

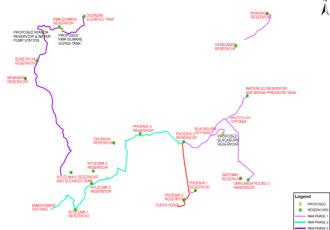
## NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS & PUBLIC <u>MEETING</u> PROPOSED PHASE 4 OF THE NORTHERN AQUEDUCT AUGMENTATION – DUFF'S ROAD LINK ETHEKWINI MUNCIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL

EIA No: Pending

Applicant: EThekwini Municipality Water & Sanitation (EWS).

Proposed Development: EThekwini Water & Sanitation (EWS) have been awarded a Record of Decision (RoD) from the Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Rural Development (DAEARD) to undertake the construction of the Northern Aqueduct (NA) from Emachobeni to Umhlanga, supplying areas in northern Durban with gravity-fed potable water. A new pipeline link to the NA is now being proposed between the existing bulk water distribution system and Phase 1 of the NA project. This pipeline will form Phase 4 of the NA project and is required to be commissioned at the same time as NA Phase 1, i.e. 2014. Once completed, Phase 1 of the NAA will provide an important link between the existing distribution system and new developments in the north. The existing system however is presently operating close to its maximum capacity and does not have spare capacity to supply these developments. The most severe bottleneck in the existing system occurs in the section of trunk mains between Duffs Road and Phoenix 2 Reservoir (linking the existing system to the NA Phase 1). As a result of this bottleneck, a new link is currently being proposed between Duffs Road and Phoenix 2 Reservoir (NA Ph 4) so that Cornubia and other developments north of Durban can be provided with water within the next 18 months. Phase 4 consists of a 1.2m diameter pipe which is to be laid in parallel with the existing trunk mains between Duffs Road and Phoenix 2. The large volume of water being transferred requires that a full EIA be undertaken, but permission to undertake a Basic Environmental Assessment has been obtained from the DAEARD.

**To Comment:** To register as an interested and/or affected party, & obtain further information, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project before the 30 January 2013 to: Duyaza Environmental Consulting (Sam Manqele) PO Box 252, Luxmi, 3207, South Africa. Tel: 033 391 5094, Fax: 086 614 2081, e-mail:duyaza@telkomsa.net. For technical enquiries or route concerns, please contact: Knight Piésold Consulting (Michelle Lotz), PO Box 383, Westville 3630. Tel: 031 276 4660, Fax: 031 262 2950, e-mail: mlotz@knightpiesold.com



A public meeting will be held on: Date: 27 November 2012 Time: 19:00 Venue: Stone Bridge Community Hall, No 2 Arch Road, Stonebridge, Phoenix, \*\*Regret this is not an advertisement for an employment opportunity\*\*

