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Subject: DEA Ref 12/12/20/2013 uShukela Highway development- Public Meeting Minutes
Date: 27 October 2010 02:54:00 PM
Attachments: [Final Public Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Dear I & AP,

Please find attached the minutes of the Public Meeting held at the Tongaat Town Hall on the 13th of October 2010 for the Proposed uShukela Highway Development.

Should you have any further comments or require amendments to the attached minutes please forward your comments in writing before the 5th of November 2010.

Kind Regards,

Chevy Smith
Lead Environmental Consultant Roads and Infrastructure



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Subject: uShukela Highway Development
Date: 27 October 2010 12:33:00 PM
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Hi Karen,

As discussed, please find attached the minutes of the public meeting regarding the uShukela Highway Development.

I hope this file is not corrupt. I have now sent the document to all the fax numbers you gave me and hopefully you receive the document shortly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you still have problems. Furthermore, if you have any other queries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Justin De Guisti
Environmental Consultant



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Subject: FW: uShukela Highway Development
Date: 28 October 2010 02:41:00 PM
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Good Day Karen,

Attached please find a new copy of the minutes of the public meeting for the uShukela Highway Development.

Kindly confirm that you are able to successfully open this document. I will fax the document again but as you mentioned, the pictures may not be as clear on a faxed copy.

Kind Regards

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Date: 14 October 2010 04:59:00 PM

Dear All,

Thank you for attending the Public Meeting yesterday evening for the above mentioned project. Please note I have noticed the fax and telephone number on the comments sheet distributed yesterday is incorrect.

Should you wish to submit your comments via fax please use our new number below.

Kind Regards,

Chevy Smith
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From: [Sanjay Erra](#)
To: [KSEMS](#)
Subject: Re: Ushukela Highway Development
Date: 15 October 2010 07:39:22 AM

Hi Chevy,
Thanks for the E-mail.

By when do you expect the scoping exercise to take place?

Thanks
Sanjay Erra
EtheKwini Environmental Health Dept.
031 3221661

>>> "KSEMS" <kerry.seppings@telkomsa.net> 10/13/2010 11:17 AM >>>
Dear Sanjay,

Thank you for your interest in the project, you have been registered as an Interested and Affected Party.

Please find attached the Background Information Document for your review.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: 13 October 2010 08:35 AM
To: kerry.seppings@telkomsa.net
Subject: Ushukela Highway Development

Hi Kerry,

Please register the Env. Health Dept. as an I&AP .

Please use my e-mail address.

Tel no:031 3221661

Thanks
Sanjay Erra

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Bcc: ["Chevy Smith"](#); ["Manogrie.ksems@telkomsa.net"](mailto:Manogrie.ksems@telkomsa.net)
Subject: Ushukela Highway Development
Date: 02 November 2010 07:35:00 AM

Dear Sanjay,

Apologies for the late reply, we are currently undertaking the scoping exercise and hope to release the draft scoping report in the second week of November 2010.

Kind Regards,

Chevy Smith

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Sanjay Erra

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Appendix 25.6: Proof of distribution of Draft and Final Scoping Report

Distribution of documents**Notification of Draft Scoping**

Project Title

uShukela Highway
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Client	NA	NA	NA
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Municipal Planning Contact	Diane Van Rensburg	22-Nov-10	E-mail
DWAF	Pat Reddy	22-Nov-10	E-mail
KZN Wildlife	Andy Blackmore	22-Nov-10	E-mail
AMAFA	Sello Mokhanya	22-Nov-10	E-mail
WESSA	Carolyn Schegman	22-Nov-10	E-mail
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Ward Councillor	Geoff Pullan	22-Nov-10	E-mail
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Community Representative	Krish Govender	22-Nov-10	E-mail
Tongaat Business Forum	Paresh Lakha	22-Nov-10	E-mail
Tongaat Civic Association	Jeeva Pillay	22-Nov-10	E-mail
Edstan Construction	Gavin Strydom	22-Nov-10	E-mail
PRIVATE	Jeeva Pillay	22-Nov-10	E-mail

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Ethekwini Planning	Emmanuel Letebele	22-Nov-10	E-mail
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eThekweni Municipality
COMPANY

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Appendix 25.7: Acceptance of Final Scoping Report and proof of distribution



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Dear Ms Chetty

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF FINAL SCOPING REPORT: PROPOSED USHUKELA HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT, DURBAN, KWAZULU- NATAL

The Department confirms having received the final Scoping Report dated February 2011 for the above-mentioned project on 9 February 2011.

You are hereby reminded that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely

Mr Dumisane Mthembu
Chief Director: Environmental Impact Management (Acting)
Department of Environmental Affairs
Letter signed by: Ms Hilda Bezuidenhout
Designation: Assistant Director: Environmental Impact Evaluation
Date: 23/02/2011



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Dear Ms Chetty

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: PROPOSED USHUKELA HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT, ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study for the Environmental Impact Assessment dated February 2011 and received by the Department on 9 February 2011 refer.

The Department has evaluated the submitted FSR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated February 2011 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2010. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 30(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2010.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2010.

Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This includes but is not limited to Amafa AkwaZulu Natali, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and WESA. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final EIR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.

In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the EIR:

- a) The total footprint of the proposed development should be indicated. Exact locations of each and every aspect of the development and associated infrastructure should be mapped and indicated on a map.
- b) The impacts of the proposed facility on avifauna must be assessed in the EIA phase.
- c) Possible impacts and effects of the development on the surrounding area.
- d) The EIR should include information on the following:
 - Environmental costs vs benefits of the Petrol Filling Station; and
 - Economic viability of the facility to the surrounding area and how the local community will benefit.
- e) Information on services required on the site, e.g. sewage, refuse removal, water and electricity. Who will supply these services and has an agreement and confirmation of capacity been obtained?
- f) A construction and operational phase EMP to include mitigation and monitoring measures.
- g) Should blasting be required, appropriate mitigation measures should be provided.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of regulation 67 with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations, and regulations 56 and 57 with regard to the allowance of a comment period for interested and affected parties on all reports submitted to the competent authority for decision-making. The reports referred to are listed in regulation 56(3a-3h).

Please ensure that the Final EIR includes at least one A3 regional map of the area and the locality maps included in the final EIR illustrate the different proposed alignments and above ground storage of fuel. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:

- Maps are relatable to one another;
- Cardinal points;
- Co-ordinates;
- Legible legends;
- Indicate alternatives;
- Sensitivities;
- Latest land cover;
- Vegetation types of the study area; and
- A3 size locality map.

Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subject to the provisions of Chapter II, Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999, then this Department will not be able to make nor issue a decision in terms of your application for Environmental Authorisation pending a letter from the pertinent heritage authority categorically stating that the application fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage resources authority as described in Chapter II, Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999.

You are requested to submit five (5) copies of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the Department as per regulation 34(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2010. Please submit at least one electronic copy (CD/DVD) of the complete final report with the hard copy documents.

You are hereby reminded that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely


Mr Dumisani Mthembu

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Department of Environmental Affairs

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Date: 13/04/2011

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Appendix 25.8: Proof of distribution of Draft Environmental Impact Report

Distribution of documents

Draft EIR

Project Title

uShukela

Contact	NAME	Date sent	Sent by fax, e-mail, hand delivered notice, post?
DAEA	Malcolm Moses	05/07/13	Delivered
Municipal Planning Contact	Diane Van Rensburg	05/07/13	Delivered
DWA	Bongiwe Sambo	05/07/13	Delivered
DAFF	Wiseman Rozani	05/07/13	Delivered
Dot	Roy Ryan	05/07/13	Delivered
KZN Wildlife	P Dlamini / Dineshrie Thambu	05/07/13	Delivered
AMAFA	Bernadet	05/07/13	Email
Ward Councillor	Mxolisi Nozimbomvu	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Ward Councillor	Geoff Pullan	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Rate Payers Assosiation	Bruce Stephenson	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Community Representative	Krish Govender	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Tongaat Business Forum	Paresh Lakha	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Umgeni Water	Mzo Gwabuzela	05/07/13	Delivered
Tongaat Library		05/07/13	Email/SMS
Edstan Construction	Gavin Strydom	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	Jeeva Pillay	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Izikhwepha Trading	Linda Cele	05/07/13	Email/SMS

SANRAL	Cas Landman	05/07/13	Delivered
Sanral	Judy Marx	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Keep Tongaat Beautiful Association	Mr Soobrie Govindsamy	05/07/13	Email/SMS
WESSA/ Umdloti Conservancy	Wade Holland	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Beach Civies	Anand Naidoo	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Business	Vish Naicker	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	R. Lallbahadur	05/07/13	Email/SMS
KZN Containers	M. Naidoo	05/07/13	Email/SMS
KZN Containers	Karen	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	Nathi Miya	05/07/13	Email/SMS
VBC	Sagren Vesaab	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	Ari.M. Perumal	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	Vasu Moodley	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	Vernon Pillay	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Coastal Weekly	Bongani	05/07/13	Email/SMS
A.C.N.F.T	Santhan Moodley	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Ward 61	Rebecca Abraham	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Tongaat C/Welfare	L. Naidoo	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	S. Sukhlal	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Lotus Enterprises	Preggie Moodley	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	Robert Reardon	05/07/13	Email/SMS

Hurbahs Investments	A.G. Hurbans	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Gandhi & Co.	R.S. Desai	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	Bheki Xaba	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Community & Civic	Arie Perumal	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Unibuloyf Group	Pat Moodley	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	Muhammad Dada	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Ethekwini Env Health Department	Sanjay Erra	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Ethekwini Planning	Emmanuel Letebele	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Tongaat Fuel Association	Debbie/ Soobrie	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	K. Naidoo	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	Mogie Naicker	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	Jason Naicker	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	M. Naicker	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	S. Govender	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	Neelen	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	K.G. Govender	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	G. Govender	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	Wayne	05/07/13	Email/SMS
TH Sugar	N. Naidoo	05/07/13	Email/SMS
TRANSNET	Joseph McMahon	05/07/13	Email/SMS
TRANSNET	P. Motsoahae	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Inyaninga Heritage Association	Tholsi Mudly	05/07/13	Email/SMS

Tongaat Glass Works	Elaine Govender	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Arcus Gibb	Rashida Davis	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	Mrs K Naidoo	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Private	Tony Govender	05/07/13	Email/SMS
Umdloti Coastal Conservancy Chairman	Wade Holland	05/07/13	Email/SMS

Appendix 25.9: Comments and Response Table

Comment		Response
Comments Received from BID		
<p>We would like to understand the project in light of the proposal titled Inyaninga/ uShukela Highway Precincts which is also undergoing assessment for environmental authorisation. WESSA consistently participates in the public process for application for environmental authorisation and in view of what has been commented on in recent years it seems that THD should have adopted a strategic and structured approach to planning development of its land and considered, for example, the preparation of an Environmental Management Framework. This would be extremely valuable in identifying development nodes, conservation nodes, service provision options etc. The fragmented approach being used to evaluate the extensive expansion of the built environment is a concern indeed and, we believe, precludes sound decision making. A holistic approach to evaluating the impacts on the receiving environment would be supported.</p>	<p>Carolyn Schwegmann EIA Co-ordinator WESSA KZN Region 4th October 2010</p>	<p>The project team notes the recommendation for EMF however, the current EIA is deemed adequate and appropriate to assess and evaluate all pertinent environmental issues and concerns including cumulative impacts pertaining to the proposed development.</p> <p>THD's Inyaninga/uShukela EIA has been split into 2 separate EIAs, one for Inyaninga and one for the uShukela Highway development as per this process.</p> <p>This has been done due to the fact that the uShukela Highway portion can be developed in isolation to the rest of the development and can be seen to be a logical extension and expansion to the Dube TradePort. It is also small enough to be able to assess on its own merits but needs to be assessed against the Municipality's planning frameworks for the region.</p> <p>The Inyaninga development is a much larger area and will have a much wider impact and hence is being dealt with separately but is large enough to be able to take a broader view.</p> <p>For the current proposal, KSEMS cc as the independent EAP are specifically aware of the environmental and socio-economic issues in the Northern eThekweni region and plan to thoroughly and comparatively assess the proposal in light of these strengths, weaknesses and opportunities of this region. The next phase of the EIA is the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that will serve as a detailed investigation into both site specific as well as cumulative impacts of the proposed development.</p> <p>To further support the mandate of sustainable development in the region, THD and DTP have committed to following an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) that will be designed specifically for the site during construction and operation of the development. The EMPr will be available for comment as part of the EIR.</p>

		<p>It is important to note that the EIA will serve to identify development constraints, such as environmentally sensitive areas; the final layout (to be included in the EIR) of the development will be cognizant of these areas. The proposed development will also be assessed in terms of the socio-economic requirements of the area by considering the need for housing and employment opportunities in the greater Tongaat region. These and other impacts will be further assessed and discussed in the EIR.</p>
<p>The following concerns regarding the Proposed uShukela Business and Office Park were highlighted in an email sent to KSEMS cc:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The loss of agricultural land is difficult to mitigate against and therefore careful consideration of this impact must be undertaken. 2. The construction of the proposed link road between the Trade Zone and uShukela Drive will encourage motorists to avoid the toll. 3. There has been a request for the Toll Plaza to be shifted northwards outside of the Urban Fringe. 4. The proposed location of a hotel near to the runway has been questioned as this area would be subject to the greatest amount of noise disturbance. It has been suggested that warehousing would be more suitable. 5. The proposal will more than likely compete with the business activity in Tongaat rather than compliment it. 	<p>Geoff Pullan Ward Councillor 14th October 2010</p>	<p>Comments Noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An agricultural assessment has been commissioned as a specialist study to be reviewed and assessed within the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Based on the outcome of this specialist study the impact significance will then be rated within the EIR allowing the competent authority to make an informed decision. 2. Access to Airport via the Trade Zone would more than likely become a freight orientated route, rather than a passenger orientated route. Any restrictions however would be guided by the conclusions found within the Traffic Impact Assessment. 3. The relocation of the Toll Plaza is outside the scope of this assessment and there are currently no plans to shift the Toll Plaza at this stage. 4. Noted. The proposed land use precincts on site are currently being finalised. The final land use proposed on the area immediately adjacent to the runway will include the necessary noise attenuation measures. This will ensure that whichever activity undertaken is not severely impacted upon by noise generated from the aircraft using KSIA. 5. This issue is to be investigated in the EIR.
<p>Transnet Capital Projects have requested that a meeting be held to discuss their planning initiatives in the area and ensure all their</p>	<p>Joe McMahon Environmental Manager</p>	<p>A proposed meeting date is currently being finalised and all concerns raised by Transnet Capital Projects will be included in the Final Scoping</p>

<p>concerns are captured within the report.</p>	<p>Transnet Capital Projects 1st November 2010</p>	<p>Report or EIR.</p>
<p><u>Electricity Department</u></p> <p>The Electricity Department has no objection, however please note:</p> <p>The applicant must consult eThekweni Electricity's main records (held in the drawing office at eThekweni Electricity Headquarters, 1 Jeff Taylor Crescent, for the presence of underground electrical services. In addition should any overhead line and /or servitude be affected, the specific permission of the Head: Electricity must be sought regarding the proposed installation.</p> <p>The relocation of MV/LV electrical services, if required in order to accommodate the proposed development, will be carried out at the expense of the applicant.</p> <p><u>Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department</u></p> <p>This department has identified an urgent need to ensure that natural ecosystems and habitats within the northern precinct of the city (both existing and potential), which provide essential ecological goods and services that are critical to Durban's long-term sustainability, are adequately protected and managed so as to ensure their resilience. This is particularly important in light of the extensive development which is proposed. In keeping with these points, please find our responding comments below:</p> <p>The main concerns relate to the identification and adequate buffering of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) wetlands (b) 1:100 year floodlines and, (c) drainage lines. <p>Please note that this Department requires a minimum 40 meter buffer from the 1:100 year flood line and a 30 meter buffer from any identified wetlands and all drainage lines.</p> <p>In addition to the above a rehabilitation plan, regarding the wetlands, floodlines, drainage lines and associated buffers, must be formulated and included in the EIA report for assessment and comment. Additional, more detailed, comments will be made once more information is provided in the Scoping and EIA phases of the assessment.</p> <p><u>Land Use Management Department</u></p> <p>Kindly note that LUMS North has no objection in principle to the proposed development since the Proposed Land Uses for the uShukela Highway Development are in alignment with the Northern Spatial Development Plan (NSDP) and the Northern Urban Development Corridor Plan</p>	<p>eThekweni Municipality (28/10/2010, received 18/11/2010)</p>	<p><u>Electricity Department</u></p> <p>Comment noted. The applicant will determine the presence of all underground services. There are no overhead lines within the proposed site, should any servitude be affected the relevant HOD will be contacted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p><u>Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department</u></p> <p>Comment noted. The potential loss of natural ecosystems and habitats will be discussed further in the EIR.</p> <p>Comment noted. A wetland study has been conducted to identify and delineate all watercourses within the proposed site. The wetland study will determine the functionality of the watercourses and appropriate buffers will be implemented where and if required to ensure protection of the watercourses. The 1: 100 year floodline will be determined and an appropriate buffer as per specialist recommendations will be implemented.</p> <p>A rehabilitation plan will be prepared and submitted to the department for comment as part of the EIR.</p> <p><u>Land Use Management Department</u></p> <p>Comment noted. Both the environmental department and eThekweni Transport Authority have provided comment relating to the proposed project.</p>

<p>(NUDCP). However it must be emphasized that any development will be subject to clearances from and environmental aspect as well as compliance with any requirements stipulated by the eThekweni Transportation Authority.</p> <p>Framework Planning Branch</p> <p>The proposed land users for the Ushukela Highway Development are in alignment with the Northern Spatial Development Plan (NSDP) and the Northern Urban Development Corridor Plan (NUDCP).</p> <p>This branch gives in principle support of this application, subject to the following:</p> <p>The portions of the site affected by DMOSS and 1: 100 year flood lines should be avoided in the planning of the development and approval from the Environmental Management Department must be secured on this matter.</p> <p>Service agreements with the relevant departments must be secured.</p> <p>No noise sensitive land uses must occur within the development, which falls within the 55db, 2035 noise zone.</p> <p>Provision must be made for the proposed Eastern by-pass of the R102 and/or any future road / rail servitudes that may be required.</p> <p>Issues around access are to be addressed to the satisfaction of the eThekweni Transport Authority.</p> <p>Landscaping and setbacks will be required from the uShukela Highway and the N2.</p> <p>Although the land uses conform to the city plans, confirmation needs to be given that they do not conflict with any other plans drawn up by the authorities such as ACSA and others.</p> <p>Environmental Health Department</p> <p>In view of the close proximity of the proposed development to the KSIA, aviation noise impacts will probably be unavoidable. It is therefore imperative that all buildings are designed to meet the acoustic targets in terms of SANS Code 10103:2004.</p> <p>In terms of the Background Information Document the land is earmarked for, inter alia, industrial and manufacturing development in an “unzoned” area, Concern is raised that in the absence of prescribed parameters for land usage, the development of hazardous industries may occur</p>		<p>Framework Planning Branch</p> <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Comment noted. The proposed site is surrounded by DMOSS on the eastern portion of the site. There are no DMOSS areas identified within the proposed site. The 1: 100 year floodline will be determined and appropriate buffers will be implemented where and if required.</p> <p>Noted. The engineering report will confirm that existing services have sufficient capacity to accommodate the proposed development. Service agreements will be obtained upon approval of the proposed application.</p> <p>Comment noted. There will be no sensitive land uses within the development within the 55db 2035 noise zone.</p> <p>Comment noted. The consultant team is waiting for more details on the proposals.</p> <p>Noted. The ETA have been contacted and have provided comment on the proposed project.</p> <p>Comment noted. Authorities and I & APs including ACSA have been notified of the application. Any concerns / issues raised by the relevant authorities to date have been addressed in the draft scoping report. ACSA will be requested to provide a letter / statement confirming that the proposed land uses do not conflict with any of their</p>
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<p>thereby resulting in negative health impacts.</p> <p>The area is presently not serviced by an eThekweni Municipal sewer reticulation system. This Department would recommend that all sewer be linked to the planned sewer trunk line as opposed to using on-site package plants.</p> <p>Building plans are required to be approved prior to commencement of any construction work.</p> <p>All work on site must comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (85 of 1993).</p> <p>Effective dust suppression methods must be used to prevent any dust nuisance arising from the site.</p> <p>The Brake village river which runs through / adjacent to the proposed site must be protected against any pollution that may arise during the construction phase.</p> <p>Proper re-habilitation of the site must be carried out on completion of the project.</p> <p>eThekweni Water and Sanitation</p> <p>Please register this department as an Interested and Affected Party.</p> <p>Durban Solid Waste</p> <p>The EIA must address the generation, storage, transportation and disposal of both hazardous and general waste during construction and more importantly during operation.</p> <p>Fire Safety</p> <p>Building plans are to be submitted for approval.</p> <p>Coastal, Stormwater and Catchment Management Department</p> <p>This Department requires a Stormwater Management Plan for this proposal.</p> <p>Geotechnical Engineering Branch</p> <p>According to the municipal GIS, this site is a mixed bag. It is underlain by Vryheid Formation Sandstone in the west (erodible and hard excavation) and Berea Formation clayey sands and sandy clays in the central and eastern sections (highly erodible). There is at least one active landslide identified in the central portion of the site and there are zones demarcated as shallow seepage (not necessarily in a valley bottom).</p>		<p>plans.</p> <p>Environmental Health Department</p> <p>Comment noted. All buildings will be designed according to SANS Code 10103:2004.</p> <p>Comment noted. Please note that the proposed site will consist of a business park, offices, light and service industry including potential manufacturing and warehousing. In addition to the above, a petrol filling station has been proposed to service the development. The potential impacts of the petrol facility which include the storage and handling of dangerous goods will be discussed further in the EIR.</p> <p>Comment noted. The proposed development will be connected to the planned sewer system. There will be no construction of on-site package plants.</p> <p>Noted. All building plans will be submitted to the municipality upon approval of the application, prior to commencement of any construction activities.</p> <p>Comment noted. All work will comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act.</p> <p>Noted. The EMP will address these issues to ensure that prevent dust nuisance within and around the proposed site.</p> <p>Noted. A wetland study has been conducted to identify and delineate all watercourses within the proposed site to ensure protection of these systems.</p> <p>Noted. A rehabilitation plan will be prepared and included in the EIR for comment. The rehabilitation plan will be implemented upon completion of construction activities within the proposed site.</p> <p>eThekweni Water and Sanitation</p>
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<p>It is essential that a detailed geotechnical field investigation be carried out across the whole site prior to finalising the layout so that no-go areas and buffers can be excluded from development and recommendations can be made for adjacent areas to be developed so as not to induce instability. Areas of shallow midslope seepage will also require special measures.</p> <p>eThekwini Transport Authority</p> <p>This department will provide comment at the EIA / Scoping Report Stage – the TIA in support of the above development will be submitted as part of these reports – the ETA will provide comment to the TIA – note: when the EIA / Scoping Report are submitted copies must be forwarded to both the Strategic Transport Planning Section (STP) and the Road System Management Section (RSM) of the ETA – these reports are to be circulated to the representative Deputy Heads of these sections.</p>		<p>Noted. This department has been registered as an I & AP.</p> <p>Durban Solid Waste</p> <p>Noted. This will be discussed further in the EIR.</p> <p>Fire Safety</p> <p>Noted. Building plans will be submitted for approval to the relevant departments upon approval of this application.</p> <p>Coastal, Stormwater and Catchment Management Department</p> <p>Comment noted. A stormwater management plan will included and discussed in the EIR.</p> <p>Geotechnical Engineering Branch</p> <p>Comment noted. A detailed geotechnical investigation has been conducted and will be indicate areas of geological instability i.e. no-go areas and areas of shallow midslope seepage. The geotechnical report will be included and discussed in the EIR.</p> <p>eThekwini Transport Authority</p> <p>Comment noted. A copy of the TIA will be included and discussed in the EIR. A request has been submitted to Ms van Rensburg to ensure that the STP RSM within the ETA are provided with a copy of the draft</p>
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		scoping report and EIR.
Comments received from Public Information Evening		
A concern was raised regarding the placement of the application advertisement within the North Coast Courier. It was felt that either the Coastal Weekly or King Shaka Weekly would have been more appropriate to inform the residents of Tongaat of the application.	The Public Meeting was held at Tongaat Town Hall on 13th October 2010.	Comment Noted. This will be further investigated and an additional advert may be placed within one of these Newspapers. This task has since been completed and an additional advert was placed in the Coastal Weekly on the 4th November 2010.
A query was raised regarding the authority through which the application was lodged.		The application has been lodged with the National Department of Environmental Affairs. This is because of the location of project has national significance in terms of activities around the King Shaka International Airport. Furthermore, Dube TradePort is a provincial government body and requires approval from a different authority to avoid any conflict of interests that may exist at the provincial level.
A concern was raised regarding the loss of viable agricultural land.		An agricultural assessment has been commissioned as a specialist study to be reviewed and assessed within the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Based on the outcome of this specialist study this impact will then be rated within the EIR allowing the competent authority to make an informed decision.
A query was raised regarding the public participation process. Should a large positive response not be received on the initial notification, would a more intensive process then be implemented?		Additional public participation could be considered or included in the process; however it would be implemented within the existing project timeframes. In addition, public participation will continue throughout the EIA phase of the process.
A query was raised regarding how this development would be integrated into the Tongaat Business Economy. It should compliment the existing activities and not contribute to a loss in atmosphere within the		Comment Noted. This will be further investigated within the Environmental Impact Report.

CBD.		
Concern was raised regarding this type of development as in the past developers seem to stop the development just before the CBD and no effort is made to upgrade "Tongaat" in the process.		Comment Noted. A specialist has been appointed to conduct a socio-economic study and this concern will be further investigated within the Environmental Impact Report.
The overall spatial development of the area must ensure that Tongaat Town is not sidelined economically.		Comment Noted. A specialist has been appointed to conduct a socio-economic study and this concern will be further investigated within Environmental Impact Report.
A query was raised regarding the impact the development would have on the residents of Herrwood.		Comment Noted. This concern will be further investigated within Environmental Impact Report.
A question was raised regarding the possible relocation of the Toll Plaza.		The relocation of the Toll Plaza is outside the scope of this assessment and there are currently no plans to shift the Toll Plaza at this stage.
A query related to the North Urban Development Corridor and potential re-alignment of the R102 and UShukela Drive was raised.		This planning document is essentially eThekweni Municipality's proposal and no definite confirmation of these route alignments can be given at this stage, this would however be further investigated in the Scoping and Environmental Impact Report where such may impact upon the development proposal.
A concern was raised regarding the presence of drainage lines on the site.		A wetland study has been commissioned to identify and delineate potential wetland areas. Appropriate buffers will be instituted where necessary to ensure these environmentally sensitive areas are not impacted upon during both the construction and operation of this development.
During the construction period no heavy vehicles should be allowed on uShukela Drive during peak traffic hours.		This will be further investigated based on information provided in the Traffic Impact Assessment
Would there be any height restrictions on the buildings within this development?		The buildings will be designed and built in accordance with guidelines and recommendations made by the Civil Aviation Authority.
Is there any mechanism that investigates whether other developments of a similar nature are at full capacity prior to commencing with the development of a new site?		Comment Noted. This concern will be further investigated within the Environmental Impact Report.
The flow of sewage into the Tongaat Waste Water Treatment Works is a critical issue and the		An engineering report has been commissioned related to the capacity

<p>capacity of the works must be investigated to ensure it can handle the additional load this development place on the facility.</p>		<p>of local infrastructure to handle a development of this nature. This study will be assessed within the EIR.</p>
<p>The availability of water on site must be investigated as part of the Environmental Assessment Process.</p>		<p>Part of the assessment process is the careful investigation of all the service requirements of the development to ensure the local infrastructure can handle the new development. Availability of bulk services including water will be confirmed within the engineering reports that have already been commissioned for this project.</p>
<p>A statement was made regarding the potential inadequacies of traffic circles to handle large volumes of traffic.</p>		<p>Comment Noted. The Traffic Impact Assessment will inform all decisions regarding the layout of intersections within the proposed development.</p>
<p>A query was raised regarding the potential widening of uShukela Drive and the creation of the link road between uShukela Drive and the Trade Zone. It was felt that this may cause people to use this link road as a means to avoid the toll when entering the airport. A proliferation of this behaviour would then damage the alternate routes in the area.</p>		<p>Access to Airport via the Trade Zone would more than likely become a freight orientated route, rather than a passenger orientated route. Any restrictions however would be guided by the conclusions found within the Traffic Impact Assessment.</p>
<p>A comment regarding the lack of apparent integration between the Spatial Development Plan and the Inyaninga and uShukela Highway Developments was made and frustration expressed at the difficulty in commenting on these processes when the bigger picture is not clear in terms of the overall development plans for the area. It was felt that in some cases information is being withheld by the eThekweni Municipality.</p>		<p>Response by Emmanuel Letebele: Efforts are being made on the behalf of both eThekweni Municipality and Tongaat Hulett Developments in an attempt to achieve alignment (where appropriate) between the city's spatial development plan for the area and plans of the private developer.</p>
<p>It was felt that such information pertaining to these issues of spatial development should be more widely distributed by eThekweni Municipality.</p>		<p>Comment Noted.</p>
<p>It should be noted that the environmental assessment process should not be portrayed as a process whereby the decision has already been made and that decision is positive. The general public should not assume that just because the development has been proposed it has the approval of the Municipality.</p>		<p>Comment Noted. The proposed development would be required to undergo all necessary planning approval and development facilitation act etc. that fall outside of the assessment process.</p>
<p>There should be a provision for rainwater harvesting and efficient use of water within the proposed development. Waste should be reduced and then subsequently separated and recycled.</p>		<p>Comment Noted. The development will be aligned to the latest sustainability principles with such recommendations being incorporated in both the design and management of the individual</p>

		buildings and site.
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<p>re- Additional comments</p> <p>My area of concern is,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The traffic impact of the proposed dual lane roadway from DTP/KSIA into a single lane road- the Watson/Ushukela highway. Watson highway during peak times does get clogged. Could the developer not build? [1]a separate service road parallel to the south side of the Watson highway with only a link at the N2 ramp-on/off point.[2] or convert the existing section of the Watson highway into a dual lane one-way and build the opposite two lanes on the other side of the trees lining the south side of the existing roadway. The scenic route must be maintained at all costs. Will there be a link from the proposed new highway to Hospital hill road via the klipfontein area. I do believe that this will result in a better long term solution avoiding an impending traffic problem for the residents of Tongaat and the beach area. I have to say that the design of the proposed dual lane roadway, including bicycle and pedestrian pavements is welcomed. Does the developer have measures to relocate or contain the monkeys in the area? 	<p>Jeeva pillay (02/12/2010)</p>	
<p>eThekwini Electricity Department</p> <p>The Electricity department has no objection. Please refer to this Department's BID comments included above.</p> <p>Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department</p> <p>Please refer to this Department's BID comments included above.</p> <p>Land Use Management Department</p> <p>Please refer to this Department's BID comments included above.</p>	<p>eThekwini Municipality (22/12/2010)</p>	<p>eThekwini Electricity Department</p> <p>Noted. The applicant will consult this department for the presence of underground services and the department will be contacted should any overhead lines or servitudes be affected.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

<p>Framework Planning Branch</p> <p>The uShukela Highway Development is envisaged to provide a wide variety of uses including industrial/manufacturing, warehousing, business parks, service industry, office, retail and a “Brain Port”.</p> <p>The site is currently unzoned and bordered to the east by the N2, south by the KSIA airport, west by sugarcane, and north by the uShukela highway. The site is owned by Tongaat Hulett Developers and Dube Trade Port.</p> <p>Services in particular wastewater, are not in existence on the site and will require substantial investment.</p> <p>Environmental concerns revolve mainly around high noise levels (the development falls within the 55db, 2035 noise zone) and drainage / stormwater concerns, as the site is on transformed agricultural land. Portions of the site are also affected by DMOSS and the 1: 100 year floodline. The site is also adjacent to the community of Herrwood, which will be affected by both noise from the airport and the non-compatible land uses from the Ushukela site.</p> <p>This branch is in support of this application, subject to the following:</p> <p>All previous comments from this branch remain relevant.</p> <p>The impacts of the uShukela Highway development on the community of Herrwood must be clarified and resolved to the satisfaction of this branch.</p> <p>Environmental Health Department</p> <p>The various comments from the relevant departments seem to be omitted from the “Comments and Response Table” of the abovementioned report. I am not sure if this a general omission applicable to all copies of the Draft Scoping Report or whether it has been inadvertently omitted from only certain copies. It is important to include these comments for future reference.</p> <p>No objection is raised to this report provided the comments as described above are incorporated in the Draft Scoping Report.</p> <p>No further comments are necessary at this stage.</p> <p>Durban Solid Waste</p> <p>The EIA must address the generation, storage,</p>		<p>Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department</p> <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Comment noted. A wetland study has been conducted to identify and delineate all watercourses (i.e. drainage lines, riparian areas and wetlands) within the proposed site. Furthermore, a wetland assessment study has been undertaken to determine the functionality of the watercourses and wetlands and the potential development impacts and mitigation measures. In addition, the wetland specialist will provide recommendations based on the findings of the wetland functional assessment and applicable Norms and Standards Guidelines. The 1: 100 year floodline will be determined and an appropriate buffer as per the specialist recommendations will be implemented.</p> <p>A rehabilitation plan will be prepared and submitted to the department for comment as part of the EIR.</p> <p>Noted. The cumulative impacts of the KSIA associated development will be assessed in the EIR and this will provide a significance rating for individual impacts.. The carrying capacity will be discussed further in the EIR.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Land Use Management Department</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted, both departments have provided comment which will be addressed in the EIR.</p> <p>Framework Planning Department</p> <p>Noted. This will be further investigated in the EIR.</p> <p>Noted. This will be further investigated in the EIR.</p> <p>Noted. Previous comments have been noted and potential impacts including the potential impact on the Herrwood community will be assessed in the EIR.</p>
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<p>transportation and disposal of both hazardous and general waste during construction and more importantly during operation.</p> <p>Fire Safety Building plans are to be submitted for approval.</p> <p>Coastal, Stormwater and Catchment Management Department</p> <p>This department requires a stormwater management plan for this proposal.</p> <p>eThekwini Water and Sanitation Department</p> <p>Please register this department as an I & AP.</p> <p>eThekwini Transport Authority</p> <p>Please be advised that a detailed Traffic Impact Assessment in support of the proposed uShukela Highway Precinct Development must be submitted / included as part of the specialist reports in the final EIA application document.</p>		<p>Environmental Health Department</p> <p>The comments from eThekwini Municipality were received after the document was prepared for release to I & APs. The comments were then electronically distributed to I & APs on the 29/11/2010.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Durban Solid Waste</p> <p>Noted. The EIR and EMPr will address the generation, storage, transportation and disposal of hazardous and general waste during construction and operation.</p> <p>Fire Safety</p> <p>Noted. Building plans will be submitted to the department upon approval of this authorisation.</p> <p>Coastal, Stormwater and Catchment Management Department</p> <p>A stormwater management plan will be prepared and included in the EIR for comment.</p> <p>eThekwini Water and Sanitation Department</p> <p>Noted. This department has been registered as an I & AP and will continue to receive information via Ms van Rensburg.</p> <p>eThekwini Transport Authority</p> <p>A traffic impact assessment is being conducted and will be included and discussed in the EIR.</p>
<p>The Plan of study for the EIA phase is acceptable to this department, however please ensure that the impact of noise on the development must be thoroughly investigated and suitable mitigation measures against this impact must be included in the EIA report.</p> <p>This correspondence / response does not exclude the application form compliance with any other relevant and applicable legislation.</p> <p>The applicant is responsible for compliance with the provision of Duty of care and Remediation of Damage in accordance with Section 28 of NEMA, as amended, where the determination of environmental degradation and the need for remediation will be decided by this department.</p>	<p>DAEARD (11/01/2011)</p>	<p>Noted. The impact of noise on the development will be assessed further in the EIR.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted. The applicant will ensure compliance with all applicable legislation.</p>

<p>Mr Cele has reviewed the draft scoping report and has found the report interesting. Mr Cele has raised issues regarding the potential employment opportunity for his company.</p>	<p>Linda Cele Isikwepha Trading (10/01/2011)</p>	<p>Noted, however please note that any potential employment issues related to the construction and operation of the proposed development is out of the scope of this EIA.</p>
<p>Development Application and Planning</p> <p>Environmental Management Framework. WESSA remains of the opinion that a more integrated approach to developing the area should be followed by the landowner. (WESSA comment dated 4/10/10)</p> <p>Inyanyinga Development – referred to in response to WESSA comment dated 4/10/10. Is this the development under EIA reference number DM/0105/09? That separate application processes are being followed confirms the lack of an holistic approach being adopted by THD to developing the area.</p> <p>The SR suggests that the proposed development will compliment future land uses and development in the area. Plans which show future land uses and which have been adopted by eThekweni (and neighbouring municipalities) need to be presented. The SR includes Fig 4 showing surrounding land uses – is this an adopted plan?</p> <p>To support the predicted development of the area, plans for infrastructure, identification of open spaces critical to sound urban planning, social facilities, conservation areas and ecological linkages must also be presented.</p> <p>Legislation</p> <p>The SR discusses legislative requirements and although the following are seemingly not applicable to the site and proposal under discussion accuracy of information is sought.</p> <p>National Forest Act, 1998 (NFA). There is a need to be more specific in that the NFA protects natural forests as an ecosystem and not only certain indigenous trees as stated in the SR. In KwaZulu-Natal the Act is supplemented by the Policy Guidelines for Development Affecting Natural Forests in KZN and the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the former Departments of Water Affairs & Forestry, Agriculture and Environmental Affairs and Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife to give effect to</p>	<p>WESSA (19/01/2011)</p>	<p>Noted. However, according to the amended EIA Regulations, provincial MEC should initiate an EMF process, hence the applicant can't be faltered for not adopting an integrated and holistic approach to development for this node.</p> <p>Noted. DM/0105/09 is the correct EIA number for Inyanyinga, however, the Scoping Report is question (Ushukela Highway is a separate EIA application (EIA Ref: 12/12/20/2013).</p> <p>The EIR will provide an appropriate context for the development of the site from a holistic, integrated manner.</p> <p>It is also noted that the eThekweni Municipality has undertaken spatial planning initiatives for the greater region and any development will need to be in accordance with these plans.</p> <p>Noted. This will be discussed further in the EIR. The specialists' studies, including ecological and wetland studies will determine the conservation status of the study are and this will be included into the EIR.</p> <p>Legislation</p> <p>The relevant section will be updated to include the additional information.</p> <p>An MHI is being conducted and will include all hazardous activities if and where relevant. This will be further discussed in the EIR.</p> <p>Comment noted. The relevant specialist studies are being conducted to identify areas protected by legislation (i.e. wetlands, protected vegetation etc). In addition to this, the EAP team will use specialists' recommendations to</p>

<p>the guideline document.</p> <p>Protected Plants. Provincial legislation applies in addition to NFA where permits are required from Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife.</p> <p>The information presented in the SR gives rise to the following:</p> <p>Major Hazard Installation. The Planning Assessment for the project will include the possible identification of a MHI. This aspect must be covered in detail with risk analyses included should hazardous activities be proposed.</p> <p>Open Space. The site, 137 ha in extent, once developed will see an enormous increase in hard surfacing and WESSA finds the offer of the Preferred Layout of only 12.6 ha of open space, which is limited to habitat protected by legislation only (drainage lines and wetlands), extremely restrictive. The area of open space required for a development of the nature and scale of that proposed development must be determined by the receiving environment and WESSA encourages no-development areas beyond areas protected by legislation to be accommodated.</p> <p>Ecological Assessment - Open Spaces. The SR notes the potential for an onsite open space system to compliment the eThekweni's existing system. WESSA fully supports an integrated approach, however, finds that the ecological assessment which will be undertaken by Groundtruth is limited in its outcomes which are "to determine whether there are any ecologically significant features on site". WESSA would like the ecological assessment to investigate the opportunities in detail.</p> <p>Services – Water. WESSA would like detail on the "existing potable water system", such as source and capacity. WESSA would also like to know what measures will be implemented to reduce pressures on stressed water supplies.</p> <p>Services – Sanitation. In addition to establishing the capacity available at the Tongaat Wastewater Treatment Works, the plant must also be looked at in terms of compliance and the impacts of discharge of increased volumes to the receiving environment.</p> <p>Waste Management. Early planning must include integrated waste management which reduces waste volumes to landfill. Details on types of waste are required and recycling opportunities providing employment must be considered.</p> <p>Stormwater. The SR requires that stormwater be reticulated to the municipal stormwater system. As the site is agriculture land currently being farmed WESSA finds it unlikely that a municipal system is in place. Detail on the management of</p>		<p>further provide for suitable open space system within the study area to ensure enhanced environmental goods and services. This will be further addressed in the EIR.</p> <p>Comment noted, the ecological assessment is being conducted and this will also investigate and evaluate possible opportunities and potential trade offs.</p> <p>The requested information will be discussed as part of the engineering report and the EIR.</p> <p>Noted. This will be assessed as part of the EIR.</p> <p>Recycling will be recommended at source prior to disposal of waste at the landfill site. The details on the types of waste that may be produced on site will be discussed in the EIR.</p> <p>Noted. A stormwater management plan will be prepared and included in the EIR.</p> <p>A wetland rehabilitation plan will be prepared and included in the EIR for comment. The plan will detail a pre-implementation approach to ensure net ecological gain.</p> <p>Comment noted.</p>
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<p>surface water, looking at options other than piped discharge to the nearest drainage line will be welcome.</p> <p>Site Physical Properties. The SR describes drainage lines and wetlands which have been altered through farming practices. The change of land use enables re-instatement and rehabilitation and WESSA would like the opportunities maximised.</p> <p>WESSA is satisfied that the socio-economic aspects of the development, loss of agricultural land, traffic issues etc will be investigated and we look forward to receiving further information.</p>		
<p>The Draft Scoping Report has been reviewed by the KZN Wildlife IEM Planning Committee. KZN Wildlife is satisfied with the proposed plan of study, provided that the wetland assessment terms of reference include a level 1 Health Assessment in order to inform decision making an sensitivity analysis around wetlands on the proposed site. Furthermore, the applicant is encouraged to make use of the "Draft Handbook for Biodiversity Specialist Studies" to inform a standardized approach to terms of reference to specialist studies and to guide sensitivity mapping.</p> <p>Please note that this does not constitute KZN Wildlife's final comment on this application. Final comment will be issued on receipt and review of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (04/02/2011)</p>	<p>Comment noted. The wetland assessment terms of reference has included a level 1 health assessment (<i>pers comm.</i> Doug McCulloch). A copy of the draft handbook will be requested from KZN Wildlife.</p>
Comments Received Before the Release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)		
<p>Please be advised that WESSA will not continue to provide specific comment on this project, as we will be dealing with EIA related issues on a strategic basis into the future.</p> <p>Please find attached a WESSA communique from our Chief Operations Officer and Director: Conservation in this regard.</p>	<p>WESSA Bianca Morgan 28 May 2013</p>	<p>Noted. Please see WESSA attachment after the comments and response table.</p>
Comments Received on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)		

From: [Carolyn](#)
To: [Kerry Seppings](#)
Cc: [B.McKelvey](#)
Subject: uShukela Highway Development
Date: 04 October 2010 03:36:08 PM

Dear Jean

Please register WESSA as an I&AP and send information on the project to the undersigned - DC12/12/20/2013.

We would like to understand the project in light of the proposal titled Inyanyinga/uShukela Highway Precincts which is also undergoing assessment for environmental authorisation. WESSA consistently participates in the public process for application for environmental authorisation and in view of what has been commented on in recent years it seems that THD should have adopted a strategic and structured approach to planning development of its land and considered, for example, the preparation of an Environmental Management Framework. This would be extremely valuable in identifying development nodes, conservation nodes, service provision options etc. The fragmented approach being used to evaluate the extensive expansion of the built environment is a concern indeed and, we believe, precludes sound decision making. A holistic approach to evaluating the impacts on the receiving environment would be supported.

Regards

Carolyn Schwegman
EIA Co-ordinator, WESSA KZN Region

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From: [Geoff D A Pullan](#)
To: "KSEMS"
Subject: EIA - Tongaat - uShukela Highway Development (DEA Ref: 12/12/20/2013) - comments - Oct 2010
Date: 14 October 2010 07:07:21 PM

Hi Kerry, Chevy and Manogrie,

Thank you for the presentation last night.

Some thoughts...

1. Unfortunately there is no new agricultural land, so we need to think long and hard before we give up farmland.
2. New roads to the airport precinct will encourage motorists to avoid the toll.
3. The Toll needs to be moved further north, outside the urban area.
4. Why is the hotel situated at the southern edge of the site, closest to the runway noise ? Surely warehousing would not be so affected by aircraft noise.
5. These proposals will compete with rather than complement the Town of Tongaat

Kind regards,
Geoff D A Pullan
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Subject: uShukela Highway Development (DEA Ref: 12/12/20/2013)

Dear All,

Thank you for attending the Public Meeting yesterday evening for the above mentioned project. Please note I have noticed the fax and telephone number on the comments sheet distributed yesterday is incorrect.

Should you wish to submit your comments via fax please use our new number below.

Kind Regards,

Chevy Smith
Lead Environmental Consultant Roads and Infrastructure



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Date: 01 November 2010 01:00:16 PM

Hi Chevy

Tx for the mail.

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We have discussed this matter telephonically in the pas and would like our concerns captured in the report.

Kindly forward us with 3 dates that will be suitable to yourself so that we can align diaries.

Thanking you

Kind regards

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Dear Joe,

Thank you for your email. I will forward the 3 dates to you shortly, I am just confirming with our clients if they would like to be present.

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DATE : 18 November 2010
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MESSAGE

Dear Chevy,

Attached please find a letter dated 28 October 2010 containing the Municipality's comments for DPM/EIA 440(N).

Please note, should you require the original copies of the letter, please contact me to arrange for these to be sent to you, either by post or through your messenger/s.

Thank You.

Kind Regards,
Diane

**Please contact Diane van Rensburg
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28 October 2010

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Chevy Smith

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR THE PROPOSED USHUKELA HIGHWAY BUSINESS AND OFFICE PARK DEVELOPMENT.

With reference to the abovementioned Background Information Document please be advised that various Municipal Departments have had sight of the proposal and the following comments are submitted for your attention.

1. eThekweni Electricity Department.

The Electricity Department has no objection, however please note:

(1) The applicant must consult eThekweni Electricity's mains records (held in the drawing office at eThekweni Electricity Headquarters, 1 Jelf Taylor Crescent, for the presence of underground electrical services. In addition should any overhead line and/or servitude be affected, the specific permission of the Head: Electricity must be sought regarding the proposed installation.

(2) The relocation of MV/LV electrical services, if required in order to accommodate the proposed development, will be carried out at the expense of the applicant.

2. Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department.

This Department has identified an urgent need to ensure that natural ecosystems and habitats within the northern precinct of the city (both existing and potential), which provide essential ecological goods and services that are critical to Durban's long-term sustainability, are adequately protected and managed so as to ensure their resilience. This is particularly important in light of the extensive development which is proposed. In keeping with these points, please find our responding comments below:

The main concerns relate to the identification and adequate buffering of (a) wetlands (b) 1:100 year flood lines and, (c) drainage lines. Please note that this Department requires a minimum 40 meter buffer from the 1:100 year flood line and a 30 meter buffer from any identified wetlands and all drainage lines.

In addition to the above a rehabilitation plan, regarding the wetlands, flood lines, drainage lines and associated buffers, must be formulated and included in the EIA report for assessment and comment.

Additional, more detailed, comments will be made once more information is provided in the Scoping and EIA phases of the assessment.

3. Land Use Management Department.

Kindly note that LUMS North has no objection in principle to the proposed development since the Proposed Land Uses for the uShukela Highway development are in alignment with the Northern Spatial Development Plan (NSDP) and the Northern Urban Development Corridor Plan (NUDCP). However it must be emphasized that any development will be subject to clearances from an Environmental aspect as well as compliance with any requirements stipulated by the eThekweni Transportation Authority.

4. Framework Planning Branch.

The Proposed Land Uses for the uShukela Highway development are in alignment with the Northern Spatial Development Plan (NSDP) and the Northern Urban Development Corridor Plan (NUDCP).

This Branch gives in principle support of this application, subject to the following:

1. The portions of the site affected by DMOSS and 1 : 100 year flood lines should be avoided in the planning of the development and approval from the Environmental Management Department must be secured on this matter.
2. Service agreements with the relevant Departments must be secured.
3. No noise sensitive land uses must occur within the development, which falls within the 55db, 2035 noise zone.
4. Provision must be made for the proposed Eastern by-pass of the R 102 and/or any future road/rail servitudes that may be required.
5. Issues around access are to be addressed to the satisfaction of the eThekweni Transport Authority.
6. Landscaping and setbacks will be required from the uShukela Highway and the N2.
7. Although the land uses conform to the city plans, confirmation needs to be given that they do not conflict with any other plans drawn up by authorities such as ACSA and others.

5. Environmental Health Department.

1. In view of the close proximity of the proposed development to the KSIA, aviation noise impacts will probably be unavoidable. It is therefore imperative that all buildings are designed to meet the acoustic targets in terms of the SANS Code 10103: 2004.
2. In terms of the Background Information Document the land is earmarked for, inter alia, industrial and manufacturing development in an "unzoned" area. Concern is raised that in the absence of prescribed parameters for land usage, the development of hazardous industries may occur thereby resulting in negative health impacts.
3. The area is presently not serviced by an eThekweni Municipal sewer reticulation system. This Department would recommend that all sewer be linked to the planned sewer trunk line as opposed to using on-site package plants.
4. Building plans are required to be approved prior to commencement of any construction work.
5. All work on site must comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (85 of 1993).
6. Effective dust suppression methods must be used to prevent any dust nuisance arising from the site.
7. The Brake Village river which runs through/adjacent to the proposed site must be protected against any pollution that may arise during the construction phase.
8. Proper re-habilitation of the site must be carried out on completion of the project.

6. eThekweni Water and Sanitation.

Please register this Department as an Interested and Affected Party.

7. **Durban Solid Waste.**

The EIA must address the generation, storage, transportation and disposal of both hazardous and general waste during construction and more importantly during operation.

8. **Fire Safety.**

Building plans are to be submitted for approval.

9. **Coastal, Stormwater and Catchment Management Department.**

This Department requires a Stormwater Management Plan for this proposal.

10. **Geotechnical Engineering Branch.**

According to the municipal GIS, this site is a mixed bag. It is underlain by Vryheid Formation sandstone in the west (erodible + hard excavation) and Berea Formation clayey sands and sandy clays in the central and eastern sections (highly erodible). There is at least one active landslide identified in the central portion of the site and there are zones demarcated as shallow seepage (not necessarily in a valley bottom).

It is essential that a detailed geotechnical field investigation be carried out across the whole site prior to finalising the layout so that no-go areas and buffers can be excluded from development and recommendations can be made for adjacent areas to be developed so as not to induce instability. Areas of shallow midslope seepage will also require special measures.

11. **eThekwinl Transport Authority.**

This Department will provide comment at the EIA/Scoping Report Stage - the TIA in support of the above development will be submitted as part of these reports - the ETA will provide comment to the TIA - note: when the EIA/Scoping Report are submitted copies must be forwarded to both the Strategic Transport Planning Section (STP) and the Road System Management Section (RSM) of the ETA - these reports are to be circulated to the respective Deputy Heads of these sections.

Should you seek clarification on any of the above issues, please contact the writer on telephone: 031 - 3117136 or via e-mail: vanrensburgd@durban.gov.za. In addition, the Department requests that a copy of the Record of Decision be faxed to 031 - 3117279.

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Dear Sir/Madam

EIA NO. 12/12/20/2013: COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE USHUKELA HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT, LOCATED ON REM OF LOT 77 NO. 1523, REM OF SUB 8 OF LOT 49 NO. 862, REM OF SUB 18 (OF 5), REM OF SUB 3 AND SUB 11 (OF 3) OF THE FARM KLIP FONTEIN NO. 922, TONGAAT, LOCATED WITHIN THE ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY.

1. The Draft Scoping Report, prepared by Messrs Kerry Seppings Environmental Management Specialists cc, dated November 2010 for abovementioned application for environmental authorisation in terms of the requirements of regulations 13(1) and 32(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, GNR 385, April 2006, was received by this Department on 19 November 2010.
2. This application is currently being assessed by the National Department of Environmental Affairs and therefore the Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Rural Development is the commenting authority.
3. The Plan of Study for the EIA Phase is acceptable to this Department, however please ensure that the impact of noise on the development must be thoroughly investigated and suitable mitigation measures against this impact must be included the EIA Report.

4. This correspondence/response **does not** exclude you from compliance with any other relevant and applicable legislation.
5. The applicant is responsible for compliance with the provisions of *Duty of care and Remediation of Damage* in accordance with Section 28 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act 107 of 1998, as amended, where the determination of environmental degradation and the need for remediation will be decided by this Department.
6. Please contact this Department if you have any queries regarding this correspondence.

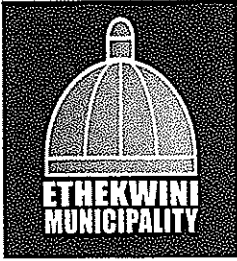
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Manogrie Chetty

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED USHUKELA HIGHWAY BUSINESS AND OFFICE PARK DEVELOPMENT.

With reference to the abovementioned Background Information Document please be advised that various Municipal Departments have had sight of the proposal and the following comments are submitted for your attention.

1. eThekweni Electricity Department.

The Electricity Department has no objection, however please note:

(1) The applicant must consult eThekweni Electricity's mains records (held in the drawing office at eThekweni Electricity Headquarters, 1 Jelf Taylor Crescent, for the presence of underground electrical services. In addition should any overhead line and/or servitude be affected, the specific permission of the Head: Electricity must be sought regarding the proposed installation.

(2) The relocation of MV/LV electrical services, if required in order to accommodate the proposed development, will be carried out at the expense of the applicant.

2. Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department.

This Department has identified an urgent need to ensure that natural ecosystems and habitats within the northern precinct of the city (both existing and potential), which provide essential ecological goods and services that are critical to Durban's long-term sustainability, are adequately protected and managed so as to ensure their resilience. This is particularly important in light of the extensive development which is proposed. In keeping with these points, please find our responding comments below:

The main concerns relate to the identification and adequate buffering of (a) wetlands (b) 1:100 year flood lines and, (c) drainage lines. Please note that this Department requires a minimum 40 meter buffer from the 1:100 year flood line of the Hlawe River and a 30 meter buffer from any identified wetlands and all drainage lines.

In addition to the above a rehabilitation plan, regarding the wetlands, flood lines, drainage lines and associated buffers, must be formulated and included in the EIA report for assessment and comment.

As stated in comments regarding the Watson Highway Link Road and Tongaat Trunk Sewer Link, The cumulative impacts of the KSIA associated development must be investigated and the carrying capacity of the broader area determined.
This Department reserves its right to provide additional, more detailed, comments once more information is provided in the Scoping and EIA phases of the assessment.

3. Land Use Management Department.

Kindly note that LUMS North has no objection in principle to the proposed development since the Proposed Land Uses for the uShukela Highway development are in alignment with the Northern Spatial Development Plan (NSDP) and the Northern Urban Development Corridor Plan (NUDCP). However it must be emphasized that any development will be subject to clearances from an Environmental aspect as well as compliance with any requirements stipulated by the eThekweni Transportation Authority.

4. Framework Planning Branch.

The uShukela Highway development is envisaged to provide a wide variety of uses, including industrial/manufacturing, warehousing, business parks, service industry, office, retail and a 'Brain Port'.

The site is currently unzoned and bordered to the east by the N2, south by the KSIA airport, west by sugarcane, and north by the uShukela highway. The site is owned by Tongaat Hulett Developers and Dube Trade Port.

Services, in particular wastewater, are not in existence on the site and will require substantial investment.

Environmental concerns revolve mainly around high noise levels (the development falls within the 55db, 2035 noise zone) and drainage/stormwater concerns, as the site is on transformed agricultural land. Portions of the site are also affected by DMOSS and 1:100 year flood lines. The site is also adjacent to the community of Herrwood, which will be affected by both noise from the airport and the non compatible land uses from the uShukela site.

This Branch is in support of this application, subject to the following:

1. All previous comments from this Branch remain relevant.
2. The impacts of the Ushuleka Highway development on the community of Herrwood be clarified and resolved to the satisfaction of this Branch.

5. Environmental Health Department.

1. The various comments from the relevant Departments seem to be omitted from the "Comment and Responses Table" of the abovementioned report. I am not sure if this is a general omission applicable to all the copies of the Draft Scoping Report or whether it has been inadvertently omitted from only certain copies. It is important to include these comments for future reference.

2. No objection is raised to this report provided the comments as described in one above are incorporated in the Draft Scoping Report.

3. No further comments are necessary at this stage.

6. **Durban Solid Waste.**

The EIA must address the generation, storage, transportation and disposal of both hazardous and general waste during construction and more importantly during operation.

7. **Fire Safety.**

Building plans are to be submitted for approval.

8. **Coastal, Stormwater and Catchment Management Department.**

This Department requires a Stormwater Management Plan for this proposal.

9. **eThekwi Water and Sanitation Department.**

Please register this Department as an Interested and Affected Party.

10. **eThekiwini Transport Authority.**

Please be advised that a detailed Traffic Impact Assessment in support of the proposed uShukela Highway Precinct Development must be submitted/included as part of the specialist reports in the final EIA application document.

Should you seek clarification on any of the above issues, please contact the writer on telephone: 031 - 3117136 or via e-mail: vanrensburgd@durban.gov.za. In addition, the Department requests that a copy of the Record of Decision be faxed to 031 - 3117279.

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From: - Linda Cele of Izikhwepha Traiding

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have received your E-mails and have studied the draft scooping of the uShukela high way development. In which I have found everything interesting.

Izikhwepha Traiding is Proud to be the part of this whole project. My company have a huge interest and big effort in doing the good, perfect job in this project. I am looking forward in doing the best this year and I hope this year will bring peace, joy and prosperity to every body affected in this project.

Hope you will advise me of what to do to submit my application for the job.

Yours faithfully

Linda Lewis Cele

KSEMS

From: jeeva pillay <jeeva@telkomsa.net>
Sent: 02 December 2010 09:33 AM
To: KSEMS
Subject: RE: uShekela Highway Draft Scoping Report Ref: 12/12/20/2013 - Additional Comments

Dear Manogrie Chetty [re- Additional comments](#)
My area of concern is,

- The traffic impact of the proposed dual lane roadway from DTP/KSIA into a single lane road- the Watson/Ushukela highway.
- Watson highway during peak times does get clogged.
- Could the developer not build [1] a separate service road parallel to the south side of the Watson highway with only a link at the N2 ramp-on/off point.[2] or convert the existing section of the Watson highway into a dual lane one-way and build the opposite two lanes on the other side of the trees lining the south side of the existing roadway. The scenic route must be maintained at all costs.
- Will there be a link from the proposed new highway to Hospital hill road via the klipfontein area.

I do believe that this will result in a better long term solution avoiding an impending traffic problem for the residents of Tongaat and the beach area. I have to say that the design of the proposed dual lane roadway, including bicycle and pedestrian pavements is welcomed.

- does the developer have measures to relocate or contain the monkeys in the area.

Yours Faithfully ,
J.N.Pillay

-----Original Message-----

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Subject: uShekela Highway Draft Scoping Report Ref: 12/12/20/2013 - Additional Comments

Dear I & AP

Please find attached a copy of the comments received from eThekweni Municipality on the BID. Please review the attached document and provide comment as part of the Draft Scoping Report. Please note that the comment period ends on the 20th January 2011.

Regards

Manogrie Chetty
Lead Environmental Consultant



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4 February 2011

ATTENTION: THABISO PHOOKO

Dear Mr Phooko

**PROPOSED uSHUKELA HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT
District Municipality: eThekweni Municipality**

The draft scoping report (dated November 2010) for the abovementioned application has been reviewed by the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (Ezemvelo) IEM Planning Committee.

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife is satisfied with the proposed plan of study, provided that the wetland assessment terms of reference include a level 1 Health Assessment in order to inform decision making and sensitivity analysis around wetlands on the proposed site. Furthermore, the applicant is encouraged to make use of the "Draft Handbook for Biodiversity Specialist Studies" to inform a standardized approach to terms of reference for specialist studies and to guide sensitivity mapping.

Should you wish to discuss any of the points raised above or should any further biodiversity issues arise please do not hesitate to contact our offices. Please note that this does not constitute Ezemvelo's final comment on this application. Final comment will be issued on receipt and review of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

Yours sincerely

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Coordinator IEM

For CEO : EZEMVELO KZN WILDLIFE

DATE : 04 February 2011

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Cc: Manogrie Chetty (KSEMS), Malcolm Moses (KZN DAEA&RD)

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Dear Ms Seppings

EIA: 12/12/20/2013
Proposed uShukela Highway Development

Draft Scoping Report:

Thank you for the copy of the scoping report for the proposed development by Dube Trade Port and Tongaat Hulett Development company (THD).

Development Application and Planning

- Environmental Management Framework. WESSA remains of the opinion that a more integrated approach to developing the area should be followed by the landowner. (WESSA comment dated 4/10/10)
- Inyanyinga Development – referred to in response to WESSA comment dated 4/10/10. Is this the development under EIA reference number DM/0105/09? That separate application processes are being followed confirms the lack of an holistic approach being adopted by THD to developing the area.
- The SR suggests that the proposed development will compliment future land uses and development in the area. Plans which show future land uses and which have been adopted by eThekweni (and neighbouring municipalities) need to be presented. The SR includes Fig 4 showing surrounding land uses – is this an adopted plan?

To support the predicted development of the area plans for infrastructure, identification of open spaces critical to sound urban planning, social facilities, conservation areas and ecological linkages must also be presented.

Legislation

The SR discusses legislative requirements and although the following are seemingly not applicable to the site and proposal under discussion accuracy of information is sought.

- National Forest Act, 1998 (NFA). There is a need to be more specific in that the NFA protects natural forests as an ecosystem and not only certain indigenous trees as stated in the SR. In KwaZulu-Natal the Act is supplemented by the Policy Guidelines for Development Affecting Natural Forests in KZN and the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the former Departments of Water Affairs & Forestry, Agriculture and Environmental Affairs and Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife to give effect to the guideline document.
- Protected Plants. Provincial legislation applies in addition to NFA where permits are required from Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife.

The information presented in the SR gives rise to the following:

- Major Hazard Installation. The Planning Assessment for the project will include the possible identification of a MHI. This aspect must be covered in detail with risk analyses included should hazardous activities be proposed.
- Open Space. The site, 137 ha in extent, once developed will see an enormous increase in hard surfacing and WESSA finds the offer of the Preferred Layout of only 12.6 ha of open space, which is limited to habitat protected by legislation only (drainage lines and wetlands), extremely



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restrictive. The area of open space required for a development of the nature and scale of that proposed must be determined by the receiving environment and WESSA encourages no-development areas beyond areas protected by legislation to be accommodated.

- Ecological Assessment - Open Spaces. The SR notes the potential for an onsite open space system to compliment the eThekweni's existing system. WESSA fully supports an integrated approach, however, finds that the ecological assessment which will be undertaken by Groundtruth is limited in its outcomes which are "to determine whether there are any ecologically significant features on site". WESSA would like the ecological assessment to investigate the opportunities in detail.
- Services – Water. WESSA would like detail on the "existing potable water system", such as source and capacity. WESSA would also like to know what measures will be implemented to reduce pressures on stressed water supplies.
- Services – Sanitation. In addition to establishing the capacity available at the Tongaat Wastewater Treatment Works, the plant must also be looked at in terms of compliance and the impacts of discharge of increased volumes to the receiving environment.
- Waste Management. Early planning must include integrated waste management which reduces waste volumes to landfill. Details on types of waste are required and recycling opportunities providing employment must be considered.
- Stormwater. The SR requires that stormwater be reticulated to the municipal stormwater system. As the site is agriculture land currently being farmed WESSA finds it unlikely that a municipal system is in place. Detail on the management of surface water, looking at options other than piped discharge to the nearest drainage line will be welcome.
- Site Physical Properties. The SR describes drainage lines and wetlands which have been altered through farming practices. The change of land use enables re-instatement and rehabilitation and WESSA would like the opportunities maximised.

WESSA is satisfied that the socio-economic aspects of the development, loss of agricultural land, traffic issues etc will be investigated and we look forward to receiving further information.

Yours sincerely



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Attachments: WESSA Communique regarding EIA Commentary.pdf

Dear Ronell

Many thanks for this notification.

Please be advised that WESSA will not continue to provide specific comment on this project, as we will be dealing with EIA related issues on a strategic basis into the future.

Please find attached a WESSA communique from our Chief Operations Officer and Director: Conservation in this regard.

Kind regards
Bianca

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Subject: THD USHUKELA HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT (12/12/20/2013)

Dear I & APs

Kindly note that an additional listed activity has been added to the list of triggers to the Draft EIR for the above mentioned project, it is as follows:-

Government Notice No. 544 of 18 th June 2010	12	The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the off-stream storage of water, including dams and reservoirs, with a combined capacity of 50 000m ³ or more.
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KSEMS is currently in the process of compiling the Draft EIR. As soon as this becomes available all I & APs will be notified.

Should you have any queries please feel free to contact us.

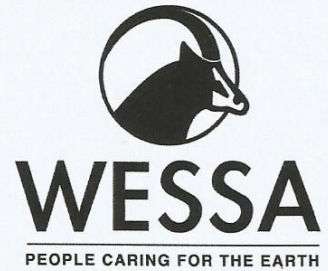
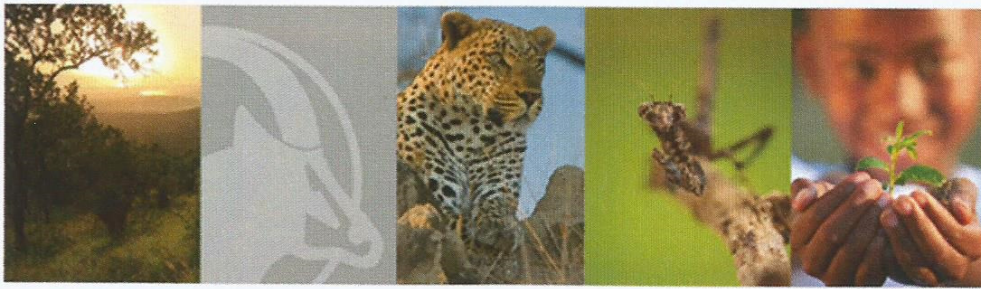
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22 May2013

To Whom It May Concern

WESSA PARTICIPATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION PROCESSES

Dear Sir/Madam

WESSA has actively engaged and contributed to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes and related environmental authorizations in KwaZulu-Natal for over 15 years. In recent years, we have participated in an average of 400 individual projects per year. WESSA has sustained this level of participation in the absence of corresponding funding streams. After an internal review, WESSA decided to engage with EIA at a strategic level, rather than at an operational, project-by-project level. This means engagement with EIA in the following ways: i) WESSA will focus on EIA capacity building through established WESSA training courses, ii) WESSA will continue to give input into the National Environmental Impact Assessment Management System (EIAMS) as a key monitoring process, and iii) WESSA will continue to guide strategic national processes through our presence on the Board of the Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa.

WESSA may continue to engage on EIA projects of national and strategic impact together with key partners in the sector. This includes seeking funding to support participation as far as possible, taking every opportunity to mobilize WESSA staff and partners in the regions in which WESSA has capacity.

We look forward to engaging further at a strategic level.

Yours sincerely

Mike Ward
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