

DRAFT BAR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Isolendalo Environmental Consulting has been appointed by uMsinga Local Municipality as an Independent Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake a Basic Assessment (BA) in terms of National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) and in terms of EIA Regulations 2014 (As Amended) for a proposed upgrade and development of Ngconco Access Road in a rural location called Etembeni Mission Location (Ward 11) situated under the Jurisdiction of Msinga Local Municipality and uMzinyathi District Municipality in Tugela Ferry, KwaZulu Natal. The proposed development entails work on a road where some portions of the road have tracks and the other have no tracks and therefore the activity titled a proposed upgrade and development.

Furthermore, the proposed development entails an installation of 21 precast concrete pipes and 2 concrete slabs within watercourses and therefore a total of 23 crossings will be affected by this development. There are currently no structures on the crossings as there is no formal road.

Proposed Road Specification:

Msinga Local Municipality is proposing an upgrade and development of Ngconco Access Road where 1.6 km has existing road tracks 1.6 km road and has no tracks 1.95 km. Therefore, the total length of the road to be upgraded and developed is 3.55 km. The Total width of the proposed road is 5 m. The proposed activity will cross over a small crossings where precast concrete pipes and concrete slabs will be installed within the small crossings.

- The proposed road will be upgraded and developed to a 7A type of gravel.
- The total length of the road is 3.55 km
- The width of the road is 5 m

The associated works will therefore include digging of foundations, casting of slabs, excavation of material from the watercourse and construction of Ngconco access road.

The main objective of the proposed development is to ensure safety to all road users and young children who utilise the road when travelling to and from the nearby school (Keates Drift Primary School) and also, the proposed activity will aid community members at large to easily access health centres within the area. The proposed Ngconco access road will play a major role in improving the road and providing a safe road, less dust hence it's a gravel road, a well compacted road with proper signage and safety guard rails at sharp bends for the communities involved and will play a major role in enhancing socio-economic opportunities to the historically disadvantaged individuals since there will be jobs created and this will improve the mobility of people. The client proposes the existing route be retained (the section with existing road tracks).

The proposed activity involves construction within a watercourse hence, triggers EIA Listed Activities under Listing Notice 1 i.e. activity 12, activity 19 activity 24.

More details of the project can be seen on the Draft BAR, the Draft is available on the link below. Please copy the link provided and paste it in browser to access the DBAR.

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