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Attention: Ms. Louise Agenbag

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED UPGRADING OF EXISTING MUNICIPAL SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT ON THE PREMISES OF SEKGOSSE SECONDARY SCHOOL ON PART OF THE FARM ROERFONTEIN 161-LT, SENWAMOKGOPE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

The Department of Water Affairs would like the following issues to be addressed in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) before approval can be granted.

- Water use license should be apply for as it is stipulated by the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) section 21(e), (f), (g) and (37)(1)(a). Attached is a copy of IWMP that you should attach to as you will be submitting your application.
- The application should contain engineering details of the works in order for the license to be considered.
- Page 19, 5.2.8 indicates that during the construction phase portable chemical toilets are recommended to be provided therefore, the contents of those portable toilets should be disposed of in a suitable municipal treatment works
- There is a need for two monitoring boreholes, one upstream and the other downstream in order to monitor the extend of ground water pollution.
- Page 20, second paragraph, indicated that it is recommended that a proper management and monitoring programme be implemented over long term to ensure that ground water resources are not impacted on. Therefore the results should be sent to this office on monthly basis for compliance with the water use license conditions.

- No construction should take place within 1:100 year flood line.

Please do not hesitate to contact this department should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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CHIEF DIRECTOR: LIMPOPO

22/11/2010
DATE

Louise Agenbag

From: Louise Agenbag [louise@polygon.co.za]
Sent: 23 November 2010 11:15 AM
To: 'Mabasa Happy'
Subject: Senwamokgope: Comments on draft ESR

Morning Happy,

PROPOSED UPGRADING OF SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM ON PART OF THE FARM ROERFONTEIN 161-LT, SENWAMOKGOPE

Thank you for your comments on the draft ESR, as received via fax today, 23 November 2010. Please allow me to respond as follows:

An application for registration of the sewage treatment plant in terms of the General Authorisation was submitted to DWA on 22 November 2010, and also included the engineering details of the proposed upgrading of the sewage plant. Does an IWWMIP need to be submitted even for registration only? A WQMR, compiled in accordance with the Aide Memoire, was included with the application for registration. Kindly advise in this regard; I want to make sure that all required information is submitted to enable DWA to make an informed decision.

I can confirm that the EMP will stipulate that chemical toilets will have to be provided during construction, the contents of which will have to be disposed of at a licensed treatment works.

Two boreholes, one upslope and one downslope of the sewage treatment plant, will be drilled for groundwater analysis as part of the second phase of the geo-hydrological study which will be done in the impact assessment phase of the EIA. These will also be used for long-term monitoring to determine if any groundwater contamination is caused by the treatment plant.

Regular groundwater quality monitoring will be done during the lifetime of the treatment plant and the results submitted to DWA.

I can confirm that the site is not impacted by any 1:100 year flood line. Therefore no construction will take place within a flood line.

Kind regards,

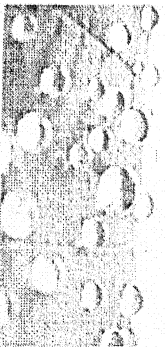
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Louise Agenbag

From: Louise Agenbag [louise@polygon.co.za]
Sent: 14 September 2010 03:42 PM
To: 'makhavhum@dwa.gov.za'
Subject: Proposed upgrading of Senwamokgope sewage plant

Hi Mpho,

DRAFT SCOPING REPORT: PROPOSED UPGRADING OF SENWAMOKGOPE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Our telephonic discussions today with regards to the proposed upgrading of the Senwamokgope municipal sewage treatment plant have reference.

As discussed, the draft Environmental Scoping Report (ESR) was submitted to DWA on 20 August 2010, and the comment period expires on 20 September 2010. I would like to confirm that you indicated that you only received the report from Magdeline today. Magdeline informed me on 8 September, though, that she had forwarded the report to you; perhaps there was some internal delay.

I understand that the ESR has to go to DWA's geo-hydrology division for internal comments before you can issue comments on the project, and that there is a back-log due to the huge volume of work that DWA has to deal with on a daily basis. I also know that this is not the only report you have on your desk and that you probably have many consultants pressuring you to prioritise their reports!

However, I think you will agree that this project is a priority issue, as any delay in the implementation of this sewerage project directly leads to continuing contamination of surface and groundwater resources. The existing sewage plant which is proposed to be upgraded is only semi-functional, and raw and semi-treated sewage is constantly leaking into the nearby stream and filtering into the soil. In light of the fact that Senwamokgope has no piped water and the residents are completely reliant on groundwater (according to the IDP) and water from rivers, any water pollution is very serious. The Mopani District Municipality urgently wants to upgrade the system in order to both expand the plant's capacity and to ensure better treatment of sewage so that effluent from the plant will meet DWA's standards. However, this can only be done once a waste licence is obtained from the national Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). On my side I am prioritising this project in order for the EIA to proceed as quickly as possible (without skipping any procedural steps), but as you know DWA is a key commenting authority, and without your comments we cannot proceed with submitting the scoping report to DEA.

Thank you very much for offering to see if there is any way to prioritise this project whilst still going through all the required steps on DWA's side to ensure that no corners are cut. I completely agree with you that the report shouldn't simply be rushed through only to find later on that some important issues had been overlooked.

Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to assist you in reviewing the report as quickly as possible, or if you need any additional information from my side.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

Kind regards,

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From: Louise Agenbag [louise@polygon.co.za]
Sent: 14 September 2010 09:39 AM
To: 'nemas210@yahoo.com'; 'nemauluman@sac.limpopo.gov.za'
Subject: Senwamokgope sewerage plant: comments on scoping report
Attachments: Senwamakgope HIA.pdf

Importance: High

Morning Noel,

PROPOSED UPGRADING OF THE EXISTING MUNICIPAL SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT SEKGOSESE SECONDARY SCHOOL, SENWAMOKGOPE

Our telephonic conversation this morning (14 September 2010) has reference.

As discussed, I wanted to follow up on LHRA's comments on the draft **Environmental Scoping Report (ESR)** pertaining to the proposed upgrading of the existing sewage treatment plant at Sekgosese Secondary School on part of the farm Roerfontein 161-LT, Senwamokgope, Limpopo Province. The draft ESR was submitted to LHRA on **20 August 2010** and the public comment period expires on 20 September 2010.

The Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) that was undertaken by **Shasa Heritage Consultants** found "*no significant heritage resources such as archaeological or historical material or places of social or religious significance*" on the site. The archaeologists concluded that "*from a heritage resources management point of view, we have no objection with regard to the development.*"

The site has already been disturbed through the establishment of the current sewage treatment plant. The plant is not fully functional and currently semi-treated and untreated sewage flows into streams and infiltrates into the groundwater. It is therefore crucial that the proposed upgrading of the sewage plant takes place as soon as possible, in order to stop the contamination of water resources in the area. We would greatly appreciate your urgent comments on behalf of LHRA so that the final scoping report can be submitted to LDEDET, in order for the EIA to proceed with as little as possible delay so that the current pollution can be stopped through the proposed upgrading of the system.

For ease of reference, herewith please find a copy of the HIA as received from Shasa Heritage Consultants.

Should you have any queries about the project, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will gladly address any queries or forward any additional information that you might need.

Kind regards,

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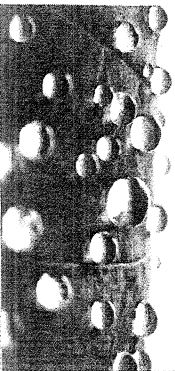
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Mr Lefa Mogale

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10 September 2010

Dear Lefa,

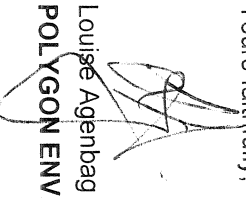
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The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process being conducted for the proposed upgrading of the existing Senwamokgope municipal sewerage treatment plant has reference. The process is being conducted by Polygon Environmental planning as part of the application for a waste licence as required by the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (2008).

Herewith as requested, please find six electronic copies of the draft Environmental Scoping Report (ESR), which is currently available for public review and comment until 19 September 2010. You are welcome to submit your comments to Polygon before or on 19 September 2010 in order to be incorporated into the final ESR, which will then be submitted to the national Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for their review.

Should you have any further comments, queries or concerns, or if you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,


Louise Agenbag
POLYGON ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING CC

*Received by: Mrs Mmamag
Signature: Mmamag
Date: 2010-09-10*



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ATTENTION: LOUISE AGENBERG

Dear Sir/Madam


RE: PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT SEKGOSESE SECONDARY SCHOOL ON PART OF THE FARM ROERFONTEIN 161 L.T. SENWAMOKOPE

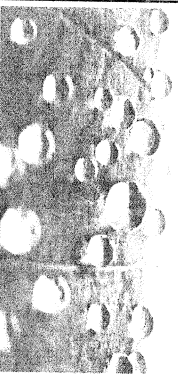
We would like to acknowledge the receipt of your letter addressed to the Office of the Regional Land Claims Commissioner, Limpopo faxed: 18 August 2010

The matter is receiving our attention; we will revert back to you in due course

We hope you will find the above in order

Yours in Restitution,


T.A. MAPHOTO
REGIONAL LAND CLAIMS COMMISSIONER: LIMPOPO
DATE: 06/09/10

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Mr Phillip Hine

SAHRA

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Dear Mr Hine,

19 August 2010

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Herewith please find a hard copy of the Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and an electronic copy of the draft Environmental Scoping Report (ESR), which is currently available for public review and comment, from 19 August to 19 September 2010. Because the report will only reach you shortly after the start of the comment period, we would like to extend your comment period on the report to **23 September 2010** – all comments must be received by that date.

This project is considered a high priority due to the fact that the existing treatment plant is only semi-functional and contamination of the groundwater and nearby streams is ongoing under the current circumstances. We feel that it is important to implement the proposed upgrade as a matter of urgency in order to halt the water pollution and associated health and environmental risks. We would therefore like to request that you please provide us with your comments within the 30-day comment period, so that the final ESR can be submitted to DEA directly after the comment period expires.

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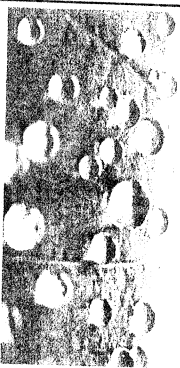
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Dear Mr Setumu and Mr Nemaulumma,

19 August 2010

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Dear Ms Msimanga,

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Louise Agenbag

From: Louise Agenbag [louise@polygon.co.za]
Sent: 30 July 2010 05:13 PM
To: 'Tendani Muhanelwa'
Subject: RE: Invitation to EIA public feedback

Dear Tendani,

Thank you for letting me know. Please let me know if you need any information regarding the proposed project or if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Louise

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

From: Tendani Muhanelwa [mailto:TMuhanelwa@ruraldevelopment.gov.za]
Sent: 27 July 2010 04:08 PM
To: louise@polygon.co.za
Subject: Fwd: Invitation to EIA public feedback

Good Day!

This is to send my apology as I will not be available for the meeting on the 31 July 2010 at Senwamokgope Primary School due to other commitments.

I was going to be presenting Department of Rural Development and Land Reform.

Kind Regards

Tendani Muhanelwa

Louise Agenbag

From: Louise Agenbag [louise@polygon.co.za]
Sent: 19 July 2010 09:33 AM
To: 'MARY LESLIE'
Subject: RE: EIA: Proposed upgrading of Senwamokgope sewerage plant, Limpopo

Thank you for your prompt response, Mary, I will forward the notice to Nonofho. I have also sent a copy to Phillip.

Kind regards,

Louise

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

From: MARY LESLIE [mailto:MLESLE@sahra.org.za]
Sent: 16 July 2010 03:05 PM
To: Louise Agenbag
Cc: COLETTE SCHEERMAYER; NONOFHO NDOBOCHANI; PHILLIP HINE
Subject: Re: EIA: Proposed upgrading of Senwamokgope sewerage plant

Dear Louise
Nonofho Ndobochani is now the Unit Manager of SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology & Meteorite (APM Unit). I have retired from the SAHRA APM Unit and have moved to the SAHRA Legal Office from 1 June for a period.

In future you may send correspondence for the APM Unit to Nonofho Ndobochani or Colette Scheermeyer (nndobochani@sahra.org.za & cscheermeyer@sahra.org.za) (or Phillip Hine (PHINE@sahra.org.za) for notifications regarding Limpopo and Mpumalanga) Very many thanks Mary

PS IT WOULD REALLY BE A HELP IF YOU WOULD SAY WHAT PROVINCE IT IS IN.
MARY

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>>> "Louise Agenbag" <louise@polygon.co.za> 2010/07/15 02:48 PM >>>
Dear Interested and/or Affected Party,

Please note that the Public Meeting venue will no longer be the office of Mamaila Traditional Authority, but rather Senwamokgope Primary School. The details of the meeting are therefore as follows:

DATE: Saturday, 31 July 2010
TIME: 10:00
VENUE: Senwamokgope Primary School

Please feel free to contact me with any queries.

Kind regards,

Louise Agenbag

From: Louise Agenbag [mailto:louise@polygon.co.za]
Sent: 15 July 2010 11:42 AM
Subject: EIA: Proposed upgrading of Senwamokgope sewerage plant

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party,

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT
SEKGOSESE
SECONDARY SCHOOL ON PART OF THE FARM ROERFONTEIN 161-LT, SENWAMOKGOPE

Polygon Environmental Planning CC has been appointed by Mošomo Consulting Civil Engineers to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the purpose of a waste licence application for the proposed upgrading of the existing sewage treatment system on the premises of Sekgosese Secondary School on part of the farm Roerfontein 161-LT, Senwamokgope, Limpopo Province. The project is proposed by the Mopani District Municipality, and is proposed to consist of the following:

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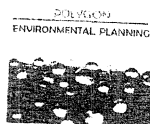
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Attention	Company	Fax Nr.
To Mr Lefa Mohale	Assistant Secretary: Mamaila Royal Council	086 516 3225

Dear Lefa,

PROPOSED UPGRADE OF SENWAMOKGOPE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT ON PART OF THE FARM ROERFONTEIN 161-LT

Our telephonic discussion today bears reference.

As discussed, we have received feedback from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) that we can go ahead with the public participation which is required as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed upgrading of the Senwamokgope sewerage plant. As part of the public participation, we would like to have a Public Meeting where the community and any relevant stakeholders can be informed of the proposed project and where they can raise any queries or comments that they might have.

Unfortunately, in terms of the relevant legislation we can only start advertising after the school holidays, which means that the advertisement will only be published on 15 July 2010. The contents of the advertisement will relate to the Public Meeting as well as the comment period for community members or stakeholders to submit comments or queries to us (the comment period will run from 15 July to 15 August 2010). The advertisement will be published in the Mopani News (SePedi) and the Letaba Herald (English) and notices will be put up at the tribal office, Sekgosese College (where the sewerage system is located) and perhaps one or two other public venues. Notices will also be provided to Mamaila Royal Council for distribution to members of the Royal Council, Headmen and any other relevant persons or structures, and notices will be sent directly (via e-mail, fax or post) to stakeholders whose details we have. Since you recommended that we consider running an advertisement of the Public Meeting on Sekgosese Community Radio Station, I will contact them to make enquiries.

The Public Meeting has been arranged as follows:

DATE: Saturday, 31 July 2010
TIME: 10 00
VENUE: Mamaila Tribal Office (in the hall)

I would very much appreciate it if you could assist me with the following information, as discussed today:

- Contact details of Sekgosese Community Radio Station
- Names and contact details of any community leaders or structures that you feel will be interested in, or affected by, the proposed upgrading of the sewerage treatment system, so that I can send notices directly to them
- Names and locations of one or two public places (apart from the tribal office and Sekgosese College) where I can put up notices advertising the comment period and the Public Meeting

I will come to Mamaila before 15 July to put up the site notices and to deliver letters that can be distributed to the Royal Council members and other affected parties, but I will arrange with you beforehand regarding a suitable date and time. I will also send a draft agenda of the Public Meeting to you before the meeting date, so that you can make amendments to it if necessary.

Lastly, Peter asked me to follow up with Kate regarding the issue of royalties for the planning phase. Because it is already after hours, I sent her an enquiry via e-mail, and will let you know as soon as I receive feedback from her; alternatively she may contact you directly.

Thank you very much for your assistance (and also Peter's assistance) in making all these arrangements -- it is very much appreciated and I look forward to completing the project with the Royal Council's assistance.

Kind regards,

Louise Agenbag
POLYGON ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING CC