BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

THE PROPOSED UPGRADE OF NYANDA ROAD IN WARD 21, EMONDLO, WITHIN ABAQULUSI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

**HELD ON**

**21 February 2013**

**AT**

EZIDULINI COMMUNITY HALL

ENQUIRIES

*Basic Assessment Process & Public Participation Process*

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# 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Attendees: Refer to Attendance Register in Appendix A.

**Apologies**: None

*Nomcebo Monica Shange from Icebo environmental* welcomed everyone at the meeting, explained to them where she is from and what is the purpose for her visit.

She requested that the attendance register be completed and that everyone present avail themselves to a hard copy of the Background Information Document (BID). She presented the agenda of the meeting, her involvement in the project, and asked anyone to raise any questions that they have after the presentation.

She illustrated the background of the proposed development including the legislative requirements of the activity i.e. NEMWA and NEMA.

# 2. THE PRESENTATIONS

*Nomcebo Shange from Icebo environmental* provided a brief presentation on the proposed project and the basic assessment process being followed (refer to presentation for details):

* The Background;
* The purpose of the meeting;
* Scope of project;
* The basic assessment Processn.

Nomcebo Shange from Icebo environmental explained in detail that Abaqulusi Local Municipality proposes to upgrade the 2 130m long Nyanda which will include culverts and storm water drainage installation. in order to provide easy access to the rural area of ward 21 situated within in eMondlo. The proposed development way will provide efficient access to the community & will enhance accessibility of public services to the local people i.e. children whose school’s are situated across the stream will not be restricted when the River gets full.

She explained the process of the basic assessment process, how it will take place and what the way forward of the project will be. She also indicated that for any further information everyone could contact her on the provided contact details.

# 3. DISCUSSION SESSION

Following the presentations, the discussion session was opened and everyone was invited to participate to ensure that maximum benefit be derived from the meeting.

The issues raised have been grouped for ease of reference in the table below:

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| **Issue Raised** | **Response** | **Outcome / Way Forward** |
| ***KHANYISANI MDLALOSE:******Hoping for 50% of community involvement on this project, in terms of employment opportunities.***  | Comment noted | Comment noted |
| ***BHUTIZA MASONDO:******Happy with the Inyanda road project. In fact its land overdue. We appeal to the engineers to have more contact with community. For example we need storm water drains along the road, they’re very important.*** | Comment noted | Comment noted |
| ***PT NGUBANE:******We welcome this project open heartedly, cause development is important to our community. Hopefully the project won’t invade people’s property. If that’s the case, any compensation from the government?*** | Comment noted | Comment noted |
| ***SBHAMU MADUNA:******What’s gonna happen in a situation whereby some people object to the development?***   | The councillor responded that we are hoping that such will not occur as we all need this development | Comment noted |
| ***MDUDUZI MFABA:******What type of road? Is it tar of gravel? Reason behind that question is, if its gravel, more needs to be done in terms of people drives like maniacs and leave a lot of dust behind. Besides, our children are not safe. More needs to be done.*** | Comment noted | Comment noted |
| ***MDUDUZI MFABA:******Water pipes are very shallow. Caution needed, so we don’t end have no water again. Cattles, goats etc., needs to be taken care of. Children safety is of utmost importance.***  | Comment noted | Comment noted |
| ***MK NTSHANGASE:******Thanks for the project, but we would be extremely happy about job opportunities.*** | Comment noted | Comment noted |

# 4. THE WAY FORWARD

* Compilation and distribution of minutes;
* Inclusion of I&AP comments in Draft Basic Assessment Report;
* Public review of the Draft Basic Assessment Report;
* Inclusion of I&AP comments into the Final Basic Assessment Report;
* Submission of Final Basic Assessment Report to Department of environmental and nature conservation;
* Authority review;
* Environmental Authorisation;
* Notify I&AP’s of Decision; and
* Appeal Period.

# 5. CLOSURE

***Nomcebo Monica Shange from Icebo environmental*** thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions, and asked anyone with any additional comments to forward them to her on the contact details provided on the BID.