. It has been shown through rigorous research that Open Space Systems are extremely significant for the persistence of areas of conservation significance and that perturbations that may disrupt these linkages may have highly detrimental impacts on the area designated to be conserved.
- Site 3 abuts the Giba Gorge Environmental Precinct and therefore, impacts may be directly imparted on this system, which requires a buffer between itself and development.

Therefore it is our conclusion, not considering any features other than the vegetation currently on site, that the preferred option for development would be Site 2 assuming that best practice storm water management measures are incorporated into the development. Should the other factors be included then this would simply add weighting to the argument that Site 2 should be the preferred development site for the proposed Shongweni Mixed Use Development.



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# RAPID ASSESSMENT OF THE VEGETATION ASSOCIATED WITH A PROPOSED 500 MM BULK WATER LINE DRAFT REPORT

## 1. INTRODUCTION

**SiVEST Environmental Division** was requested by **Tongaat Hulett Developments** to undertake a rapid assessment of the proposed pipe line alignment for a 500 mm diameter steel pipe that will serve as the Bulk Water Supply line to the proposed Shongweni Mixed Use Development Node. The pipe line for the most part traverses land owned and or managed by Tongaat Hulett Sugar.

## 2. BACKGROUND

The proposed pipe line will T-Off the current Umgeni Water Western Aqueduct, in the vicinity of the Hillcrest Hospital. It will run for a length of approximately 5.5 kilometres, and terminate in a reservoir on the southern side of the N3 freeway on land owned by Tongaat Hulett.

## 3. DATABASE INTERROGATION / DESKTOP ANALYSIS

One of the major advantages that technology has provided is the access to information. As a result of this and the ongoing pursuance of environmental knowledge, databases which can be interrogated to provide general information regarding the pipeline route have been developed.

This information in turn potentially records what may occur on the site and the sites value from a regional / provincial perspective in terms of conservation and biodiversity. The caveat here is that the majority of these databases are created at the landscape level. In addition, the factors which are often utilized to determine many of the outputs are related to abiotic characteristics, such as rainfall, temperature, soil types, underlying geology, elevation and aspect. The result therefore is the development of a database that provides a high level assessment of the area, which requires substantial ground-truthing to illustrate the various components that comprise the landscape. The field survey highlights areas of conservation significance and biodiversity richness as well as provides information regarding the *status quo* and what will be required in terms of management to ensure improvement in the *status quo* and ensure the long term viability and sustainability of the proposed development corridor.

A number of databases have been interrogated in the process of undertaking the Desktop Analysis. A summary of the methodology utilised for the generation of each of the databases, as well as the pertinent results for each are included below under the various titled sub-sections.

### 3.1 *Ezemvelo KZN wildlife C-Plan & SEA Database*

The C-Plan is a systematic conservation-planning package that runs with the GIS software ArcGIS, which analyses biodiversity features and landscape units. C-Plan is used to identify a national reserve system that will satisfy specified conservation targets for biodiversity features (**Lombard et al. 2003**). Biodiversity features can be land classes or species, and targets are set in area units either for land classes, or as numbers of occurrences of species for species locality data sets (**Lombard et al. 2003**). These units or measurements are used as surrogates for un-sampled data. The C-Plan is an effective conservation tool when determining priority areas at a regional level and is being used in South Africa to identify areas of high conservation value.

### 3.1.1 Irreplaceability Analysis

The following is referenced from **Goodman (2004)**: “The first product of the conservation planning analysis in C-Plan is an irreplaceability map of the planning area, in this case the province of KwaZulu-Natal. This map is divided into 1 by 1 km grid cells called ‘planning units’.

Each cell has associated with it an ‘Irreplaceability Value’, which is a reflection of the cells’ importance with respect to the conservation of biodiversity. Irreplaceability reflects the planning unit’s ability to meet set ‘targets’ for selected biodiversity ‘features’. The irreplaceability value is scaled between 0 and 1.

**Irreplaceability value – 0.** Where a planning unit has an irreplaceability value of 0, all biodiversity features recorded here are conserved to the target amount, and there is unlikely to be a biodiversity concern with the development of the site.

**Irreplaceability value – 1.** These planning units are referred to as totally irreplaceable and the conservation of the features within them is critical to meet conservation targets. (EIA very definitely required and depending on the nature of the proposal unlikely to be granted).

**Irreplaceability value > 0 but < 1.** Some of these planning units are required to meet biodiversity conservation targets. If the value is high (e.g. 0.9) then most units are required (few options available for alternative choices). If the value is low, then many options are available for meeting the biodiversity targets. (EIA required and depending on the nature of the proposed development, permission could be granted).”

### 3.1.2 C-Plan Biodiversity Features / Species within Project Area

In terms of the desktop analysis undertaken, almost the entire pipeline route is considered as a Biodiversity Priority Area 1, and is considered essential to meet the conservation goals of the province.

There are potentially eleven features present on site which are considered to be of environmental significance and conservation importance. These features are as follows:

- Vegetation Type – KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld
- Vegetation Type – Eastern Scarp Forest
- Fauna – *Eremidium erectus* (Grasshopper)
- Fauna – *Doratogonus rubipodus* (Millipede)
- Fauna – *Cochlitoma semidecussata* (Mollusc)
- Flora – *Helichrysum woodii*
- Flora – *Gerrardanthus tomentosus*
- Flora – *Pseudoscopia polyantha*
- Flora – *Dahlgrenodendron natalense*
- Flora – *Begonia rudatisii*
- Flora – *Drimia Flagellaris*

### 3.1.3 KZN Wildlife SEA

In terms of the SEA data generated, through the physical characteristics that are present along the pipeline route, a number of groups have been identified as potentially present, and these groups are wholly significant in terms of conservation significance or parts thereof. The Table below identifies which groups are significant.

**Table 1. SEA Data taken from Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife for the proposed pipeline route**

YES	NO
Protected Plants	Vegetation - Wetlands
Invertebrates	Reptiles
Aquatic Fauna	Vegetation - Forests
Mammals	Avi-faunal
	Vegetation - Grasslands
	Medicinal Plants
	Frogs

### 3.2 Bio Resource Units

In terms of Camp, 1998, there are two Bio Resource Units for the pipeline route, Yb15 and Wb16.

The general characteristics of Yb15 are as follows:

#### **Bioresource Group 3 - Moist Coast Hinterland Ngongoni Veld**

- **BRG Subgroup** 3.6
- **Vegetation pattern** Bushed Grassland
- **Indicator Species** *Acacia karroo*, *Acacia mearnsii*, *Acacia nilotica*, *Acacia sieberiana*, *Albizia adianthifolia*, *Aristida junciformis*, *Combretum* spp., *Digitaria eriantha*, *Halleria lucida*, *Lantana camara*, *Phoenix reclinata*, *Pteridium aquilinum*, *Rubus cuneifolia*, *Solanum mauritianum*, *Sporobolus pyramidalis*, *Strelitzia nicolai*, *Syzygium cordatum*.

The mean annual rainfall is 920 mm of which the majority falls within the summer months. The mean temperature is 18.7 °C and the climate rating is C2, which has a slight limitation on crop growing. There is no frost hazard and the erosion rating for the site is 5.4, which translates to a moderate risk of erosion.

There are some wetlands, 1 perennial, and 1 annual rivers identified for the BRU. Please note there are a number of drainage lines, non-perennial streams and wetlands that are not captured at the coarse level at which this data has been defined.

The general characteristics of Wb16 are as follows:

#### **Bioresource Group 3 - Moist Coast Hinterland Ngongoni Veld**

- **BRG Subgroup** 3.6
- **Vegetation pattern** Bushed Grassland
- **Indicator Species** *Acacia karroo*, *Acacia mearnsii*, *Acacia nilotica*, *Acacia sieberiana*, *Albizia adianthifolia*, *Aristida junciformis*, *Combretum* spp., *Digitaria eriantha*, *Halleria lucida*, *Lantana camara*, *Phoenix reclinata*, *Pteridium aquilinum*, *Rubus cuneifolia*, *Solanum mauritianum*, *Sporobolus pyramidalis*, *Strelitzia nicolai*, *Syzygium cordatum*.

The mean annual rainfall is 823 mm of which the majority falls within the summer months. The mean temperature is 18.6 °C and the climate rating is C2, which has a slight limitation on crop growing.

There is no frost hazard and the erosion rating for the site is 4.4, which translates to a high risk of erosion.

There are water resources identified for the BRU. Please note there are a number of drainage lines, non-perennial streams and wetlands that are not captured at the coarse level at which this data has been defined.

### 3.3 *Environmental Potential Atlas*

The following is referenced from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (2007): The Environmental Potential Atlas (ENPAT) developed from a single map of Gauteng to a complete spatial data set of the entire South Africa.

ENPAT was updated in July 2001 and is used by the National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism and various provincial environmental management departments as a decision-making tool in the process of environmental impact assessments. ENPAT includes the decision-making parameters such as: high-risk development category indications and potential impacts are linked to the 1:250 000 spatial databases on national and provincial level.

The main purpose of ENPAT is to proactively indicate potential conflicts between development proposals and critical or sensitive environments. ENPAT can also be used for development planning since it indicates the environment's potential for development.

ENPAT consists of two distinct, parallel sets of information: natural or environmental characteristics, and social-economic factors. The environmental character maps depict geology, land types, soils, vegetation, and hydrology. The socio-economic factors consist of land cover, cadastral aspects and infrastructure, land use and culture.

These two sets of information are combined and assessed in terms of their potential or latent environmental sensitivity. Sensitivity is assigned based on the ability of a resource to absorb change or impact. A value of **0** indicates a **low sensitivity** - thus a high ability to accept change, and a value of **1** indicates a **high sensitivity**, or a low ability to accept change. Areas of low sensitivity are thus available or suitable for development.

The ENPAT data provides the following information about the site:

#### 3.3.1 Soils and Geology

The geology of the pipeline is comprised of Sandstone of the Natal Group. Sandstone is not sensitive to disturbance and development. The soils along the pipeline route are dominated by Red-yellow apedal, freely drained soils with a humic horizon. These soils have a low sensitivity to disturbance, and can accept development well.

### 3.4 *Mucina and Rutherford's Vegetation Assessment*

KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) province is rich in natural diversity. In terms of vegetation the pipeline route falls within the Sub-Escarpment Savanna Bioregion.

In terms of the vegetation on site the general classification is made at a very coarse scale, i.e. low resolution and the pipeline falls entirely within the KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld vegetation type.

#### 3.4.1 SVs 5 KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld

KwaZulu-Natal Sandstone Sourveld is distributed in KwaZulu-Natal along elevated coastal inland sandstone plateaus from Mapumulo near Kranskop in the north to St Faiths near Port Shepstone in the south (including Noodsberg, Hillcrest, Kloof, Table Mountain, Inanda, Stony Hill, Umbumbulu, Mid-Illovo, Dumisa, Highflats). Altitude ranges from about 500–1100 m. It is considered endangered, with a conservation target of 25%. Only 0.2% statutorily conserved in the Krantzklouf and Vernon Crookes



Nature Reserves. Some 68% transformed for cultivation, plantations, urban development or road building. This highly transformed vegetation type is a prime agricultural area with mainly sugar cane and timber plantations. The urban sprawl of the Ethekeeni (Durban) Metropolitan Area and densely populated subsistence farming areas account for most of the remainder. Apart from the critically little conserved areas (only several hundred hectares), most remaining areas are subjected to high levels of grazing and frequent fire not conducive to the recruitment of seedlings of many of the shrubs and herbs. Erosion is low to very low.

The following species are considered to be indicative of the Sandstone Sourveld Vegetation Type that is listed as occurring in this area, currently, and what would have been encountered historically prior to the transformation to agriculture.

**Important Taxa: Small Trees:** *Protea caffra* (d), *Protea roupelliae* subsp. *roupelliae* (d). **Tall Shrubs:** *Aspalathus chortophila*, *Gnidia kraussiana*, *Pachystigma macrocalyx*. **Low Shrubs:** *Acalypha glandulifolia*, *Agathisanthemum bojeri*, *Erica cubica* var. *cubica*, *Erica natalitia*, *Protea simplex*, *Protea welwitschii* subsp. *welwitschii*, *Searsia grandidens*, *Senecio medley-woodii*, *Tetraselago natalensis*, *Thunbergia atriplicifolia*, *Turraea pulchella*. **Graminoids:** *Aristida junciformis* subsp. *junciformis* (d), *Heteropogon contortus* (d), *Themeda triandra* (d), *Trachypogon spicatus* (d), *Tristachya leucothrix* (d), *Andropogon schirensis*, *Cymbopogon nardus*, *Digitaria diagonalis*, *Digitaria natalensis*, *Diheteropogon amplexens*, *Elionurus muticus*, *Eragrostis plana*, *Eragrostis racemosa*, *Eulalia villosa*, *Hyparrhenia hirta*, *Monocymbium ceresiiforme*. **Herbs:** *Aster bakerianus*, *Cyanotis speciosa*, *Dianthus zeyheri*, *Helichrysum allioides*, *Selago tarachodes*, *Senecio dregeanus*, *Zaluzianskya pilosa*. **Geophytic Herbs:** *Aspidoglossum ovalifolium*, *Brachystelma perditum*, *Brachystelma pygmaeum* subsp. *flavidum*, *Brachystelma tenellum*, *Eriospermum mackenii*, *Watsonia densiflora*. **Succulent Herbs:** *Aloe minima*, *Senecio oxyriifolius*.

**Biogeographically Important Taxa:** (<sup>M</sup> - Midlands endemic, <sup>P</sup> - Link to Pondoland, <sup>F</sup> - Fynbos generic element, <sup>S</sup> - Southern distribution limit) **Low Shrubs:** *Agathosma ovata*<sup>F</sup>, *Erica aspalanthifolia*<sup>P</sup>, *Eriosemopsis subanisophylla*<sup>P</sup>, *Gnidia woodii*<sup>P</sup>, *Leucospermum gerrardii*<sup>F</sup>, *Muraltia lancifolia*<sup>P,F</sup>, *Stangeria eriopus*<sup>P</sup>, *Syncolostemon parviflorus*<sup>P</sup>. **Herbs:** *Agathisanthemum chlorophyllum*<sup>P</sup>, *Callilepis leptophylla*<sup>S</sup>, *Helichrysum acutatum*<sup>P</sup>, *Helichrysum griseum*<sup>P</sup>, *Helichrysum pannosum*<sup>P</sup>. **Geophytic Herbs:** *Dierama pallidum*<sup>M</sup>, *Dierama pumilum*<sup>M</sup>, *Disperis woodii*<sup>P</sup>, *Gladiolus inandensis*<sup>P</sup>. **Succulent Herbs:** *Bulbine inflata*<sup>S</sup>, *Crassula multicava* subsp. *floribunda*<sup>P</sup>. **Geoxylic Suffrutex:** *Searsia rudatisii*<sup>P</sup>. **Endemic Taxa: Low Shrubs:** *Helichrysum woodii*, *Tephrosia inandensis*. **Succulent Herbaceous Climber:** *Crassula inandensis*. **Herbs:** *Eriosema populifolium* subsp. *populifolium*, *Eriosema rossii*, *Phymaspermum pinnatifidum*. **Geophytic Herbs:** *Brachystelma modestum*, *Brachystelma natalense*, *Brachystelma pulchellum*, *Cynorkis compacta*, *Gladiolus cruentus*, *Hesperantha gracilis*.

#### 4. ON-SITE VEGETATION

The proposed pipe line alignment is routed through areas which are considered to be highly transformed. This transformation is as a consequence of the intensive agricultural activities (commercial sugar cane production) that are currently being undertaken on the land. In areas where the pipe line is not running through sugar cane dominated areas, it is aligned next to roads and or areas considered to be unsuitable for sustainable agricultural production. These areas are considered unsuitable for one of the following reasons:

- The slopes are over steep and farming activities are not possible;
- The areas are along boundary fences and which are associated with roadways, fence lines;
- Abandoned areas which were historically under cultivation but have become so marginal that farming these lands are not financially sustainable;
- The soil types preclude intensive sugar cane production.

Given the linear nature of the proposed pipe line, the author has broken the pipe line down into like vegetation elements; i.e. areas where there is sugar cane will be grouped together and indicated on the map attached at Appendix 1B.

#### 4.1. Abandoned farmlands

Previously cultivated lands which have subsequently been abandoned due to the lack of sustainable production, have been left fallow and as a result the vegetation which has invaded and established itself is all considered to be pioneer or alien in nature. Most common indigenous species which were encountered were *Panicum maximum*, *Eragrostis curvula*, *Melinis repens*, *Sorghum halepense* and then short creeping species of grass, namely *Cynodon dactylon*. *Lolium perenne* a grass species which is commonly utilised as green compost in sugar cane fields was also present. In terms of the herbaceous plant species encountered these species were all ruderal or pioneer species and the most common of these were *Helichrysum ruderale*, *Senecio polyanthemoides*, *Senecio madagascarensis*, *Acalypha peduncularis* and *Pentanisia prunelloides*. The following alien herbaceous species were extremely common; *Lantana camara* *Solanum mauritianum*, *Ageratum conyzoides* *Taraxacum officinale*, *Conyza* sp., *Lepidium* sp., *Tagetes minuta*, *Oenothera indecora*, *Oenothera rosea*, *Triumfetta rhomboidea*, *Verbena bonariensis*, *Centella asiatica*, *Malvastrum coromandelianum*, *Plantago major*, *Sigesbeckia orientalis*, *Gamochaeta pensylvanica*, *Hypochaeris radicata* and *Canna indica*. In terms of woody species that were recorded the two most significant alien species were *Eucalyptus* sp. and *Melia azedarach*. To a lesser extent there were a number of *Acacia mearnsii* which were identified. These individuals however, were small and it appeared as if the area was being managed to prevent the infestation of the fallow areas by woody species. Three species of indigenous tree were identified, namely; *Burchellia bubalina*, *Ficus sur* and *Maesa lanceolata*.

#### 4.2. Fence Lines

The vegetation that comprises the fence line areas is predominantly alien. In terms of the woody species that were encountered the majority (98%) occurred on the adjacent properties and thus by inference would not be impacted upon by the proposed pipe line.

##### 4.2.1 Fence line species North of the M13

The most common plant species that were identified were; *Anisochaeta mikanioides*, *Cyphostemma cirrhosum* both of which are creeper species, and both indigenous. The most common trees were alien species, namely; *Bougainvillea* sp., *Viburnum odoratissimum*, *Pinus* sp., *Tabebuia pallida*, *Psidium guajava*, *Phytolacca dioica*, *Persea* sp., *Clerodendrum glabrum*. Three wetland plants were common; *Ischaemum fasciculatum*, *Typha capensis*, *Persicaria lapathifolia*. The remainder of the species were grass species or herbaceous plant species and shrubs. The following three species were indigenous, *Chrysanthemoides monilifera*, *Acacia kraussiana*, *Setaria megaphylla*, *Gomphocarpus physocarpus* and *Cyperus sexangularis*, with the remainder comprising alien species. *Tagetes minuta*, *Lantana camara*, *Plectranthus comosus*, *Ageratum conyzoides*, *Morus alba*, *Agave sisalana*, *Cirsium vulgare*, *Amaranthus hybridus*, *Ciclospermum leptophyllum*, *Ambrosia artemisiifolia*, *Conyza* sp.

##### 4.2.2 Fence line species in close proximity to the Shongweni Polo Club

The following species were dominant in the area adjoining the Shongweni Polo Club and the homestead adjoining the polo club; *Lantana camara*, *Solanum mauritianum*, *Solanum nigrum*, *Melia azedarach*, *Canna indica*, *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, *Cupressus* sp., and *Eriobotrya japonica*. The only indigenous species that were encountered were *Anisochaeta mikanioides* and *Scadoxus puniceus*, the latter being a provincially protected plant species. This species being bulbous will be easily transplantable and of least concern when considering its relocation as well as its current status within KZN.

#### 4.3. Actively Cultivated Sugar Cane Fields

The sugar cane fields adjoin nearly the entire pipe line routing. These areas are commercially farmed and thus are monotypic in terms of their vegetative component, namely; *Saccharum* sp.

#### 4.4. Road Verges

The road verges that the proposed pipe line will run along are all dominated by alien invasive plant species or species which are commonly associated with disturbance. In terms of the road verges that were sampled, many of them have a number of woody elements occurring on them. For the most part these are alien species; however, *Halleria lucida*, *Bridelia micrantha*, *Maesa lanceolata* and *Syzygium cordatum* are indigenous species which were recorded as either singletons or in very low abundances. Further the majority of these indigenous species were encountered in the area where a storm water culvert passes under the N3 and will potentially fall outside of the pipe line alignment and its associated working area. It is our recommendation that in this specific area, effort must be taken to try and alleviate the need to remove these trees. A number of indigenous herbaceous and or shrubby species were also recorded, the bulk of these being associated with disturbance and or the ecotone. The following species were recorded; *Senecio chrysocoma*, *Gomphocarpus physocarpus*, *Sida dregei*, *Malvastrum coromandelianum*, *Abutilon sonneratianum*, *Hibiscus cannabinus*, *Smilax anceps*, *Halleria lucida*, *Phoenix reclinata*, *Helichrysum ruderale*, *Blumea elata*, *Digitaria eriantha*, and *Eragrostis curvula*. The alien species that dominated the road verges were; *Solanum mauritianum*, *Tagetes minuta*, *Bidens pilosa*, *Physalis viscosa*, *Acacia mearnsii*, *Cinnamomum camphora*, *Acacia mearnsii*, *Melia azedarach* and *Malvastrum coromandelianum*.

#### 4.5. Dam Embankments

The edge of the dam, which sits directly adjacent to the N3 road embankment, is extremely transformed and is for the most part dominated by alien vegetation, particularly on the eastern side of the dam. A number of indigenous woody species were encountered, namely; *Maesa lanceolata*, *Bridelia micrantha*, *Halleria lucida*, *Syzygium cordatum*, *Strelitzia nicolai* and *Protorhus longifolia*. These trees are all positioned in the wet area at the base of the embankment, and therefore will potentially require removal during the construction of the pipe line. If these individuals require removal the overall loss and significance thereof is low. The benefit and thus gain to the immediate environment is that a large number of alien plant species will be removed during the construction process and thus mitigate the loss of these limited number of indigenous tree species. The understorey in this particular area was dominated by *Lantana camara*, *Tithonia diversifolia* and *Achyranthes aspera*. One indigenous species was relatively common, the species being *Ludwigia octovalvis*. The following species were recorded however they were not dominant; *Passiflora edulis*, *Psidium guajava*, *Plantago major*, *Spathodea campanulata*, *Acacia mearnsii*, *Pinus sp.*, *Cinnamomum camphora*, *Lepidium sp.* and *Schinus terebinthifolius*.

#### 4.6. Alien Woody Vegetation Areas

A relatively small portion of steep land, which is considered to be waste land as it could not be viably placed under cultivation, requires crossing by the proposed pipe line. The vegetation for the most part comprises alien species, namely *acacia mearnsii* (occurring on the upper steeper slopes) and *Eucalyptus sp.* which seems to be confined to the lower more moist areas of the valley bottom. A number of relatively large *Albizia adianthifolia* occur within this area, however, it is envisaged that the loss of individuals will be minimised based on the current alignment selected. This species is not protected and therefore no licence will be required for its removal. During the field survey a singleton of *Bridelia micrantha* and *Canthium ciliatum* were identified, however, these appeared to fall outside of the corridor that would be required to construct the water pipe line. The under-storey in this particular section of the alignment is dominated by *Pteridium aquilinum*.

#### 4.7. Remnant Sandstone Sourveld invaded and infested by Alien Species

This portion of the proposed pipe line alignment is adjacent to the sugar cane lands and separated from them by a roadway. Having looked at the topography and the terrain we would assume that the pipe line would be placed within the sugarcane cordon, and therefore not impact on the limited natural vegetation restricted to the steeper slopes. However, if this is not the proposed alignment, then the following indigenous species may be impacted upon; *Vernonia capensis*, *Helichrysum nudifolium*, *Aloe plurinodis*, *Senecio inornatus*, *Helichrysum macrocephalum*, *Helichrysum pilosellum*, *Cussonia*

*sphaerocephala*, *Eulophia streptopetala*, *Eriosema salignum*, *Clerodendrum glabrum*, *Pteridium aquilinum*, *Searsia pyroides* var. *integrifolia*, *Pycnostachys urticifolia* and *Trema orientalis*.

The *C. sphaerocephala* is a large individual and we would postulate that it is relatively old, and would recommend that if possible the pipe line is aligned on the upper slope above the cane road to alleviate the loss of this individual. The *E. streptopetala*, being an Orchid is protected under the provincial legislation and therefore would require that an application to EKZN Wildlife be submitted for its up-liftment and relocation. This would apply to the *Scadoxus puniceus* individual recorded near the Shongweni Polo Club. Three species of alien were prevalent and dominated the species assemblage, *Tithonia diversifolia*, *Acacia mearnsii* and *Achyranthes aspera*. All the indigenous species, apart from *P. urticifolia* were relict species and were simply surviving given the change in the microclimate that had been brought about by the prevalence of the alien species.

## 5. RECOMMENDATIONS

Given the rapid assessment of the pipe line alignment the following recommendations are provided. Please note that the assessment was rapid and not all plant species may have been recorded. However, given the receiving environment and the condition of said environment the recommendations provided are given with a strong level of confidence, and will result in extremely limited loss of indigenous vegetation and a no net loss of any rare, threatened or protected plant species.

- Where possible ensure that the pipe line and associated working servitude are maintained within the current property(s) to reduce any impact on the vegetation on the other side of the fence lines;
- Where possible try and avoid the need to remove any tree species, especially indigenous species;
- An alien management plan must be in place to ensure that the construction area and pipe line servitude are maintained free of alien plant species;
- The areas which are disturbed should be rehabilitated with a standard NPA mix of grass species as the area will either be retained as a road or will abut the commercial sugarcane farming activities, therefore the merits of trying to re-establish any form of indigenous and diverse vegetation would prove fruitless.
- The up-liftment and relocation of the two Provincially protected plant species will be required. Additionally a permit from EKZN Wildlife would be required to ensure compliance with the current legislation;
- In steep areas where all the vegetation has been removed there will need to be some form of berms and swales to prevent rill and gully erosion from occurring;
- We would recommend a combination of geofabric and regrassing immediately after the construction has ceased to reduce the potential for erosion to occur and the resultant silting up of wetlands, dams and streams that are in close proximity to the construction area.

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

Given the current status of the vegetation that was sampled during the site visit, we do not envisage that the proposed pipe line is going to create any significant environmental issues, particularly when considering the vegetation as a stand-alone biophysical characteristic. Two plant species namely, *Scadoxus puniceus* and *Eulophia streptopetala* will require a permit from EKZN Wildlife to have them relocated out of the working servitude into an area where they will be able to persist. Where possible large indigenous trees should not be removed and if the requirement exists to do so, the possibility of re-planting similar individuals of the species removed, within the site should be investigated.

The construction of the pipe line will need to be managed as the potential for erosion to result and the infestation of the disturbed pipe line corridor is high. Erosion protection measures and re-grassing should commence immediately post construction, and should not be left until the entire pipe line has

been constructed. A budgetary amount should be allowed for in the construction Bill of Quantities to ensure that the rehabilitation is undertaken correctly.

It is therefore our recommendation that no further assessment of the pipe line is required from a vegetation perspective and the impact that will be imparted is very low.



# **APPENDIX 1**

## **MAPPING**

**1A:**

**LOCALITY MAP 1:50000**

**SHONGWENI  
BULK WATER PIPELINE  
ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT**

**LOCALITY MAP  
1: 25 000**

**Legend**

Proposed Bulk Water  
Pipeline Route

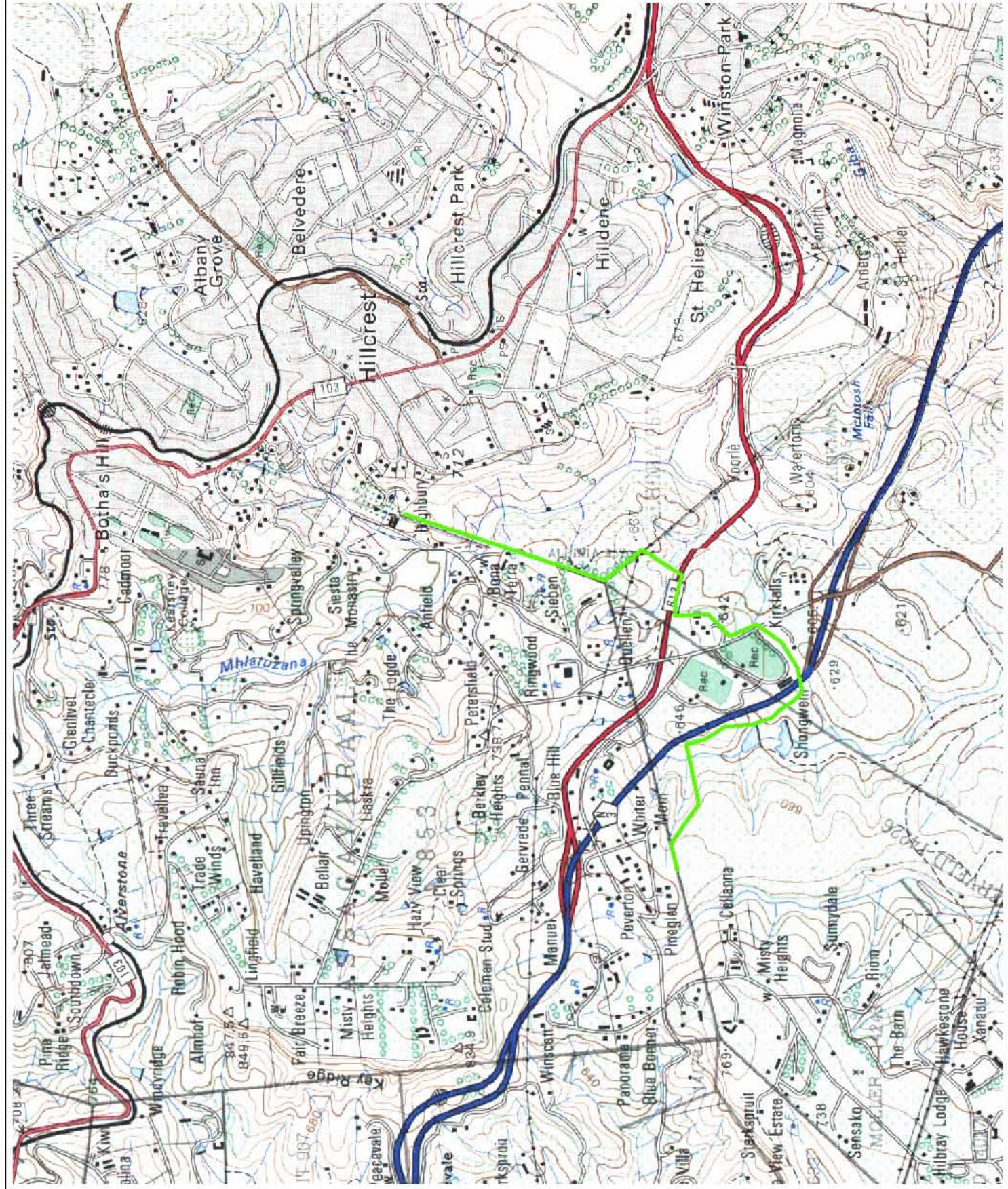
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**1B:**

**VEGETATION CLASSIFICATION**

**SHONGWENI  
BULK WATER PIPELINE  
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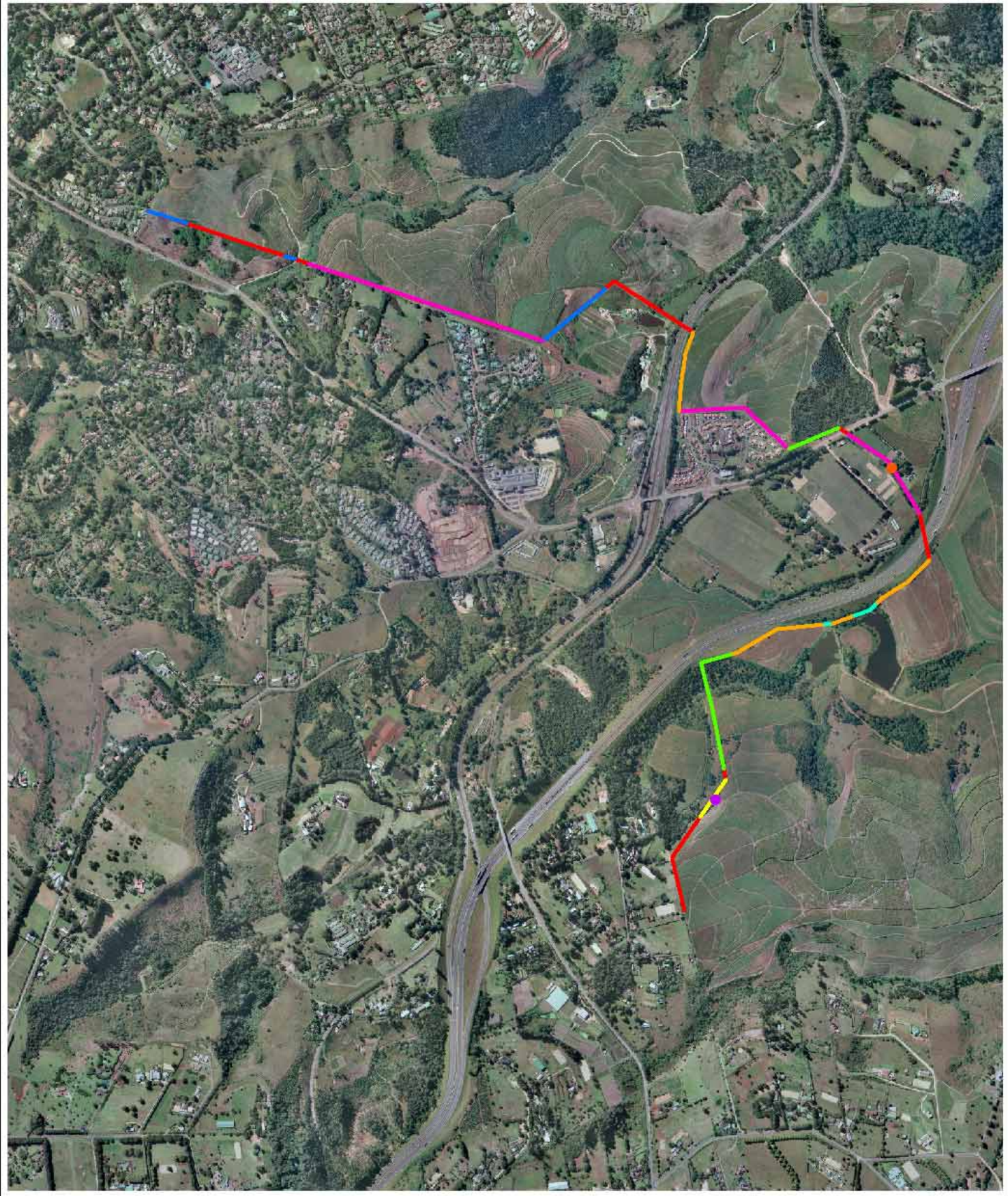
**AERIAL VIEW**

- Legend**
- Remnant Sandstone Sourveld
  - Alien Woody Vegetation
  - Dam Embankments
  - Road Verges
  - Fence Lines
  - Abandoned Cultivation Areas
  - Sugar Cane
  - *Eulophia streptopetalata*
  - *Scadoxus puniceus*

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## **APPENDIX 2**

### **PLATES**



Plate 1. Abandoned farmlands in foreground



Plate 2. Fence line and Sugarcane fields



Plate 3. Culvert under N3, silted up and infested with alien invasive species and pioneer indigenous species.



Plate 4. *Acacia mearnsii* on embankment next to N3



Plate 5. Roadway associated with abandoned lands.



Plate 6. Alien dominated vegetation between the dams and the N3 embankment.



Plate 7. *Eulophia streptopetala* in flower



Plate 8. Vegetative parts of *E. streptopetala*.



Plate 9. Area to the left of road is where we would recommend that the pipe line is aligned. Foreground is remnant Sandstone Sourveld infested with aliens, note the *Pteridium aquilinum*.

APPENDIX 12:

PROPOSED SHONGWENI MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT: FAUNAL ASSESSMENT & PROPOSED SHONGWENI BULK  
WATER PIPELINE: FAUNAL ASSESSMENT (SIVEST)



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# **Proposed Shongweni Mixed Use Development: Faunal Assessment**

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# TONGAAT HULETT DEVELOPMENTS (PTY) (LTD)

## PROPOSED SHONGWENI MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

### FAUNAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

#### 1. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

SiVEST Environmental Division was requested by Kerry Seppings Environmental Management Services (KSEMS) to undertake a detailed vegetation and faunal assessment of the three (3) sites which have been proposed for investigation. From the above mentioned assessments, inferences can be made regarding the overarching ecological value of the three (3) sites which have been identified to potentially accept the proposed Shongweni Mixed Use Development. The three sites are all currently owned by Tongaat Hulett Developments (THD).

#### 2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

SiVEST Environmental Division was requested by KSEMS to undertake the vegetation, faunal and Ecological Assessment of the three sites, in order to inform the Basic Assessment Process currently being undertaken by KSEMS. The following Terms of Reference were provided by KSEMS regarding the requirements for the assessments.

- Undertake a vegetation and faunal assessment of the three alternative sites proposed for the Shongweni Mixed Use Development (Locality Map attached at **Appendix 1**).

Further to the Terms of Reference supplied by KSEMS, the following protocol was extracted from the National Environmental Management Act, Act 108 of 1998. The relevant Section is Section 32 and is included below for your ease of reference.

#### **Specialist reports and reports on specialised processes**

32.

- (1) An applicant or the EAP managing an application may appoint a person who is independent to carry out a specialist study or specialised process.
- (2) The Person referred to in sub-regulation (1) must comply with the requirements of Regulation 17.
- (3) A specialist report or a report on a specialised process prepared in terms of these Regulations must contain –
  - (a) details of –
    - (i) the person who prepared the report; and
    - (ii) the expertise of that person to carry out the specialist study or specialised process;
  - (b) a declaration that the person is independent in a form as may be specified by the competent authority;
  - (c) an indication of the scope of, and the purpose for which, the report was prepared;
  - (d) a description of the methodology adopted in preparing the report or carrying out the specialised process;
  - (e) a description of any assumptions made and any uncertainties or gaps in knowledge;
  - (f) a description of the findings and potential implications of such findings on the impact of the proposed activity, including identified alternatives, on the environment;
  - (g) recommendations in respect of any mitigation measures that should be considered by the applicant and the competent authority;
  - (h) a description of any consultation process that was undertaken during the course of carrying out the study;
  - (i) a summary and copies of any comments that were received during any consultation process; and
  - (j) any other information requested by the competent authority.

### 3. LOCAL SETTING

The majority of all three alternative sites are dominated by cultivation (sugar cane), with only small remnant patches of indigenous vegetation persisting in isolated fragments. All three sites are represented in the Aerial Map attached at **Appendix 2**.

The first site assessed is positioned on the northern side of the N3, and is bounded by Kassier Road and a high density housing development to the west. The M13 creates the boundary on the north and north eastern side. On the eastern boundary a large alien infested drainage line (Umhlatuzana River) separates this site from other agricultural practices. On the southern boundary the site is bounded by sugarcane cultivation which extends from the N3 to the property boundary.

The second alternative site that was identified for sampling and assessment is on the southern side of the N3. It is bounded on the east by the J.B. McIntosh Drive (extension of Kassier Road). On the North it is bounded by the N3 road reserve. To the south and west the property is bounded by sugar cane lands.

This third alternative site lies to the east of Kassier Road and is bounded on the north by the N3, to the south by the MR 559 RTE and Denny Mushrooms. The eastern boundary has limited sugar cane and then opens onto grassland which abuts the site. Further, in close proximity to the N3, woody vegetation extends up the drainage line from the Open Space System known as Giba Gorge.

Due to the strong correlation between vegetation and faunal assemblages, this report should be read in conjunction with the vegetation assessment for the site.

### 4. METHODOLOGY

A site walkover was conducted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2012, during which indigenous vegetation units were sampled for evidence of terrestrial faunal species. The large areas of sugarcane are depauperate in faunal species, and were assessed in a cursory manner. Bird species that could potentially occur on site were assessed through the South African Bird Atlas Project (SABAP) database of previously recorded species for the area.

### 5. FAUNA ON SITE

#### 5.1 *Predicted Important Species by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife*

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife's C-Plan database predicts that the following species of conservation significance may occur on the site, and that the site is considered totally irreplaceable.

- *Doratogonus rubipodus* (Ruby-legged Black Millipede) - This millipede is known from a restricted distribution within the Giba Gorge (McIntosh Falls), and an area of forest in Eston. It is unlikely to occur on any of the sites due to the transformation that has occurred historically.
- *Cochlitoma semidecussata* (Mollusc) - This species may occur on the site, but its preferred habitat is coastal lowland and scarp forest, and is most likely to occur off of the sites in the Giba Gorge Complex of secondary and primary scarp forest.
- *Bradypodion melanocephalum* (Black-headed Dwarf Chameleon) - This species may occur on the site, and prefers ecotones between thickets and more open areas for hunting. This species prefers tall grasslands for hunting, and is will not occur in short, or regularly burnt, grasslands.

After having undertaken a site visit, and having undertaken focused active searches for the species listed above, it is concluded that the species listed above do not occur within the majority of the proposed development sites. The only areas of concern are the alien infested drainage line on the Eastern boundary of Site 1, and the highly disturbed woodlot on Site 1. Specifically, the drainage line along the Eastern boundary of Site 1 may be occupied by *Bradypodion melanocephalum*, as it provides the ideal mix of tall grasses, and woody vegetation that this species prefers. This area is however highly infested with alien plant species.

## 5.2 Other Faunal Species noted within the Study Area

It was noted during the site visit that there is strong evidence of Bushpigs (*Potamochoerus porcus*) within the woodlot on Site 1 (see **Figure 1** below), as well as evidence of antelope species within the grassland areas of Site 3 (See **Figure 2 & 3** below), and the woodlot on Site 1 (see **Figure 4** below). These antelope species are most likely Common Duiker (*Sylvicapra grimmia*), and Bushbuck (*Tragelaphus scriptus*). There is also evidence of Vervet Monkeys (*Cercopithecus pygerythrus*) on the site. No raptor nests were identified on any of the sites, and this is due to the lack of appropriate nesting trees on all three sites. Site 1 is most likely to support raptor breeding, due to the presence of the woodlots on site. However, these woodlots show regular disturbance and this probably accounts for the lack of nests. A night time survey for chameleons identified Flap-necked Chameleons (*Chamaeleo dilepis* - see **Figure 5** below) present in the woodlots on Site 1. In addition, dung, of what is probably one of the mongoose species, was found on Site 3 (see **Figure 6** below).



Figure 1: Bushpig rooting noted in woodlot on Site 1.



Figure 2: Grey Duiker dung pile noted on Site 3.



Figure 3: Bushbuck dung pile noted on Site 3.



Figure 4: Grey Duiker dung pile noted on Site 1.



Figure 5: Flap-neck Chameleon noted on Site 1.



Figure 6: Probable mongoose dung on Site 3.

### 5.3 Threatened Birds

Appendix 3 lists all the birds that have been recorded in the area surrounding the site. While many of these bird species are listed as near threatened, vulnerable or endangered, only a few of these conservation significant species are likely to make use of the sites. The various stork species may make use of the various vegetation units on the sites for foraging, but most of these species are unlikely to occur, as they are normally associated with wetland areas, and large freshwater bodies. The various eagle species are also likely to hunt over the sites, but are unlikely to make use of the site 2 or 3 for nesting and breeding, due to a lack of large appropriate trees. Various other species may occur on the sites, such as the Blue Crane (*Anthropoides paradiseus*) and the Grey Crowned Crane (*Balearica regulorum*), but are unlikely to use the sites extensively due to the level of disturbance that historically occurred there. The Spotted Ground-thrush (*Zoothera guttata*) may occur within the forest fragments (Giba Gorge Complex) to the east of the sites. The Broad-tailed Warbler (*Schoenicola brevirostris*) may occur on the sites, and is closely associated with wet areas, and rank grass, and therefore is most likely to occur in the wetland systems that traverse all three sites. The Bush Blackcap (*Lioptilus nigricapillus*), is unlikely to occur on the sites due to its predilection for Montane Forest, but may use the forests to the East of the sites during the winter months.

## 6. IMPACT ASSESSMENT ON THE CURRENT FAUNA

The impact descriptions below are rated according to the current status of the sites as determined by the findings of the site visit undertaken. The faunal conservation values are assigned values between 1 and 5, with 1 being low value, and 5 being high value.



## 6.1 Impact of the development on the faunal assemblage

The sites are heavily disturbed, with most of each of the sites under cultivation, and the small woodlot patches are disturbed by the infestation of alien invasive plants. The value of the sites to faunal conservation are limited at present, with low faunal conservation value over all the sites

### Site 1 Assessment

#### Pre-Mitigation Measures

Value & Health	Current Numerical Rating	Current Categorisation
Conservation Value for Fauna	1*	Low
Ecosystem Health for Fauna	1	Low

\* This score is subject to change, should a viable population of Black-headed Dwarf Chameleon's be found on site.

#### Proposed Mitigation Measures

- Remove alien vegetation through proper management.
- Set aside the existing forest fragments within the woodlot areas.
- Buffer all wetland and drainage lines appropriately.
- Careful management of construction within the proposed development.

#### Post-Mitigation Measures

Value & Health	Predicted Rating post mitigation	Predicted Categorisation
Conservation Value for Fauna	2	Medium-Low
Ecosystem Health for Fauna	2	Medium-Low

### Site 2 Assessment

#### Pre-Mitigation Measures

Value & Health	Current Numerical Rating	Current Categorisation
Conservation Value for Fauna	1	Low
Ecosystem Health for Fauna	1	Low

#### Proposed Mitigation Measures

- Remove alien vegetation through proper management.
- Buffer all wetland and drainage lines appropriately.
- Careful management of construction within the proposed development.

#### Post-Mitigation Measures

Value & Health	Predicted Rating post mitigation	Predicted Categorisation
Conservation Value for Fauna	2	Medium Low
Ecosystem Health for Fauna	2	Medium Low

### Site 3 Assessment

#### Pre-Mitigation Measures

Value & Health	Current Numerical Rating	Current Categorisation
Conservation Value for Fauna	1	Low
Ecosystem Health for Fauna	1	Low

## Proposed Mitigation Measures

- Remove alien vegetation through proper management.
- Buffer all wetland and drainage lines appropriately.
- Careful management of construction within the proposed development.

## Post-Mitigation Measures

Value & Health	Predicted Rating post mitigation	Predicted Categorisation
Conservation Value for Fauna	2	Medium Low
Ecosystem Health for Fauna	2	Medium Low

## 6.2 Preferred Site

From a faunal perspective there is very little to choose between the three sites. However, Site 2 is considered the best option from a faunal perspective, as it has the least impact on fauna at a landscape level. Both Site 1 and Site 3 abut the Giba Gorge Environmental Precinct (GGEP), and the associated Durban Metropolitan Open Space System (DMOSS).

The Giba Gorge Environmental Precinct to the east of Sites 1 and 3, contains a number of locally endemic, and IUCN Red Listed species. These include the Blue Duiker (*Philantomba monticola*), Large-eared Free-tailed Bat (*Otomops martiensseni*), Spotted Ground Thrush (*Zoothera guttata*), Kloof Frog (*Natalobatrachus bonebergi*), Spotted Shovel-nosed Frog (*Hemisus guttatus*), Natal Leaf-folding Frog (*Afrivalus spinifrons*) and the Pink-footed Giant Black Millipede (*Doratogonus rubipodus*). Many of these species have very restricted ranges, and the GGEP constitutes an important area for the conservation of these species.

From an ecological perspective, all the sites are relatively equal, but the development of Site 2 will have the least impact on the linkages that exist between the Umhlatuzana catchment, and the Giba Gorge Conservation Precinct.

## 7. RECOMMENDATIONS

From a faunal perspective, the sites are degraded and currently of low conservation value. However, Site 1 does present an opportunity to create linkages between areas of higher conservation significance to the north and south-east of the site, while Site 3 abuts endangered grassland, and the Giba Gorge Conservation Precinct. Site 2 is therefore the preferred site for development, from a faunal perspective. The fauna of the site is directly dependent on the vegetation units of the site, and the restoration, and careful management of these vegetation units will benefit the fauna of the area. Therefore, the following is recommended:

- ✓ Alien clearing must be undertaken within the entire development zone;
- ✓ No development should occur within the wetland and drainage line areas, and any development should take into account the hydrology of the wetland systems;
- ✓ Should Site 1 be preferred, it is recommended that an extensive nighttime survey be done to assess the potential presence of the Black-headed Dwarf Chameleon in the woodlot, and the alien infested drainage line;
- ✓ Should it be found that Black-headed Dwarf Chameleon are present, any specimens of the Black-headed Dwarf Chameleon need to be removed carefully before clearing of any area for construction, and relocated to an identified release site. The release site should be identified in consultation with Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and eThekweni Environmental Management Division.

## 8. CONCLUSIONS

The majority of the sites are currently cultivated and the areas that are not cultivated have also been negatively impacted by woodcutting and alien invasive infestations. A large number of alien plant species have invaded the sites and the area has therefore been further degraded. The proposed development properties are therefore of little value to faunal conservation in their current state. However, should the wetlands, drainage lines and forest fragments (on Site 1) be rehabilitated, it is likely that the faunal conservation significance would increase.

The proposed development would in all probability add value to the land and provide much needed funding for the improvement of the conservation significance of the sites. However, the conservation worthy areas of the sites need to be avoided, specifically the wetlands on all the sites, the drainage line on Site 1, and the grassland area on Site 3.

Based on the site visit, and taking into account the vegetation assessment of the three sites, we feel that Site 2 is the best site for development from a faunal perspective.



Appendix 1

**LOCALITY MAP**

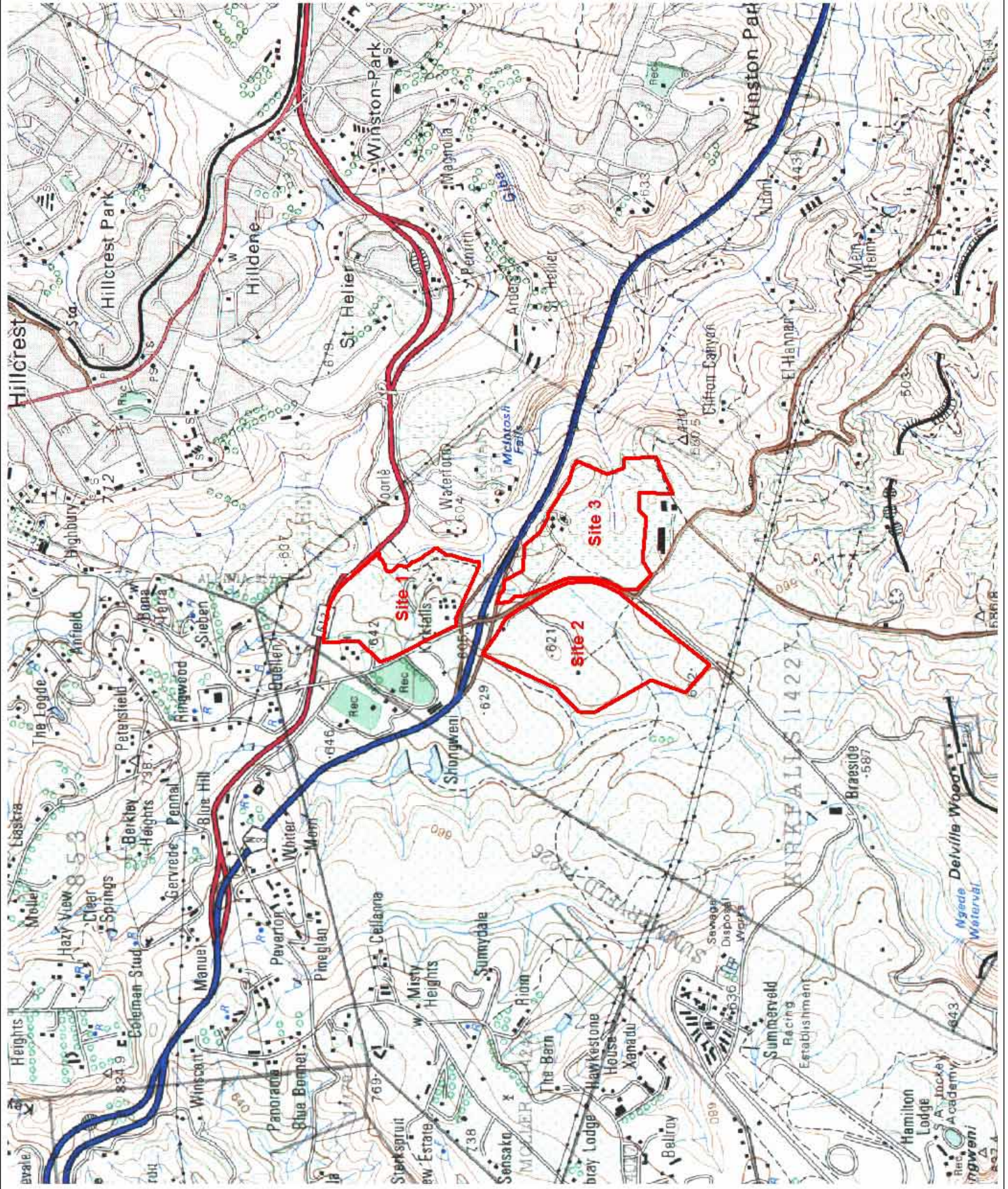
**NTSHONGWENI MIXED USE  
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**LOCALITY MAP  
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Legend



Three Potential Sites  
for Development



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Appendix 2

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## AREAS OF POTENTIAL FAUNAL SENSITIVITY

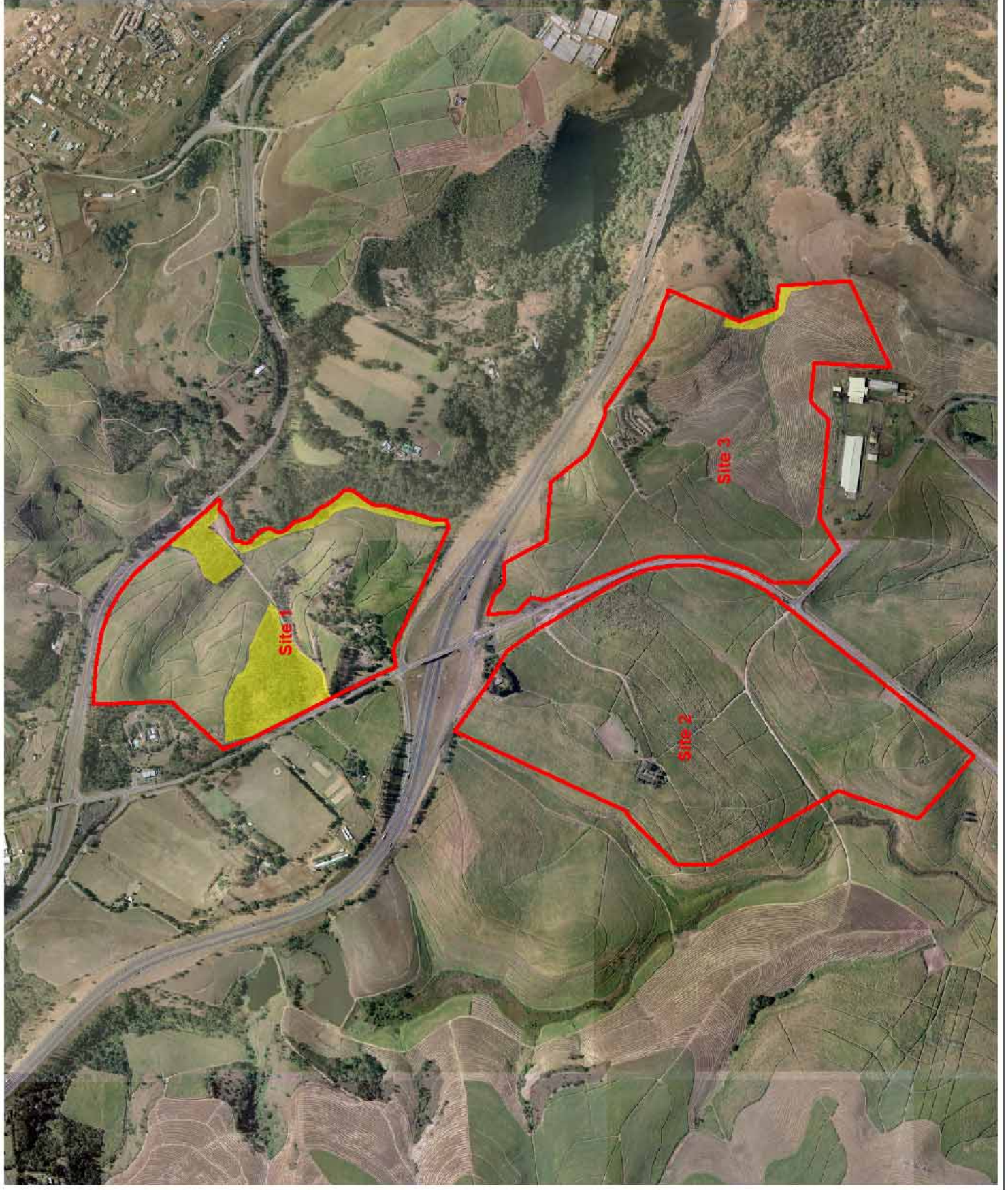
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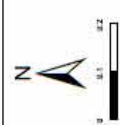
Three Potential Sites  
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Potentially Faunally  
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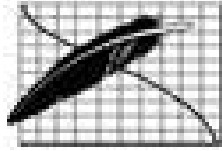
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Appendix 3

**SABAP SUMMARIES OF SPECIES THAT  
HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN THE AREA**





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## Occurrence:

n indicates the total number of cards on which the species was recorded. We also give this as a percentage (%) of the total cards for the site. The monthly breakdown shows the number of times the species was reported, as a percentage of the total cards for the month (ie: reporting rate).

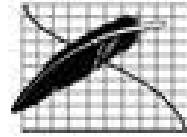
## Breeding:

n represents the number of cards on which confirmed breeding activity was reported. The monthly breakdown is the number of times the species was recorded breeding.

## Site summary for:

**Site Name: HAMMARSDALE (2930DC)**

**Province: KwaZulu-Natal**



		Breeding												Occurrence												Cons Status			
Spp Code	English	Breeding												Occurrence												Cons Status			
		J	F	M	A	M	A	M	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	A	M	J	A	S	O		N	D	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	n	%	J	F	M	A	M	A	M	J	A	S	O	N	D
8	Little Grebe (Dabchick)	9	7	11	11	6	16	16	12	9	8	5	12	122	31	25	44	57	36	9	17	13	44	33	11	13	-	17	
55	White-breasted (Great) Cormorant	197	185	192	181	139	167	183	181	153	140	141	188	286	57	47	44	43	82	45	17	6	56	58	67	63	40	42	
58	Reed (Long-tailed) Cormorant	8	7	7	5	3	3	5	6	3	8	9	15	47	36	30	56	14	9	-	17	31	31	42	56	38	20	33	
60	African Darter														49	40	44	43	36	45	50	44	63	33	44	25	20	17	
62	Grey Heron														47	39	67	57	36	55	33	38	44	25	33	38	20	17	
63	Black-headed Heron														32	26	44	57	36	36	-	19	19	25	11	25	40	17	
64	Goliath Heron														1	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
65	Purple Heron														5	4	11	-	9	-	6	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	
66	Great Egret														6	5	11	29	-	-	6	6	8	11	-	-	-	-	
67	Little Egret														10	8	11	14	9	-	-	25	8	-	13	-	8		
68	Yellow-billed (Intermediate) Egret														3	2	11	-	9	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	
71	Cattle Egret														41	34	22	29	45	36	33	38	44	50	44	25	-	8	
72	Squacco Heron														1	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
74	Green-backed (Striated) Heron														14	11	22	14	9	9	-	6	25	17	11	-	20		
76	Black-crowned Night-Heron														2	2	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
78	Little Bittern														2	2	11	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	
81	Hamerkop														82	67	89	57	91	64	33	50	75	67	89	63	40	67	
83	White Stork														2	2	11	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
84	Black Stork														41	34	-	29	9	9	17	56	38	58	67	38	20	33	NT
91	African Sacred (Sacred) Ibis														17	14	22	-	18	9	-	13	25	25	11	-	17		
94	Hadeda Ibis														109	89	67	86	100	100	83	81	100	92	89	88	80	92	
95	African Spoonbill														9	7	11	-	9	-	6	6	17	-	-	-	25		
99	White-faced (Whistling-) Duck														16	13	33	14	27	18	-	13	6	8	-	-	25		
100	Fulvous (Whistling) Duck														1	1	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
101	White-backed Duck														4	3	22	14	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-		
102	Egyptian Goose														71	58	56	43	82	36	50	69	81	42	56	63	60	42	
104	Yellow-billed Duck														49	40	78	43	64	45	-	38	31	33	22	50	40	33	
105	African Black Duck														37	30	44	14	27	18	17	19	31	25	56	50	40	33	
106	Cape Teal														3	2	11	-	9	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-		
107	Hottentot Teal														1	1	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	8	-	-	-		
108	Red-billed Teal (Duck)														3	2	11	14	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
112	Cape Shoveler														2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	8	-	-	-		
113	Southern Pochard														3	2	11	14	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-		
114	African Pygmy-Goose														1	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NT	
116	Spur-winged Goose														25	20	33	29	18	-	-	19	63	25	11	-	8		
126	Black & Yellowbilled Kite (pre-split)														10	8	11	43	9	-	-	-	-	22	38	-	-		
127	Black-shouldered (Winged) Kite														13	11	22	-	27	9	-	13	13	17	-	-	8		
128	African Cuckoo Hawk														2	2	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
131	Verreaux's (Black) Eagle														3	2	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	17	-	-	-		
135	Wahlberg's Eagle														6	5	11	-	9	9	17	-	-	-	-	-	17		
139	Long-crested Eagle														11	9	11	14	-	18	33	13	13	8	-	-	-		
140	Marial Eagle														3	2	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	8	11	-	-		
141	African Crowned (Crowned) Eagle														24	20	11	43	27	27	17	6	25	17	11	13	-	33	NT
142	Brown Snake-Eagle														3	2	11	-	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
148	African Fish-Eagle														70	57	33	71	73	27	50	75	50	67	56	63	60	58	1

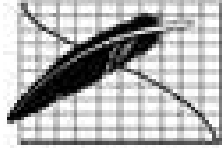












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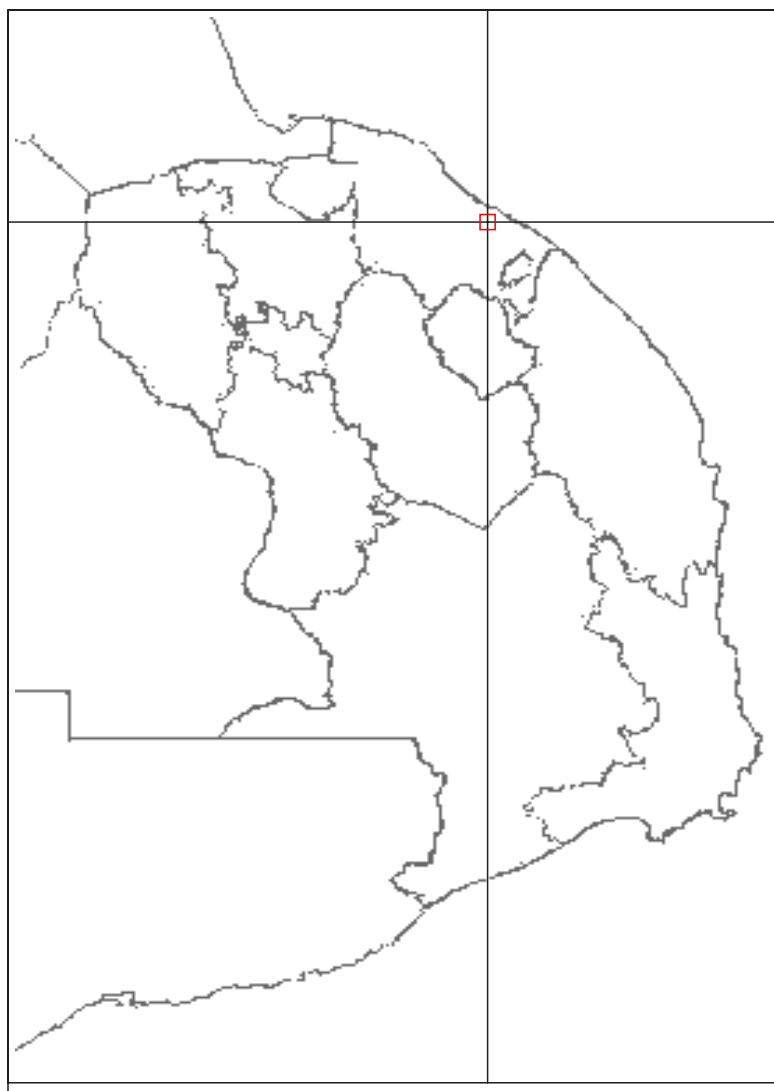
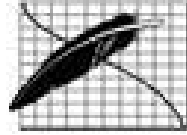
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**Breeding:**  
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## Site summary for:

**Site Name: DURBAN WEST (2930DD)**

**Province: KwaZulu-Natal**





		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total			
		112	71	98	114	120	120	126	116	105	97	88	93	1260			
		280	246	265	274	261	248	252	262	260	261	269	275	355			
		67	39	36	28	28	22	42	50	58	67	68	69	137			
Spp Code	English	Cons Status	Occurrence												Breeding		
			n	%	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O		N	D
8	Little Grebe (Dabchick)		209	17	6	10	10	13	20	23	22	14	19	20	19	19	-
49	Great White Pelican	NT	172	14	21	11	10	13	13	11	10	10	11	18	19	14	-
50	Pink-backed Pelican	VU	157	12	13	11	10	7	10	10	15	12	13	19	16	14	-
53	Cape Gannet	VU	2	0	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	White-breasted (Great) Cormorant		298	24	30	27	18	21	23	22	21	22	22	28	28	26	-
56	Cape Cormorant	NT	13	1	1	-	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	-	1	-	-
58	Reed (Long-tailed) Cormorant		300	24	19	20	19	22	26	28	22	23	24	30	27	26	-
60	African Darter		244	19	13	13	16	22	24	24	21	17	21	24	18	15	-
62	Grey Heron		416	33	38	37	35	36	33	33	33	35	30	31	33	32	-
63	Black-headed Heron		453	36	46	35	36	37	34	31	28	30	40	38	41	39	2
64	Goliath Heron		191	15	15	13	9	6	14	13	17	16	18	21	20	19	2
65	Purple Heron		104	8	8	4	8	7	8	8	8	8	7	11	14	9	-
66	Great Egret		125	10	6	4	9	10	18	14	13	9	9	11	8	3	-
67	Little Egret		241	19	13	18	13	21	23	19	21	13	19	23	26	20	-
68	Yellow-billed (Intermediate) Egret		65	5	2	-	4	4	10	9	10	6	3	5	3	1	-
69	Black Heron		7	1	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
71	Cattle Egret		373	30	31	30	19	28	32	33	33	36	31	29	24	25	2
72	Squacco Heron		93	7	8	4	5	4	8	7	6	6	5	12	17	8	-
74	Green-backed (Striated) Heron		132	10	9	17	14	11	14	8	10	7	5	9	13	13	-
76	Black-crowned Night-Heron		72	6	6	8	3	2	3	5	6	3	6	14	6	9	2
78	Little Bittern		21	2	4	8	1	3	1	-	2	-	2	2	-	-	-
81	Hamerkop		494	39	49	39	38	47	47	38	39	31	30	34	38	39	3
83	White Stork		2	0	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
84	Black Stork	NT	6	0	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
86	Woolly-necked Stork	NT	4	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-
89	Marabou Stork	NT	1	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
90	Yellow-billed Stork	NT	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
91	African Sacred (Sacred) Ibis		315	25	28	21	18	23	25	25	21	24	26	32	34	24	2
92	Southern Bald (Bald) Ibis	VU	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
93	Glossy Ibis		16	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	3	5	2	-
94	Hadeda Ibis		1148	91	95	97	89	89	88	86	94	91	91	94	92	91	2
95	African Spoonbill		159	13	5	4	14	13	15	20	16	13	14	16	9	5	3
96	Greater Flamingo	NT	5	0	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
97	Lesser Flamingo	NT	2	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
99	White-faced (Whistling-) Duck		315	25	31	28	20	26	22	20	20	21	26	28	33	30	2
100	Fulvous (Whistling) Duck		47	4	6	-	2	3	2	2	2	5	4	8	10	2	1
101	White-backed Duck		42	3	3	4	3	7	4	2	-	3	6	4	5	1	-
102	Egyptian Goose		363	29	29	28	24	27	28	32	29	28	25	26	35	34	-
103	South African Shelduck		49	4	4	3	5	6	4	7	3	3	2	2	6	2	4
104	Yellow-billed Duck		324	26	30	27	22	22	23	23	28	21	26	25	32	33	3
105	African Black Duck		66	5	5	4	4	6	2	4	7	8	6	7	3	5	0
106	Cape Teal		18	1	2	3	2	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	5	3	0
107	Hottentot Teal		158	13	13	14	12	13	9	7	9	16	12	18	17	15	-
108	Red-billed Teal (Duck)		97	8	4	7	7	6	8	8	11	11	10	3	8	6	-
112	Cape Shoveler		165	13	15	15	11	8	11	9	13	13	8	18	22	18	2











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816	Golden-Weaver		13	1	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
817	Yellow (African Golden) Weaver		234	19	31	24	14	11	7	5	6	20	24	32	32	32	29	32	29	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	29	32
818	Southern Brown-throated Weaver		18	1	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	3	5	3	3	5	3	3	5	3	5	3	5	3	3	5	3
821	Red-billed Quelea		2	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
822	Red-headed Quelea		2	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
824	Southern Red (Red) Bishop		274	22	41	32	23	18	14	9	9	10	10	27	43	39	27	43	39	27	43	39	27	43	39	27	43	39	27
828	Fan-tailed (Red-shouldered) Widowbird		368	29	46	38	21	20	19	20	21	24	29	36	40	47	36	40	47	36	40	47	36	40	47	36	40	47	36
829	White-winged Widowbird		2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
831	Red-collared Widowbird		122	10	18	18	11	4	4	2	2	2	7	21	17	23	21	17	23	21	17	23	21	17	23	21	17	23	21
832	Long-tailed Widowbird		4	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1
835	Green Twinspot		26	2	2	-	1	1	2	3	4	4	4	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1
840	African (Blue-billed) Firefinch		236	19	21	17	23	15	24	28	17	14	15	21	11	16	21	11	16	21	11	16	21	11	16	21	11	16	21
844	Blue Waxbill		12	1	3	1	1	1	3	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
846	Common Waxbill		358	28	38	37	30	31	29	23	17	22	21	29	33	41	29	33	41	29	33	41	29	33	41	29	33	41	29
848	Grey (Black-tailed) Waxbill		72	6	4	4	3	4	5	13	9	8	3	7	5	2	7	5	2	7	5	2	7	5	2	7	5	2	7
850	Swee (Black-faced) Waxbill (Swee)		39	3	3	6	1	3	4	4	1	3	4	4	5	2	4	5	2	4	5	2	4	5	2	4	5	2	4
854	Orange-breasted (Zebra) Waxbill		18	1	2	-	1	3	1	2	2	-	-	2	3	1	-	3	1	-	3	1	-	3	1	-	3	1	-
857	Bronze Mannikin		912	72	62	73	74	75	82	79	74	74	63	72	73	66	72	73	66	72	73	66	72	73	66	72	73	66	72
858	Red-backed Mannikin		110	9	7	10	9	11	8	9	9	8	11	7	10	6	11	7	10	6	11	7	10	6	11	7	10	6	11
860	Pin-tailed Whydah		279	22	37	34	28	14	8	11	6	14	25	34	30	42	34	30	42	34	30	42	34	30	42	34	30	42	34
864	Dusky Indigobird		34	3	9	3	7	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	6	-	6	6	-	6	6	-	6	6	-	6	6	-
867	Village Indigobird		1	0	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
869	Yellow-fronted (eyed) Canary		869	69	77	73	69	65	65	63	65	64	64	77	74	77	74	77	74	77	74	77	74	77	74	77	74	77	74
872	Cape (Yellow-crowned) Canary		86	7	1	-	1	-	4	12	13	14	14	10	5	3	14	10	5	3	14	10	5	3	14	10	5	3	14
873	Forest Canary		14	1	2	-	-	2	1	-	2	2	1	2	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	1	-
877	Brimstone (Bully) Canary		223	18	20	14	14	17	13	17	22	22	26	20	13	12	22	20	13	12	22	20	13	12	22	20	13	12	22
881	Streaky-headed Seedeater (Canary)		210	17	13	14	14	14	15	16	17	20	20	22	18	18	20	22	18	18	20	22	18	18	20	22	18	18	20
884	Golden-breasted Bunting		27	2	1	-	-	3	6	4	2	3	1	2	-	1	2	-	1	2	-	1	2	-	1	2	-	1	2
888	Yellow-billed Kite		402	32	54	65	37	5	-	-	6	51	53	51	44	47	51	44	47	51	44	47	51	44	47	51	44	47	51
889	Black Kite		22	2	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	6	-	6	2	6	-	6	-	6	-	6	-	6	-




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### FAUNAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

#### 1. INTRODUCTION&BACKGROUND

**SiVEST Environmental Division** was requested by **Tongaatt Hulett Developments (THD)** to undertake a detailed vegetation and faunal assessment of the proposed bulk water pipeline route. From the above mentioned assessment, inferences can be made regarding the overarching ecological value of corridor which has been identified to potentially accept the proposed Shongweni Bulk Water Pipeline.

#### 2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The following Terms of Reference were provided by THD regarding the requirements of the assessments.

- Undertake a vegetation and faunal assessment of the corridor proposed for the Shongweni Bulk Water Pipeline (Locality Map attached at **Appendix 1**).

Further to the Terms of Reference supplied by THD, the following protocol was extracted from the National Environmental Management Act, Act 108 of 1998. The relevant Section is Section 32 and is included below for your ease of reference.

#### ***Specialist reports and reports on specialised processes***

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- (1) *An applicant or the EAP managing an application may appoint a person who is independent to carry out a specialist study or specialised process.*
- (2) *the Person referred to in sub-regulation (1) must comply with the requirements of Regulation 17.*
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  - (f) *a description of the findings and potential implications of such findings on the impact of the proposed activity, including identified alternatives, on the environment;*
  - (g) *recommendations in respect of any mitigation measures that should be considered by the applicant and the competent authority;*
  - (h) *a description of any consultation process that was undertaken during the course of carrying out the study;*
  - (i) *a summary and copies of any comments that were received during any consultation process; and*
  - (j) *any other information requested by the competent authority.*

### 3. LOCAL SETTING

The majority of the corridor is dominated by cultivation (sugar cane), with only small remnant patches of indigenous vegetation persisting in isolated fragments. The corridor is represented in the Aerial Map attached at **Appendix 2**.

Due to the strong correlation between vegetation and faunal assemblages, this report should be read in conjunction with the vegetation assessment for the corridor.

### 4. METHODOLOGY

A site walkover was conducted on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2013, during which indigenous vegetation units were sampled for evidence of terrestrial faunal species. The large areas of sugarcane are depauperate in faunal species, and were assessed in a cursory manner. Bird species that could potentially occur on site were assessed through the South African Bird Atlas Project (SABAP) database of previously recorded species for the area.

### 5. FAUNA ON SITE

#### 5.1 *Predicted Important Species by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife*

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife's C-Plan database predicts that the following species of conservation significance may occur on the site, and that the site is considered totally irreplaceable.

- *Doratogonus rubipodus* (Ruby-legged Black Millipede) - This millipede is known from a restricted distribution within the Giba Gorge (McIntosh Falls), and an area of forest in Eston. It is unlikely to occur on any of the sites due to the transformation that has occurred historically.
- *Cochlitoma semidecussata* (Mollusc) - This species may occur on the site, but its preferred habitat is coastal lowland and scarp forest, and is most likely to occur off of the sites in the Giba Gorge Complex of secondary and primary scarp forest.
- *Bradypodion melanocephalum* (Black-headed Dwarf Chameleon) - This species may occur on the site, and prefers ecotones between thickets and more open areas for hunting. This species prefers tall grasslands for hunting, and is will not occur in short, or regularly burnt, grasslands.

After having undertaken a site visit, and having undertaken focused active searches for the species listed above, it is concluded that the species listed above do not occur within the majority of the proposed development sites. The only areas of concern are the alien infested woody vegetation (see Appendix 1B of Vegetation Report), as these areas may be occupied by *Bradypodion melanocephalum*, as it provides the ideal mix of tall grasses, and woody vegetation that this species prefers. This area is however highly infested with alien plant species.

#### 5.2 *Other Faunal Species noted within the Study Area*

It was noted during the site visit that there is evidence of antelope species within the sugarcane fields across the site (See **Figure 1&2** below). These antelope species are most likely Common Duiker (*Sylvicapra grimmia*), and Bushbuck (*Tragelaphus scriptus*). There is also evidence of Vervet Monkeys (*Cercopithecus pygerythrus*) on the site. No raptor nests were identified on any of the sites, and this is due to the lack of appropriate nesting trees on all three sites.



Figure 1: Grey Duiker dung pile noted.



Figure 2: Bushbuck dung pile noted on Site 3.

### 5.3 Threatened Birds

Appendix 3 lists all the birds that have been recorded in the area surrounding the corridor. While many of these bird species are listed as near threatened, vulnerable or endangered, only a few of these conservation significant species are likely to make use of the corridor. The various stork species may make use of the various vegetation units along the corridor for foraging, but most of these species are unlikely to occur, as they are normally associated with wetland areas, and large freshwater bodies. The various eagle species are also likely to hunt over the corridor, but are unlikely to make use of the corridor for nesting and breeding, due to a lack of large appropriate trees. Various other species may occur along the corridor, such as the Blue Crane (*Anthropoides paradiseus*) and the Grey Crowned Crane (*Balearica regulorum*), but are unlikely to use the corridor extensively due to the level of disturbance that has historically occurred there. The Spotted Ground-thrush (*Zoothera guttata*) may occur within the forest fragments (Giba Gorge Complex) to the east of the corridor. The Broad-tailed Warbler (*Schoenicola brevirostris*) may occur along the corridor, and is closely associated with wet areas, and rank grass, and therefore is most likely to occur in the wetland systems that are traversed by the proposed pipeline. The Bush Blackcap (*Lioptilus nigricapillus*), is unlikely to occur along the proposed pipeline corridor due to its predilection for Montane Forest, but may use the forests to the East of the area during the winter months.

## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

From a faunal perspective, the proposed pipeline corridor is degraded and currently of low conservation value. The fauna of the corridor is directly dependent on the vegetation units of the corridor, and the restoration, and careful management of these vegetation units will benefit the fauna of the area. Therefore, the following is recommended:

- ✓ Alien clearing must be undertaken within the entire development corridor;
- ✓ The proposed pipeline route should be realigned to avoid the remnant sandstone sourveld grassland area;
- ✓ Should it be found that Black-headed Dwarf Chameleons are present, any specimens of the Black-headed Dwarf Chameleon need to be removed carefully before clearing of any area for construction, and relocated to an identified release site. The release site should be identified in consultation with Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and eThekweni Environmental Management Division.

## **7. CONCLUSIONS**

The majority of the proposed bulk water pipeline corridor is currently cultivated and the areas that are not cultivated have also been negatively impacted by woodcutting and alien invasive infestations. A large number of alien plant species have invaded the corridor and the area has therefore been further degraded.

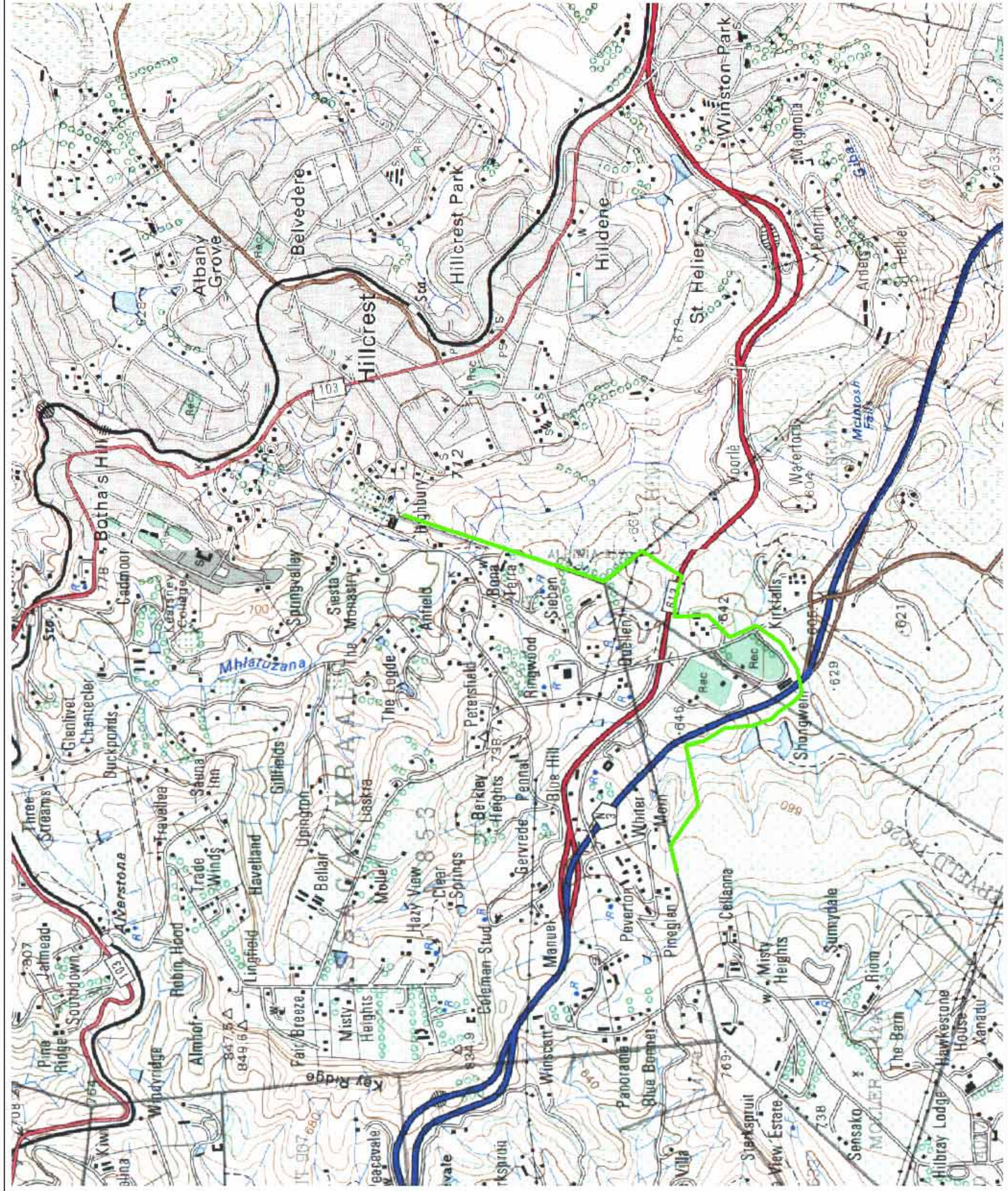
The proposed development would in all probability add value to the land and provide much needed funding for the improvement of the conservation significance of the sites. However, the conservation worthy areas of the sites need to be avoided, specifically the remnant sandstone sourveld grassland.

**SHONGWENI  
BULK WATER PIPELINE  
ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT**

**LOCALITY MAP  
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**Legend**

Proposed Bulk Water  
Pipeline Route



SOURCE: Chief Directorate of Survey & Mapping

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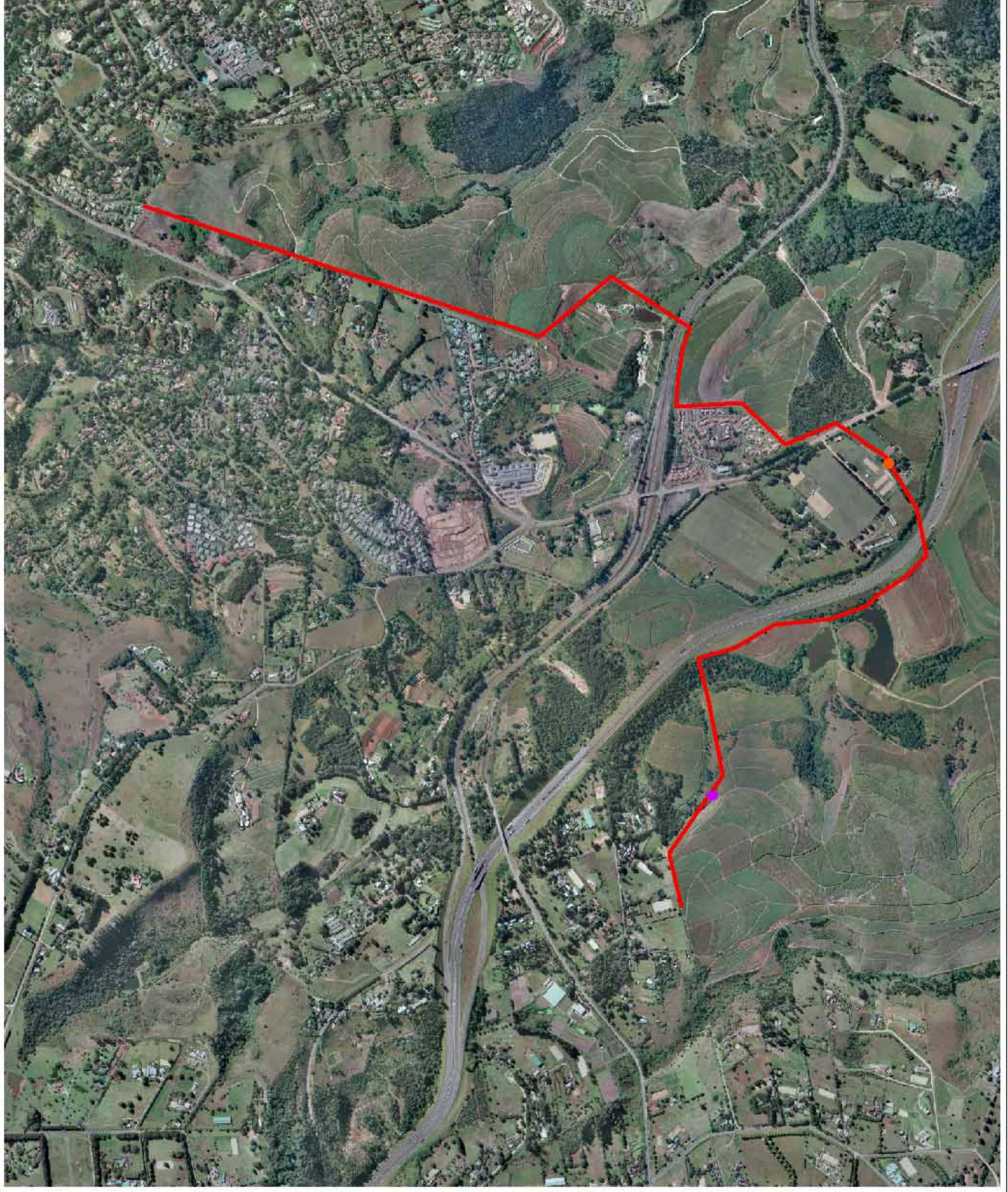


**SHONGWENI  
BULK WATER PIPELINE  
ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT**

**AERIAL VIEW**

**Legend**

- Proposed Shongweni Bulk Water Pipeline Route



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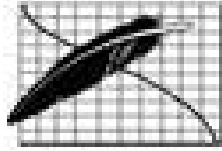
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Appendix 3

**SABAP SUMMARIES OF SPECIES THAT  
HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN THE AREA**



# Southern African Bird Atlas Project

## Occurrence:

n indicates the total number of cards on which the species was recorded. We also give this as a percentage (%) of the total cards for the site. The monthly breakdown shows the number of times the species was reported, as a percentage of the total cards for the month (ie: reporting rate).

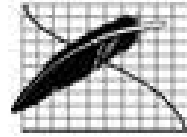
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n represents the number of cards on which confirmed breeding activity was reported. The monthly breakdown is the number of times the species was recorded breeding.

## Site summary for:

**Site Name: HAMMARSDALE (2930DC)**

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		Breeding												Occurrence												Cons Status			
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8	Little Grebe (Dabchick)	9	7	11	11	6	16	16	12	9	8	5	12	122	31	25	44	57	36	9	17	13	44	33	11	13	-	17	
55	White-breasted (Great) Cormorant	197	185	192	181	139	167	183	181	153	140	141	188	286	57	47	44	43	82	45	17	6	56	58	67	63	40	42	
58	Reed (Long-tailed) Cormorant	8	7	7	5	3	3	5	6	3	8	9	15	47	36	30	56	14	9	-	17	31	31	42	56	38	20	33	
60	African Darter														49	40	44	43	36	45	50	44	63	33	44	25	20	17	
62	Grey Heron														47	39	67	57	36	55	33	38	44	25	33	38	20	17	
63	Black-headed Heron														32	26	44	57	36	36	-	19	19	25	11	25	40	17	
64	Goliath Heron														1	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
65	Purple Heron														5	4	11	-	9	-	6	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	
66	Great Egret														6	5	11	29	-	-	6	6	8	11	-	-	-	-	
67	Little Egret														10	8	11	14	9	-	-	25	8	-	13	-	8	-	
68	Yellow-billed (Intermediate) Egret														3	2	11	-	9	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	
71	Cattle Egret														41	34	22	29	45	36	33	38	44	50	44	25	-	8	
72	Squacco Heron														1	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
74	Green-backed (Striated) Heron														14	11	22	14	9	9	-	6	25	17	11	-	20		
76	Black-crowned Night-Heron														2	2	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	
78	Little Bittern														2	2	11	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	
81	Hamerkop														82	67	89	57	91	64	33	50	75	67	89	63	40	67	
83	White Stork														2	2	11	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
84	Black Stork														41	34	-	29	9	9	17	56	38	58	67	38	20	33	NT
91	African Sacred (Sacred) Ibis														17	14	22	-	18	9	-	13	25	25	11	-	17		
94	Hadeda Ibis														109	89	67	86	100	100	83	81	100	92	89	88	80	92	
95	African Spoonbill														9	7	11	-	9	-	6	6	17	-	-	-	25		
99	White-faced (Whistling-) Duck														16	13	33	14	27	18	-	13	6	8	-	-	25		
100	Fulvous (Whistling) Duck														1	1	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
101	White-backed Duck														4	3	22	14	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-		
102	Egyptian Goose														71	58	56	43	82	36	50	69	81	42	56	63	60	42	
104	Yellow-billed Duck														49	40	78	43	64	45	-	38	31	33	22	50	40	33	
105	African Black Duck														37	30	44	14	27	18	17	19	31	25	56	50	40	33	
106	Cape Teal														3	2	11	-	9	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-		
107	Hottentot Teal														1	1	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	8	-	-	-		
108	Red-billed Teal (Duck)														3	2	11	14	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
112	Cape Shoveler														2	2	-	-	-	-	-	6	8	-	-	-	-		
113	Southern Pochard														3	2	11	14	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-		
114	African Pygmy-Goose														1	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NT	
116	Spur-winged Goose														25	20	33	29	18	-	-	19	63	25	11	-	8		
126	Black & Yellowbilled Kite (pre-split)														10	8	11	43	9	-	-	-	-	22	38	-	-		
127	Black-shouldered (Winged) Kite														13	11	22	-	27	9	-	13	13	17	-	-	8		
128	African Cuckoo Hawk														2	2	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
131	Verreaux's (Black) Eagle														3	2	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	17	-	-	-		
135	Wahlberg's Eagle														6	5	11	-	9	9	17	-	-	-	-	-	17		
139	Long-crested Eagle														11	9	11	14	-	18	33	13	13	8	-	-	-		
140	Marial Eagle														3	2	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	8	11	-	-		
141	African Crowned (Crowned) Eagle														24	20	11	43	27	27	17	6	25	17	11	13	-	33	NT
142	Brown Snake-Eagle														3	2	11	-	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
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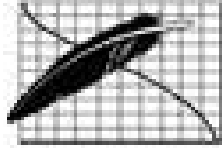












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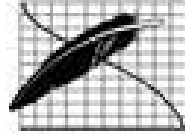
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**Breeding:**  
n represents the number of cards on which confirmed breeding activity was reported. The monthly breakdown is the number of times the species was recorded breeding.

## Site summary for:

**Site Name: DURBAN WEST (2930DD)**

**Province: KwaZulu-Natal**



		Breeding												Occurrence												Cons Status			
Spp Code	English	n	%	Breeding												Occurrence												Status	
				J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	J	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D			
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total		
8	Little Grebe (Dabchick)	209	17	6	10	10	13	20	23	22	14	19	20	19	19	19	19	20	19	20	126	116	105	97	88	93	1260	NT	
49	Great White Pelican	172	14	21	11	10	13	13	11	10	10	11	18	19	14	14	14	10	11	18	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	VU	
50	Pink-backed Pelican	157	12	13	11	10	7	10	10	15	12	13	19	16	14	14	14	10	11	18	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	VU	
53	Cape Gannet	2	0	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	105	97	88	93	1260	NT	
55	White-breasted (Great) Cormorant	298	24	30	27	18	21	23	22	21	22	22	28	28	26	26	26	22	22	28	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	NT	
56	Cape Cormorant	13	1	1	-	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	2	2	-	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
58	Reed (Long-tailed) Cormorant	300	24	19	20	19	22	26	28	22	23	24	30	27	26	26	26	22	22	24	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	NT	
60	African Darter	244	19	13	13	16	22	24	24	21	17	21	24	18	15	15	15	22	22	24	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
62	Grey Heron	416	33	38	37	35	36	33	33	33	35	30	31	33	32	32	32	33	33	30	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	NT	
63	Black-headed Heron	453	36	46	35	36	37	34	31	28	30	40	38	41	39	39	39	37	37	34	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
64	Goliath Heron	191	15	15	13	9	6	14	13	17	16	18	21	20	19	19	19	16	16	18	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	NT	
65	Purple Heron	104	8	8	4	8	7	8	8	8	8	7	11	14	9	9	9	8	8	7	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
66	Great Egret	125	10	6	4	9	10	18	14	13	9	9	11	8	3	3	3	9	9	11	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	NT	
67	Little Egret	241	19	13	18	13	21	23	19	21	13	19	23	26	20	20	20	13	19	23	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
68	Yellow-billed (Intermediate) Egret	65	5	2	-	4	4	10	9	10	6	3	5	3	1	1	1	6	3	5	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	NT	
69	Black Heron	7	1	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
71	Cattle Egret	373	30	31	30	19	28	32	33	33	36	31	29	24	25	25	25	36	31	29	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	NT	
72	Squacco Heron	93	7	8	4	5	4	8	7	6	6	5	12	17	8	8	8	6	5	12	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
74	Green-backed (Striated) Heron	132	10	9	17	14	11	14	8	10	7	5	9	13	13	13	13	7	5	9	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	NT	
76	Black-crowned Night-Heron	72	6	6	8	3	2	3	5	6	3	6	14	6	9	9	9	3	6	14	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
78	Little Bittern	21	2	4	8	1	3	1	-	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
81	Hamerkop	494	39	49	39	38	47	47	38	39	31	30	34	38	39	39	39	31	30	34	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	NT	
83	White Stork	2	0	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
84	Black Stork	6	0	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
86	Woolly-necked Stork	4	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
89	Marabou Stork	1	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
90	Yellow-billed Stork	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
91	African Sacred (Sacred) Ibis	315	25	28	21	18	23	25	25	21	24	26	32	34	24	24	24	24	26	32	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	VU	
92	Southern Bald (Bald) Ibis	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
93	Glossy Ibis	16	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	3	5	2	2	2	-	-	3	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
94	Hadeda Ibis	1148	91	95	97	89	89	88	86	94	91	91	94	92	91	91	91	91	91	91	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	NT	
95	African Spoonbill	159	13	5	4	14	13	15	20	16	13	14	16	9	5	5	5	13	14	16	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
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97	Lesser Flamingo	2	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
99	White-faced (Whistling-) Duck	315	25	31	28	20	26	22	20	20	21	26	28	33	30	30	30	21	26	28	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	NT	
100	Fulvous (Whistling) Duck	47	4	6	-	2	3	2	2	2	5	4	8	10	2	2	2	5	4	8	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
101	White-backed Duck	42	3	3	4	3	7	4	2	-	3	6	4	5	1	1	1	3	6	4	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
102	Egyptian Goose	363	29	29	28	24	27	28	32	29	28	25	26	35	34	34	34	28	25	26	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	NT	
103	South African Shelduck	49	4	4	3	5	6	4	7	3	3	2	2	6	2	2	2	3	2	2	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
104	Yellow-billed Duck	324	26	30	27	22	22	23	23	28	21	26	25	32	33	33	33	28	21	26	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	NT	
105	African Black Duck	66	5	5	4	4	6	2	4	7	8	6	7	3	5	5	5	6	6	7	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
106	Cape Teal	18	1	2	3	2	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	5	3	3	1	-	1	1	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
107	Hottentot Teal	158	13	13	14	12	13	9	7	9	16	12	18	17	15	15	15	9	16	12	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	NT	
108	Red-billed Teal (Duck)	97	8	4	7	7	6	8	8	11	11	10	3	8	6	6	6	11	10	3	42	50	58	67	68	69	137	NT	
112	Cape Shoveler	165	13	15	15	11	8	11	9	13	13	8	18	22	18	18	18	13	8	18	252	262	260	261	269	275	355	NT	















APPENDIX 13:

ASSESSMENT AND MAPPING OF HERITAGE RESOURCES ON THE SHONGWENI ESTATE FOR TONGAAT HULETT  
PROPERTIES (ARCHAIC CONSULTING)

## Assessment and Mapping of Heritage Resources on the Shongweni Estate for Tongaat Hulett Properties



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# Assessment and Mapping of Heritage Resources on the Shongweni Estate for Tongaat Hulett Properties

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## **A Overall heritage Statement**

### **A1. Introduction**

Dr. Debbie Whelan of Archaic Consulting was approached by Mr. Rory Wilkinson of Tongaat Hulett Properties to carry out a full heritage assessment of the current landholdings of the Shongweni Estate, Hillcrest District, Thekwini Municipality Outer West. The heritage assessment is carried out in terms of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Heritage Act, no 4 of 2008 and the National Heritage Resources Act no 25 of 1999. It aims to identify archaeological sites, as well as structures and elements of the built environment that are either of significance, or over the age of 60 years.

These landholdings include the Remainder of Erf 79 Assagay, Remainder of Portion 2 of the farm Botha's Half-Way House 921, The farm Shongweni 15346, Remainder of Portion 24 of the farm Summerveld 14226 and the Remainder of the farm Kirkfalls, 14227.

Whilst Archaic Consulting is able to research the built and cultural environment and historic landscapes, it is unable to carry out surveys and comment on heritage of an archaeological nature. Thus, eThembeni Cultural Heritage worked in association. The two reports are presented discretely, with the Executive Summaries of both combined in section A2.

### **A2. Combined Heritage Executive Summary Statement**

#### ***Architectural and historical landscape heritage***

*Of all of the architectural sites and historic structures which comprise the Shongweni Estates, little is of profound heritage status. However, the following must be noted:*

- The historical landscape is inevitably tied with the production of mono-crops, and its associated labour compounds, and central homestead. Its primary association is with a single family, the McIntoshes, who started the Durban County Wattle Syndicate, and in whose name it remained until the 1960s.*
- The house at Waterfall Farm (S29°48'06.66" E30°44'51.40") and the associated outbuildings have minimal architectural, technical and scientific value. The farmhouse has medium historical and social value, given its association with both James McIntosh and the Durban County Wattle Syndicate.*
- However, even though the house has lost much of its architectural appeal, there is little left in the Hillcrest area which fully represents buildings of this period. There is thus an opportunity for reuse of the farmhouse. This would be better served removing the accretions, namely the enclosed portico to the south west, the extended veranda and the addition to the south, in order to arrive at a more compact, architecturally pleasing structure. More research needs to be carried out on the house in this regard. Furthermore, given the topophilic quality of the garden, it is recommended that this be retained in any new development. It is recommended that the outbuildings associated directly with the farmhouse be demolished should this route be pursued.*
- For the two main groups of labourers compounds, (S29°48'33.45" E30°45'13.23" and S29°48'35.35" E30°44'33.81") it is suggested that even though these structures do not fall within the ambit of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Heritage Act no 4 of 2008, there is opportunity for reuse of what are, at face value, solid and well designed buildings.*
- For two of the Estate Management Cottages (S29°48'30.57" E30°44'44.11") and S29°48'06.62" E30°44'33.74"), it is recommended that the established gardens be retained where possible, as they add to the footprint of history.*
- For the site of the ruin by the Umhlatuzana River (S29°47'55.18" E30°45'00.30"), it is recommended that during any bush clearing and excavation, an archaeologist is present in a monitoring capacity.*

#### ***Archaeological heritage***

- There is little remnant on the property of any archaeological value, given the extent and period over which the land has been disturbed. There is, however, concrete evidence of Middle Stone Age occupation at the Mhlatuzana Shelter, close to the site.*
- There are 3 known graves on the site at GPS co-ordinates S29° 48.166'; E30° 43.930'. All graves have high heritage significance and are protected in terms of legislation. In the process of ongoing development of the property it is possible that further human remains may be exposed, and these must be addressed appropriately according to age.*

## **B Report on the buildings, structures, and historical landscape at Shongweni Estates**

### **B1. Introduction**

### **B2. Methodology**

### **B3. Executive Summary**

### **B4. Background to the farm properties**

#### **4.1 History**

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#### **5.1: Waterfall Farmhouse- currently Tongaat Hulett Headquarters**

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#### **5.3: Estate Management House 1**

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#### **5.5: Full time labour cottages**

#### **5.6: Estate Management House 2**

#### **5.7: Seasonal Labour compound**

#### **5.8: Fire Lookout tower**

#### **5.9: Delville Wood Station**

#### **5.10: Signal Tower**

#### **5.11: Estate Management House 3**

### **B6. Conclusion**

### **B7. References**

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### **B1. Introduction:**

Debbie Whelan of Archaic Consulting is the lead investigator in this assessment, assisted by Len van Schalkwyk and Elizabeth Wahl from eThembeni Cultural Heritage.

This section of the document deals primarily with the built and historical environment, and the archaeology section will follow in the second part.

### **B2. Methodology:**

Prior to visiting the site, an aerial survey was conducted using both Google Earth and the 1937 aerial photograph of the area in order to pinpoint sites of interest. The aerial photograph (see Fig 3) shows extensive planting of timber. This was supported by the Land Registers which show the Durban and County Wattle Company purchasing up large tracts of land on these farms from the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This established that there was little in the way of built structure apart from the main Waterfall farmhouse, which existed at that point in time.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012, Debbie Whelan from Archaic Consulting conducted a site inspection of the Shongweni Estate lands, in agreement with the Estates Manager, Mr. Ryan Holmes. This was carried out in the form of inspecting pre-identified areas from Google Earth and the 1937 aerial photograph, as well as identifying any modifications or structures *in situ*. Areas consisting of clumps of established trees were checked for ruins.

The information garnered in the land registers offered search terms for archival research and this was carried out at the Provincial Archives Repository in Pietermaritzburg, there being little of import on the database for the Durban Archives Repository. Given the dearth of publications in this district on the early history, the two known works 'Pioneer's Progress' (O'Keefe 1988) and 'Lest We Forget' (Camp 1999) were consulted. In addition, the books

associated with the railroad, particularly 'Twentieth Century Impressions of Natal' (Lloyds, 1906) were also consulted.

This report covers the inspection of all aspects of the built environment, and assesses them in terms of their heritage value. It is to be noted that Archaic Consulting also inspected the site of Delville Wood Station, in order to establish any value in the associated railway tunnels, despite the fact that this is not situated on Tongaat Hulett Shongweni Estate Property.



**Fig 1: Sites identified for discussion**

- 1: Waterfall Farmhouse- currently Tongaat Hulett Headquarters**
- 2: Site of ruin by Umhlatuzana River**
- 3: Estate Management House 1**
- 4: 2 Labour Cottages**
- 5: Full time labour cottages**
- 6: Estate Management House 2**
- 7: Seasonal Labour compound**
- 8: Fire Lookout tower**
- 9: Delville Wood Station**
- 10: Signal Tower**
- 11: Estate Management House 3**

### **B3. Executive Summary**

***Of all of the architectural sites and historic structures which comprise the Shongweni Estates, little is of profound heritage status. However, the following must be noted:***

- ***The historical landscape is inevitably tied with the production of mono-crops, and its associated labour compounds, and central homestead. Its primary association is with a single family, the McIntoshes, who started the Durban County Wattle Syndicate, and in whose name it remained until the 1960s.***
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## **B4. Background to the properties:**

### **4.1 History**

The parent farms which make up the contemporary landholdings of the Tongaat Hulett Shongweni Estate consist of the large properties Waterfall and Kirkman, as well as portions of Albinia. Most of the landholdings are part of those originally purchased/ created by Joseph McIntosh, Byrne Settler, who had business interests in the Durban County Wattle Syndicate. James McIntosh had arrived from Scotland in 1869 and first purchased Kirkman. Camp (1999:27) notes that it was a well-known farm in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and was renamed 'Waterfall' due to the two 'magnificent' falls on the Umhlatuzana River within its boundaries.

Kirkman 915 was a 2273 acre farm granted to Joseph Kirkman in 1850. He sold this to Clement John Hill in 1874 who created a subdivision of 1815 acres, Sub A which was sold to James McIntosh in 1880. This forms part of the Kirkfalls property. Waterfall 948 was a 3388 acre grant to Francis Collison in 1851. He sold this to James McIntosh in 1880, and in 1907 it was registered in the name of the Durban County Wattle Syndicate, of which McIntosh was a major shareholder. Of this, in 1919 the Subdivision Delville Wood Station of 10 acres was created and sold to Durban Corporation. Other subdivisions were excised, for the rail and road access, and in 1958, the Remainder of Waterfall was transferred to Durban County Wattle Syndicate Ltd, and consolidated into Kirkfalls.

Subdivision A of Albinia, to the north was also an early allotment. It was part of a much larger farm originally granted to James Harrison in 1867. This was sold to William Gillitt in 1879, and remained reasonably intact for some time, until the railway came through at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and Subdivisions NGR and NGR2 were created in 1901 and 1906 respectively. Notably, the Subdivision 'Hillcrest' forming the core of the current day town was allotted to a number of members of the Gillitt family, and Subdivision A was transferred into the name of Albert Edward Gillitt. William Gillitt had died in 1899 and it took some time before his Estate was wound up.<sup>1</sup> Subdivision A of Albinia appears to have remained relatively undeveloped, as the 1937 aerial photograph in Fig 3 shows. However, the Land Registers show many land transactions and ultimately, the contemporary description, 491 of 3 of Albinia consisting of 267 acres was transferred into his Deceased Estate in the early 1960s.

Other points of interest are the purchase of lands around Summerveld by the Berlin Missionaries in 1894, who sold it to the Durban County Wattle Syndicate in 1930. Other land transactions show increasing use for equine sports and training, establishing the Jockey Academy and the Polo Grounds. In 1969 land was transferred for the Polo Pony Hotel.

1958 appears as a landmark year with consolidation of lands forming Kirkfalls and Summerveld by the Durban County Wattle Syndicate. It is known that at this point, wattle was becoming increasingly unprofitable due to the increase in the manufacture and sophistication of plastics post- World War II. It is suspected that large tracts of the original wattle plantations were put under cane from this time onwards.

A small sliver of land falls adjacent to Subdivision A of Albinia. Although little of significance is found towards the Kirkman farm area, this farm known as Botha's Half Way House was a grant of 310 acres to Cornelius Botha. O'Keefe describes Cornelius Botha as a runaway serving on British merchant ships. He captained the *Eleanor*, which was eventually wrecked off Durban Bay in 1839. A recipient of land grants by the Dutch Volksraad, he was also an appointed assistant magistrate, and turned his hand to many other pursuits. He took over the accommodation rooms known as Elliot's Albany Hotel at the foot of Botha's Hill in 1847, running it sporadically until it was let to JF Smith (O'Keefe 1988:91). In 1876 this property was transferred to Elizabeth Cato, and to John Coote Field in the same year. In 1886 it was purchased by William Gillitt, and Subdivision A was registered in the name of Albert Gillitt. The Land Register notes that in 1912 the Durban (Natal) Wattle Company Ltd purchased the Remainder from William Gillitt.

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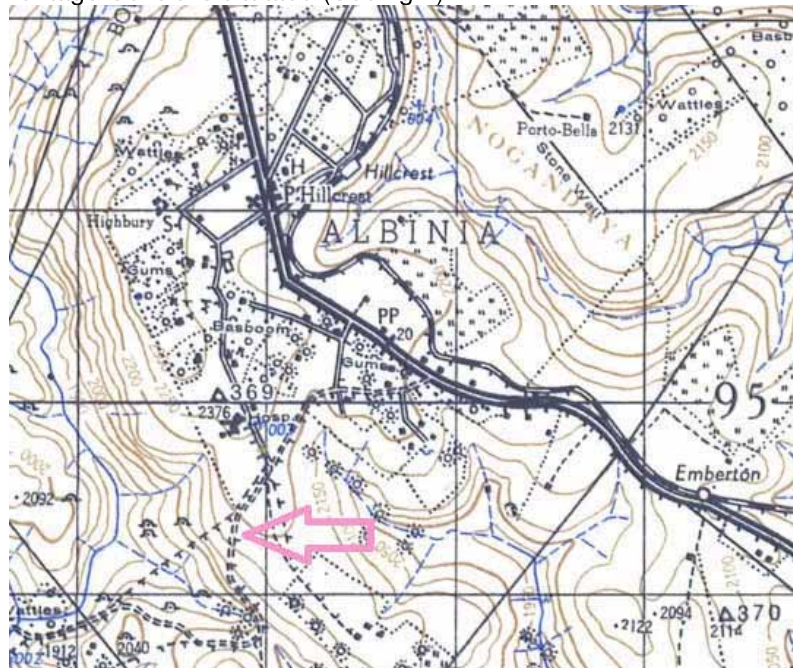
<sup>1</sup> MSCE 0 45/18

## 4.2 Historical Landscape

The land in this area being well watered and reasonably sheltered resulted in it being favourable for settlement from early on. These aspects are discussed in the accompanying Archaeological Report by eThembeni Cultural Heritage in section C.

For the European settlers, it is evident that it was similarly desirable land: in this instance it was close to the port at Durban and therefore any markets, but also close to the Durban-Pietermaritzburg wagon road which tracked up Botha's Hill. From a farming/agricultural perspective there is not much evidence of its use in farming early on, particularly borne out by the fact that McIntosh was a transport rider, and a successful one at that. Many early settlers turned their hands to such pursuits as the land, climate and soils were unfamiliar and difficult to make productive. This is possibly why McIntosh moved so intensively into wattle at the turn of the 20th century, making it one of the largest wattle plantations in the district. The move to sugar was inevitable, and occurred consistently across the province from the end of the 1950s onwards, once the wattle and general timber price had slumped in the face of more practical and enduring plastic goods.

For the homestead, it is most likely that the core of the building was constructed around 1880 when James McIntosh purchased Subdivision A. Its access was not along the current Shongweni Road, but rather dipped down from the centre of Hillcrest beyond where the present day Heritage Centre is situated (See fig 2).



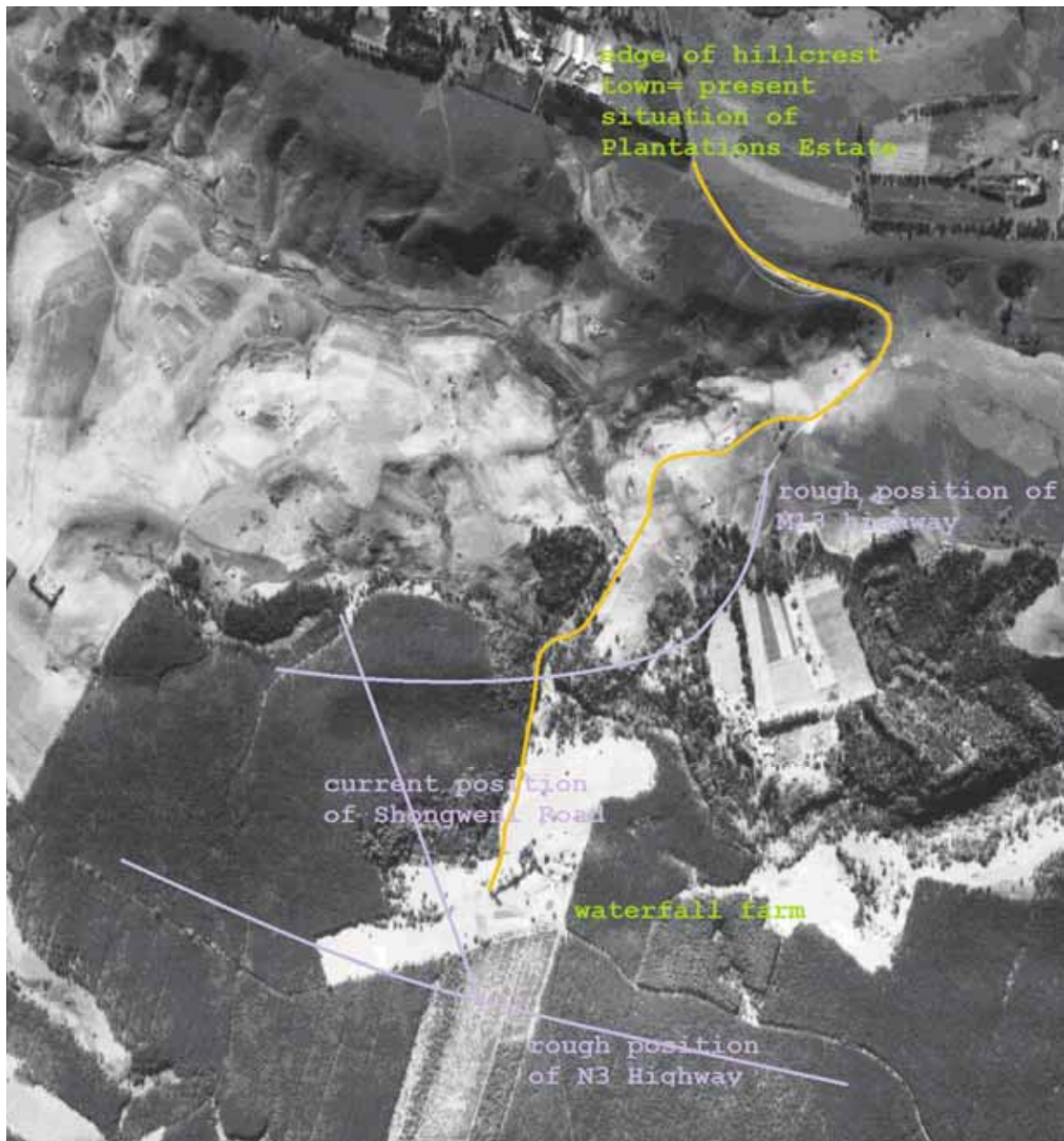
**Fig 2: 1940 Topocadastral map 2930DD2931CC showing dotted tracks off towards Waterfall farm.**

*'The hospitality of Waterfall Farm was widely known, and over weekends between twenty and forty guests would arrive by carriage, and later by cars. The bowling green was the only one between Durban and Maritzburg, and amongst the well-known Natal tennis players who used the court, were Colin Robbins and Billy Tapscott. Mrs. McIntosh and friends played croquet, and there were picnics and walks through the beautiful fern-filled bush to the waterfalls. The huge garden was planted with palms and shrubs, the lovely Italian-tiled courtyard was the perfect place for roller-skating and parties. (Camp 1999:29)*

**Summary: The historical landscape is inevitably tied with the production of monocrops, and its associated labour compounds, and central homestead. Its primary association is with a single family, the McIntoshes, who started the Durban County Wattle Syndicate, and in whose name it remained until the 1960s.**

## B5. Architectural and historical assessment of sites

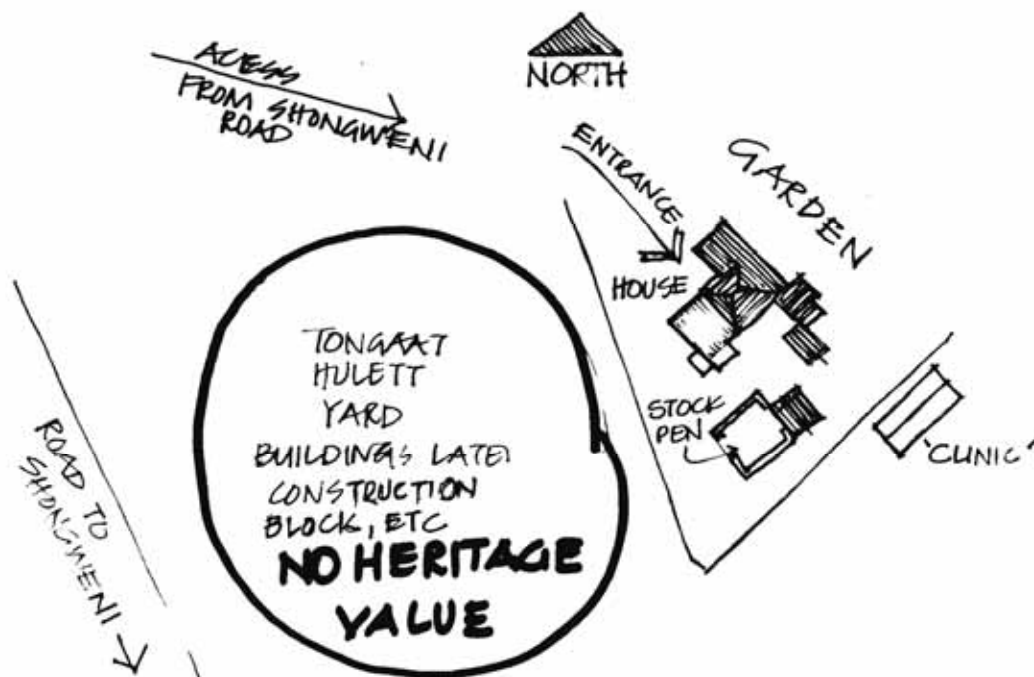
### 5.1: Waterfall Farmhouse- currently Tongaat Hulett Headquarters (S29°48'06.66" E30°44'51.40")



**Fig 3: 1937 aerial photograph showing context of Waterfall farmhouse against its old access road (orange) and contemporary landmarks. Note intense afforestation.**

Waterfall farmhouse<sup>2</sup> is currently situated between the M13 highway and the N3. It is located on a knoll overlooking the Mhlatusana River to the east. The north-east facing homestead consists of a large, sprawling and much altered farmhouse, and sundry farm buildings, all enclosed by a fence. It is currently the home of the Estate Manager employed by Tongaat Hulett. After an inspection of the many structures on site, it was established that the only buildings of interest in this complex on this site is the old farmhouse house and the stock pen, and for expedience sake, these shall be discussed.

<sup>2</sup> Note that on the 1968 and 1989 topocadastral maps the farmhouse is known as 'Kirkfalls'.



**Fig 4: Schematic layout of site.**

The house has little evidence of its age remaining. The core section of the house was most probably started in around 1880, but there are very few diagnostic features that support this. It is constructed most likely of brick and mortar, and has currently got a reasonably low pitched Holley Harvey tiled roof. Windows vary in age, style and material.



**Fig 5: Entrance aspect to Waterfall Farmhouse**

From the driveway the entrance is nondescript, possibly given the realignment of the Hillcrest Shongweni Road, removing the approach from the old road directly to the house. One is greeted with plastered walls containing meranti cottage pane windows.

The north-east façade has a long veranda facing onto the garden, with a section consisting of four Tuscan columns on top of two low slung brick walls that flank an entrance onto the veranda- oddly aligned with a window rather than a door. The veranda has been further extended, and enclosed with *louvres*, distorting the proportions and the integrity of the façade (See Fig 6).



**Fig 6: North East Facade of Waterfall Farmhouse**



**Fig 7: South East Elevation showing accretions: A, B and C.**

The South East façade is equally discombobulated. The addition marked A is in raked pointing and bagwashed with meranti windows. Addition B is a double pitched accretion onto the edge of the veranda and C is a little portico with stone columns which has been enclosed (See Fig 8).



**Fig 8: Enclosed portico on double pitched addition to veranda.**

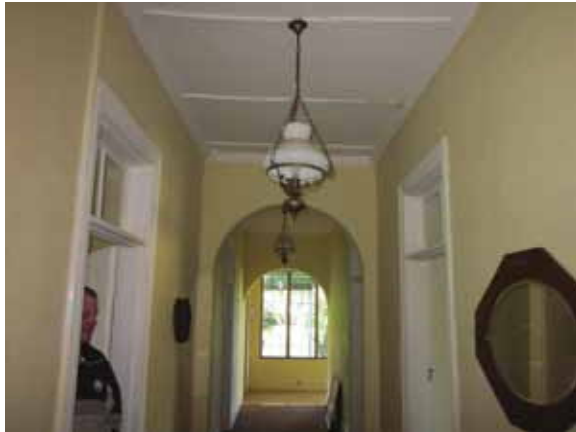
Internally, the core of the house retains some of the elegance which it must have had. Panelled doors with fanlights, timber floors (under carpet) and timber ceilings exist in those parts of the house that have not been added to or modernized (see figs 9, 10 and 11).



**Fig 9. Room currently used as a dining room**



**Fig 10: Lounge made up of two rooms**



**Fig 11: Passage through house from back to front. Fig 12: 'Stock pen'**



**Fig 13: Stock pen looking towards the house**

The 'stock pen' is of random rubble and roughly cemented at a fall close to the house (see Fig 13). It is adjacent to a bagwashed structure of block (see fig 12). It is not certain exactly what function this structure played, given its proximity to the house. Certainly the family is known to have kept ponies, and, one would assume fowls and the like (Camp 1999:29).



**Fig 14&15: Garden from the driveway**



**Fig 16: Garden from the driveway**

**Fig 17: Garden from the house**

An important aspect of this property is not so much the house, but the quality of the garden, which, certainly was lauded in the past as seen in the earlier quote from Camp's book. The garden has been well maintained, and provides a strong sense of place around the home.

<b>Waterfall farmhouse Age: parts over 60 years</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Regional</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>International</b>
<b>Architectural</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Historical</b>	medium	low	low	low
<b>Social</b>	medium	low	low	low
<b>Technical</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Scientific</b>	low	low	low	low

**Summary:** *The house at Waterfall Farm and the associated outbuildings have minimal architectural, technical and scientific value. The farmhouse has medium historical and social value, given its association with both James McIntosh and the Durban County Wattle Syndicate.*

*Even though the house has lost much of its architectural appeal, there is little left in the Hillcrest area which fully represents buildings of this period. There is thus an opportunity for reuse of the farmhouse. This would be better served removing the accretions, namely the enclosed portico to the south west, the extended veranda and the addition to the south, in order to arrive at a more compact, architecturally pleasing structure. More research needs to be carried out on the house in this regard. Furthermore, given the topophilic quality of the garden, it is recommended that this be retained in any new development. It is recommended that the outbuildings associated directly with the farmhouse be demolished should this route be pursued.*

**Mitigation: Reuse House, Retain garden, demolish outbuildings**

## 5.2: Site of ruin by Umhlatuzana River (S29°47'55.18" E30°45'00.30")

Identified by large and established *Bougainvillea sp.* the building that stood in its place was allegedly demolished about 15 years ago (Stroud pers.comm). Given that this was positioned on the old road to Hillcrest, this could have had some value. Nothing further is known about it at this point. It is recommended that during any bush clearing and excavation, an archaeologist is present in a monitoring capacity.



Fig 18: Site of demolished building

Demolished building Age: unknown	Local	Regional	National	International
Architectural	low	low	low	low
Historical	low	low	low	low
Social	low	low	low	low
Technical	low	low	low	low
Scientific	low	low	low	low

**Mitigation:** It is recommended that during any bush clearing and excavation, an archaeologist is present in a monitoring capacity.

## 5.3: Estate Management House 1 (S29°48'03.47" E30°44'52.30")

This property was securely fenced and inaccessible. However, it could be seen from its access road, and similar to the property in section 5.6, was difficult to photograph given its position deep onto the site and heavy vegetation. Thus, a photograph is not included.

This is a ranch style suburban building of conventional construction and materials. It is of recent construction, possibly late 1960's to early 1970's. It has no architectural merit and is of similar ilk to the house described in section 5.6.

Estate Management House 1 Age: circa 1960s/1970s	Local	Regional	National	International
Architectural	low	low	low	low
Historical	medium	low	low	low
Social	medium	low	low	low
Technical	low	low	low	low
Scientific	low	low	low	low

**Mitigation:** None



#### 5.4: Pair of Labour Cottages (S29°48'04.73" E30°44'56.08")

These two cottages are located close to the main farmhouse beyond the Estate Management House number 1. They are in a similar architectural mould as the Full-time labour cottages in section 5.5, and are situated on an upper and a lower terrace. They have Marseilles tiled roofs, are bagged and painted, and have standard steel section windows. Half-moon awnings have been positioned over the entrance ways.

The buildings are modest and well considered, well maintained, and are good examples of a labour village idiom. It is suspected that they were constructed in the 1960s, after the consolidation of Kirkfalls.



Fig 19 and 20: Labour cottages

Pair of labour cottages Age: circa 1960s	Local	Regional	National	International
Architectural	low	low	low	low
Historical	low	low	low	low
Social	low	low	low	low
Technical	low	low	low	low
Scientific	low	low	low	low

**Mitigation: None**

#### 5.5: Full time labour cottages (S29°48'33.45" E30°45'13.23")

This is a large complex of cottages used to house the full-time labour, constructed possibly in the 1960s and then in the 1970s. It consists of two sections on terraces.

The upper section has slightly larger accommodation and is constructed in much the same manner as the pair of cottages in 5.4 above, indeed they are most likely contemporaneous. The buildings consist of a couple of large flats in a single structure constructed of brick and painted bagwash. The roof is Marseilles tiled and the windows and doors are all standard stock items. As with the two units in 5.4, the entrances have a half-moon canvas awning above them, are similar modest but well- proportioned and considered buildings.

The structures on the lower terraces are smaller flatlets, most likely constructed at a later date. They are of face brick, with end gables under Marseilles tiles. There is a small patio at the entrance to each complex unit with a decorative low *stoep* wall defining space. As before, these structures are well designed and very good examples of a labour village.

Labour villages are an important part of the history of KwaZulu-Natal and it is important that there is some record as to their contribution in the labour history of the province. It is suggested that even though these structures do not fall within the ambit of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Heritage Act No 4 of 2008, there is opportunity for reuse of what are, at face value, solid and well designed buildings.



**Fig 21 & 22: Labour cottages on upper terrace**



**Fig 23: Labour cottage on upper terrace**

**Fig 24: Labour cottage on lower terrace**



**Fig 25 & 26: Cottages on lower terrace**

Full time labour cottages Age: 1960's-1970's	Local	Regional	National	International
Architectural	medium	low	low	low
Historical	low	low	low	low
Social	medium	medium	low	low
Technical	low	low	low	low
Scientific	low	low	low	low

**Mitigation: None – However, It is suggested that even though these structures do not fall within the ambit of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Heritage Act no 4 of 2008, there is opportunity for reuse of what are, at face value, solid and well designed buildings.**

### 5.6: Estate Management House 2 (S29°48'30.57" E30°44'44.11")

This property was securely fenced and inaccessible. However, it could be seen from its access road, and similar to the property in section 5.3, was difficult to photograph given its position deep onto the site and heavy vegetation. Thus, a photograph is not included.

This is a ranch style suburban building of conventional construction and materials. It is of recent construction, possibly late 1960's to early 1970's. It has no architectural merit and is of similar ilk to the house described in section 5.3. Note, however, that this house is situated in a well-established garden.



**Fig 27: Estate management house 2**

Estate management house 2 Age: 1960's-1970's	Local	Regional	National	International
Architectural	low	low	low	low
Historical	low	low	low	low
Social	low	low	low	low
Technical	low	low	low	low
Scientific	low	low	low	low

### Mitigation: Possibility to retain garden

### 5.7: Seasonal Labour compound (S29°48'35.35" E30°44'33.81")

As with the Labour compound in 5.5 above, this compound is also well appointed and slightly elevated, and situated in the middle of the cane fields. It consists of a number of buildings, arranged around a series of courtyard spaces, with established trees in and around these courtyards. There is a football field to the north east of it.



**Fig 28 & 29: Courtyard in seasonal labour compound**

The buildings themselves are utilitarian, constructed out of stretcher bond brickwork, bagged and rule jointed with steel section standard windows, and 'Big Six' asbestos sheeting. Flippant elements of Modernism such as *brise soleil* and screens add privacy. Rooms lead onto the courtyards which assist in constructing a strong sense of place. As with the Full-time labour compound, this complex provides an opportunity for reuse.



**Fig 30: Edge from the access road**



**Fig 31: Courtyard**

Seasonal labour compound Age: 1960s?	Local	Regional	National	International
Architectural	low	low	low	low
Historical	low	low	low	low
Social	medium	medium	low	low
Technical	low	low	low	low
Scientific	low	low	low	low

**Mitigation: None - However, It is suggested that though these structures do not fall within the ambit of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Heritage Act no 4 of 2008, there is opportunity for reuse of what are, at face value, solid and well designed buildings.**

### **5.8: Fire Lookout tower (S29°49'00.78" E30°45'33.71")**

This is a circular tower of mixed construction visible from the N3 and situated adjacent to the Ntabankulu trigonometric beacon on top of the hill. It is apparently an old structure, which has been much altered in the past (Stroud: pers.comm). It is suspected that given its inaccessible position, it is generally safe from development, thus retaining its landmark quality.



**Fig 32: Fire Lookout tower**

Fire Lookout tower Age: unknown	Local	Regional	National	International
Architectural	low	low	low	low
Historical	low	low	low	low
Social	medium	low	low	low
Technical	low	low	low	low
Scientific	low	low	low	low

**Mitigation: None.**

### 5.9: Delville Wood Station (S29°50'02.69" E30°44'09.74")

Although this property is not part of the Shongweni Estates, it was subjected to cursory inspection bearing in mind the railway line and its associated tunneling.

The railway tracks came through this area in the early 1920s. Significantly the blasting and tunneling made an impression on local residents, as noted by Camp in her work on the area (Camp 1999:29). However, little of any import remains as the current tunnel is dated to 1974 and the station is reduced to an electrical substation. A single element of its history exists in the square concrete structure in Fig 34 below, possibly used as a reservoir in the past.



**Fig 33: Tunnels dated to 1974**



**Fig 34: Possible reservoir**

Delville station and surrounds Age: 1960's-1970's	Local	Regional	National	International
Architectural	low	low	low	low
Historical	low	low	low	low
Social	low	low	low	low
Technical	low	low	low	low
Scientific	low	low	low	low

**Mitigation: None**

### 5.10: Microwave Tower



This is a steel framed tower of recent construction and function in the middle of canelands on the descent to Shongweni. At its base is a small, nondescript and utilitarian plant room constructed of stretcher bond brickwork. This has no architectural nor heritage value.

**Fig 35: Microwave tower**

<b>Microwave tower Age: 1980's?</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Regional</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>International</b>
<b>Architectural</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Historical</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Social</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Technical</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Scientific</b>	low	low	low	low

**Mitigation: None**

### **5.11: Estate Management House 3 (S29°48'06.62" E30°44'33.74")**

This is a ranch style suburban building of conventional construction and materials. It is of recent construction, possibly late 1960's to early 1970's. It has no architectural merit and is of similar ilk and period to the houses described in section 5.3 and 5.6. It is, however, set in a well- established and maintained garden.



*Fig 36: House 3 from drive*



*Fig 37: House 3 from garden*

<b>Estate management house 3 Age: 1960's-1970's</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Regional</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>International</b>
<b>Architectural</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Historical</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Social</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Technical</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Scientific</b>	low	low	low	low

**Mitigation: Possibility to retain garden.**

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## **C Report on the Archaeological Resources at Shongweni Estates**

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### **Appendix C2- The Vermillion Accord on Human Remains**

### **C6. References**

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### **C1. Introduction and methodology:**

eThembeni Cultural Heritage inspected the property on 08 and 09 May 2012 and subsequently assessed the study area by close Google Earth scrutiny.

### **C2. Executive Summary**

- *There is little remnant on the property of any archaeological value, given the extent and period over which the land has been disturbed. There is, however, concrete evidence of Middle Stone Age occupation at the Mhlathuzana Shelter, close to the site.*
- *There are 3 known graves on the site at GPS co-ordinates S29° 48.166'; E30° 43.930'. All graves have high heritage significance and are protected in terms of legislation. In the process of ongoing development of the property it is possible that further human remains may be exposed, and these must be addressed appropriately according to age.*

### **C3: General Archaeological Remains**

The study area has been subjected to over a century of agricultural activity, primarily wattle production and latterly sugar cane. These activities have largely taken place on land with medium to gentle slopes. Some steeper valley sides were contoured and planted to wattle. Many of these are currently covered with feral eucalyptus stands.

The consequence of these historically more recent agricultural activities has been the complete removal of any Late Iron Age archaeological footprint. Random pot shard fragments observed during the field inspection attest to a Late Iron Age presence. However, such settlements would have been located on the medium and gentler slopes above the incised valleys of the Mhlathuzana and Mlazi drainage basins. It is these same areas that have been subjected to successive episodes of land clearance and ploughing with the consequent removal of any discrete Iron Age archaeological remains.

<b>Archeological remnant</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Regional</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>International</b>
<b>Archaeological remains</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Historical</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Social</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Technical</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Scientific</b>	low	low	low	low

### **Mitigation: None necessary**

Mhlathuzana Shelter (29°48.505'S; 30°45.400'E) is located at the base of a sandstone cliff face within the Mhlathuzana River valley. The shelter contains a significant Middle Stone Age deposit that was excavated and described by Kaplan (1988). Whilst the site can be accessed off the Tongaat Hulett property it falls outside of the boundary and within the surveyed road reserve of the N3.

**Summary:** *There is little remnant on the property of any archaeological value, given the extent and period over which the land has been disturbed. There is, however, concrete evidence of Middle Stone Age occupation at the Mhlatuzana Shelter, close to the site.*

#### **C4. Graves and their implications**

A grave site with three burials is recorded on the property at S29° 48.166'; E30° 43.930'. The location of the graves was provided to eThembeni from the Tongaat Hulett Graves and Cemeteries Data Base. Field inspection places these on the edge a thicket of uncultivated land above the dam adjacent to the N3. The graves are those of Nkunzi Mgwaba (died 1959), Anelia Mgwaba (died 1971) and a child that died 1965.



**Fig 1: Showing grave sites superimposed on Google Earth**

All graves have high heritage significance and are protected in terms of legislation. In the process of ongoing development of the property it is possible that further human remains may be exposed. The following legal guidelines are appended (see Appendix C1).

<b>Graves</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Regional</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>International</b>
<b>Archaeological</b>	high	low	low	low
<b>Historical</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Social</b>	high	low	low	low
<b>Technical</b>	low	low	low	low
<b>Scientific</b>	low	low	low	low

**Mitigation:** removal and reburial through appropriate consultative process – note graves younger than 60 years - protocol as per ‘The Vermillion Accord on Human Remains’ (see Appendix C2)

**Summary:** *There are 3 known graves on the site at GPS co-ordinates S29° 48.166'; E30° 43.930'. All graves have high heritage significance and are protected in terms of legislation. In the process of ongoing development of the property it is possible that further human remains may be exposed, and these must be addressed appropriately according to age.*

## C5. Appendices

### Appendix C1 Management of Graves and Burial Grounds

- **Graves younger than 60 years** are protected in terms of Section 2(1) of the Removal of Graves and Dead Bodies Ordinance 7 of 1925 as well as the Human Tissues Act 65 of 1983. Such graves are the jurisdiction of the National Department of Health and the relevant Provincial Department of Health and must be submitted for final approval to the Office of the relevant Provincial Premier. This function is usually delegated to the Provincial Member of the Executive Council for Local Government and Planning, or in some cases the MEC for Housing and Welfare.

Authorisation for exhumation and reinterment must also be obtained from the relevant local or regional council where the grave is situated, as well as the relevant local or regional council to where the grave is being relocated. All local and regional provisions, laws and by-laws must also be adhered to. In order to handle and transport human remains the institution conducting the relocation should be authorised under Section 24 of the Human Tissues Act 65 of 1983.

- **Graves older than 60 years situated outside a formal cemetery administered by a local authority** are protected in terms of Section 36 of the NHRA as well as the Human Tissues Act of 1983. Accordingly, such graves are the jurisdiction of SAHRA. The procedure for Consultation Regarding Burial Grounds and Graves (Section 36(5) of NHRA) is applicable to graves older than 60 years that are situated outside a formal cemetery administered by a local authority. Graves in the category located inside a formal cemetery administered by a local authority will also require the same authorisation as set out for graves younger than 60 years over and above SAHRA authorisation.

If the grave is not situated inside a formal cemetery but is to be relocated to one, permission from the local authority is required and all regulations, laws and by-laws set by the cemetery authority must be adhered to.

The **protocol for the management of graves older than 60 years situated outside a formal cemetery administered by a local authority** is detailed in Section 36 of the NHRA:

- (3) (a) No person may, without a permit issued by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority—
- (a) destroy, damage, alter, exhume or remove from its original position or otherwise disturb the grave of a victim of conflict, or any burial ground or part thereof which contains such graves;
  - (b) destroy, damage, alter, exhume, remove from its original position or otherwise disturb any grave or burial ground older than 60 years which is situated outside a formal cemetery administered by a local authority; or
  - (c) bring onto or use at a burial ground or grave referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) any excavation equipment, or any equipment which assists in the detection or recovery of metals.
- (4) SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority may not issue a permit for the destruction or damage of any burial ground or grave referred to in subsection (3)(a) unless it is satisfied that the applicant has made satisfactory arrangements for the exhumation and reinterment of the contents of such graves, at the cost of the applicant and in accordance with any regulations made by the responsible heritage resources authority.
- (5) SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority may not issue a permit for any activity under subsection (3)(b) unless it is satisfied that the applicant has, in accordance with regulations made by the responsible heritage resources authority—
- (a) made a concerted effort to contact and consult communities and individuals who by tradition have an interest in such grave or burial ground; and
  - (b) reached agreements with such communities and individuals regarding the future of such grave or burial ground.
- (6) Subject to the provision of any other law, any person who in the course of development or any other activity discovers the location of a grave, the existence of which was previously unknown, must immediately cease such activity and report the discovery to the responsible

heritage resources authority which must, in co-operation with the South African Police Service and in accordance with regulations of the responsible heritage resources authority—  
(a) carry out an investigation for the purpose of obtaining information on whether or not such grave is protected in terms of this Act or is of significance to any community; and  
(b) if such grave is protected or is of significance, assist any person who or community which is a direct descendant to make arrangements for the exhumation and re-interment of the contents of such grave or, in the absence of such person or community, make any such arrangements as it deems fit.

## **Appendix C2. The Vermillion Accord on Human Remains<sup>3</sup> (as adopted in 1989 at WAC Inter-Congress, South Dakota, USA)**

1. Respect for the mortal remains of the dead shall be accorded to all, irrespective of origin, race, religion, nationality, custom and tradition.
2. Respect for the wishes of the dead concerning disposition shall be accorded whenever possible, reasonable and lawful, when they are known or can be reasonably inferred.
3. Respect for the wishes of the local community and of relatives or guardians of the dead shall be accorded whenever possible, reasonable and lawful.
4. Respect for the scientific research value of skeletal, mummified and other human remains (including fossil hominids) shall be accorded when such value is demonstrated to exist.
5. Agreement on the disposition of fossil, skeletal, mummified and other remains shall be reached by negotiation on the basis of mutual respect for the legitimate concerns of communities for the proper disposition of their ancestors, as well as the legitimate concerns of science and education.
6. The express recognition that the concerns of various ethnic groups, as well as those of science are legitimate and to be respected, will permit acceptable agreements to be reached and honoured.

## **Appendix C3. Statutory Requirements**

### **General**

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act 108 of 1996 is the source of all legislation. Within the Constitution the Bill of Rights is fundamental, with the principle that the environment should be protected for present and future generations by preventing pollution, promoting conservation and practising ecologically sustainable development. With regard to spatial planning and related legislation at national and provincial levels the following legislation may be relevant:

- Physical Planning Act 125 of 1991
- Municipal Structures Act 117 of 1998
- Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000
- Development Facilitation Act 67 of 1995 (DFA)
- KwaZulu-Natal Planning and Development Act 6 of 2008.

The identification, evaluation and management of heritage resources in South Africa is required and governed by the following legislation:

- National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA)
- KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act 4 of 2008 (KZNHA)
- National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA)
- Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002 (MPRDA)

### **KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act 4 of 2008 (KZNHA)**

This Act is implemented by Amafa aKwaZulu-Natali/Heritage KwaZulu-Natal, the provincial heritage resources authority charged to provide for the conservation, protection and administration of both the physical and the living or intangible heritage resources of the province; along with a statutory Council to administer heritage conservation in the Province.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org/>

## National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA)

The NHRA established the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) together with its Council to fulfill the following functions:

- co-ordinate and promote the management of heritage resources at national level;
- set norms and maintain essential national standards for the management of heritage resources in the Republic and to protect heritage resources of national significance;
- control the export of nationally significant heritage objects and the import into the Republic of cultural property illegally exported from foreign countries;
- enable the provinces to establish heritage authorities which must adopt powers to protect and manage certain categories of heritage resources; and
- provide for the protection and management of conservation-worthy places and areas by local authorities.

## Heritage Impact Assessments

Section 38(1) of the NHRA may require a Heritage Impact Assessment in case of:

- the construction of a road, wall, power line, pipeline, canal or other similar form of linear development or barrier exceeding 300m in length;
- the construction of a bridge or similar structure exceeding 50m in length;
- any development or other activity which will change the character of a site—
  - (i) exceeding 5 000m<sup>2</sup> in extent; or
  - (ii) involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions thereof; or
  - (iii) involving three or more erven or divisions thereof which have been consolidated within the past five years; or
  - (iv) the costs of which will exceed a sum set in terms of regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority;
- the re-zoning of a site exceeding 10 000m<sup>2</sup> in extent; or
- any other category of development provided for in regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority.

Reports in fulfilment of NHRA Section 38(3) must include the following information:

- the identification and mapping of all heritage resources in the area affected;
- an assessment of the significance of such resources in terms of the heritage assessment criteria set out in regulations;
- an assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage resources;
- an evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development;
- the results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed development and other interested parties regarding the impact of the development on heritage resources;
- if heritage resources will be adversely affected by the proposed development, the consideration of alternatives; and
- plans for mitigation of any adverse effects during and after completion of the proposed development.

It is incumbent upon the developer or Environmental Practitioner to approach the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) or Amafa to ascertain whether an HIA is required for a project; what categories of heritage resource must be assessed; and request a detailed motivation for such a study in terms of both the nature of the development and the nature of the environment. In this regard we draw your attention to Section 38(2) of the **NHRA which states specifically that 'The responsible heritage resources authority must ... if there is reason to believe that heritage resources will be affected by such development, notify the person who intends to undertake the development to submit an impact assessment report'. In other words, the heritage authority must be able to justify a request for an Archaeological, Palaeontological or Heritage Impact Assessment.** The Environmental Practitioner may also submit information to the heritage

**authority** in substantiation of exemption from a specific assessment due to existing environmental disturbance, for example.

### **Definitions of heritage resources**

The Act defines a heritage resource as any place or object of cultural significance i.e. of aesthetic, architectural, historical, scientific, social, spiritual, linguistic or technological value or significance. This includes, but is not limited to, the following wide range of places and objects:

- living heritage as defined in the National Heritage Council Act 11 of 1999 (cultural tradition; oral history; performance; ritual; popular memory; skills and techniques; indigenous knowledge systems; and the holistic approach to nature, society and social relationships);
- ecofacts (non-artefactual organic or environmental remains that may reveal aspects of past human activity; definition used in KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act 2008);
- places, buildings, structures and equipment;
- places to which oral traditions are attached or which are associated with living heritage;
- historical settlements and townscapes;
- landscapes and natural features;
- geological sites of scientific or cultural importance;
- archaeological and palaeontological sites;
- graves and burial grounds;
- public monuments and memorials;
- sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa;
- movable objects, but excluding any object made by a living person; and
- battlefields.

Furthermore, a place or object is to be considered part of the national estate if it has cultural significance or other special value because of—

- its importance in the community, or pattern of South Africa's history;
- its possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of South Africa's natural or cultural heritage;
- its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of South Africa's natural or cultural heritage;
- its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of South Africa's natural or cultural places or objects;
- its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;
- its importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period;
- its strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons; and
- its strong or special association with the life or work of a person, group or organisation of importance in the history of South Africa.

### **Archaeological** means –

- material remains resulting from human activity which are in a state of disuse and are in or on land and are older than 100 years, including artefacts, human and hominid remains and artificial features and structures;
- rock art, being any form of painting, engraving or other graphic representation on a fixed rock surface or loose rock or stone, which was executed by human agency and is older than 100 years including any area within 10m of such representation;
- wrecks, being any vessel or aircraft, or any part thereof, which was wrecked in South Africa, whether on land, in the internal waters, the territorial waters or in the culture zone of the Republic, as defined respectively in sections 3, 4 and 6 of the Maritime Zones Act 15 of 1994, and any cargo, debris or artefacts found or associated therewith, which is older than 60 years or which SAHRA considers to be worthy of conservation;

- features, structures and artefacts associated with military history which are older than 75 years and the sites on which they are found.

**Palaeontological** means any fossilised remains or fossil trace of animals or plants which lived in the geological past, other than fossil fuels or fossiliferous rock intended for industrial use, and any site which contains such fossilised remains or trace.

A **place** is defined as:

- a site, area or region;
- a building or other structure which may include equipment, furniture, fittings and articles associated with or connected with such building or other structure;
- a group of buildings or other structures which may include equipment, furniture, fittings and articles associated with or connected with such group of buildings or other structures;
- an open space, including a public square, street or park; and
- in relation to the management of a place, includes the immediate surroundings of a place.

**Public monuments and memorials** means all monuments and memorials:

- erected on land belonging to any branch of central, provincial or local government, or on land belonging to any organisation funded by or established in terms of the legislation of such a branch of government; or
- which were paid for by public subscription, government funds, or a public-spirited or military organisation, and are on land belonging to any private individual.

**Structures** means any building, works, device or other facility made by people and which is fixed to land, and includes any fixtures, fittings and equipment associated therewith.

## Management of Graves and Burial Grounds

### – Definitions

#### Grave

The NHRA defines a grave as a place of interment and includes the contents, headstone or other marker of such a place, and any other structure on or associated with such a place. The KwaZulu-Natal Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 12 of 1996 defines a grave as an excavation in which human remains have been intentionally placed for the purposes of burial, but excludes any such excavation where all human remains have been removed.

#### Burial ground

The term 'burial ground' does not appear to have a legal definition. In common usage the term is used for management purposes to describe two or more graves that are grouped closely enough to be managed as a single entity.

#### Cemetery

The KwaZulu-Natal Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 1996 defines a cemetery as any place

- where human remains are buried in an orderly, systematic and pre-planned manner in identifiable burial plots;
- which is intended to be permanently set aside for and used only for the purposes of the burial of human remains.

### – Protection of graves and cemeteries

No person may damage, alter, exhume, or remove from its original position any grave, as defined above, without permission from the relevant authority, as detailed in the following table.

Grave type	Relevant legislation	Administrative authority – disinterment	Administrative authority – reburial
Graves located within a formal cemetery administered by a local	KwaZulu-Natal Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 12 of 1996	National and / or Provincial Departments of Health	If relocated to formal cemetery – relevant local authority.

<b>authority</b>	Human Tissue Act 65 of 1983		
<b>Graves younger than 100 years located outside a formal cemetery administered by a local authority and the graves of victims of conflict</b>	KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act 4 of 2008 Human Tissue Act 65 of 1983	Amafa aKwaZulu-Natali, the provincial heritage resources authority	If relocated to private or communal property – Amafa. If relocated to formal cemetery – Amafa and relevant local authority.

– **Procedures required for permission to disinter and rebury graves**

The procedure for consultation regarding burial grounds and graves (Section 36 of the NHRA) is applicable to all graves located outside a formal cemetery administered by a local authority. The following extract from this legislation is applicable to this policy document:

SAHRA or Amafa may not issue a permit for any alteration to or disinterment or reburial of a grave unless it is satisfied that the applicant has, in accordance with regulations made by the responsible heritage resources authority—

- (a) made a concerted effort to contact and consult communities and individuals who by tradition have an interest in such grave or burial ground; and
- (b) reached agreements with such communities and individuals regarding the future of such grave or burial ground.

Any person who in the course of development or any other activity discovers the location of a grave, the existence of which was previously unknown, must immediately cease such activity and report the discovery to the responsible heritage resources authority which must, in co-operation with the South African Police Services and in accordance with regulations of the responsible heritage resources authority—

- (a) carry out an investigation for the purpose of obtaining information on whether or not such grave is protected in terms of this Act or is of significance to any community; and
- (b) if such grave is protected or is of significance, assist any person who or community which is a direct descendant to make arrangements for the exhumation and re-interment of the contents of such grave or, in the absence of such person or community, make any such arrangements as it deems fit.

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APPENDIX 14:

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME



# DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

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## Acronyms

BID	BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT
DAEA	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
D'MOSS	DURBAN METROPOLITAN OPEN SPACE SYSTEM
DSW	DURBAN SOLID WASTE
DWA	DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS
EAP	ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER
ECO	ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OFFICER
EIA	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
EIR	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
EMPr	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME
EPCPD	ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND CLIMATE PROTECTION DEPARTMENT
ESR	ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT
EWS	eTHEKWINI WATER SERVICES
HGM	HYDROGEOMORPHIC
I & AP	INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY
IEM	INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
LAP	LOCAL AREA PLAN
NEMA	NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT 107 OF 1998 AS AMENDED
NFEPA	NATIONAL FRESHWATER ECOSYSTEM PRIORITY AREAS
PCA	POST CONSTRUCTION AUDIT
RE	RESIDENT ENGINEER
SANRAL	SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL ROAD AGENCY LIMITED
SDP	SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
SRA	SPECIAL RATING AREA
SUDS	SUSTAINABLE URBAN DRAINAGE SYSTEM
SWMP	STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
TIA	TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT
THD	TONGAAT HULETT DEVELOPMENTS
URBAN-ECON	URBAN-ECON KZN (PTY) LTD

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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### 1.1 BACKGROUND

Tongaat Hulett Developments (THD) propose facilitating the construction of a new Regional Retail Centre and other, associated, appropriate and compatible uses in the form of logistics, business park and service and light industry. The proposed site is located in Shongweni, eThekweni Municipality. The proposed development will be comprised of a variety of land uses which will be anchored by retail and supported by residential and office space, should the demand be sufficient to support such activities. The provision of green open space has also been incorporated into the various layout options. The proposed development aims to provide a new regional retail town centre in line with eThekweni Municipality's Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for the Outer West District and the Shongweni Local Area Plan (LAP). The activity also considers the environmental sustainability principles outlined in the Shongweni LAP by incorporating rehabilitated areas.

Three potential sites were identified within THD's extensive landholdings in the Ntshongweni area, south-west of Hillcrest. Site 2, located south of the N3 Highway and was identified as the preferred site environmental alternative (Figure 1). This Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) is therefore specific to site 2. The site is currently under sugarcane cultivation and therefore requires provisions for bulk service delivery. The effluent generated from the proposed development (approximately 0.4M/day to 1.4M/day) will be directed to the uMhlatuzana Sewage Treatment Works and bulk water (approximately 1.72M/day) will be supplied by a newly proposed water pipeline and associated reservoir located approximately 2.1km north-west of the site. In terms of electricity demands, a new 132/11kV, 60MVA major substation will be required to ultimately supply the site with 29.6MVA. This substation will be located directly south of the site (Figure 3 shows the service layout proposal).

The freshwater ecosystems located in site 2 drain into the Wekeweke Stream, a river identified as a National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas (NFEPA). Green Open Space has been incorporated into the proposed layout aiming to minimise the impact on the water resources. It is a priority to control stormwater quality and quantity to protect the freshwater ecosystems and associated species further downstream of the proposed sites.

This EMPr includes the construction of a 5.6km bulk water pipeline originating from the Western Aquaduct (29°46'40.58"S; 30°45'08.40"E) and terminating at a proposed reservoir location (29°47'42.09"S; 30°43'33.63"E) as indicated in Figure 2 below. There are however 9 areas where the pipeline route will transect or boarder delineated watercourses. The 500mm diameter steel pipeline will travel within the Applicants property apart from where it crosses underneath three major roads, namely the N3 Highway, Kassier Road and the M13.

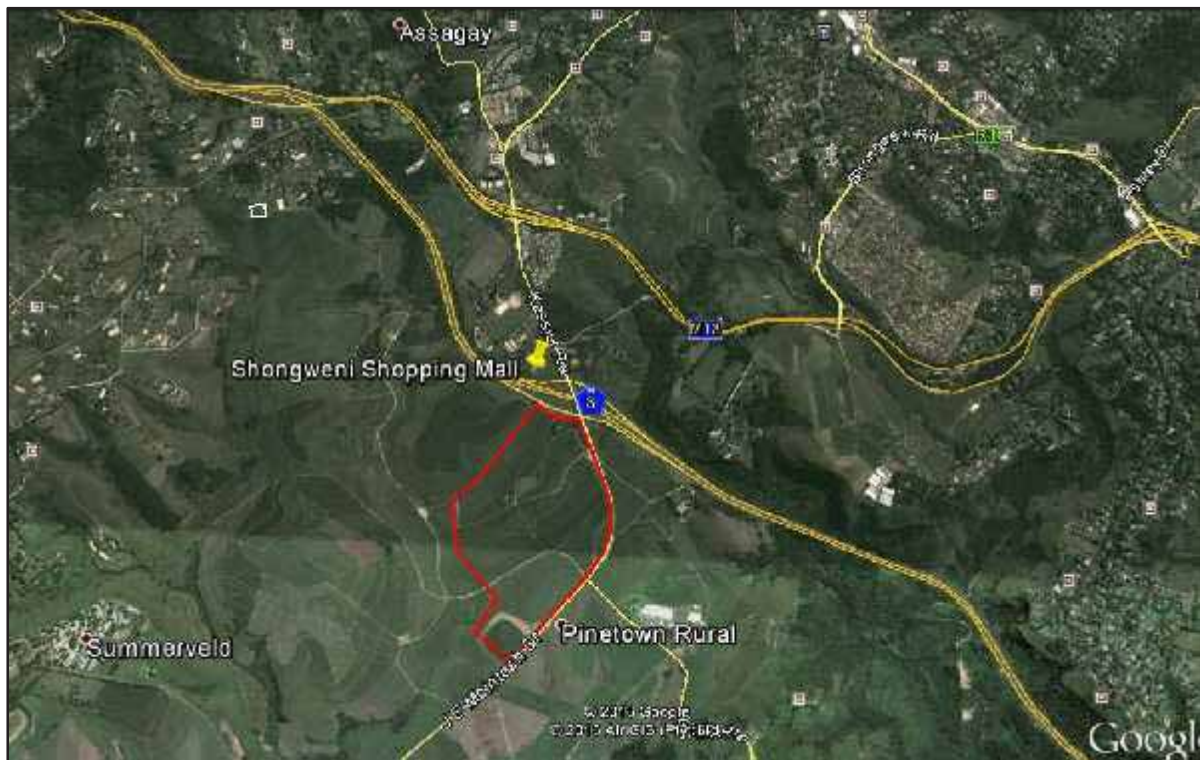


Figure 1: Aerial Photography of the proposed site, outlined in red, for the Shongweni Retail / Mixed Use Centre (source: Google Earth, 2013).

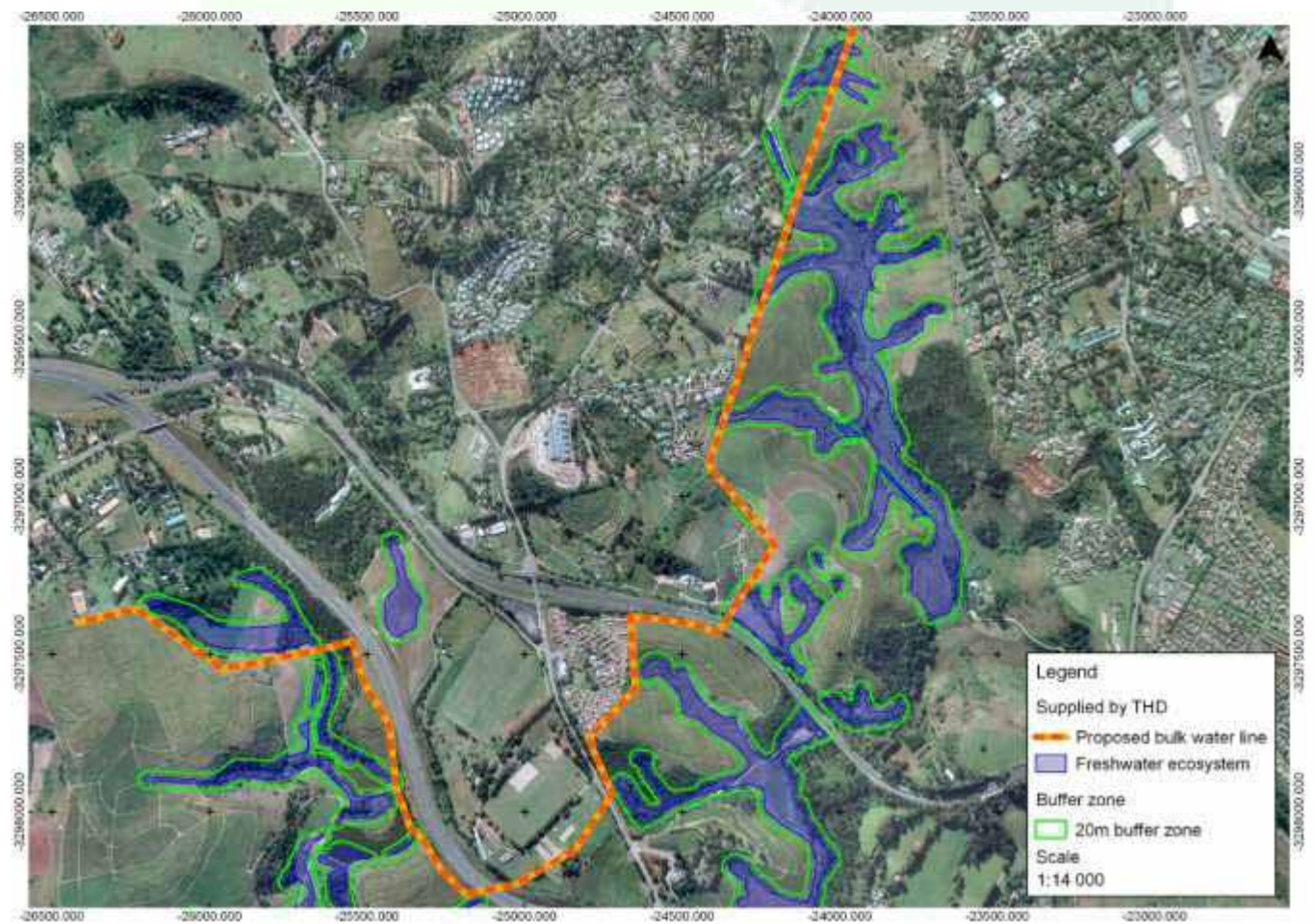


Figure 2: Aerial Photography of the proposed water pipeline route indicating the water crossings. The uMhlatuzana River crossing is circled in red (source: GroundTruth, October 2013).

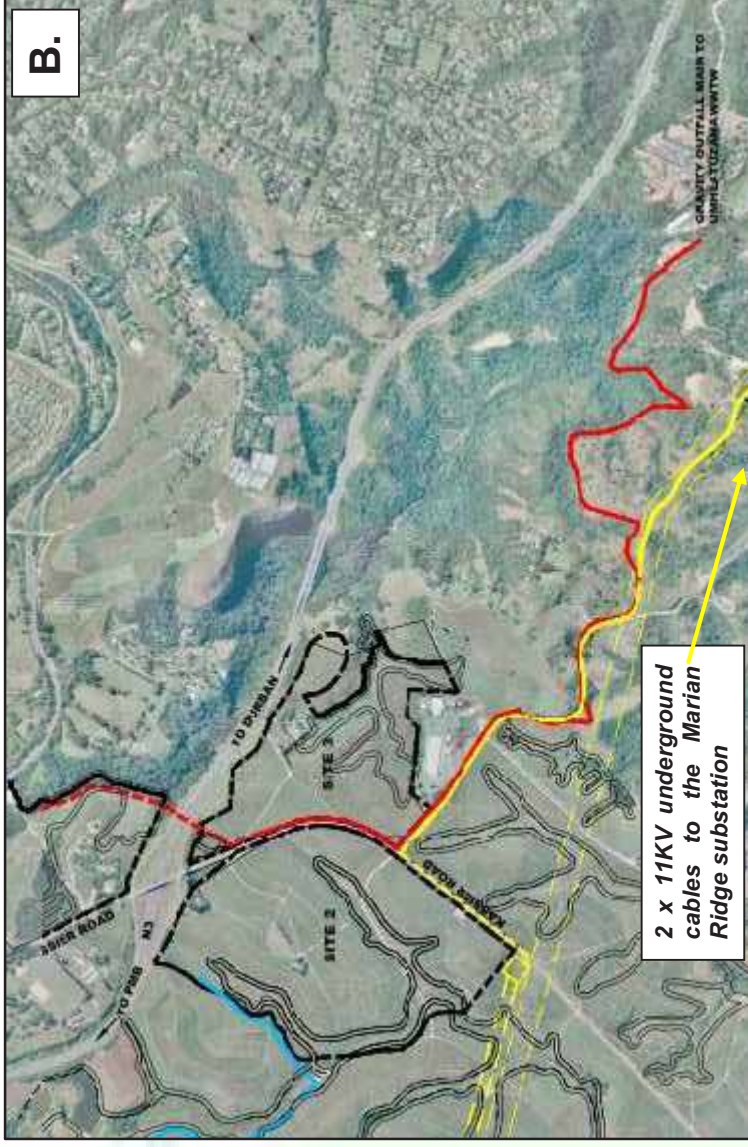
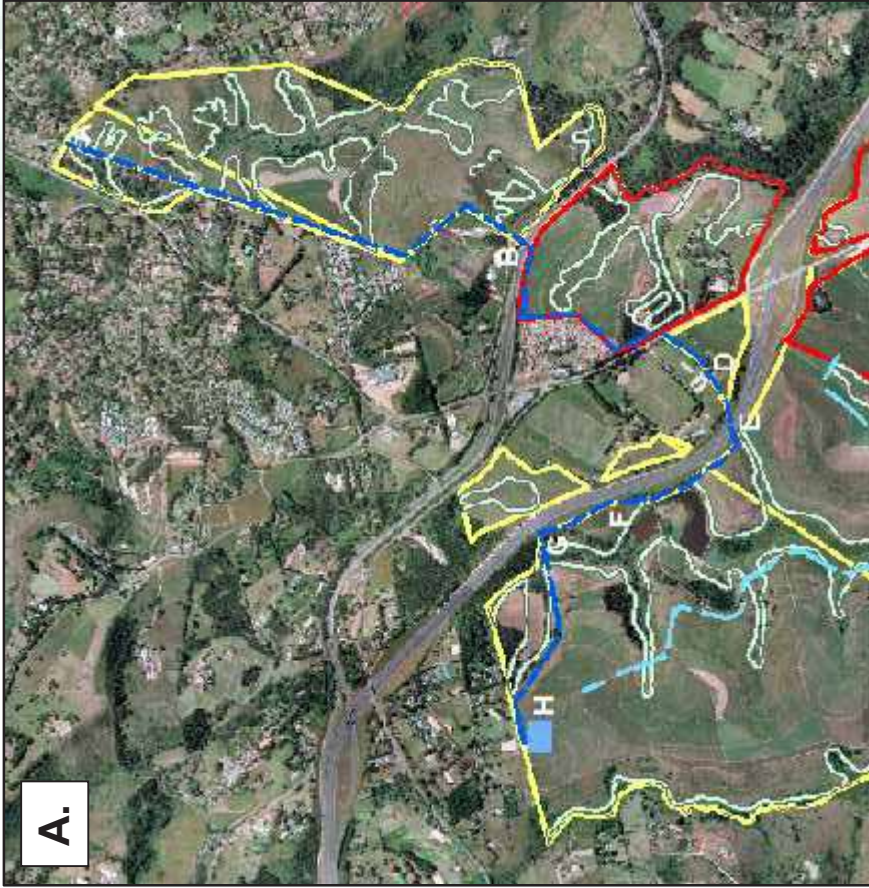


Figure 3: Proposed bulk service provisions

3A – Proposed bulk water connection shown in blue. From the western aquaduct (purple) a 500mm diameter steel pipe will connect to the proposed 3.5MI reservoir (dark blue). A 300mm diameter pipeline will connect the reservoir to the development site (source: Bosch Stemele, ESR 2013).  
 3B – Proposed bulk sewer supply shown in red and electrical supply in yellow. The bulk sewer will link into the newly authorized uMhlatuzana outfall main. Initially, electricity will be supplied by the Marian Ridge major substation (source: Bosch Stemele, ESR 2013).



## 1.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (EMPr)

The objective of the EMPr is to provide measures to mitigate and manage construction, operation and decommissioning activities in order to minimize potential negative impacts on the surrounding environment. This is achieved by:

- Assigning environmental impact mitigation responsibilities to key personnel,
- Developing specific action plans designed to ensure mitigation,
- Managing and auditing the specified action plans, and
- Managing stakeholder involvement.

Integrated Environmental Management Principles (IEM) have been used as a foundation for the development of this EMPr and must be strictly applied during its implementation. The EMPr serves as a standalone document to be disseminated to and used by the contractors and other stakeholders involved in the construction phase.

## 1.3 ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY

In order for the EMPr to be effectively implemented the following professional inputs will be required:

- **Applicant – THD is responsible for the following:**
  - Ensuring that the engineer and contractors comply with the approved EMPr.
  - Ensuring compliance with the provisions for duty of care and remediation of damage in accordance with section 28 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), (No. 107 of 1998) and its obligations regarding the control of emergency incidents in terms of Section 30 of NEMA.
  - Notifying the DEA of any incident as defined in subsection 30(1)(a) of NEMA.
- **Project Manager – Engineer is responsible for the following:**
  - Appointing the appropriately qualified contractor to co-ordinate, supervise and expedite different action plans.
  - Ensuring adherence to the DAEA conditions of authorization and any other laws and standards relevant to the construction.
  - Ensuring all elements of the work undertaken are properly and competently directed, guided and executed at appointed stages of the project.
  - Ensuring the adherence to statutory safety, health and environment (SHE) standards and ensuring the construction activities comply with the EMPr.
  - Monitoring the site on a daily basis to ensure compliance.
  - Overall responsibility and accountability for the site during the construction phase.
  - Avoiding and / or mitigating adverse impacts on the environment by the appropriate design and construction.
  - Ensuring transparency in their operation and environmental management of the site.
  - Managing the contractors compliance and ensure documentation management.
  - Ensuring that the contractor has a copy of the EMPr and all agreed Method Statements.
- **Contractors - Responsible for the following:**
  - Managing and operating their activities with due care and diligence.
  - Complying with all elements of the EMPr.
  - Ensuring that stakeholder interest is reported to the ECO.

- Maintaining relevant documentation for review by the ECO.
- **ECO - (Environmental Control Officer) is responsible for the following:**
  - Determining the conformance of the site with the EMP criteria and compliance with the conditions of the EMP.
  - Liaising with the DAEA and I&APs, if required.
  - Identification of possible areas of improvement during construction.
  - Undertaking on-going monitoring of the construction site through regular site visits and record key findings. This includes photographic monitoring of the construction site.
  - Advising the Project Manager and the contractors on environmental matters during the construction phase of the development.
  - Monitoring implementation of the EMP by the contractor.
  - Advising the project manager on environmental impacts and provide appropriate recommendations to address and rectify these matters.
  - Ensuring that the conditions stipulated in the EA and any other laws and standards relevant to the construction are being complied with.
- **NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF CONTACT PERSONS**

The following list of contacts must be completed, printed and made clearly visible on the site:

NAME	DESIGNATION	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT NUMBER
Rory Wilkinson	<b>Applicant</b>	THD	031 560 1900
Kerry Stanton / Stephanie Williams	<b>Independent Environmental Practitioner</b>	Kerry Seppings Environmental Management Specialists cc	031 769 1578
	<b>Environmental Control Officer</b>		
Lithewe Mabanga	<b>DAEA Official</b>	DAEA (Provincial)	031 302 2874
Diane van Rensburg	<b>Local Municipality</b>	eThekweni Local Municipality	031 311 1111
Neo Leburu	<b>DWA Official</b>	DWA	031 336 2741
	<b>Project Engineer</b>		
	<b>Fire Department</b>	eThekweni Municipality	031 361 0000
	<b>Emergency Response</b>	eThekweni Municipality	10177
	<b>Police</b>	SAPS	10111 - General
	<b>Emergency Spill Response</b>	Abzorbit (24 Hour response)	083 269 8790 083 2536618
	<b>Solid Waste</b>	DSW General Waste Site	Bulbul Drive - 031 460 4600 Marianhill - 031 700 8929/46
EnviroServe	<b>Solid Waste</b>	Hazardous Waste Site	Shongweni – 031 769 1134

## 1.4 COMPLIANCE

A copy of the EMPr must be available on site at all times. Compliance with all elements of the EMPr must be reviewed on a daily basis by the site engineer and all responsible parties must sign the acceptance letter in Appendix 1. In addition it must be noted as per the Environment Conservation Act and the National Environmental Management Act No 107 of 1998 (Section 28) offending parties will be held financially accountable for any pollution or environmental damage.

## 1.5 MONITORING

The key to a successful EMPr is appropriate monitoring and review to ensure effective functioning of the EMPr and to identify and implement corrective measures in a timely manner. Monitoring for non-compliance must be done on a daily basis (using attached appendices) by the contractors under the guidance of the Project Manager / Environmental Officer / Engineer. An appropriately timed audit report should be compiled by the independent ECO. Paramount to the reporting of non-conformance and incidents is that appropriate corrective and preventative action plans are developed and adhered to. Photographic records of all incidents and non-conformances must be retained.

## 1.6 APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

The following environmental legislation must be adhered to:

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| - Constitution of South Africa (Act No. 108 of 1996)                       | - Environment Conservation Act (Act No 73 of 1989)                        |
| - National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998) – NEMA        | - Occupational Health and Safety Act (Act No 85 of 1993)                  |
| - National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 of 2004) | - National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004) |
| - National Heritage Resources Act (Act No 25 of 1999)                      | - National Water Act (Act No 36 of 1998)                                  |
| - Hazardous Substances Act (Act No. 15 of 1973)                            | - Protected species – provincial ordinances                               |
| - National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008)        | - eThekwinini municipality by-laws (General by-laws)                      |
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## 1.7 LAYOUT OF THE EMPr

This EMPr is site and impact specific. Sections 1 and 2 are introductory sections whilst section 3 forms the bulk of the report. Section 3 has been designed so that each element is investigated for the different phases of development (i.e. construction, operation and decommissioning). Where possible a photographic illustration has been included to assist with implementation of the EMPr. The layout of this EMPr allows for the users to quickly and efficiently locate and use relevant sections as the need arises, e.g. In the event of a diesel spill on site the contractor can quickly locate and apply Section 3.6 of the EMPr.

Individual sections under section 3.0 have been included for the environmentally sensitive areas on the site such as the management of the wetland system on the site (section 3.14). A site specific Wetland Rehabilitation Plan was compiled by GroundTruth in July 2013. The Rehabilitation Plan was compiled to achieve desired levels of functioning and integrity within the

wetland habitat and specific maintenance and management requirements included. Alien invasive plant clearing techniques have been recommended to include in the follow-up operation of these areas. The Rehabilitation Plan is to be attached to the EMP as Appendix 9. Section 3.14 of the EMP provides mitigation measures for the proposed pipeline route.

## 2. PROPOSAL

Tongaat Hulett is proposing to facilitate the construction of a town centre for retail/mixed use in Shongweni. The proposed property where the development will occur is currently owned by Tongaat Hulett with the vast majority of the land being used for sugar cane farming. The development of the town centre will be in line with the guidelines outlined in the Shongweni LAP for the Central-Eastern Precinct (Town Centre Precinct) thereby including a variety of land uses including an intensive development core and a supporting frame incorporating an open space corridor. Developers, investors and tenants will purchase freehold stands within the precincts upon which they could develop retail facilities, offices or warehousing etc. for their various business activities or to lease buildings/portions of buildings that could be constructed by the developer.

The development of the site will include construction of bulk water services, sewer pipelines and associated pump station and electrical supply. The details of each of these service upgrades are outlined in more detail below. The proposed development footprint is indicated in Figure 1 with the proposed preferred layout in Figure 4 below.



Figure 4: Proposed development layout for the Shongweni Retail / Mixed Use Centre (source: GAPP Architects/Urban Designers, 2013).

## 2.1 SITE DESCRIPTION

- **Directions to the site:** From Durban, head west on the N3. After the Marianhill Toll Plaza take exit 32 towards Hillcrest/ Assagay/ Shongweni. Turn left into Kassier Road and the proposed site will be on the right. The water pipeline ties into the Western Aquaduct (29° 46' 40.58"S; 30° 45' 08.40"E) and terminates at a proposed reservoir location (29° 47' 42.09"S; 30° 43' 33.63"E).

- **Fauna & Flora:** Due to the current land use, the site is covered in sugarcane. SiVest has stated that the only remaining natural vegetation occurs within the wetland/drainage line, which runs in a north east – south west orientation. Within the soccer field and labour housing areas only four individual indigenous species were growing. No conservation worthy vegetation communities were identified however an important wetland unit was identified within the vicinity of the western site boundary. Only a few conservation significant bird species would be likely to utilise the site however there may be red data frog species associated with the freshwater systems on the site.

The pipeline mainly falls within transformed cultivated land however it passes adjacent to a remnant of Sandstone Sourveld. There are also two provincially protected species, *Eulophia streptopetala* and *Scadoxus puniceus* (both illustrated in Figures 6 and 7 below).

- **Gradient:** The site has a gentle gradient and is dominated by two north east, south westerly trending spurs separated with a drainage line trending to the south-west.

- **Surrounding Land use:** The site lies directly south of the N3 Highway and west of J.B. McIntosh Drive (an extension of Kassier Road). Sugarcane fields lie to the south and east of the site.

- **Geographic Co-ordinates (centre of site):** 29° 48' 40.01"S; 30° 44' 39.32"E

## 2.2 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS

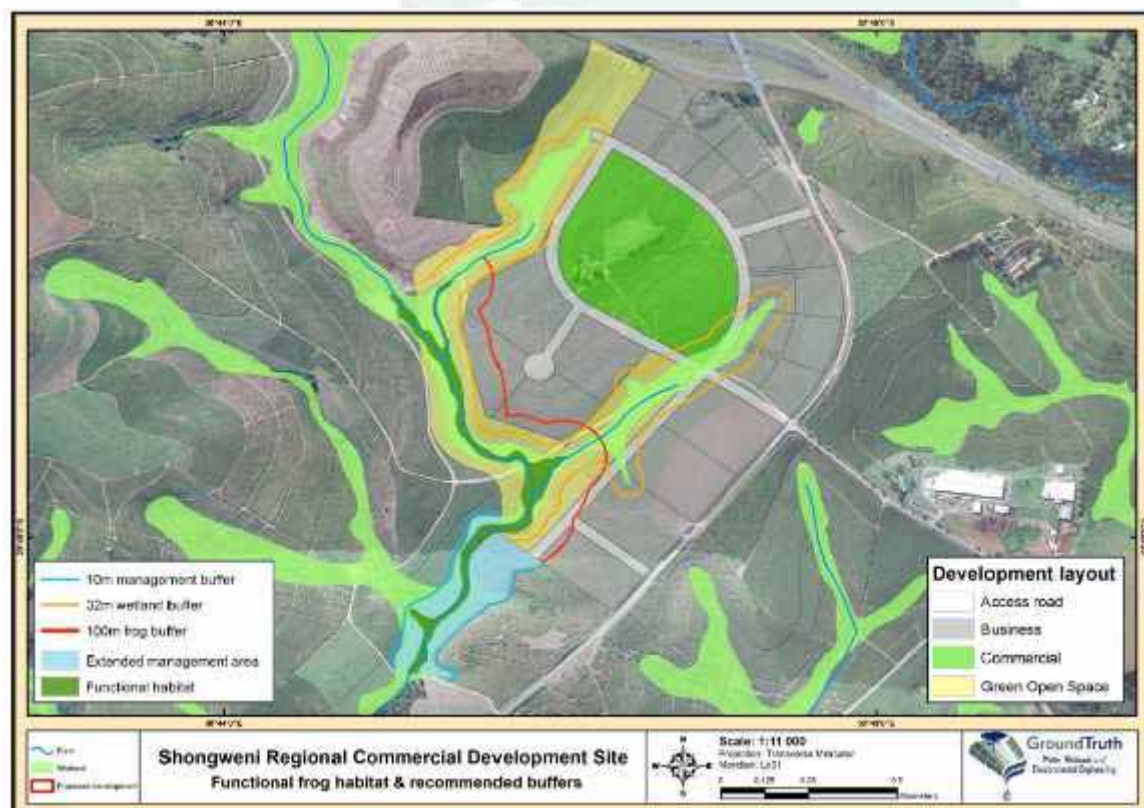
The following specialist studies were carried out during the EIA:

- Engineering Services Report including a Stormwater Management Plan, Electrical Report and Traffic Impact Assessment.
- Geotechnical Investigation
- Agricultural Potential Report
- Heritage Impact Assessment
- Market Demand and Socio-Economic Impact Assessments Reports
- Wetland and Riparian Assessments for the proposed sites.
- Wetland Assessment for the proposed pipeline route.
- Wetland Rehabilitation Plan
- Vegetation and Faunal Assessments (for the site and pipeline route)
- Planning Report

All specialist studies have been fully summarized in the EIR and identified impacts included in the impacts table below. Recommendations prescribed by the variety of specialists have been incorporated into the main body of the EMPr in section 3. It is evident that the freshwater ecosystems on the site and their associated fauna and flora links are the most important environmental component to consider. The drainage lines are associated with significant conservation habitats further

downstream of the proposed site. The drainage lines within site 2, provide water to an important freshwater ecosystem, the Wekeweke Stream which ultimately drains into Shongweni Dam. This stream has been identified as a NFEPA.

Due to the current land use, the site has been heavily disturbed in terms of indigenous vegetation with the small patches of woodlot being infested with alien invasive plants. Due to the poor quality of vegetation, the site has a low faunal conservation value. Although the proposed development will result in the loss of open green space currently provided by the sugarcane fields, the fauna and flora specialist has stated that it is likely to add value to the land and provide much needed funding for the improvement of the conservation significance of the sites. Green Open Space has been incorporated into the layout and has been positioned to take into account the location of the drainage lines and freshwater ecosystems of the sites (Figure 5). The Green Open Space as well as the proposed 32m buffer, are the main mitigatory measures that are in place to reduce the impact of the proposed development on the freshwater ecosystems. The 32m buffer is from the boundary of the riparian habitat of the Wekeweke Stream adjacent to the site and hydrogeomorphic units shown in green below.



**Figure 5: Map showing the drainage lines within and adjacent to the site including the proposed 32m buffer in dark yellow. The functional habitat requiring careful avoidance is indicated in dark green (source: GroundTruth, Riparian Assessment, 2013).**

According to the findings of the wetland specialist, the proposed development of the site will result in the loss of 1.4 hectares of wetland. THD commissioned GroundTruth to carry out an extensive Wetland Rehabilitation Plan for the site which aims to achieve “no-net-loss” through detailed rehabilitation planning and interventions (summarised in the EIR and to be attached to the EMPr during construction).

Provided that the Rehabilitation Plan, SWMP and EMPr measures are strictly followed during site establishment, construction and operation, it is likely that all identified impacts as listed below, can be effectively mitigated against and managed. On-going

maintenance and monitoring of the stormwater infrastructure, Green Open Space and extended management area (illustrated in blue in Figure 5) are vital for achieving a sustainable environmental development.

The proposed pipeline route is to avoid the two provincially protected plants and remnant of Sandstone Sourveld. No faunal species will be impacted on during operation however the contractor and workers are to be aware of the Black-headed Dwarf Chameleon. The chameleon and both plant species are illustrated in the EMPr and should be included in initial toolbox talks. The wetland specialist has stated that although freshwater ecosystems are crossed, there is an opportunity for rehabilitation of currently modified wetland habitats. Provided that method statements are submitted to the Engineer and ECO prior to construction activities taking place, the watercourses should not be significantly impacted on by the proposed pipeline route.

The major positive impacts that require noting are the provision of opportunities for employment during construction and operation of the Shongweni retail/ mixed use development as well as the alignment with local, regional and national strategic plans for the Outer West area.

### **2.3 IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES IDENTIFIED IN THE EIR, INCLUDING A TIME SCHEDULE OF ACTIONS TO BE UNDERTAKEN TO IMPLEMENT MITIGATORY MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT AND REMEDIATION OF EACH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITION AND HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ASPECTS FOR EACH PHASE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHONGWENI RETAIL/MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT**

Compliance against the EMPr must be monitored on a monthly basis by an independent ECO. An EMPr checklist/audit template must be utilised on site to conduct weekly compliance monitoring by a contractor representative. A complaints register (Appendix 2) and a non-conformance record (Appendix 3) must be utilised to record any complaints and non-conformances which will assist in monitoring compliance.

#### **Time Frames**

- Phase 1: Pre-construction activities (i.e. site camp establishment, removal of vegetation within the developable area, identification of sensitive areas, neighbour notification, etc.)
- Phase 2: Construction activities (i.e. construction of the retail/mixed use centre)
- Phase 3: Post Construction (i.e. removal of waste disposal facilities, removal of site camp, site is devoid of any hazardous waste utilized during construction, ensure no unauthorised public access is possible, etc.)
- Phase 4: Rehabilitation (removal of alien vegetation, implementation of indigenous species to disturbed landscapes etc.)
- Phase 5: Operational phase

The following impacts and mitigation measures were identified during the EIR.

<b>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS</b>				
<b>Nature of impact (potential)</b>	<b>Mitigation measure</b>	<b>Time frame for mitigation measure to be undertaken</b>	<b>Person responsible for monitoring</b>	<b>Monitoring frequency</b>
Erosion of stockpiled material (stone, sand and gravel).	Material must be stocked in such a way that they cannot fall or cause injury or damage to properties or the natural environment. Stockpiles must not exceed 6m in height (as per the SWMP) and must be covered if exposed to heavy wind or rain. Alternatively, low walls or berms must be constructed around the stockpiles.	Phase 1 and 2	Contractor / ECO	The contractor / must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Risk of contamination to soil during concrete mixing. Mixing	Cement mixing will need to take place on a hard surface or cement mixing trays will need to be used. Cement mixing will not be permitted to occur where run off can enter stormwater drains. Construction will be monitored by an Environmental Control Officer (ECO) who will ensure compliance with the construction EMPr.	Phase 3	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
The onsite erosion of exposed soil before rehabilitation is completed.	As a general principle, contractors must limit vegetation clearing to the platform site only. The contractor must stabilise cleared areas to prevent and control erosion and/or sedimentation. Only vegetation that's needs to be removed to accommodate the development, should be removed in a phased and controlled manner.	Phase 1, 2 and 3	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Loss of agricultural land impacting food security.	Mottram and Associates cc carried out the Agricultural Potential Report for the Shongweni Estate, where it was found to have "limited agricultural potential". Tongaat Hulett have a strategy to increase agricultural production in South Africa and food security has been incorporated into the applicant's strategies and action plans. Sugarcane production has in fact increased over the last three years and this is expected to increase even more in the future.	Phase 5	Applicant	n/a
Loss of agricultural land	The portion of land zoned for agriculture will be lost with the development of the site. These portions of land, currently zoned as agriculture, are however not in line with the Shongweni LAP which makes provisions for urban development and a regional centre.	Phase 5	Applicant	n/a
Potentially slope failures resulting in unstable slopes during construction and operation. These slopes are also more vulnerable to erosion and sediment deposition into the adjacent drainage lines. Steeper slopes in the south-west corner have been identified.	The Geotechnical specialist concluded that the site is stable in its existing conditions with the majority of the site being capable of development provided that work is carried out according to prescribed recommendations. During the earthworks phase, the geotechnical engineer recommended a number of slope gradients for the cut and fill embankments depending on the underlying material / location of the proposed embankment on the site. Pressure recommendations for carrying out shallow and deep founding were prescribed. The specialist recommends that the overall natural drainage system should remain intact in terms of subsoil drainage as the wetland system on site is part of a wider, complex drainage system connecting to the KZN coast line.	Phase 2, 3 and 5	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Potential for erosion to occur on cut embankments.	As per the geotechnical specialist's recommendations, all cut embankments are to be vegetated immediately after construction. This will	Phase 2, 3 and 5	Contractor / Designated Representative	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a



<b>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS</b>				
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	aid in reducing run-off. The geotechnical specialists has stated that slopes should be less than a gradient of 1:2. Stormwater management control measures are to be implemented to prevent high run-off rates.		(i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Poor stormwater management during construction leading to erosion on and offsite. Site 2: south-west portion particularly vulnerable to erosion.	The SWMP states that measures will be required to minimise the run-off especially for large storm events. Even with the bulk of overland run-off being redirected via kerbing, a certain level of erosion can be expected from precipitation on the embankments. It is recommended that these embankments be stabilised as soon as possible during the construction phase. Stormwater management is included under section 3B of the EMPr.  The specialist stated that slopes are to have a gradient of less than 1:2 to prevent erosion and minimise run-off from the embankments, especially during large storm events.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Potentially polluted stormwater run-off entering the onsite and adjacent wetland systems impacting on water quality and habitats associated with the freshwater systems.	Measures to be applied to reduce pollutants include bio-attenuation swales and infiltration measures (permeable paving). These measures will be applied at the point source (individual sites and road reserves) as far as possible.	Phase 2 and 5	Contractor / ECO	The contractor must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Risk of flooding downstream of the sites with the increase in hard surfaces resulting in increased water quantity.	One of the philosophies of the SWMP is to reduce stormwater flow to within a 10% variance of the pre-development flows using attenuating devices such as attenuation dams/structures or infiltration devices. Infiltration is to be maximised across the site with the SWMP being followed during design, construction and operational phases. On completion of works, a site inspection will be carried out to check compliance with the stormwater management requirements prior to the Certificate of Occupation being issued.	Phase 5	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer).	The contractor / designated representative should monitor the site on a monthly basis.
Stormwater features accumulating litter/excess vegetation resulting in blockages or directing debris into the wetland/ drainage areas.	The SWMP states that no dumping of construction rubble or spoil is to occur in completed stormwater drains, pipes, channels or natural drainage lines (existing wetland, stream and riparian zone). Weekly checks are to be carried out on the site's drainage system to ensure that the water flow is unobstructed. These are to be repaired or cleared of silt if required (included in section 3B of the EMPr).  During operation, it will be the responsibility of the constituted Home Owners Association (or designated maintenance body) to maintain the stormwater system in a safe and responsible manner. As good practice, certain months of the year before the onset of the summer rains should be reserved to carry out routine maintenance work on the stormwater system. Routine inspections are to be carried out every three months by a competent personnel, as per specialist recommendation.	Phase 5	Applicant / designated representative	The designated representative must monitor the site on a weekly basis as per the SWMP.

<b>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS</b>				
<b>Nature of impact (potential)</b>	<b>Mitigation measure</b>	<b>Time frame for mitigation measure to be undertaken</b>	<b>Person responsible for monitoring</b>	<b>Monitoring frequency</b>
Accumulated material on hardened surfaces transported via stormwater directly into the adjacent freshwater ecosystems resulting in a build-up of sediment /material in the wetland.	As above, the SVMMP has catered for attenuation swales and infiltration measures. Revegetation along the proposed buffer zones and Green Open Space areas will assist in reducing the transportation of sediment into the wetlands. Landscaping and re-vegetation of areas not occupied by buildings/paving shall be implemented immediately after building works are complete. Stabilisation and erosion control measures should be implemented immediately if any embankments are constructed. All mitigation measures and recommendations made in the SVMMP have been included in the EMPr requirements below.	Phase 2 and 5	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Change in Wekeweke Stream input from diffuse to point source water input from stormwater infrastructure potentially increasing the risk of erosion and high volumes of water flooding the system during high rainfall events.	The SVMMP recommends that energy dissipating structures be utilised where erosion is a possibility, on the outlets from underground conduits or the run-off from the embankments. Bio-attenuation swales and infiltration measures (such as permeable paving) will be applied at the point source (individual sites and road reserves) as far as possible to reduce flow velocity draining into the different freshwater systems.	Phase 2 and 5	Contractor and ECO	The contractor must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Loss of wetland area associated with each alternative as well as portions of wetland and riparian habitat associated with construction of the water pipeline.	<p>To ensure that the removal of wetland area is not significant, the impacts on the wetland systems and downstream riparian habitat would have to be appropriately managed to ensure the integrity of the wetland and riparian habitats are not impaired.</p> <p>The development of the site, could be appropriately managed to ensure the impacts on the Wekeweke stream are negligible and there are no adverse effects downstream of the development site. The specific Wetland Rehabilitation Plan for site 2 compiled by GroundTruth should be carefully adhered to which aims to ensure no-net-loss of functioning wetland area. Principles of the Rehabilitation Plan have been included in the EMPr.</p> <p>An extended management area is to be included into the proposal to account for the loss of wetland habitat (see Figure 5 above). This management area is located south of the proposed site.</p> <p>Pipeline crossing are required to be immediately rehabilitated once construction is complete. This will in fact upgrade the riparian habitat, as vegetation units are currently invaded with alien species.</p>	Phase 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	Applicant / Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a weekly basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Increase in hardened surfaces reducing water infiltration and hence wetland recharge.	Currently, subsurface drainage through the perched water table recharges the wetland. The SVMMP therefore recommends bio-attenuation swales and infiltration measures (e.g. permeable paving) which are to be applied at the point source to promote infiltration, reduce flow velocity and reduce pollutants from entering the wetlands decreasing functionality. The Wetland Rehabilitation Plan for site 2 includes a	Phase 5	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.

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<b>Nature of impact (potential)</b>	<b>Mitigation measure</b>	<b>Time frame for mitigation measure to be undertaken</b>	<b>Person responsible for monitoring</b>	<b>Monitoring frequency</b>
	list of interventions such as the construction of gabion cut-off walls which is likely to reduce flow, promoting further infiltration.			
Potential increase in pollutants and sediments entering the Shongweni Dam, downstream from the Wekeweke Stream.	<p>As above, the SWMP states that there will be a variety of measures applied to reduce pollutants being carried in the stormwater (bio-attenuation swales and infiltration measures).</p> <p>The wetland specialist has stated that a prerequisite for developing the site would be the adoption and rehabilitation of a minimum 32m buffer from the boundary of the riparian habitat of the Wekeweke Stream adjacent to the site. Rehabilitation of the riparian habitat adjacent and downstream of the site, as discussed in the GroundTruth Riparian Assessment, is to commence with the implementation, rehabilitation and management of the variable buffer zones adjacent to the wetland habitat. The GroundTruth Rehabilitation Plan for site 2 is to be followed when rehabilitating the remaining wetland areas within and directly adjacent to site 2.</p>	Phase 2 and 5	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Construction of the proposed sewer pump station south of site impacting on the drainage line.	<p>Although the footprint of the pump station (26m x 26m) is negligible, GroundTruth recommends that appropriate mitigation measures are in place in case of power / operational failures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The pump station must be constructed on contour,</li> <li>- A designated bund area must be constructed below or directly adjacent to the sewer pump station to capture accidental spills/leaks,</li> <li>- The pump station should include a backup generator and</li> <li>- Emergency procedures should be in place to manage pump station failures and spills/leaks with immediate effect.</li> </ul>	Phase 2 and 5	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Poor waste management potentially resulting in leachate formation infiltrating into the soil and groundwater.	The waste management area should be located on an impermeable surface to prevent leachate from coming into direct contact with the soil. Waste Management is outlined in section 3F of the EMPr.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Spillages of hazardous material, leaking storage facilities and fittings and poor sewerage facilities potentially contaminating water resources.	“Hazardous materials” in this impact refers to materials that could potentially be on site during construction. For example oils and herbicides are classified as “hazardous”. As described above, efficient and effective waste management is included in the EMPr however a designated hazardous store will be set up which must be located within a bunded area on a hardened surface and under cover. Toilets on site are to be monitored regularly to ensure that no leaks or overflow is permitted. Safe-disposal slips are to be retained on site for auditing purposes in the site environmental file.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Degradation of the proposed Green Open Space areas and/or drainage lines	It is recommended that the areas designated as Green Open Space in the layouts be avoided where possible. No stockpiling or dumping of construction material should occur within or directly adjacent to	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct

<b>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS</b>				
<b>Nature of impact (potential)</b>	<b>Mitigation measure</b>	<b>Time frame for mitigation measure to be undertaken</b>	<b>Person responsible for monitoring</b>	<b>Monitoring frequency</b>
from deposition of construction sediment and rubble.	the Green Open Space or drainage lines. If this is unavoidable, the area disturbed must be rehabilitated as soon as possible and all materials removed from the area, No dumping of construction rubble or spoil is to occur in completed stormwater drains, pipes, channels or natural drainage lines. Weekly checks are to be carried out during construction. These are to be repaired or cleared of silt if required.		Engineer) and ECO	weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
During construction of the pipeline, there is potential for sedimentation and foreign materials to enter the freshwater ecosystem such as fuel, cement and other building materials reducing the water quality.	A Method Statement is to be submitted to the Engineer and ECO detailing the construction method including stockpiling and waste management of workers constructing the pipeline route. Cement mixing is not to take place within the watercourse itself or directly adjacent to it. This is to be tightly monitored by the ECO. Alternatively, if a spill occurs or cement mixing does take place, the affected area is to be rehabilitated immediately to the satisfaction of the ECO.  Soil excavated from the trench is to be placed on the upslope side of the trench, minimizing the risk of excess sediment entering the downstream areas of the freshwater ecosystems.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Compaction of the wetland soils by heavy vehicles accesses areas requiring excavation during the pipeline construction building materials.	Vehicles are to use existing roads where possible. The working servitude across the systems must be as narrow as practically possible. i.e. machinery must utilise the same route through the systems at all times so as to avoid unnecessary disturbance.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Potential modification of wetlands, river banks and beds from the trenching process building materials.	The pipeline is to be located beyond a 20m buffer where possible, however if this cannot be achieved, the pipeline is to be aligned adjacent to existing services such as roads within the freshwater ecosystem. Where infrastructure cannot be aligned adjacent to existing services, the crossings should be planned at a narrow section and be perpendicular to the flow direction, minimising the amount of disturbance to the freshwater ecosystem and the risks of headward erosion.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Trench erosion and the diversion of subsurface flow as a result of preferential flow paths having been created.	In order to prevent sub-surface channel flow and erosion, the wetland specialist recommends that: - "Trench-breakers", which are in-trench barriers, should be installed along the length of the trench within the wetland to deactivate the flow of water along the trench; - These barriers to be placed at head-to-toe intervals, where the top of downstream barrier "floods" to the base of next barrier upstream. The intervals of barriers are therefore determined by the slope of the wetland down the length of the trench; - Since work will be within the wetland, it is recommended that the barriers be constructed using 20% bentonite and in situ soil mix or impermeable geotextile liners; and	Phases 2 and 3	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.

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	<p>- Small-scale diversion berms should be constructed on the surface of the trench, directly downstream of the “trench-breaker” to reduce the risk of the trench becoming a preferred surface flow path.</p> <p>Additionally, infrastructure is to be positioned on the downstream side of a road crossing/ dam to reduce headward erosion and sub-surface impoundment of flow.</p>			
Risk of erosion forming upstream of the trench if infilling is not adequately compacted or the longitudinal slope of the wetland system is not maintained.	The risk of erosion will be greatly reduced with effective rehabilitation measures. The watercourse crossings are to be rehabilitated to ensure that no barriers exist within the stream so that the in-stream habitat is similar to the natural situation. This should be done as soon as possible after the pipeline construction activities have ceased, to the ECO's satisfaction.	Phases 2 and 3	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Potential impoundment of flow upstream of the trenches and desiccation of the systems downstream of the trenching.	Infrastructure is to be positioned on the downstream side of a road crossing/ dam to reduce headward erosion and sub-surface impoundment of flow. Effective rehabilitation is to take place along the disturbed area. This is done by eradicating alien invasive plant species, actively re-vegetating the disturbed area with appropriate wetland species and removing excess vegetative material within the wetland at regular intervals promoting new growth.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Difficulty associated with trenching in the uMhlatuzana River during pipeline excavation.	The Contractor is to submit a detailed method statement to the Engineer and ECO prior to trenching in the uMhlatuzana River. The Method Statement is to ensure that trenching across this system occurs rapidly to reduce any potential impacts.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Risk of alien vegetation invasive with the proposed disturbance resulting in displacement of indigenous species.	The wetland specialist has recommended that the rehabilitation of the buffer zones between site development and the drainage lines is to include the removal of alien invasive vegetation species and active replanting of indigenous plants, to ensure a DENSE, undisturbed vegetative community. This will reduce the likelihood of alien vegetation invasion however a maintenance plan is also included in the Rehabilitation Plan for site 2. This involves the intermittent removal of excess plant material and control of alien species (to continue during operational phase). It is also a recommendation within the Riparian Assessment, that a comprehensive alien weed control programme be implemented be developed.	Phase 4 and 5	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Excess removal of vegetation resulting in a potential increase in sediments entering the existing wetland system.	The SWMP states that the stripping of vegetation to allow commencement of construction of the earthworks platform shall only be undertaken immediately prior to that element of construction commencing with topsoiling and re-vegetation of exposed surfaces to commence immediately after the completion of all construction activity. Precautionary measures are to be incorporated into the stormwater infrastructure to attenuate the water	Phase 1, 2, 3 and 4	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.

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	allowing sediments to settle and encourage infiltration. The incorporation of the buffer area surrounding the drainage lines will assist in preventing high amounts of sediments being washed into the wetlands.			
Potential erosion of the D'MOSS wetland system on the western boundary.	The vegetation specialist stated that the potential for erosion of the wetland system can be mitigated against provided that the "hydrology of the wetland systems onsite be maintained post-development by incorporating storm water infiltration and attenuation into the design of the development". The SVMP for site 2, recommends these attenuation and infiltration measures ensuring post-development flows are less than 110% of pre-development flows. Erosion is to be monitored and prevented throughout the site as per the requirements in section 3K of the EMP.	Phase 1, 2, 3 and 4	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Change in hydrology potentially impacting on the population of <i>Gladiolus cruentus</i> (critically endangered) occurring downstream of the site.	The species depends on spray mist from the waterfall downstream. It is therefore important that normal flow volumes from the upstream catchment be maintained. It is anticipated that there will be an increase in flow volume which could improve habitat availability.	Phase 4 and 5	Applicant Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	A maintenance schedule must be drawn up by the applicant and monitored accordingly.
Disturbance of vegetation and the encroachment of alien invasive or ruderal/pioneer wetland plant species during construction of the proposed pipeline.	Alien clearing must be undertaken within the entire development corridor and an alien management plan put in place to ensure that the construction area and pipeline servitude are maintained free of alien plant species.	Phases 2, 4 and 5	Applicant Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	A maintenance schedule must be drawn up by the applicant and monitored accordingly.
Potential impact on <i>Bradypodion melanocephalum</i> (Black-headed Dwarf Chameleon) found within alien infested woody vegetation along the pipeline route.	While no Chameleons were found during the site survey, the specialist recommends that should a specimen be found during construction, the specie needs to be removed carefully before construction continues. The specie needs to be relocated to an identified release site. The release site should be identified in consultation with Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and eThekweni Environmental Management Division.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Potential disturbance to the remnant of sandstone sourveld grassland located in the western section of the pipeline route	The remnant of sandstone sourveld is indicated in yellow on Figure 16 above. The pipeline is to be placed within the sugarcane cordon and not impact the limited natural vegetation which is restricted to the steeper slopes. Workers are to be trained and educated on the location of these species prior to work commencing. No stockpiling is to occurring in this remnant.  The contractor is to be aware that <i>Eulophia streptopetala</i> occurs in this area and must not be disturbed.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Potential disturbance / removal of indigenous species in	The Contractor is to avoid the removal of tree species in this area.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a

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the vicinity of the storm water culvert which passes underneath the N3.			Representative and ECO	daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Overall loss of indigenous species which fall within the pipeline route.	The loss of individual tree species will be minimal based on the current alignment however the vegetation specialist has stated that a large amount of alien vegetation will be removed during the construction process which will mitigate the loss of the limited number of indigenous tree species (page 7 of the Rapid Vegetation Assessment).	Phase 5	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Potential damage/removal of the provincially protected <i>Scadoxus puniceus</i> and <i>Eulophia streptopetala</i> species located within/adjacent to the proposed pipeline route.	The vegetation specialist has stated that the species appear to fall <b>outside</b> of the proposed pipeline route and therefore the Contractors are to avoid these species. Pictures have been provided in the EMP and the personnel working on the pipeline are to be educated on the location of these species.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Loss of the individual <i>C. sphaerocephala</i> , a large old indigenous tree located on the western end of the pipeline.	The specialist recommends that the pipeline be aligned on the upper slope above the cane road to alleviate the loss of the <i>C. sphaerocephala</i> .	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Proposed pipeline route impacting on vegetation within adjacent properties.	Where possible, the contractor is to ensure that the pipeline and associated working servitude are maintained within the current property(s) to reduce any impact on the vegetation on the other side of the fence lines.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Removal of soils in steeper areas along the pipeline route resulting in erosion.	The areas which are disturbed should be rehabilitated with a standard NPA mix of grass species. In steep areas where all the vegetation has been removed berms and swales are to be incorporated into the layout to prevent riff and gully erosion from occurring. The vegetation specialist recommends that a combination of geofabric and regrassing is to occur immediately after construction has ceased to reduce the potential for erosion to occur and the resultant silting up of wetlands, dams and streams that are in close proximity to the construction area.	Phase 2, 3, 4 and 5	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Positive impact with the removal of existing alien invasive vegetation.	<p>The Rehabilitation Plan as well as the recommendations in the Riparian Assessment state that there be intermittent removal of excess plant material and control of alien species (to continue during operational phase) and that a comprehensive alien weed control programme be implemented before development</p> <p>Alien vegetation will also be removed locally from the pipeline route and disturbed area. An alien management plan is to be put in place to ensure the construction area and pipeline servitude are maintained free of alien species. The areas which are disturbed should be rehabilitated with a standard NPA mix of grass species as the area will either be retained as a road or will abut the commercial sugarcane farming activities, therefore the merits of trying to re-establish any form of indigenous and diverse vegetation would prove fruitless.</p>			

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Poor planning may result in unnecessary loss of habitat supporting biodiversity (including frog species of conservation importance).	<p>Although no red data species were identified on the site there is potential for a variety of near threatened and vulnerable. The Riparian Assessment concluded that a buffer 32m zone is required to be incorporated into the layout to preserve and protect the riparian areas of the Wekeweke River and associated wetland habitat.</p> <p>A 100m frog buffer was further proposed however the specialist notes that a portion of the development footprint falls within this 100m buffer (Figure 4). A variable buffer or “habitat corridor” is therefore recommended to provide sufficient protection of the potentially conservation important biota. The developments proposed Green Open Space was considered by the riparian specialist as an adequate offset to the loss of 3.9 hectares from the recommended 100m frog buffer. The Green Open Space furthermore provides additional terrestrial and aquatic habitat for frogs.</p>	Phase 2 and 5	Applicant, Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Green Open Space being incorporated into the proposed development layout providing an improved, rehabilitated habitat refugia for flora and associated fauna.	The freshwater ecosystems on the sites are currently degraded and are not being maintained due to the current land use however it will be part of the proposed development plans to rehabilitate the ecosystems and remove the alien invasive vegetation. By removing the alien species, indigenous species will be encouraged to grow and it is likely that faunal species associated with this vegetation, will populate the proposed Green Open Space.			
Degradation of environmentally sensitive areas neighbouring the sites, namely the Wekeweke River situated to the south-west.	<p>During construction, stormwater and waste management will be high priority (sections 3B and 3F in the attached EMP). Workers on site are to be educated on the location and function of the Green Open Space areas as well as the neighbouring environmentally sensitive areas (depending on which site alternative is developed). These adjacent sites should be clearly demarcated to prevent workers from entering the area.</p> <p>During operation, stormwater is to be controlled and maintained according to the site specific SWMP. Litter should not be disposed of within or adjacent to the environmentally sensitive areas. The Rehabilitation Plan for site 2 has included a maintenance schedule for within the wetland and buffer zone. Should site alternatives 1 or 3 be developed, the Rehabilitation Plan is to include mitigation measures to ensure that the adjacent areas are not degraded.</p>	Phase 2 and 3	Contractor / Designated Representative (i.e. Resident Engineer) and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Encroachment into the wetland buffer zone, thereby reducing protection of the drainage line and riparian habitat.	As stated above, the wetland buffer zone is to be demarcated prior to the commencement of construction activities and workers to be educated on the location and function of the buffer zones. Waste management and stockpile areas in particular are not to encroach into the wetland buffer zone. Any construction related impacts are to be rectified prior to the Contractor vacating the site (this could include rehabilitation measures).	Phase 1, 2, 4 and 5	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.



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Potential for workers during the construction phase to interfere with the area within the layout designated as Green Open Space.	The area designated for Green Open Space is to be clearly demarcated so all workers on site are aware of these areas. Workers are to be informed on the conservational significance of the area (included in toolbox talks as per section 3L of the EMPr).	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Opportunity to rehabilitate and improve the condition of the wetland systems on the sites.	A Rehabilitation Plan has been prepared for the preferred site alternative which aims at achieving the objective of “no-net-loss” through detailed rehabilitation planning. The Rehabilitation Plan includes the remove of alien invasive vegetation, wetland interventions to enhance the functionality as well as monitoring for the long-term stability of the interventions.			
Improper storage of hazardous waste i.e. used oils from vehicles; old cement bags etc. resulting in possible contamination to the surrounding environment.	Hazardous waste must be stored on a hard surface within a bunded area and must not be allowed to enter stormwater drains and the surrounding environment. Waste must be disposed of regularly by a reputable contractor. Hazardous waste such as oils, contaminated rags etc. must be disposed of at a hazardous class landfill. Safe disposal certificates must be provided and retained in the site environmental file for audit purposes (waste management included in section 3F of the EMPr).	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Potential for improper storage and disposal of waste materials generated during construction resulting in possible contamination to the surrounding environment.	Waste must be stored in the bins within the waste collection area in the construction camp and must not be allowed to blow around the site or be placed in piles adjacent the skips / bins. Separate waste bins for each of the waste streams generated must be provided. The waste containers must be appropriate to the waste type contained therein and where necessary should be lined and covered. Waste must not be allowed to accumulate on site but should be disposed of regularly by a reputable contractor and must be disposed of at an appropriate landfill site.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Littering around the site.	Littering will not be permitted on the site and general housekeeping will be enforced. Construction will be monitored by an ECO who will manage compliance with the EMPr.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Litter and solid waste accumulating on site due to delay in servicing by Durban Solid Waste (DSW).	Solid waste will be stored on the site where it will be collected by a private operator or eThekweni Municipality. During construction, a waste management area is required to ensure that all waste types are contained and effectively managed. Safe disposal slips should be retained on site for audit purposes. Section 3F of the EMPr outlines waste management. Large amounts of solid general waste (>100m <sup>3</sup> ) should not be allowed to accumulate on site.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Improper disposal of rubble i.e. burying or neglecting building rubble resulting in direct mechanical damage to surrounding	All excess material and rubble <b>not being utilized on the site</b> must be removed and disposed of at an approved, designated landfill. A safe disposal certificate must be obtained and retained in the sites environmental file.	Phase 2 and 3	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.

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vegetation and untidiness of the site.				
Potential for construction waste to be disposed of at incorrect landfill resulting in contamination at the landfill site.	Recycling should be undertaken where possible to limit waste added to the landfill site. Waste to be sent to registered landfills and safe disposal certificates must be retained for hazardous waste.	Phase 2 and 3	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Nominal increase in pressure on local landfill.	Solid waste will be collected by eThekweni Municipality for disposal or a private operator depending on the type and quantity of waste. The ESR states that the nearby DSW Bulbul Drive landfill site has adequate air-space (capacity) to accept waste generated from the development. The ESR also states that other waste collection models could be implemented, which could include 'contracted out' collection, facilities for waste separation for recycling etc.	Phase 2	Local Municipality	Local Municipality to ensure sufficient capacity prior to disposal at the landfill.
Bulk storage of dangerous fuels i.e. spillage of diesel during construction potentially contaminating groundwater and surrounding environment.	Cement mixing will need to take place on a hard surface or cement mixing trays will need to be used. If the creation of a permanent bunded area is not feasible, these materials must be stored on drip trays capable of holding at least 110% of the spilled volume. Any construction equipment that could leak oil must be placed on a drip tray. All equipment must be in good working order to reduce the likelihood of oil leaks occurring.  Any re-fuelling of equipment must occur on a hardened surface, within a designated re-fuelling area where any spills can be contained. A designated hazardous store will be set up which must be located within a bunded area on a hardened surface and under cover. Construction will be monitored by an ECO who will manage compliance with the construction EMPr.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Risk of spills from construction equipment (oils, fuels etc.) contaminating soil and stormwater.	As mentioned above, a designated re-fuelling area is required to contain spills, cement mixing is to take place on a hardened surface and a designated hazardous store will be set up within a bunded area capable of holding at least 110% of the spilled volume.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Improper storage of hazardous waste i.e. used oils from vehicles, old cement bags, contaminated soil etc.	A separate bin dedicated to the storage of hazardous waste will be required. The bin should be clearly labelled as such and frequently emptied with the contents being disposed of at a registered hazardous landfill site. Safe disposal records are required to be kept on site for audit purposes. The hazardous storage area will be monitored according to the EMPr by an independent ECO.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Potential for the reservoir to be noisy impacting on residential neighbours.	The majority of the water feed would be gravity and therefore there is no need for pumps.	Phase 5	n/a	n/a

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Reservoir having a negative visual impact on the immediately adjacent neighbours.	The EAP has recommended that as part of the post construction phase, the area disturbed by the pipeline and reservoir be rehabilitated back to its current state. The reservoir is to be located as far underground as practically possible. Trees and shrubs are to be incorporated into the final design as far as practically possible.	Phase 2 and 4	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Reservoir having a negative visual impact on the immediately adjacent neighbours.	The only emissions that will be generated will be from construction vehicles which are expected to be minimal and are not expected to significantly affect the surrounding communities or the environment. Air emissions should be monitored daily by the onsite ECO and a complaints register available to surrounding communities.	Phase 2	Contractor / and ECO	The contractor / must monitor the site on a daily basis. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Dust generated from construction vehicles and other on-site activities impacting workers on-site.	Dust control measures (the use of water cart/ truck) must be used to wet exposed soil thereby maintaining low dust levels. The dust levels must be kept below the required SANS Standards to ensure minimal impact on the surrounding community and environment. The ECO should monitor the dust levels daily. Drivers and workers on the site should be educated with regards to the air pollution on site. A complaints register is to be maintained recording any air quality/dust complaints.	Phase 2	Contractor / and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Sourcing of raw materials i.e.: (gravel, stone, sand, cement and water) from unsustainable sources resulting in illegal sand winning and mining operations causing significant environmental damage.	Materials are to be sourced on site where possible and rubble from demolished infrastructure utilised as fill material. All sourced materials must be obtained from a registered and sustainable source and all delivery notes and slips must be made available to the ECO e.g. mined material such as stone must only be obtained from permitted quarries.	Phase 1 and 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must ensure all raw materials received are received from a sustainable source. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Increase in traffic disruptions on surrounding access roads during construction.	Points man in attendance to control traffic where road disruption is most likely. Alert traffic department if road closure is required, conduct road closures during off peak hours and place notices of intent in advance. Construction vehicles to comply with the speed limits.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Potential impact of increased traffic on pedestrian safety.	The traffic specialist recommended that the minimum width of the proposed new sidewalks be 3meters to safely accommodate pedestrians and cyclists. Initially, a sufficient road reserve is required to ensure the incorporation of public transport provisions at a later stage.	Phase 5	n/a	n/a
Increase in the volume of traffic on the roads during the operation of the proposed development resulting in congestion.	The Traffic Impact Assessment has identified intersections/ roads requiring upgrades and/or signalised. Once the upgrades are complete, the road network should cope with the calculated predicted traffic flows.	Phase 5	Applicant	n/a

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Nuisance impact on surrounding residents with the upgrading of nearby roads.	Keep points man in attendance to control traffic where road disruption is most likely. Alert traffic department if road closure is required, conduct road closures during off peak hours and place notices of intent in advance.	Phase 2 and 3	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Positive impact with the incorporation of public transport and non-motorised transportation into the proposal.	The Traffic Impact Assessment has stated that there will be the construction of a public transport interchange within the site and laybys on Kassier Road. In the long term, the road upgrades will ensure that the public transport aligns with the IRPTN strategy and that sufficient road reserve is maintained to provide a BRT lane if required. There will be a minimum width of 3m for sidewalks, both internally and externally, to safely accommodate pedestrians and cyclists.			
Damage to existing services (electricity, water and sewer pipeline traversing site).	As a result of the existing long-term land use, there are not many services found in the proposed sites however, this impact can be fully mitigated against by identifying services prior to construction and avoiding damage to existing services. Alternatively, if service disruption is unavoidable, the parties affected must be notified in advance.	Phase 1 and 2	Applicant / Contractor	Services to be identified prior to construction.
Increased pressure on existing bulk water services in the Western area.	The bulk water supply for the proposed development will originate from the proposed and soon to be constructed Western Aquaduct. eThekweni Water and Sanitation have confirmed that a supply may be taken off the Western Aquaduct to serve the greater development.	Phase 5	eThekweni Water and Sanitation	eThekweni Water and Sanitation have confirmed capacity and are required to monitor the output.
Nominal pressure on the eThekweni Municipality's local substation (Marian Ridge Major substation to obtain developments initial load).	Bosch Semele, as the electrical engineers are to be in correspondence with the Supply Authority, eThekweni Municipality, to ensure that there is sufficient capacity available. In the long term, the proposed development will require the construction of a new major substation.	Phase 5	eThekweni Municipality	eThekweni Municipality have confirmed capacity and are required to monitor the output.
Potential for the existing wastewater treatment works not having sufficient capacity to treat sewage from the upgrade.	The Tongaat Hulett Sewer Reticulation Project obtained environmental authorisation for the construction of bulk sewerage facilities in the area (EIA DM/0024/10). This assessment took into consideration existing and potential sewer generation for the proposed Shongweni retail/ mixed-use development. There is therefore sufficient capacity at the uMhlatuzana Sewage Treatment Works.	Phase 5	uMhlatuzana Sewage Treatment Works	uMhlatuzana Sewage Treatment Works have confirmed capacity and are required to monitor the input.
Over densification of the Shongweni area and change in sense of place currently associated with the existing land-use.	While there will be a loss of open space, the continuation of agricultural activities is not in line with the city's need for growth and development. GAPP Architects and Urban Designers, have stated the proposed development is aligned to the Urban Development Line, the Municipality's urban growth management tool. There will therefore be an unmitigated change in the sense of place currently associated with the site.	Phase 5	n/a	n/a
Positive impact for meeting housing and basic service needs, access to	Findings from interviews conducted in the local area, undertaken as part of the Marketing and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment identified the demand for affordable housing, the demand for safe, secure, upmarket office space and retail brand preferences (which are likely to be incorporated into the tenant considerations).			

<b>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS</b>				
<b>Nature of impact (potential)</b>	<b>Mitigation measure</b>	<b>Time frame for mitigation measure to be undertaken</b>	<b>Person responsible for monitoring</b>	<b>Monitoring frequency</b>
employment opportunities				
Unauthorised access to property.	The applicants are the landowners and thereby will authorize access to the property. The entire site should however be fenced so ensure workers do not cross boundary lines particularly where the development footprint runs adjacent to residential communities.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Potential for an associated increase in crime due to the influx of workers into the area.	As mentioned above, the entire site should be fenced to prevent workers from accessing adjacent properties. Security personnel on site should be strategically positioned at exit and entry points.  The EAP further recommends that security personnel patrol the pipeline route where it runs adjacent to neighbouring properties during the construction phase.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Potential temporary and permanent employment for skilled and unskilled members of the local community during the construction and operational phases.	3726 temporary employment opportunities will be created during the construction phase (2097 directly and 1629 indirectly) and 359 permanent jobs will be created during the operation phase (234 direct and 124 indirectly).			
Shongweni Regional Centre stimulating trade and investment along the intended freight highway (the N3; Planning Report, 2013).	The planning specialist states that the sites sit strategically within what is by far the most dominant freight and logistics corridor in Southern Africa. In anticipation of the proposed dug-out Port, a proposed freight highway along the N3 highway, is intended to pass directly through the THD landholdings in Shongweni.			
Potential unearthing and damage to items of cultural or historical significance.	A Heritage Impact Assessment was conducted. During the construction phase, should any culturally significance artifacts be discovered, construction is to cease immediately and the heritage authority contacted (AMAFA).	Phase 2	Contractor / and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Speeding construction vehicles resulting in safety issues for surrounding residents.	Speeding will be prohibited.	Phase 2	Contractor / and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Lack of toilet facilities during construction resulting in unsanitary conditions.	Adequate toilet facilities will be provided for all staff members as standard construction practice. The provision of toilets is included in the EMP requirements.	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.
Improper disposal of toilet waste from chemical toilets resulting in	The chemical toilets to be provided must be from a registered company and all sewage must be disposed of at an appropriate facility. Safe disposal	Phase 2	Contractor / Designated Representative and ECO	The contractor / designated representative must monitor the site on a daily basis and conduct

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS				
Nature of impact (potential)	Mitigation measure	Time frame for mitigation measure to be undertaken	Person responsible for monitoring	Monitoring frequency
contamination of the surrounding environment.	certificates must be kept on record in the site environmental file.			weekly checklists. Monthly audits must be conducted by an ECO.

## 2.4 PROCEDURES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RELATED EMERGENCIES AND REMEDIATION

The purpose of this section is to anticipate a potential impact resulting in an environmental crisis which may occur due to unforeseen circumstances. Such events cannot be predicted and as such a procedure has been prepared. This procedure must be followed in the event of such an incident to prevent degradation to the surrounding environment and to contribute to the safety of the workers and I & APs.

### 2.4.1 Potential environmental incidences / emergencies

The National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 as amended (NEMA) defines an 'incident' as an unexpected sudden occurrence, including a major emission, fire or explosion leading to serious danger to the public or potentially serious pollution of or detriment to the environment, whether immediate or delayed. The following hazards have the potential to occur within the proposed site:

- Hazardous chemical spillage
- Leakage of fuel or oil from equipment
- Slope instability
- Potential contamination of freshwater resources on the site effecting the important ecosystems downstream of the site.

### 2.4.2 Response to environmental emergencies

The emergency response plan (Appendix 4) must be used to update the onsite emergency response plans. A record of all incidents must be recorded as defined in NEMA and National Water Act 36 of 1998 (Appendix 5). Incidents should be reported and recorded the relevant authority as soon as reasonably practicable after knowledge of the incident.

An emergency incident report (Appendix 6) must be completed in terms of section 30(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998).

*"The responsible person or, where the incident occurred in the course of that person's employment, his or her employer, must, within 14 days of the incident, report to the Director General, provincial head of department and municipality such information as is available to enable an initial evaluation of the incident, including:*

- (a) the nature of the incident;*
- (b) the substances involved and an estimation of the quantity released and their possible acute effect on persons and the environment and data needed to assess these effects;*
- (c) initial measures taken to minimise impacts;*

- (d) causes of the incident, whether direct or indirect, including equipment, technology, system, or management failure; and*
- (e) measures taken and to be taken to avoid a recurrence of such incident.”*

## 2.5 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PLAN

In accordance with NEMA EIA (2010) regulations, an environmental awareness plan is required. As part of the environmental awareness plan 'Toolbox Talks' posters have been developed and can be used for training purposes.

- **Objectives of the plan**

The objective of the environmental awareness plan is to inform employees and contractors of any environmental risks which may result from their work and the manner in which the identified possible risks must be dealt with in order to prevent degradation of the environment.

- **Content of the plan**

The environmental awareness plan should include:

- The definition of environment (people + air + soil + water +business);
- Reasons for conserving and protecting the environment;
- How the following activities can impact the environment: - Not using assigned ablutions, hazardous materials, uncleaned spills, mixing of cement or paint on soil or grass surfaces, waste management i.e. use of waste receptacles and waste separation for recycling, vehicle washing polluting soil & ground water; litter;
- What to do to prevent the above impacting the environment i.e. assign impermeable mixing areas, no vehicle washing on site, use of waste receptacles and separation of waste to allow for recycling, how to respond in an emergency and deal with a spill; and
- Consideration of neighbours.

The environmental awareness plan that should be presented to employees is attached in Appendix 7. A training record of all staff that has undergone environmental training must be kept on record (Appendix 8).

### 3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

#### 3.1 General Administration

##### Site Inception

- Prior to construction an Environmental Control Officer (ECO) must be appointed to carry out monthly audits monitoring compliance with the EMPr.
- An emergency response plan must be available on site as must a copy of the EMPr and the EA.
- The contractor, engineer and ECO must obtain a copy of the EMPr prior to coming on site. An initial site meeting must be held with all responsible parties to discuss the EMPr and ensure that all elements are understood in particular the functioning and management of the freshwater ecosystems on the site.
- It must also be agreed that no ad hoc changes will be made to the EMPr and that any requested changes must be submitted in writing to the ECO who will obtain clearance for the changes from either the DAEA compliance officer auditing the site and / or the environmental consultant or an authority body, depending on the changes requested and depending on the status of the project
- An environmental file must be kept on site. The environmental file should contain, amongst other things, a register of all environmental training, an incident record, a complaints register, safe disposal slips (waste and sewage) and any records proving the source of materials
- A record of audits conducted on operations, as well as findings must be kept by the Site Engineer, and findings from audits are to be communicated to the Foreman on site. Proof of communication of findings are to be kept on site in the Environmental File.
- The site must be sufficiently lit, enabling security and policing should work be required at night.
- The entire site should be fenced to restrict unauthorised access to the property.
- The following details are to be available at each site:
  - *Emergency contact numbers: Name, contact details*
  - *Environmental Control Officer: Name, contact details*
  - *A list of the sensitive areas identified for that site*
  - *Proof of communication of these details to the staff at that particular site.*
- Adequate spill kits and containers for spilled and contaminated material must be provided on site.
- Designated areas for stockpiling of raw materials must be identified on site. No stockpiling is to occur on or near slopes or the adjacent stream. All stockpiling areas must be approved by the Site Engineer and must not exceed 6m in height according to the initial specialist report.
- Haulage roads must be identified and demarcated at site set up. These should be located where existing/future roads will be built and must be clearly indicated. Turning areas must be identified and clearly demarcated.
- All staff are to be trained on their environmental responsibilities before commencing work. All new staff are to be trained before they start work on site. All staff must have basic environmental awareness training, which can be conducted with the required health, & safety training. Training should include:
  - (1) the definition of environment (people + air + soil + water +business);
  - (2) reasons for conserving and protecting the environment;
  - (3) how the following activities can impact the environment: - Not using assigned ablutions, hazardous materials, uncleaned spills, mixing of cement or paint on soil or grass surfaces, waste management i.e. use of waste receptacles and waste separation for recycling, vehicle washing polluting soil & ground water; litter;
  - (4) What to do to prevent the above impacting the environment i.e. assign impermeable mixing areas, no vehicle washing on site, use of waste receptacles and separation of waste to allow for recycling, how to respond in an emergency and deal with a spill;
  - (5) Consideration of neighbours.
- All existing services must be identified prior to construction as standard practice.



- Any damage to existing infrastructure (i.e. water pipelines, electricity lines and residential property) must be repaired or replaced on completion of the upgrade. The cost of which must be borne by the applicant (or representative of the applicant).
  - Evidence of items with historical or archaeological value must be reported to AMAFA and work in the affected area should be stopped immediately.
  - Properties neighbouring the site must be notified before any phase of construction commences.
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## 3.2 Site Camp Establishment

### Site Inception

- The construction camp shall be located at the position agreed with by the ECO and the Contractor.
- The construction camp must be located in the proposed site and fenced.
- The size of the construction camp must be minimized.
- The 32m buffer area is to be well demarcated and signed to prevent worker accessing/disturbing the buffer zone.
- The contractor must attend to drainage of the construction camp to avoid standing water or sheet erosion.
- No contaminated runoff or grey water is allowed to be discharged from the construction camp.
- A suitable and sufficient waste management area is to be designated and demarcated within the construction camp.
- Storage of waste must be within a hard surfaced, bunded area located under cover and there must be a regular schedule for removal of waste.
- A materials storage area must be identified and designated within the construction camp.
- An area for fuel and hazardous chemical storage must be identified if required. This area should be bunded with an impermeable liner or a suitably sized container should be provided as storage space.
- Fuel bowzers must be maintained in good condition and be provided with a drip tray for use when dispensing/ refuelling equipment and must be placed under the pump and dispensing unit of the bowser during overnight storage. If possible an undercover area should be provided for overnight storage of the bowser/s.
- Storage areas/containers containing hazardous substances / materials must be clearly signed and fire extinguishers must be located in close proximity.
- Suitable spill kits must be available at the Site Camp.
- Only emergency (breakdown where equipment is no longer mobile) and minor maintenance (e.g. greasing) may be done on site. Any other planned or required maintenance must be done offsite at a suitable location.
- There is to be no encroachment into the wetland buffer zone reducing protection of the drainage line and riparian habitat

### Construction

- The designated waste management area must be utilised at all times. Bins must be provided and emptied at regular intervals.
- Chemical toilets must be located on site and maintained regularly.
- Chemical toilets may not be located adjacent to the any of the freshwater drainage lines on the site as indicated in blue in Figure 5 below.
- Storm water control must be controlled and maintained as per the approved Stormwater Management Plan.
- Drip trays are to be cleaned out daily and material collected disposed of as hazardous waste.
- The striping of vegetation is to be carried out progressively and immediately prior to commencement of construction activities in a particular area.
- Alien vegetation re-growth must be controlled throughout the entire site during the construction period using mechanical and chemical removal.
- Herbicides may be used to control listed alien weeds and invaders only. The Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) for the herbicides must be available to the ECO on request. Herbicides are to be stored in the hazardous materials storage area.
- All areas that have been stripped of vegetation, including all roads, must be dampened periodically to avoid excessive dust.

### Post construction

- All building materials and waste must be removed from the site at the end of construction.
- Clearance from the ECO must be obtained to ensure the all of the requirements of the EMP have been complied with (i.e. conduct a post construction audit).

- Ensure bins and / or skips have been removed from the construction site.
- Waybills must be produced showing the removal of waste / spoil / rubble to a registered waste site.
- Used oil must be collected by a registered used oil contractor and documentation to this effect has been provided.
- All undeveloped surfaces hardened due to construction activities are to be ripped, top soiled and vegetated as soon as possible.
- Alien vegetation growing in disturbed areas must be removed.
- The duration of exposed soil must be kept to a minimum and rehabilitation must be initiated as soon as construction is complete.

### Operation

- *Not Applicable*

### Key Issues

- **Prevention of runoff from site camp to the freshwater ecosystems.**
- **Establishment of the waste management area on an impermeable surface.**
- **Demarcate the 32m buffer zone adjacent to the drainage lines as indicated in Figure 6.**



**Figure 6: Map showing the drainage lines within and adjacent to the site in blue. The waste management area, stockpiles and chemical toilets must not be placed within or adjacent to these areas (source: GroundTruth, Riparian Assessment, 2013).**

### 3.3 Stormwater

#### Site Inception

- All existing drainage systems (streams, channels) are to be maintained by the main developer in accordance with normal agricultural soil conservation practices and local authority guidelines as far as possible (except where the town planning layout makes provision for the development of land over existing drainage systems).
- Prior to moving onto site, the Engineer and Contractor shall inspect the existing stormwater drainage measures along these access routes and repair or construct new drainage measures to limit point source run-off, prevent erosion and allow for the natural flow of water.
- There should be limited storage of sand and cement on the site as this could contaminate stormwater during construction.
- All potential stormwater contaminants (including herbicides) must be banded in the site camp to prevent run-off into the surrounding environment.
- A drainage system must be established for the construction camp. The drainage system must be regularly checked to ensure an unobstructed water flow.
- Removal of vegetation cover should be carried out with care to decrease the likelihood of erosion resulting in excess sediments washing into the onsite and adjacent freshwater ecosystems.
- As there are no formal stormwater drainage facilities on site, the contractor must prepare a stormwater control plan prescribing methods to be used on the site complying with the requirements of the Stormwater Management Plan prior to construction.

#### Construction

- Stripping of vegetation to allow commencement of earthworks shall only be undertaken immediately prior to that element of construction commencing.
- Construction of the embankment to be done in segments up to full height, before moving on to the next area, clearing vegetation, and constructing embankment, etc.
- The construction of internal stormwater piped systems are to be programmed for construction immediately on completion of the bulk earthworks for the road works
- Any runoff from the construction site must not be allowed to cause excessive erosion or sediment input in to the adjacent stream.
- Temporary stormwater measures are required to control the runoff of stormwater until permanent structures have been constructed.
- Flow of stormwater must not be impeded during construction.
- Contamination of stormwater must be avoided at all times.
- A drainage system must be established for the construction camp. The drainage system must be regularly checked to ensure an unobstructed water flow.
- During construction unchannelled flow must be controlled to avoid soil erosion. Where large areas of soil are left exposed, rows of straw / hay or bundles of cut vegetation should be dug into the soil in contours to slow surface wash and capture eroded soil. The spacing between rows will be dependent on the slope.
- Any incidents involving stormwater contamination must be reported to the ECO for the purposes of maintaining the site's incident records.
- No temporary storage of rubble in natural waterways.
- Energy dissipating structures (gabions, reno-mattresses and/or concrete) are to be established at outlet structures where stormwater is being discharged reducing flow velocity and preventing scour/ soil erosion.
- The stormwater control plan must be adhered to at all times.
- There are to be multiple discharge points that are reasonably spread across the development adjoining the wetland habitat.
- Stormwater flow from the buffer zone should be via diffuse flow and concentrated flow should be avoided reducing the risk of erosion.

- Accompanying each discharge point should be suitable baffle structures (e.g. gabion mattresses) that will dissipate the energy of storm flow and encourage infiltration thus reducing the likelihood of erosion.
- Runoff entering the buffer zone should not exceed 1.5m/sec to reduce the pollutant removal performance of the buffer area.
- Stormwater may not be discharged directly into the Wekeweke Stream, but should be directed into the rehabilitated tributary wetlands
- Outflow points to trap excess suspended solids and other pollutants originating from the proposed development before entering the buffer zones. These will need to be regularly serviced and maintained to ensure adequate functioning and efficacy.
- Infiltration measures be constructed on the platformed sites to recharge groundwater (e.g. permeable paving).
- Kerbing upstream of embankment slopes to be constructed to divert flow away to an underground conduit or stabilised channel to the existing major stormwater system.

### Post construction

- Post-development flows into stormwater systems are not to exceed pre-development flows as per the SWMP design.
- On completion of works, eThekweni Municipality, or their appointed professional person to inspect the site for compliance with the Stormwater Management Plan requirements before issuing a Certificate of Occupation.
- Topsoiling and re-vegetation of exposed surfaces is to commence immediately after the completion of all construction activity.

### Operation

- Outflow points to be regularly serviced and maintained to ensure adequate functioning and efficacy.

### Key Issues

- **Stormwater must be controlled before it is released into the drainage lines.**
- **Stormwater may not be directly discharged into the Wekeweke Stream but directed into the rehabilitated tributary wetlands.**

### 3.4 Construction Material (Sourcing and Stockpiling)

#### Site Inception

- Contractors must prepare a source statement indicating the sources of all materials (including topsoil, sands, indigenous gravels, crushed stone etc.). The source statement must be readily available in the environmental file for review by the ECO.
- Where possible, a signed document from the supplier of natural materials must be obtained confirming that they have been obtained in a sustainable manner and in compliance with relevant legislation.
- Any mined material must be from a licensed and permitted site. Suppliers must be able to provide permits for the quarry where material has been mined from.
- Stockpiles must be positioned and sloped to create the least visual impact.

#### Construction

- Ensure that all materials are sourced from those sites set out in the source statement and that any changes to sources of materials are updated and approved by the ECO.
- Make certain transportation of materials is such that no spillage occurs on route to the site.
- General building/other materials include non-hazardous materials and chemicals must be kept in a designated area.
- Materials must be stacked in a way that they cannot fall and cause injury or damage to property or the surrounding environment. Stockpiles must not exceed 6m in height and must be covered if exposed to heavy wind or rain. Alternatively, low walls or berms must be constructed around the stockpiles.
- Topsoil must be stockpiled separately to the sub-soils. Any soil or topsoil stockpiles created during site establishment are to be maintained as flat as possible, with no side slope greater than 1 in 4.
- Stockpiles must not be located within or adjacent to the drainage lines indicated in blue in Figure 5 above.

#### Post construction

- Ensure that areas where materials are sourced are rehabilitated to ensure no erosion or degradation of the surrounding area occurs.
- All residual stockpiles must be removed to spoil or spread on site as directed by the ECO.
- All leftover building materials must be removed from the site.
- No foreign material generated / deposited during construction must remain on site. Areas affected by stockpiling must be reinstated to the satisfaction of the RE and ECO.

#### Operation

- *Not Applicable.*

#### Key Issues

- **Review of source materials lists.**
- **Approve any changes in material sources with ECO first.**
- **Stockpiles must not be located within or adjacent to the delineated drainage lines on site.**

### 3.5 Water Use and Cement Batching

#### Site Inception

- Water used on site must be from an approved source. Should the quantity of water extracted from a natural source (river) exceed 50 000 litres per day a water use permit must be acquired from DWA.
- Concrete should be trucked in and discharge directly to areas where it may be needed.
- No topsoil may be removed from site but rather stockpiled and used to rehabilitate the site post construction.

#### Construction

- Water use on the site must be recorded and monitored.
- Concrete mixing directly on the ground must not be allowed and must take place on impermeable surfaces to the satisfaction of the ECO.
- Designated concrete mixing areas and storage areas for any hazardous materials must be assigned; cement mixing will not be permitted to where runoff can enter the Wekeweke Stream.
- During construction, waste reduction must be targeted and recycled building materials should be used where possible.

#### Post construction

- All excess concrete must be removed from site on completion of works and disposed of. Washing of the excess material into the ground or river is not allowed.
- All excess aggregate must also be removed from site.

#### Operation

- *Not Applicable.*

#### Key Issues

- **Water may only be used from an approved natural source or from a municipal source.**
- **Concrete mixing directly on the ground must not be allowed.**

## 3.6 Contamination & Waste Water Management

### Site Inception

- A method statement must be completed by the Contractor and submitted to the ECO showing procedures for dealing with possible emergencies that can occur, such as fire, accidental leaks and spillages.
- The Contractor must be in possession of an emergency spill kit that is complete and available at all times on site. The internal E.O must be aware of the location of the emergency spill kit and have access to it.
- The ECO must be aware of the spillage procedure with regard to spillages of hazardous or potentially hazardous substances.
- Adequate wastewater collection facilities must be provided
- The Contractor must submit a method statement to the ECO detailing how wastewater would be collected from all wastewater generating areas, as well as storage and disposal methods.
- No contaminated runoff or grey water may be discharged from the site camp.
- Portable toilets must not be located within or adjacent to the delineated drainage lines as indicated in blue in Figure 5.
- A maintenance plan for the servicing of these toilets must be drawn up and strictly adhered to, to prevent malfunctioning and neglect.

### Construction

- Should any spills of hazardous materials occur on the site or in the storage area, the relevant clean-up specialists must be contacted immediately. Materials that absorb fuel & oil, such as Drizit or earth should be placed over the spill. This contaminated material must be uplifted, placed within impermeable container and disposed of at a recognized disposal site.
- An incident record must be completed for all spills.
- In the event of a spillage that cannot be contained and which poses a serious threat to the local environment, the following Departments must be informed of the incident in accordance with Section 30 of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998, within forty-eight (48) hours:
  - The Local Authority;
  - Department of Water Affairs;
  - The Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs
  - The Local Fire Department when relevant; and
  - Any other affected departments.
- The chemical toilets servicing the camp must be maintained in a good state, and any spills or overflows must be attended to immediately by a sanitation expert.
- No waste water must be allowed to runoff into the rivers or areas of indigenous vegetation.
- No vehicle equipment washing should be conducted on site.
- Toilet waste to be removed by an approved contractor and safe disposal certificates must be available on request.

### Post construction

- No evidence of spills must be evident after construction.
- Ensure clean up and rehabilitation of areas where any waste water spillage has occurred.

### Operation

- No

### Key Issues

- **Correct procedures followed and records to be compiled.**
- **Protection of the indigenous/ riverine vegetation from contamination.**
- **Waste water must either be collected for removal or no washing should occur on site.**



## 3.7 Waste Management

### Site Inception

- Waste must be disposed at the appropriate landfill site by an approved contractor.
- Safe disposal certificates will be obtained and kept on site.
- The waste management area must not be located within or directly adjacent to the “Green Open Space” component in the layout (i.e. preferably located in the centre or north of the site).
- The waste management area is to be located on an impermeable surface to prevent leachate from coming into direct contact with the soil.
- Burning of rubbish on site is not allowed.
- Recycling bins must be placed within the construction site to ensure all materials are properly sorted for recycling.

### Construction

- The designated waste area must be utilized at all times.
- The construction rubble must be disposed in designated spoil dumps, demarcated by the Engineer.
- Refuse must be separated at source and disposed of in the appropriate bins, which must be emptied regularly.
- Littering is prohibited and the site must be cleaned daily.
- Separation of waste and recycling of paper, glass etc. must be encouraged throughout the construction period.
- All solid waste generated during the construction process (including packets, plastic, rubble, cut plant material, waste metals etc.) must be placed in the waste collection area in the construction camp and must not be allowed to blow around the site, be accessible by animals, or be placed in piles adjacent the skips / bins.
- Recycling should be undertaken where possible to limit waste added to the landfill site.
- Safe disposal certificates for all waste forms (i.e. general/construction/hazardous) must be obtained and kept on site within the site office.
- A separate receptacle must be available for storage of contaminated soil.

### Post construction

- Any construction rubble not utilized as fill material will be disposed in designated spoil dumps, demarcated by the designated representative / Resident Engineer.
- No litter must be left on site
- All bins and other waste storage are removed from site.
- A final check must be done to ensure that no waste relating to the construction phase is left on site.
- Burying of rubble on site, or dumping in drainage lines/rivers is prohibited.
- The Contractor is to check that the stormwater channels and the drainage pipes are free from building rubble, spoil materials and waste materials.

### Operation

- Maintenance personnel must undergo an induction programme to ensure compliance with operational phase requirements of the EMP.

### Key Issues

- **Recycling to be encouraged.**
- **Bins must be located at adequate intervals in the construction area.**
- **The waste management area is to be placed on a hard surface to prevent leachate from entering the soil.**