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Dear Sir / Madam,

**WORKING FOR WETLANDS REHABILITATION PROJECT  
MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

**DEA REFERENCE NUMBERS:**

**MPUMALANGA Province Wetlands rehabilitation projects: 14/12/16/3/3/1/760**

**NEAS REFERENCE NUMBERS:**

**MPUMALANGA Province Wetlands rehabilitation projects: DEA/EIA/0001565/2012**

**UPDATE OF THE DRAFT PHASE 2 REPORTS  
TO FINAL REPORTS (BAR & REHAB PLANS)**

**This letter is available in any of the official languages on written request.**

Dear Sir / Madam,

This Update document describes the process followed since the Draft Rehabilitation Plans and Basic Assessment Report (BAR) were made available to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) for a 40-day comment period from 5 December 2012 till 4 February 2013. It also highlights the changes that have been made to these reports in response to the public participation process, and briefly reiterates the next steps in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.

**Process Since the Lodging of the Draft Phase 2 Reports**

The process since the lodging of the draft Phase 2 reports has been as follows:

- The Draft Rehab Plans and BAR were made available to the public on Aurecon's website from 5 December 2012 and hard copies with the SANBI Provincial Co-ordinator (PC).
- All I&APs were informed of the lodging of these draft reports and invited to provide comment, by means of a letter or email and / or sms's from 5 December 2010 (see **Appendix E in the Basic Assessment Report for the I&AP database**).
- Project information was emailed and / or posted to the national stakeholders and included the:
  - Department of Water Affairs;
  - Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries;
  - Endangered Wildlife Trust;
  - Department of Environmental Affairs; and
  - Water Research Commission.

- Project Information was emailed and / or posted to the commenting authorities and included:

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- No comments were received on the draft reports apart from requests for a CD of the electronic documents, or confirmation of receipt and requests to register.

Very few changes have been made to the Draft Phase 2 Reports as there were not many comments raised by I&APs. To assist readers, the most significant changes are outlined below.

## Updating of the Draft Phase 2 Reports to the Final Phase 2 Reports

### General changes to the Final Phase 2 Reports (BAR and Rehab Plans)

A number of minor changes were made to all the Reports and include:

- The draft reports have been updated and are now called: "Phase 2–Planning Report-Final Rehabilitation Plan [and the project name and catchment] – February 2013" and "Phase 2 – Planning Report Final Basic Assessment Report [province] – February 2013"; and
- Grammatical and typographic changes.

### Specific changes to the Final Phase 2 Reports (BAR and Rehab Plan/s)

The following BAR Appendices have been updated to include new information or comments:



- Appendix E – Public Participation Process:
  - I&AP letter dated 30 November 2012, the email notification sent to I&APs and competent authorities (including proof of registered mail to the national stakeholders);
  - Updated I&AP databases;
  - Correspondence to/from commenting authorities;
  - Adverts notifying I&APs of the EIA process and availability of the draft Rehabilitation Plans and BARs for comment; and
  - Site notice photos.
- Appendix H – Details of Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and expertise:
  - Has been updated to include details of the EAP and declaration of interest.
- Appendix I – Specialist's declaration of interest:
  - Specialist declaration form.

## The Way Forward

This Update Page has been sent to all registered I&APs on the database.

- The Comment and Response Report has been sent to all I&APs who provided comment on the Draft Reports.
- Hard copies of the Final Reports will be made available to SANBI Provincial Coordinators (PC's) as was done with the Draft Reports. Electronic copies of all final Phase 2 reports are available for download from Aurecon's website (<http://www.aurecongroup.com> – follow the public participation links). Please notify us in writing should you wish to receive an electronic copy of the final reports. The final Phase 2 reports have been made available for the 21 day public comment period from **Tuesday 19 February 2013** until **Monday 11 March 2013**.
- Should you wish to raise any issues, concerns and/or suggestions on the Final Phase 2 reports, please contact **Franci Gresse** at Tel: 021 526 6022, Fax: 021 526 9500, Mail: P.O. Box 494, Cape Town, 8000 or Email: [franci.gresse@aurecongroup.com](mailto:franci.gresse@aurecongroup.com) by **Monday 11 March 2013**. All comments received will be compiled and submitted to DEA for their consideration after the 21 day comment period closes.
- The Final Reports have been submitted to the competent authority, namely the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for their consideration and review on 19 February 2013.
- DEA will review the Final Reports, including all comments received, and issue an environmental authorisation decision.
- Aurecon will inform all I&AP's of the decision and appeal process.

**Aurecon would like to thank all those who have participated in this EIA process thus far.**

Yours sincerely  
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