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For the attention of: Ms Lynette Sibongile van Damme

Dear Sir/Madam

**SUBJECT: ROUTE LOCATION AND BASIC PLANNING OF PROPOSED RING ROADS ON NATIONAL ROUTE N2 (SECTIONS 17 AND 18) AT BUTTERWORTH AND DUTYWA, EASTERN CAPE**

The South African National Roads (SOC) Agency Limited (SANRAL) have identified a need for ring roads on National Route 2 (N2) at Butterworth and Dutywa, Eastern Cape. The motivation for the ring road was identified as early as 2002 during the development and EIA process for the N2 Wild Coast Highway project. The primary purpose of the proposed N2 ring road at Butterworth is to provide a safe and uncongested passage for long distance through-traffic while removing such traffic from the congested main roads of Butterworth and Dutywa.

Further to planning legislative requirements pertaining to the reservation of the road reserve for the proposed ring roads in relevant strategic land use planning frameworks, SANRAL are now in the process of route location and planning for the proposed ring roads. This process is also a listed activity in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (as amended). Therefore a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) must be carried out in support of the necessary application for environmental authorization to construct the ring roads.

Terreco Environmental cc have been appointed by SANRAL to undertake the required environmental processes.

Prior to commencing the EIA process, and in particular, the statutory public participation process, we are undertaking a preliminary selected national, provincial and local stakeholder engagement process. The purpose of the preliminary engagement process is to introduce the ring road proposals to key role

players and stakeholders as a means of facilitating the decision-making and forthcoming detailed public participation processes. This approach was approved by the National Department of Environmental Affairs during the pre-application meeting (February 2012).


SAHRA has been identified as one of the key stakeholders for this preliminary selected stakeholder engagement process. We would like to make arrangements for a presentation of the proposals by representatives of SANRAL and ourselves at your earliest convenience, and prior to commencing the public participation process in full.

We have, in the meantime, attached Background Information Documents for the two proposed ring road schemes for your information. This document will be widely distributed in the forthcoming public participation process. The Background Information Document provides a concise description of the motivation for the proposals, a description of the proposals themselves, the road reservation process, the environmental authorization process and a programme for the Scoping Phase of the EIA.

We would be grateful if you could confirm your availability for attending such a meeting this month at a mutually convenient location where possible. Alternatively, we will be happy to meet in Cape Town to introduce and discuss the proposals.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the attached documents.

Yours sincerely



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