

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SUMMARY – KwaNyuswa Pipeline Replacement Project

This serves as a summary of the Public Participation Process (PPP) followed for the Proposed KwaNyuswa Pipeline Replacement Project, Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality, Ugu District Municipality, KZN.

PPP for the KwaNyuswa Pipeline Replacement Project (April 2022 – June 2022)

The PPP commenced on the 26th of April 2022 whereby the BID compiled in English (including registration and comments forms) was distributed via email to stakeholders as well as other interested and affected parties (I&APs). Site notices were placed on the 29th of April 2022 on fences, including the fence of KwaNyuswa Reservoir 2, adjacent to the entrance of Bush Valley Farm, a local bar situated within a resident's home and local shops (i.e., Maryland store and Mac Valley Farm Stall). Parallel with the placement of the noticeboards on the 29th of April 2022 was the distribution of BIDs compiled in both English and isiZulu to neighbouring properties adjacent to the pipeline alignment. The noticeboard detailed the proposed activity as well as notifying and inviting stakeholders and I&APs to register.

A Draft Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme was compiled and was distributed to the relevant authorities and registered I&AP's for public review, for a 30-day comment period (**6th May 2022 to the 7th June 2022**) in which I&AP's were afforded the opportunity to raise any further issues and concerns.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AS PART OF THE BA PP PROCESS

- **Public Notices/Site Notices**

Site notes were displayed on 29th of April 2022. This was on the fence of KwaNyuswa Reservoir 2, the fence opposite the entrance of Bush Valley Farm and the fences of a local bar situated within a resident's home and local shops (i.e., Maryland store and Mac Valley Farm Stall).

Refer to copy of:

- Site notice, providing the displayed detail in Appendix E2;
- Photographs as proof of site notices in Appendix E3.

- **Background Information Document (BID)**

A background information document with a comment and registration form was sent to stakeholders as well as other I&APs, to submit comments was distributed as follows:

- Emailed to relevant stakeholders and registered I&AP database on the 26th of April 2022;
- Distributed to neighbouring residents/properties on the 29th of April 2022.

- **Advertisements**

Advertisements regarding inter alia, the proposed project scope of works, location, as well as details of the EAP was placed in the South Coast Herald on the 6th of May 2022 (refer to Appendix E4 for Proof of the Advertisement).

- **Draft Basic Assessment Report Review**

The DBAR will be placed for public review for a period of 30 days, i.e., 6th May 2022 to 7th June 2022, at the Wallace and Green Website www.wallaceandgreen.co.za and will also be emailed to all Stakeholders and I&APs. Provision will be made for Stakeholders that require hardcopies of the Draft Basic Assessment Report.

- **Stakeholder Meetings and Engagements**

Stakeholder meetings/engagement will continue throughout the Basic Assessment process. It should be noted that all stakeholders who submit queries will be provided with responses largely by email, but also telephonically where required.

The Draft Basic Assessment Report, inclusive of specialist reports and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr), has been distributed for comment parallel with the application for environmental authorization which was submitted to the competent authority, the Department of Economic Affairs, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) thereafter.

This is in keeping with Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 which provides that “[potential] or registered interested and affected parties [I&APs], including the competent authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on [the Basic Assessment Report and EMPr] prior to submission of an application”

- **Ongoing I&AP / Stakeholder communication**

The project team has ongoing communication with I&AP's to ensure the continued involvement of all stakeholders and I&APs throughout the EIA process and beyond.

