

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Project Background

The Department of Transport proposes the realignment of 2 kilometres of the existing asphalted Main Road (49/2) between Nongoma and Ngome. The original section of the road has been deemed as unsafe due to its narrow width and sharp hairpin bend.

The realignment will involve extending the curve to a safer alignment, as well as widening of the road and asphaltting of the new curve. This will ensure a safe road alignment for this stretch of the main road which links two major centres. The realignment will be added on as the next phase of the current upgrade to Main Road 49/2 between Nongoma and Ngome.

The proposed project will include:

- One lane each way (4.25 m per lane)
- An 8 m road reserve on each side
- A 30 m servitude.

2. Proposed Activities and Legal Context

Describe each listed activity in Listing Notice 1 (GNR 544, 18 June 2010), Listing Notice 3 (GNR 546, 18 June 2010) or Category A of GN 718, 3 July 2009 (Waste Management Activities) which is being applied for as per the project description:

Activity Number	Description of Listed Activity	Project Relevance
Listing Notice 1 (GN: R544) requiring Basic Assessment		
(11)	The construction of: (xi) infrastructure or structures covering 50 square metres or more where such construction occurs within a water course or within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of the watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur behind the development setback line.	Applicable: The proposed road upgrade crosses one drainage line. This will result in excess of 50 square meters being constructed within 32 m of a watercourse.
(18)	The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock or more than 5 cubic metres from: (i) A watercourse	Applicable: During the construction of the road the proposed route will cross one drainage line. During construction this will likely result in excess of 5 cubic meters of sand either being excavated or in filled during construction.
(47)	The widening of a road by more than 6 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre – (i) where the existing reserve is wider than 13.5 meters; or (ii) where no reserve exists, where the existing road is wider than 8 metres – excluding widening or lengthening occurring inside urban areas.	Applicable: The proposed road will comprise of 2km of two 4.25 m lanes, with a road reserve of 8m and a servitude of 30m.